

Government Administration and Elections Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6663

Title: AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATUTES.

Vote Date: 3/29/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/26/2021

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill seeks to adjust Connecticut's campaign finance laws. Utilizing federal court rulings pertaining to independent expenditure committees and aggregate contribution limits for individuals, the bill attempts to ensure that Connecticut is adhering to the proper laws governing campaign finance. Additionally, this bill attempts to increase transparency and accountability in the realm of campaign finance.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Michael J. Brandi, Executive Director and General Counsel, State Elections

Enforcement Commission (SEEC): SEEC strongly supports HB 6663, a bill that would bring a new level of transparency and disclosure to campaign finance in Connecticut. In order to comply with the rulings issued by various courts in recent years, SEEC believes that the narrowly-tailored statutory adjustments in this bill are critical in terms of achieving full compliance. SEEC views these measures as long overdue and strongly supports the bill.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

