

# Government Administration and Elections Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-6677

AN ACT AMENDING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN

**Title:** THE CITY OF HARTFORD AT 75 ELM STREET.

**Vote Date:** 5/19/2021

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 5/14/2021

**File No.:** 739

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### **Sponsors of the Bill:**

The Government Administration and Elections Committee

### **Reasons for Bill:**

This bill will amend a prior conveyance of a parcel of state land to the Capital Region Development Authority to permit the parcel to also be used for housing and economic development purposes.

### **Response from Administration/Agency:**

None expressed.

### **Nature and Sources of Support:**

#### **Michael W. Freimuth, Executive Director, Capital Region Development Authority:**

Public Act 18-154 transferred several parcels to CRDA in 2018 including a vacant parcel of land used for parking just east of the recently renovated State Office Building and a small parcel of land abutting the State Appellate Court. The entire area, now referred to as Bushnell Park South is to be redeveloped as a mixed-use area, replacing the large acreage of surface parking lots with residential and commercial developments. The language of the original act might be too restrictive and inconsistent and may well frustrate land development and title of the real estate. Consequently, CRDA is asking that provisions within Section 7 (that transferred two parcels) and Section 8 (that transferred one other) of PA 18-154 be made consistent in their re-use requirements, providing flexibility in building design and overall planning by allowing housing and economic development on all parcels.

### **Nature and Sources of Opposition:**

None expressed.

