

# Planning and Development Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-697

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS TO FIX

**Title:** ASSESSMENTS.

**Vote Date:** 3/2/2021

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/3/2021

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Sen. Saud Anwar, 3rd Dist.

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

Current law prevents boards of town selectmen from entering agreements to fix assessments. In order to allow towns with this form of government to keep up with change, this bill seeks to allow a board of selectmen, rather than an entire town meeting, to be authorized to execute agreements.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

N/A

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Jason E. Bowsza, First Selectman of East Windsor:** Voiced support that towns with selectmen/town meeting forms of government are often at a competitive disadvantage compared to towns with mayors, councils or town managers in regards to taxes. Understandably, current law prevents one chief executive from total tax agreement authority. However, SB 697 would allow selectmen/town meeting governments to delegate fixed assessment authority to boards of selectmen.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

N/A

