

Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-877

AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY OF RENTAL RATES FOR TENANTS

Title: RECEIVING RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

Vote Date: 3/9/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/4/2021

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Housing Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The value of a housing voucher is not often apparent, in order for renters to know the value of their rental voucher, housing authorities will need to post them on their website. To increase transparency for those receiving rental assistance, this bill would require any housing authority administering tenant-based rental assistance programs to post payment standards on their web sites. It would also require the information be submitted to the 2-1-1 Infoline program.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Stated.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Stated.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Joseph D'Acsoli, President of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials- OPPOSES – stating the bill would create "significant challenges" by standardizing rental rates that would be applicable to voucher-based program participants. Due to the complex nature of existing federal programs, adding another layer of complexity at the state level would create undue costs and administrative burdens.

Reported by: Gabriel Turco

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