

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6457

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME SERVICES.

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Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill establishes a study whether there are enough nursing home facilities to provide long-term care in the future. With the aging if the residents of the state it is necessary to project the needs for long-term care in the future and the corresponding economic impact it will have on our state. With the population anticipated to continue to age, there may be a significant economic impact on the state. The bill calls for the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services to present a report of the findings on or before July 1, 2022.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Department of Social Services – The testimony indicates that DSS has partnered with Mercer Human Services Consulting regarding the future needs of long-term services and support (LTSS). The testimony indicates there have been previous studies and reports at the local level, and that the department can continue periodic updates of the findings to fulfill the goals of HB 6457. The Mercer report suggests that the continued increase in home and community-based services will decrease the need of nursing home beds by 2040.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Mag Morelli, President, LeadingAge Connecticut – The testimony offered is in support of this legislation. Additionally, the testimony offers that LeadingAge Connecticut would be willing to assist the state in any such studies.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Anna Doroghaze, AARP Connecticut – The testimony offered by AARP does not feel that this legislation is necessary. They note that in a report issued by Mercer in July 2019 it was projected that the demand for long-term care is projected to increase over the next twenty years, the demand for nursing home facilities will decrease as the demand for home and community-based services continues to increase. The proposed legislation asks whether any programmatic or legislative changes are needed to better service adults in the need of institutional care. While this is an important question, the testimony offers that this question has been addressed by the legislature's recently convened Nursing Home and Assisted Oversight working group.

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