

Environment Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5144
AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF DEBRIS FROM THE
Title: HOUSATONIC RIVER NEAR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD.
Vote Date: 3/4/2022
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 2/25/2022
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REASONS FOR BILL:

To provide funding for the removal of debris from the Housatonic River near the town of Stratford.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None submitted

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Laura R. Hoydick, Mayor of Stratford

The Housatonic River winds through the entire state and empties into the Long Island Sound in Stratford. The waters collect a significant amount of debris and as a result much of it comes to rest on the shores and beaches between Stratford and Milford. Roughly six to eight times a year the Stratford Parks Division of Public Works performs the bulk of the work to clear the debris at an approximately cost of \$11,000. Roughly 1.5 tons of debris is removed yearly. The passage of this bill will keep the shores and waters of Stratford clean.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION

None Submitted

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