

## Commerce Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-112

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR A SPECIALTY CHEMICAL AND WATER TREATMENT MANUFACTURING FACILITY AND GLOBAL RESEARCH

**Title:** AND DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY FOR THE MARINE INDUSTRY.

**Vote Date:** 3/22/2022

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Change of Reference to Finance, Revenue and Bonding

**PH Date:** 3/1/2022

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

**Rep. DiGiovancarlo, 74th Dist.**

**Sen. Hartley, 15th Dist.**

**Rep. Napoli, 73rd Dist.**

**Rep. Reyes, 75th Dist.**

**Rep. Butler, 72nd Dist.**

### REASONS FOR BILL:

The reason for this bill is to support the state's marine industry by providing a grant-in-aid for a supply chain specialty chemical and water treatment manufacturing facility, and global research and development laboratory.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None provided

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

**Representative Napoli and Representative DiGiovancarlo, CT General Assembly,** offered testimony in support of this bill, on the grounds that it would expand marine technology within the state, create new jobs, and attract new companies to open marine hubs in the state. They stated that this project would support the state of Connecticut as a whole, and the City of Waterbury in particular.

**Joseph Violette, Director of Public Policy and Regional Development, Waterbury Regional Chamber,** testified in support of this bill, on the grounds that the funding in

question would greatly benefit the Waterbury and Naugatuck area, and companies like Drew Marine. He stated that this funding would bring in good-paying, high-quality jobs to the area, and would support the Greater Waterbury region.

**Frank Monteiro, President and CEO, Drew International and Drew Marine**, offered testimony in support of this bill, on the grounds that the funding in this bill would promote manufacturing jobs to the state, and noted Connecticut's history of specialty chemical manufacturing. He stated that Connecticut's geographical and logistical position provides prime opportunities for development in the chemical manufacturing field, and that this influx of business would help support Waterbury's revitalization.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed

**Reported by: Cameron Clarke**

**Date: 3/30/2022**