

Environment Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-116
AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS NEAR
Title: LAKES AND PONDS.
Vote Date: 3/4/2022
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 2/25/2022
File No.:

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REASONS FOR BILL:

Requires notices published in newspapers and signage by lakes and ponds to specify the dates that pesticide application will actually occur rather than a range of dates when application could possibly occur.

JOINT FAVORABLE SUBSTITUTE LCO 2706

Changed language to provide for in person or on door notice of such applications and to require the DEEP to provide public officials with information on applications.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Roger Kuhns, PhD, Connecticut State Coordinator, Citizens Climate Lobby
Supports restrictions on pesticide applications near lakes and ponds.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Betsy Gara, Executive Director, COST

Under current law, municipalities and other entities are required to publish a notice in a newspaper and on signage regarding a range of dates when pesticides are expected to be applied. This recognizes that dates may fluctuate due to weather conditions which may preclude application or scheduling conflicts.

Peter Gorman, President, Connecticut Environmental Council

To best protect the environment and properly control aquatic pests, the optimal application time should not be pinpointed by a date on the calendar. Under current statute, by permitting a range of dates the applicator is able to select the best possible date to make the application to best protect the environment and control the pest population. The applicator will use best management and application practices according to the product label, pest thresholds, and weather conditions.

Valerie Stolfi Collins, Executive Director, Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association

Providing specific dates prior to a application of pesticides on or near a lake would be impossible. Newspaper advertising is mandated per statute and be purchased weeks in advance. Date ranges rather than a specific date are used a availability of personnel and weather will affect specific date of planned pesticide application.

Donna Hamzy Carroccia, Advocacy Manager, CCM

CCM supports the position and testimony from the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association.

Christian Allyn, Founder and Owner, Invasive Plant Solutions

Property associations and municipalities could end up causing more harm to the environment by requesting applicators to apply herbicides on a specific date well in advance of weather predictions.

These people also oppose the Newspaper Notification: Cheryl Buckley, Megan Galvin, Martina Jakober, Mason Jakober, Denise Roberts and Jack Swanberg.

Reported by: Judy Ganswindt

Date: 3/15/2022