

Banking Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-182
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT
Title: AND TAX DEDUCTION.
Vote Date: 3/8/2022
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/1/2022
File No.: 55

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Banking Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

Many individuals have a goal of being able to own a home. Homeownership is representation of being able to provide for their family and to build generational wealth. Homeownership rates have decreased significantly in Connecticut. First-time homebuyers are struggling to save money to buy a home for themselves and their families. This bill would create a tax-deductible savings account for first-time homebuyers to be able to save money to buy a home.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Betsy Gara, Executive Director – Connecticut Council of Small Towns

Connecticut Realtors

Senator Kevin Kelly

Tom Mongellow, Art Corey, and Fritz Conway – Connecticut Bankers Association

Support the bill because the costs to purchase a home in Connecticut are very high and this bill would encourage people to contribute and save for a first-time home purchase. Other states have implemented these accounts with success. Saving for a home is harder than it's been for decades so this bill is a proactive way to encourage saving.

Jim Perras, CEO – Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Connecticut, Inc.

Supports the bill with the amendment that income limits are removed from the bill to encourage residents from all income levels to save. The bill would encourage individuals and families to save for a home. The bill would lessen the barriers for first-time homeownership.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

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