

**Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

Bill No.: SB-488
AN ACT AMENDING A CONVEYANCE OF STATE LAND TO THE TOWN OF
Title: HAMDEN.
Vote Date: 4/13/2022
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 4/12/2022
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would extend the deadline for a previously authorized conveyance of state land to the town of Hamden.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Eric Hammerling, Executive Director, Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA):

CFPA submitted testimony in opposition to this bill. CFPA is opposed to this bill because of an absence of an opportunity to review the conveyance applications. They recommended that a number of criteria should be taken into account before a land conveyance is considered.

Amy Blaymore Paterson, Executive Director, Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC):

CLCC submitted testimony in opposition to this bill. CLCC opposes this bill due to what they cite is a general lack of detail. They believe each bill should include details as to what the land conveyed will be used for. They also believe that information should be publicly

available as to why certain state lands are sold at fair market value or only for administrative costs. In addition, information should also be available to the public concerning right of reversion clauses.

Reported by: Glenn Prushinski

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