

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-490

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND

Title: IN THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE FOR A SCHOOL BUS DEPOT.

Vote Date: 4/13/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would authorize the conveyance of a parcel of state land to the town of Cheshire for a school bus depot.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Sean Kimball, Town Manager, Town of Cheshire: The town of Cheshire has leased this property from the state since 1982 and uses it as a school bus depot. The town has made a number of upgrades to the property with the approval of the state. If the parcel of land is conveyed to the town, its use as a school bus depot would not change. This conveyance would also eliminate the administrative responsibilities of both the state and town to renew the lease.

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.

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