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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5145**

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PORTABLE WASTEWATER CONTAINERS.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill allows people to use portable wastewater holding tanks (e.g., “blue boys” tanks) to transport wastewater from an internal camping unit holding tank to a sanitary disposal station at a state or private campground. The bill does this notwithstanding the public health statutes and associated regulations.

Current public health regulations allow for campground-provided mobile pump out services for disposal at sanitary disposal stations but are silent with respect to portable wastewater holding tanks (Conn. Agencies Regs. § 19a-2a-29(g)). In practice, the Department of Public Health (DPH) does not recognize portable wastewater holding tanks as an acceptable method of wastewater transport and disposal at family campgrounds (DPH Environmental Health Section Circular Letter #2018-25).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/04/2022)