

OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

Legislative Office Building, Room 5200
Hartford, CT 06106 ◊ (860) 240-0200
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa>

sSB-946

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in increased costs to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with decreasing client cost sharing requirements under the Connecticut Home Care Program from three percent to two percent of the cost of care, resulting in a state cost of approximately \$300,000 annually.

The bill also results in a cost to DSS due to requiring that family caregivers, including spouses, be compensated for personal care assistance services. This increases costs to DSS associated with clients who would not otherwise access PCA services, but will do so if provided by their spouse. The extent of the cost is unknown and is based on the number of home care clients who would utilize PCA services through a family member not currently eligible for such reimbursement. For context, there are approximately 12,400 clients on the Home Care Waiver program and 1,700 on the state-funded program.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to service utilization.