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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT HOME ENERGY LABEL AND THE TREE CANOPY OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	None	Potential

Explanation

Providing information to create the labeling program will have no cost to PURA associated with it. The bill specifically discusses the expansion of Tree canopy over Environmental Justice communities and cities of over 100,000 people as a goal but does not obligate the state to action to meet that goal.

The bill requires the Department of Housing (DOH) and DEEP to annually publish on their agencies' websites a list of municipalities that meet the bills criteria (and therefore where landlords must provide the home energy label), which has no fiscal impact. The agencies can use the Low-Income Energy Affordability Data Tool to formulate the list within existing resources.

Section 1 results in a potential revenue gain to municipalities beginning in FY 25 by allowing municipalities to establish, by ordinance, a civil penalty up to \$500 for the first violation and \$1,000 for subsequent violations of the "Connecticut home energy label" requirement. The revenue gain will be dependent on the civil penalty established by municipalities and the number of violations.

Section 3 makes it a state goal that environmental justice communities and populous municipalities are covered by a tree canopy over at least 5% of their total area. Any potential impact will be dependent on the steps taken to implement this beginning in FY 24.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue subject to the civil penalty established by municipalities and the number of violations.