

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-900
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT TO ASSIST
Title: ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS.
Vote Date: 02/28/2023
Vote Action: JF to Floor
PH Date: 2/2/2023
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill would establish a revolving loan account to assist elderly homeowners who have been delinquent on property taxes.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Office of Policy and Management, Mr. Martin Heft, Undersecretary: Testimony is in **opposition** to this bill due to the fiscal impact and administrative burden. They anticipate it would require ten additional positions at an approximate cost of \$800,000 for fiscal year 2024. They point out that municipalities may offer additional tax relief programs to income-eligible elderly and disabled homeowners and there are provisions a municipality may adopt regarding the abatement of taxes.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, Mr. Zachary McKeown, Senior Legislative Associate: CCM **supports** this proposal. It would establish a revolving loan fund to assist elderly homeowners facing financial distress. Under this bill the State could provide financial assistance in the form of a loan at the prevailing rate of interest, under certain circumstances. This would be helpful to elderly residents who fall behind in their property taxes provided that municipal liens retain priority status.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

Reported by: Richard Ferrari, Assist. Clerk

Date: 3/1/23