

Labor and Public Employees Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1120

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' RIGHTS.

Vote Date: 3/21/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/2/2023

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Labor and Public Employees Committee.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill directs the Labor Commissioner to conduct a study on the rights of employees in the state of Connecticut, to determine potential recommendations for legislation.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

No response was provided from the administration or relevant state agencies.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Ed Hawthorne, President, CT AFL-CIO: They offered support for this legislation but urged the addition of substitute language, adding “union representatives” collaboration with the Department of Labor in the proposed study.

Joshua Dommel, Legislative Intern, CGA: He offered testimony in strong support of SB 1120. He emphasized the importance of workers' rights legislation in creating a healthy and flourishing economy and cited a report that states with strong labor standards have seen increased economic output. He also noted that anti-worker and anti-union practices are common among large business and cites examples of such practices in Connecticut. Lastly, he argued that this legislation would be a significant step towards maintaining workers' rights and creating a fair and equitable state.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

No sources of opposition were provided.

Reported by: Sebastian Musante, Assistant Clerk Date: 3/22/2023