

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1250

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE

Title: LAND IN THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN.

Vote Date: 5/16/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 5/8/2023

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

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REASONS FOR BILL:

To reconvey a parcel of state land in the city of Middletown that has reverted to the state. The town must use the parcel for purposes of moderate-income housing, recreational or community facilities open to the public or other scientific, literary, historical, agricultural or charitable purposes. The substitute language eliminates permissible uses for educational facilities in response to concerns.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Jeffrey Beckham Secretary Office of Policy and Management](#)

The proposed language seems to nullify the reverter language. As this conveyance is for only administrative fees, it should revert back to the state should the standard reverter's and timeframe not be adhered to. Typically, such a conveyance would require fair market value as the property will be leased. As such, it is important that the use and deadline are clearly defined and adhered to, or it will revert to the state.

Specific changes listed in full testimony.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[Aresco, Carmelo](#)

This area of undeveloped land (mostly owned by Wesleyan) is an important area of open space for us. There is a valid concern of the additional traffic that will occur from building the planned Magnet School on this parcel. There are also environmental concerns.

[Patricia Buckingham](#)

The woodland is home to many animals and is a water source. Developing open land when there are many existing empty buildings and already developed land available for a school construction seems wasteful. We need to be smart stewards of our precious resources so those students will have a habitable planet when they are adults.

[Carmela Godburn](#)

This development would throw the balance of the area into jeopardy. Environmental and traffic concerns.

[Crystal Laffan](#)

The increased traffic would pose a serious risk of safety to the walking residents. In addition, West Street is a frequently used thoroughway for ambulances to Middlesex Hospital. Adding traffic only further risks the well-being of those in need of swift emergency care.

[Sally DeLaselo](#)

Believes the government should not give land to religious entities because it would conflict with the separation of church and state.

[Aresco, Daniel](#)

[Aresco, John](#)

[Aresco, Susan](#)

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Date: 5/16/23