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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sHB 5338

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSION OF STATE RESIDENTS TO VETERINARY SCHOOLS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the UConn president, as part of the Kirklyn M. Kerr program, to enter into an agreement with a veterinary school accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association to reserve, each academic year, a certain number of spaces as she determines to allow up to five qualified state residents to continue their education.

The Kirklyn M. Kerr program provides grants to Connecticut residents enrolled in an accredited veterinary graduate school. UConn administers the program and awards up to five four-year grants per student class (CGS §§ 10a-19g & -19h). In practice, the program has been dormant in recent years. While the program was active, Connecticut residents could attend Iowa State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and pay reduced tuition. (There are no veterinary schools in Connecticut.)

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Legislative History***

The House referred the bill (File 191) to the Appropriations Committee, which reported a substitute that eliminates the prior bill's \$100,000 appropriation to UConn for the program for FY 25.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22    Nay 0    (03/14/2024)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 53 Nay 0 (04/15/2024)