

# Commerce Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-5433

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER TO MAKE DETERMINATIONS CONCERNING

**Title:** CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS.

**Vote Date:** 3/26/2024

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/14/2024

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

REP. JOHNSON

REP. WOOD

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

This bill addresses the complexities associated with brownfield sites, providing clarity and certainty to developers, municipalities, and state agencies while ensuring the protection of our cultural legacy.

## **Substitute Language: LCO NO. 3449**

Amend section 1 to say, "Effective October 1, 2024."

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

**Collins, Randy, Associate Director of Policy-The CCM-Supports**

**Pugliese, Matt, Deputy Commissioner-DECD**

**Gara, Betsy, Executive Director-COST**

Mr. Collins, Mr. Pugliese, and Ms. Gara support HB-5433. They believe that it will streamline the process for a municipality or developer using state funding to remediate and renovate a historic property and more accurately budget for unanticipated costs related to the historic nature of the site.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Bellano, James, Director-Comm - Eco Development-Town of Windham-Supports**  
**Connor, Ann Catino-Supports**  
**DiGiovancarlo, Michael, State Representative-CGA-Supports**  
**Dunne, Rick, Executive Director-NVCOG**  
**Heft, Martin, Undersecretary-Office of Policy and Management**  
**Hyde, Thomas, Executive Director-Waterbury Development Corp-Supports**  
**Kinney, Jonathan, Director-Historic Preservation Office-Supports**  
**Kooris, David, President-Stamford Downtown-Supports**  
**Schneiderman, Faliane, co-President-Preserve New Fairfield-Inc.-Supports**

The constituents and agencies above support HB-5433 because they believe it will provide a framework for a more open and transparent process, with the involvement of the stake holders. Brownfield sites are often the most challenging in this State to redevelop and this bill will go a long way to address some of the uncertainties relating to the redevelopment of these older properties

#### **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**HB-05433 Beeble, Timothy, Treasurer-Connecticut Preservation Action-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Bruhn, Patricia, Resident of CT-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Bryant, Robert Tod, President-Norwalk Preservation Trust-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Carnell, Marguerite, Architectural Historian-CT Historic Preservation Council-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Cohen, Robert, Principal-Robert Cohen Architect LLC-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Falvey, Mary, Executive Director-Hartford Preservation Alliance-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Feczko, Linda, Historical Organizations-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Findlay, Mary-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Gill, Patricia, Architect-Gill - Gill Architects-LLC-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Gold, Samuel, Executive Director-RiverCOG-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Grant, Leigh, MS-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Haynes, Wes, Executive Director-Merritt Parkway Conservancy-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 heiss, laurie, Co-founder-Redding Preservation Society-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Kramer, Michele, Vice Chair-MHPC-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Levere, Larry, Treasurer-Hartford Preservation Alliance-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 lily, flannigan, resident-opposes**  
**HB-05433 Mandell, Matthew-Westport RTM - Chair P-Z Com-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Montanaro, Jane, Executive Director-Preservation Connecticut-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Norinsky, Judy, President-HNP-Stamford-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Perez, James-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Podolsky, Raphael-N-A-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Rothbart, Carl, Commissioner-New Canaan HDC-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Smith, Brian-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Solheim, Carol, Trustee President-Cornerstone Community Church-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 SPAIN, PETER-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Stichnoth, Neele-Banks, Board President-NC Preservation Alliance Inc.-Opposes**  
**HB-05433 Wigren, Christopher-Opposes**

The constituents and agencies above oppose HB-5433 because they believe it will allow for the use of state funding that involves the unreasonable demolition of historic properties, allow developers, municipalities, and state agencies to bypass the protections

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