

Commerce Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5501
AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MANUFACTURING ISSUES IN THE
Title: STATE.
Vote Date: 3/21/2024
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/19/2024
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

REASONS FOR BILL:

Manufacturing plays a pivotal role in Connecticut's economy, innovation, job creation, and economic growth. To address the challenges and capitalize on opportunities within the manufacturing sector, it is necessary to gain a comprehensive understanding of the issues at hand.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

HB-05501 Keefe, Dan, Commissioner designate-DECD-Opposes

HB-05501 Lavoie, Paul, Chief Manufacturing Officer-State of CT-Opposes

DECD opposes HB5501 because it would require DECD to conduct a series of studies on manufacturing issues, programs administered by DECD, and workforce related issues. While we understand the intent of these bills, we do not have the resources to undertake additional mandates including studies

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

HB-05501 Dehkan, Aziz, Executive Director-CRCJ-Supports

Mr. Aziz supports HB5501 because it would fund an advanced manufacturing apprenticeship program and a community robotics center at Tunxis Community College

HB-05501 Greco, Danielle, My Ideas for this bill-Mother of three-Supports

Ms. Greco supports HB5501 because she hopes it would make Princess Kate Middleton come out of hiding as well as more open trade with England from our small state.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Hassan Ismail

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