

Planning and Development Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-226

AN ACT INCREASING THE THRESHOLD FOR SEALED BIDDING ON

Title: CERTAIN MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS.

Vote Date: 3/15/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/28/2024

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Planning and Development Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill authorizes municipalities to increase the threshold for sealed bidding for the award of any contract or the purchase of any real or personal property by the municipality from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The threshold has not been raised in over ten years, so this change is intended to compensate for inflation and rising costs.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Council of Small Towns, COST, Executive Director, Betsy Gara](#)

COST supports increasing the threshold for sealed bidding due to rising costs for goods and services due to inflation and other factors. The threshold has not been raised for more than 10 years and raising it will aid municipalities in procurement of goods and services.

[Capitol Regions Council of Governments, CRCOG, Executive Director, Matt Hart](#)

CRCOG supports raising the threshold to \$50,000 and notes that it has not been raised since 2013. They state that due to rising costs and inflation, the threshold should be raised.

[Glastonbury, Town Manager, Jonathan Luiz](#)

Supports raising the threshold by public ordinance with public comment, and then a vote by the designated legislative body.

[Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, CCM, Advocacy Manager, Zachary McKeown](#)

CCM supports raising the threshold due to inflation and rising costs, stating that it has been too long since the threshold was raised. They state that the increased threshold will help expedite necessary goods and services for towns.

[Newtown, Director of Community Development, John Voket](#)

Supports raising the threshold to expedite the procurement of goods and services required by towns.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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