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HB 5313: AA Reestablishing The Legislative Program Review And Investigations Committee

My name is Wyatt Bosworth and I am associate counsel for CBIA, the Connecticut Business & Industry Association. CBIA is Connecticut’s largest business organization, with thousands of member companies, small and large, representing a diverse range of industries from across the state. Ninety-three percent of our member companies are small businesses, with less than 100 employees. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of HB 5313: AA Reestablishing The Legislative Program Review And Investigations Committee**

The legislature’s nonpartisan Office of Program Review and Investigations Committee (OPRI), until 2017 when the office was eliminated, reviewed and audited state agency programs for “efficiency, effectiveness, performance, and compliance.”¹ For more than 40 years, the OPRI was an incredibly useful office, with a plethora of full time professional staff that recommended changes to improve state agency programs, including elimination. Similar to the Regulation Review Committee, the OPRI Committee was equally bipartisan in which final study reports and legislative recommendations would require a majority vote.

With Connecticut finally in a stable fiscal condition, it is time to bring back this important legislative tool to ensure that our state government is running as effectively, and as efficiently, as possible. We respectfully ask the committee to support this bill.

¹ Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, Archive
https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/priCommArchives.asp?comm_code=pri&comm_name=Program%20Review%20and%20Investigations%20Committee.