

# Banking Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** HB-6875

**Title:** AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT.

**Vote Date:** 3/6/2025

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/13/2025

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

The Banking Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

The Connecticut Uniform Securities Act is a set of regulations established by the state to ensure the effective oversight of investments and other financial activities. While there is no official federal mandate governing the regulation of these securities, federal guidelines are issued periodically to inform states of recommended updates. This bill proposes amendments to the Connecticut Uniform Securities Act in three key areas. The first is the creation of a state exemption for merger and acquisition broker-dealer transactions, aligning state law with federal guidelines. The second establishes a requirement for “Tier Two” offerings by issuers, along with a notice filing fee of two hundred and fifty dollars, a standard that is already reflected in several other states. The third amendment authorizes the Banking Commissioner to establish disciplinary authority, which would enhance the state’s ability to enforce securities laws more flexibly. These updates to the Uniform Securities Act aim to increase transparency and investor protection, particularly for those not directly involved in merger and acquisition broker deals and extend a filing fee requirement already present in “Tier One” offerings.

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

**Matthew Smith, Department of Banking, Director of Government Relations:** He stated that in 2015, 'Tier Two' registration fees were introduced, and this bill would align Connecticut with other states that have since implemented similar notice filing fees. Lastly, he emphasized the need for the Banking Commissioner to have disciplinary authority, allowing for greater flexibility in enforcing securities laws in Connecticut.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None Expressed

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

[Nancy Farnsworth](#): She expressed concern that the state of Connecticut should divest its funds from any bank that has invested in Kellanova. She claimed that this company, along with others, sells or invests in products that contribute to obesity and other health concerns. She noted that countries such as Finland and Austria have banned companies associated with unhealthy breakfast foods, emphasizing the importance of providing healthy food options to children and the general population.

**Reported by: Morgan Dlugoleski**

**Date: 3/10/2025**