

Government Oversight Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-7285

AN ACT CONCERNING A CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND TO

Title: THE TOWN OF HAMDEN.

Vote Date:

Vote Action:

PH Date: 5/5/2025

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Elliott

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill requires DAS on behalf of DCF to convey 50.29 acres parcel formerly known as High Meadows at 825 Hartford Turnpike to Hamden for One Million Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) plus administrative costs. Hamden has until June 30, 2026 to convey land, unless town requests an extension of no more than 6 months and is agreed to by commissioner. The town must reimburse state for actual costs attributable to extension. This bill repeals Special Act 22-17 which was a previous conveyance to the town for one million seven hundred eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,708,300) when deadline was passed.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:

Corrects purchase price from 1 million 500 to 1 million 500,000.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Robert LaFrance: Director of Policy for Connecticut, National Audubon Society](#)

Mr. LaFrance supports this bill and thanks the Committee for transparency of the land conveyance process. The Audubon Society strongly encourages the Government Oversight

Committee to include a reverter clause in each conveyance, and they ask that any recreational use be limited to “passive recreation.”

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Greg Wolff

Date: 5/16/25