Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1529
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR A CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTION AND AUTHORIZING THE DEFERRAL OF A CERTAIN TOWN'S REAL PROPERTY REVALUATION.
Vote Date: 4/24/2025
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 3/24/2025
File No.: 852

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Finance, Revenue, & Bonding Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
Persons located in the towns of Berlin, Canton, Newington, and Trumbull eligible for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 grand list exemption and filed to file in those years. S.B 1529 allows those entities to file property tax exemption notwithstanding each town statutory deadlines. Filings must be done in a timely manner, if such persons fail to file no later than thirty days of the bill's passage, they will incur late fees.

PROPOSED SUB. LANGUAGE
Sections 1 – 6 were amended to have those sections take affect starting on July 1st, 2025.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Beckham, Jeffrey, Secretary - Office of Policy & Management
The secretary wrote in opposition of the bill, raising concerns with section 1 of the bill. He states that this section is already written in the state statute and currently already provides municipality options to grant certain previously waived exemptions. The secretary goes on to share the importance of waivers at the local level.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Elle Bonnevie, Director of Finance, of GKN Aerospace New England, Inc
Director Bonnevie submitted testimony to request an amendment to the bill to allow GKN to submit to the Town of Manchester Form M-65, Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment

Exemption Form for Grand List 2023. She states that GKN did not file the Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment Exemption Claim on time due to an administrative oversight. In 2023 when Ms. Bonnevie joined GKN, she encountered challenges with filing the necessary paperwork with the town of Manchester. With instructions and assistance from the Assessor's office, GKN filed the declaration for the Grand List of 2020, 2021, and 2022. The Exemption Forms were not filed so the property tax bill increased because of the inclusion of the manufacturing machinery equipment.

Tesoro, Vicki, First Selectman of Trumbull
The First Selectman submitted testimony requesting a deferral due to certain circumstances. The town of Trumbull property revaluation is due for October 2025, they have not had a full-time town assessor since the retirement of the previous assessor in 2021. The First Selectman goes on to share how the town of Trumbull's Assistant Assessor history of experience with these matters on how to supervise and manage a town wide revaluation at this time and stated that revaluation must be as accurate as possible. Considering the challenges his town is facing currently they are requesting a deferral of one (1) year until a townwide revaluation is implemented and approved.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

No testimony was submitted in opposition of the bill.

Reported by: Jean Holloway **Date: 3/7/25**