Planning and Development Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-359 / Bill Status / Public Hearing Testimony
Title: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEFERRAL OF A PROPERTY REVALUATION.
Vote Date: 3/13/2026
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/4/2026
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Planning and Development Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill seeks to grant Hartford homeowners and small business owners an additional year to prepare for projected increases in their property tax, as the tax burden will shift away from large private corporations. Commercial and office values have decreased in Hartford post pandemic, amid increasing utilization of telework and hybrid schedules by the city's private corporations.

This bill authorizes a one-year delay in the implementation of the property tax revaluation from October 1, 2026 to October 1, 2027, subject to the approval of Hartford's Court of Common Council to minimize possible adverse economic outcomes for homeowners and small business owners.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

City of Hartford, Mayor, Arunan Arulampalam: stresses that the bill will prevent a sudden shift in tax liability and afford greater predictability to homeowners and small business owners, who can take necessary steps to prepare for an increased tax burden while protecting housing stability and economic retention. He also added that the bill is not a mandate but grants the local legislative body the discretion to determine final action on the delay.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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