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PRELIMINARY FISCAL NOTES

Introduction

Below is a summary of preliminary fiscal notes on today's agenda. These estimates were prepared under a short time frame and could be revised after further analysis. For bills on the agenda with proposed substitutes, the fiscal impact is based on the substitute language.

Collective Bargaining Resolutions

1. **S.R. No. 10 Resolution Proposing Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees and The Graduate Employee Union Local 6950 – International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (GEU-UAW) – see preliminary fiscal note.**
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A. House Floor Referrals

3. **HB 5043 – An Act Promoting a Fair, Civil and Harassment-Free Workplace – refer to fiscal note on file copy 166.**
4. **HB 5137 – An Act Eliminating Reductions of State Financial Assistance to Municipalities whose Residents Received Grant Payments under the Renters Rebate Program – refer to fiscal note on file copy 52.**
5. **sHB 5168 – An Act Concerning the Creation of the Summer Learning Grant Program – refer to fiscal note on file copy 122.**
6. **sHB 5208 – An Act Concerning Mammograms, Breast Ultrasounds and Magnetic Resonance Imaging of Breasts – refer to fiscal note on file copy 60.**
7. **HB 5226 – An Act Concerning Leave for State Employees Assisting in a Civil Preparedness Emergency – refer to fiscal note on file copy 177.**
8. **sHB 5302 – An Act Concerning Accessible Public Bathrooms for Persons with Disabilities – refer to fiscal note on file copy 187.**
9. **sHB 5303 – An Act Concerning Minimum Standards and Practices for the Administration of Law Enforcement Units and Reports of Police Pursuits – refer to fiscal note on file 237.**
10. **sHB 5306 – An Act Concerning a Strategic Plan to Expand Gambling in Connecticut – refer to fiscal note on file copy 239.**



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11. **HB 5329 – An Act Concerning the Use of Flame Retardant Chemicals in Children’s Products and Upholstered Residential Furniture** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 74.
12. **sHB 5337 – An Act Concerning a Study of Virtual Classrooms** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 127.
13. **sHB 5348 – An Act Making Useful Thermal Energy Generated from Biodiesel a Class 1 Renewable Energy Source and Creating a Homeowner-Generated Useful Thermal Energy Program** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 245.
14. **sHB 5362 – An Act Concerning the Registration and Inspection of Municipal Pounds and Shelters** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 79.
15. **sHB 5371 – An Act Establishing the Free 2 Start Scholarship Program** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 194.
16. **HB 5388 – An Act Concerning a Fair Minimum Wage.** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 198.
17. **sHB 5395 – An Act Concerning Disclosure and Credentialing Requirements for Persons Advising Senior Citizens on Life Care Planning** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 152.
18. **sHB 5460 – An Act Concerning Minimum Employee Wages for Providers of State-Contracted Human Services** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 200.
19. **HB 5462 – An Act Concerning Transition Services for Special Education Students** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 201.
20. **HB 5500 – An Act Establishing the Connecticut Infrastructure Bank** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 264.
21. **sHB 5283 – An Act Concerning Neighborhood Revitalization Zones.** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 184.

B. Senate Floor Referrals

22. **sSB 151 – An Act Concerning Retroactive Medicaid Eligibility for Home-Care Services** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 85.
23. **sSB 154 – An Act Increasing Funding for Elderly Nutrition Services** – refer to fiscal note on file copy 154.



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24. **sSB 155 - An Act Increasing the Personal Needs Allowance for Long-Term Care Facility Residents** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 86.
25. **sSB 157 - An Act Reducing Participant Costs and Expanding Eligibility for the Connecticut Home-Care Program for the Elderly** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 87.
26. **sSB 158 - An Act Expanding Eligibility for the Alzheimer's Disease Respite Care Program** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 155.
27. **SB 233 - An Act Increasing the Dollar Value of Farmers' Market Voucher Books for Senior Citizens** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 102.
28. **sSB 257 - An Act Concerning the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 160.
29. **sSB 259 - An Act Concerning Senior Centers.** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 104.
30. **sSB 338 - An Act Concerning the Use of Community Investment Account Funds for Combatting Invasive Species** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 284.
31. **sSB 344 - An Act Concerning a Memorandum of Understanding and Regulations for Electronic Surveillance Devices Required by the Department of Agriculture.** - *Proposed Substitute Language*

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) to: (1) enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with shellfishing licensees allowing DoAg to use electronic surveillance devices to monitor vessel locations, (2) by July 1, 2020, adopt regulations establishing criteria for enforcing that the licensees use the devices, and (3) that any costs associated with the devices, including service costs, be paid by DoAg.

This results in total costs of \$125,000 in FY 19 (including one-time equipment costs of \$10,000 to outfit the 47 vessels still requiring monitoring systems) and costs of \$115,000 in FY 20 annually and thereafter associated with ongoing monitoring system maintenance. The bill requires that costs be paid by DoAg's Shellfish Management account and the Cross Sound Cable Project account within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The balance in the Shellfish Management account is \$96,000; the balance in the Cross Sound Cable Project account is approximately \$62,000.

Lastly, the bill requires that regulations by July 1, 2020 must include fees and mandatory fines for violations for enforcement of the bill's provisions. Any revenue collected for this purpose is anticipated to be minimal since vessels would be expected to comply with the new monitoring system.



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32. sSB 349 - An Act Concerning Regional Animal Shelters - *Proposed Substitute Language*

The bill allows towns with a population of less than 50,000 to be served by a regional animal control facility. To the extent this bill facilitates the sharing of an animal control facility, a savings may result to participating municipalities. There are currently 142 municipal dog pounds, including at least ten regional facilities.

33. sSB 350 - An Act Concerning the Posting of a Decommissioning Bond for Certain Solar Projects - *Proposed Substitute Language*

The bill requires anyone seeking approval for certain solar photovoltaic facilities through the Connecticut Siting Council to require the posting of a decommissioning bond. There is no fiscal impact, as the bill does not apply to farmland or forests owned by the state or municipalities.