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Below are preliminary fiscal impacts for the bills 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.

B. Bills Referred from the Floor

5. sHB 5437 – An Act Concerning the Alvin W. Penn Racial Profiling Prohibition Act *– Proposed Substitute Language*

The bill modifies the Alvin W. Penn Racial Profiling Prohibition Act by expanding data collection and submission requirements, providing a complaint review process, and modifying certain notifications.

There is a potential cost associated with revising the standardized method law enforcement officers must use for recording traffic stop information. Costs could be as high as \$200,000 for OPM to hire a consultant to assist in the development of an electronic method of recording traffic stop information.

As OPM currently administers several programs that provide reimbursements to municipalities, it is anticipated that OPM could administer the additional, similar program required under the bill's provisions with no fiscal impact.

Requiring all state and municipal police officers to use an electronic method of recording traffic stop information that provides a receipt with multi-lingual instructions is anticipated to result in a cost to both state and municipal police departments. The cost to each department will be dependent upon the number of officers employed and equipment upgrade needs but is estimated to be less than \$1,500 per officer. In Connecticut there are approximately 8,000 currently employed state and municipal police officers.

In addition, the bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to include certain information in notifications mailed to licensees. There is anticipated to be a cost to DMV of less than \$25,000 annually arising from this provision.

There is not anticipated to be any cost to the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities arising from its role as the recipient of complaints involving racial profiling and related discriminatory practices. The anticipated volume of complaints is expected to be investigated and resolved within existing agency capacity.

6. sHB 6856 – An Act Concerning Substance Abuse and Opioid Overdose Prevention *– refer to fiscal note on file copy 583.*

7. sHB 6752 – An Act Extending the Foreclosure Mediation Program – refer to fiscal note on file copy 117.

8. **SB 24 - An Act Requiring the Provision of Certain Information concerning Health Insurance Policy Benefits and Requiring the Insurance Commissioner to Evaluate Insurers' Compliance with the Affordable Care Act** - *Proposed Substitute Language*

Substitute language specifies that the bill be implemented within available appropriations.

9. **SB 204 - An Act Protecting Senior Citizens from Sexual Offenders** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 142.
10. **SB 307 - An Act Implementing a Quality Assurance Program for the Department of Children and Families' Programs and Facilities** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 195.
11. **SB 418 - An Act Concerning Off-Label Prescription** - *Proposed Substitute Language*

The bill does not result in a cost to the state employee health plan or municipalities. The bill (1) expands the list of sources in which an off-label drug may be recognized as treatment for such conditions already covered under current law, (2) requires coverage for medically necessary services associated with the administration of drugs for conditions already covered under current law, (3) prohibits the denial of coverage based on medical necessity for reasons unrelated to the legal status of the drug used, and (4) establishes the types of research trial drugs that are exempt from coverage under the bill. The aforementioned additions to current law clarify current coverage and therefore do not result in a fiscal impact.

12. **sSB 427 - An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation Awards and Attorney Fees** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 427.
13. **SB 572 - An Act Establishing the Office of Broadband Advocacy** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 548.
14. **SB 811 - An Act Concerning Parity in Hospital Sales Oversight** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 655.
15. **sSB 813 - An Act Concerning Health Care Price, Cost and Quality Transparency** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 698.
16. **sSB 857 - An Act Concerning Licensure for Genetic Counselors** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 151.
17. **sSB 860 - An Act Concerning Presumptive Medicaid Eligibility For Home Care** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 200.
18. **sSB 1061 - An Act Concerning the Fiscal Sustainability of State Parks** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 557.

19. **sHB 6861 - An Act Concerning Marital and Family Therapists** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 584.
20. **SB 207 - An Act Concerning Funding for a Lyme Disease Prevention and Education Program** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 28.
21. **SB 209 - An Act Concerning Funding for the Reach Out and Read Program** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 29.
22. **sSB 286 - An Act Expanding Aging in Place Initiatives** - refer to fiscal note file copy 128.
23. **SB 321 - An Act Concerning Funding for a Parent Mentor Pilot Program** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 84.
24. **SB 439 - An Act Concerning Hazardous Duty Retirement for Certain Employees at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 252.
25. **SB 705 - An Act Concerning a Community Spouse's Allowable Assets** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 133.
26. **SB 716 - An Act Expanding Eligibility for the Alzheimer's Disease Respite Care Program** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 134.
27. **SB 807 - An Act Concerning Fairness and efficiency in Health Insurance Contracting** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 437.
28. **sSB 812 - An Act Concerning Electronic Health Records and Health Information Exchange** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 697.
29. **sSB 815 - An Act Establishing a Commission on Health Care Policy, Cost Containment and Price Variation** - refer to fiscal note file copy 700.
30. **sSB 993 - An Act Concerning Facility Fees** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 613.