

Commerce Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5614

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON THE DISPARATE IMPACT OF

Title: COVID-19.

Vote Date: 3/11/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/11/2021

File No.: 621 (146)

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Jason Rojas, 9th Dist.

Rep. Patricia Billie Miller, 145th Dist.

Rep. David Michel, 146th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would establish a commission to analyze the disparate impacts of Covid-19 on different racial and socioeconomic groups in Connecticut and would consist of members appointed by the Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the House Majority Leader, Senate Majority Leader, House Minority Leader, Senate Minority Leader and the Governor.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

The CHRO (**Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities**) strongly supports HB 5614 because they believe that Covid-19 has had a greater negative impact on women and communities of color.

Steve Jones supports HB 5614 because of the greater negative socioeconomic and racial/ethnic impacts on mortality, health effects, vaccination rates and minority owned businesses.

Kelly McConney-Interim Senior Policy Counsel for the Connecticut ACLU supports the concept of HB 5614 because of systemic inequalities in healthcare, employment and state and federal pandemic responses that have made marginalize people more vulnerable to death and harm from COVID-19.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

Reported by: Assistant Clerk: Jason Snukis

Date: March 21, 2021