

Commerce Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6603

AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT BOARDS OF

Title: DIRECTORS AND TOURISM COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.

Vote Date: 3/16/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/9/2021

File No.: 778 (212)

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Commerce Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

HB-6603 allows for two or more municipalities to jointly appoint a representative to sit on regional tourism districts; it also requires that a representative of the Connecticut Tourism Coalition be a member of the Connecticut Tourism Council. In addition, HB-6603 establishes a task force to study the shortage of employees in tourism-related businesses.

Substitute Language — LCO 5414

The bill, as originally drafted, did not include a study of the shortage of employees in tourism-related businesses. The substitute language in section three created a task force. The task force's directive is to find job opportunities within the tourism industry, advertise these job opportunities to residents, and review the transportation available to individuals seeking these jobs.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

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