

# Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-49

AN ACT INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING

**Title:** DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE.

**Vote Date:** 3/11/2021

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/4/2021

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Sen. Saud Anwar, District 3

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

Workforce housing attracts middle income families and allows community workers to live in the areas in which they work. Many residents of cities like Hartford work in different areas and developing more workforce housing enables them to move to higher opportunity zones with workforce housing.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

Connecticut Conference of Municipalities- **Supports** this bill because the bill provides a framework for a workforce housing development program. The conference does ask that a Task Force to bring all stakeholders together and that the committee provide a detailed fiscal impact analysis before taking action on this bill.

President of The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Jay Williams- **Supports** this bill because it is a pragmatic approach to creating create additional opportunities for the development of workforce housing in opportunity zones and other parts of the state.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

Anne Marie Puelo- **Opposes** this bill in her public testimony because in public housing developments have a lot of crime and are not managed well.

Isona Matta- **Opposes** this bill in their written testimony because similar programs are not cost effective and the government intervention will limit development

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