

Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5348

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNUSED PROPERTIES

Title: OWNED BY THE STATE.

Vote Date: 3/15/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/10/2022

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Michael A. Winkler, 56th Dist.

Rep. David Michel, 146th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

There is a large amount of unused property in CT that could possibly be used for more productive uses. The original impetus for this legislation is to redevelop the Mansfield Training School into transitional housing, but this legislation could be used to study the redevelopment of a wider range of unused state property for a variety of purposes.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Pete Harrison](#), Director of [DesegregateCT](#) **Supports** for the following reasons:

1. State-owned property is an effective way to build permanently and deeply affordable homes in our state
2. State-owned property can provide opportunities to further enhance the benefits of Transit-Oriented Development as outlined in HB 5429, which is currently being drafted in the Planning & Development Committee
3. Leveraging state-owned property can reorient state capacity towards smart, equitable and sustainable land use practices that protect our natural spaces and reduce pollution

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Expressed

Reported by: William Cromwell

Date: 3/22/2022