

Transportation Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5421

AN ACT CONCERNING A SMALL HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Title: ACCOUNT TO FUND DREDGING PROJECTS.

Vote Date: 3/24/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/14/2022

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

[Rep. Joseph P. Gresko, 121st Dist.](#)

[Sen. Heather S. Somers, 18th Dist.](#)

REASONS FOR BILL:

To create an account to fund dredging projects for state harbors. Additionally, establishes what specific projects funds from the account can be applied to.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Submitted

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Marine Trades Association:

- CMTA's testimony focuses on the importance of dredging for maritime business and safety in the state. CMTA states that dredging affects many industries, including energy, defense, public safety, commerce, manufacturing, tourism, and recreation. CMTA describes the issue of New York vetoing any proposals by Connecticut regarding dredging in the Long Island Sound. This forces projects on the sound which require dredging to move dredged materials upland, many times this is unfeasible. CMTA proposes a three-layer approach to assist struggling maritime industries. The goal of this approach is to provide appropriate and effective means of dredge material relocation. CMTA states that the bill is an important step in providing funding and implementing the steps displayed in their approach, and as such give their support.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Submitted

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