

Commerce Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-45

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEARN HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM.

Vote Date: 3/17/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/1/2022

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Commerce Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This legislation increases the annual spending on the Learn Here, Live Here program to \$5,000,000 and makes the program available only to people whose incomes is \$55,000 a year or less.

The JFS language eliminates the lines in Section 1 (a) that limits annual income to less than \$55,000 annually.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Senator Tony Hwang, Connecticut General Assembly: He offered testimony in support of this proposal. He believes that the changes proposed will demonstrate the investment the state is willing to make to keep young people in our state. With the cost of living increasing any relief the state can offer may make the difference if a person chooses to weather the storm and get their life started in Connecticut.

Connecticut Realtors: They are in support of this bill. The "Learn Here, Live Here" model was passed in 2011 but remains inactive. If it is implemented this program will encourage graduates to live and purchase a home in Connecticut. This is an important incentive towards that goal, and we urge you to support its funding.

Ms. Elisa Haveles, Constituent: She is in support of this proposal. She encourages communication between higher education and employers to ensure that those who stay in the state and take advantage of this bill are well vetted and demonstrate respect for the community in which they reside and for the residents of the state who are well established there.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

Reported by: Richard Ferrari, Assist. Clerk

Date: 3/31/22