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HB-6746

AN ACT CONCERNING WRONG-WAY DRIVING DETECTION AND PREVENTION.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 8064)

House Calendar No.: 184

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to: (1) install various wrong-way driving countermeasures on select highway exits, (2) establish a pilot program to test the use of related detection, notification, and broadcasting systems, and (3) provide a grant to the University of Connecticut for testing of directional rumble strips. There is not expected to be additional cost associated with this because a wrong-way countermeasures program of \$20 million was authorized in PA 22-118 and fully allocated in July 2022. No change to debt service is anticipated as all authorized bonds have already been made available to the program and it is expected that DOT will use those funds for the requirements of the bill.

Additionally, sSB 980, the FY 24 and FY 25 bond bill, as favorably reported by the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee, includes \$20 million of Special Tax Obligation bonds in each of FY 24 and FY 25 for wrong-way driving countermeasures, and the impact of those additional resources is discussed in that bill.

Other parts of the bill, including a public awareness campaign by DOT and an update to driving school instructional standards for the

Department of Motor Vehicles, are not expected to have a fiscal impact because these activities are part of current agency operations and expertise.

House "A" alters the original bill by adding the pilot program and the grant to the University of Connecticut and has no fiscal impact.

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