

OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

Legislative Office Building, Room 5200
Hartford, CT 06106 ◊ (860) 240-0200
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa>

sSB-998

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN
CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE ¹ - Revenue Loss	Potential	Potential

Explanation

The bill requires municipalities to adopt an ordinance by January 1, 2024 that establishes a property tax abatement for certain portions of land that are subject to a recreational trail conservation restriction. Each municipality must continue with the abatement until the municipality's legislative body votes to end it. This results in a revenue loss beginning in FY 24 that is dependent on the value of the land that qualifies for the property tax abatement and the level of the abatement.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation in the value of the land subject to the abatement and when (if at all) the municipality votes to

¹ State mandate is defined in Sec. 2-32b(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "state mandate" means any state initiated constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

end the abatement.