

# Commerce Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-950  
AN ACT CONCERNING MANUFACTURING, WORKFORCE SHORTAGES AND  
**Title:** TRAINING.  
**Vote Date:** 3/14/2023  
**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable  
**PH Date:** 2/10/2023  
**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Commerce Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

SB-950 aims to address manufacturing issues in the state, specifically workforce shortages and training. By requiring the DECD commissioner to study Connecticut's manufacturing issues and report her findings to the Commerce Committee, proper legislation can be developed to address those issues.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None expressed.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

### **Peter Mirabello: Chairman of Metal Finishing Technologies**

MFT **supports** this legislation. This bill would help address critical manufacturing issues that have negatively affected MFT as well as Connecticut's workforce opportunities. MFT believes this bill can help spur additional legislation that would improve training and curriculum for manufacturing jobs, accelerate the establishment of a Finishing Training and Technology Center of Excellence, and inform Connecticut's workforce of well-paying manufacturing jobs to fill openings that have been shipped out to other states.

### **Kate Dias: President of the Connecticut Education Association**

The CEA **supports** this legislation. This bill would help address educational issues that have been limiting the growth of the manufacturing workforce and would assist in redesigning Connecticut's schools to better align with workforce needs and the skills that employers need and want.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None expressed.

**Reported by: Colin DeCure**

**Date: 3/16/2023**