

Planning and Development Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1208
AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR
Title: PROPERTY TAXATION.
Vote Date: 3/24/2023
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute
PH Date: 3/15/2023
File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Planning & Development Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill makes changes in specifying how property tax assessments for both commercial purposed and non-commercial purposed motor vehicles shall be handled. Notably, it allows for tax assessment rates to be different for commercial use vehicles than non-commercial use vehicles.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Martin L. Heft, Undersecretary, Office of Policy and Management:](#) Supports this bill

These corrective changes in SB 1208 will allow for the proper implementation and allow for a more fair and equitable system; a more efficient administration of the motor vehicle tax on the local level; transparency for all taxpayers by providing predictable motor vehicle valuations that more accurately reflect the market; and creating substantial labor and time saving for state and municipal officials.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Randy Collins, Advocacy Manager, CT Conference of Municipalities \(CCM\):](#)

CCM supports this bill but has some concerns that are detailed in written testimony. Given the concerns about the ability to implement the changes required by PA 22-118 and the projected increase in the reduction of motor vehicle grand lists, CCM asks the committee to

support SB 1208 with additional language that would delay the implementation of changes to assessment and taxation of motor vehicles for at least one year.

Betsy Gara, Executive Director, Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST):

COST supports this bill but has concerns about implementation timing, among several other concerns that are noted in written testimony.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Shawna Baron, Assessor, Town of Cromwell:

Opposes as written but has recommended language changes detailed in the written testimony that if it were included in the bill, Shawna would support the bill.

Peter Myers, Public Policy Associate, Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA):

Our concern with adjusting the current statutes to create a separate assessment rate for a commercial vehicle from noncommercial vehicles is this would increase the taxed amount on businesses for that commercial vehicle and would be unfair to small businesses who are already feeling a heavy tax strain.

Reported by: Robert Mayne

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