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HB-5222

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NO-WAKE ZONE ON THE
PAWCATUCK RIVER.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 3816)

House Calendar No.: 96

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which establishes a slow-no-wake zone on a portion of the Pawcatuck River and makes a violation of the zone an infraction, results in a potential annual minimal General Fund revenue gain from fines beginning in FY 25. The amount of the revenue gain, if any, depends on the number of boaters fined and the amount of the infraction fine, which is not defined by the bill. If the bill passes and is codified with the portion of statute addressing boating safety, the fine will be \$80; however, if codified elsewhere, the fine is unknown.

House "A" alters the original bill by allowing the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to use stormwater infrastructure funds to acquire conservation easements under certain circumstances. This provision has no fiscal impact as it does not require additional resources to be spent.

The Out Years

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The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of fines levied and any changes in the applicable fine.