

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-353

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION

Title: RELATED TO THE MAINTENANCE OF ELEVATORS.

Vote Date: 3/22/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/8/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration & Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill intends to achieve transparency by requiring the State Building Inspector to create a database of information relating to the maintenance of elevators in the state.

The substitute language makes minor changes to the bill.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Michelle Gilman, Commissioner, CT Department of Administrative Services: Opposes this bill because DAS does not currently have the software application capable of housing such a database proposed in the bill. States that the department would need funds appropriated to them to procure the database, and that additional resources would be required to develop and maintain the system.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Anonymous, Anonymous: Supports this bill because it would not cost anything to establish an informative and useful database to check an elevator or escalator's technical status, rather than filing an FOI request. This is especially helpful for those who rely on elevators due to a physical disability or old age who are moving to an apartment or some other living facility.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

No sources of opposition were provided.

Reported by: Gabriel Marques, Assistant Clerk Date: 4/3/2024