Planning and Development Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-275 / Bill Status / Public Hearing Testimony
Title: AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES IN PUBLISHING CERTAIN BUDGET INFORMATION.
Vote Date: 3/6/2026
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 2/27/2026
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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Planning and Development Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill seeks to improve transparency and democratic participation in the municipal budgetary process, by establishing a program through the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) that can provide technical and financial support to municipalities for the electronic publication of budgets.

While municipalities are required to file their adopted with budget with OPM, not every municipality independently posts their budgets on their official sites for residents to view. Subsequently, budget information is not always readily accessible, and this bill will improve access to budget information by providing municipalities with the resources to accomplish this aim.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Education Association, President Kate Dias and Vice President Joslyn DeLancey: testified in support of the bill, underscoring that it will increase transparency and engagement in the budgetary process, benefiting residents and public employees in the short and long-term.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Anonymous: submitted testimony anonymously in opposition to bill, stressing that municipalities should have the authority to determine the frequency and means of publishing budget information.

Reported by: Kyle Zingler **Date: 3/9/2026**