Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-384 / Bill Status / Public Hearing Testimony
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING DATA GOVERNANCE.
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Vote Action: Joint Favorable
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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To change the definition of the term “executive branch agency” to comply with data management standards and it authorizes the state’s chief data officer (CDO) to direct executive branch agencies on data use, management, sharing, coordination, and formulation of the state data plan

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Scott Gaul, Office of Policy and Management, Chief Data Officer:
Scott Gaul supports this bill which updates a reference to executive branch agencies for state data policies. He believes that it is important that the state aligns the treatment of data and information technology. He added that this bill would provide a foundation for a consistent cross-agency approach on the state’s policies and planning for collection, sharing and use of data.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Anonymous:
This anonymous citizen opposes this bill because they believe it increases bureaucracy and adds compliance costs. They believe that time would be better spent on affordability issues.

Michele May: Citizen

Michele May opposes this bill because she believes the bill as written hands sweeping new power over citizen data to the executive branch with almost no meaningful limits or checks. They believe that once infrastructure exists, any future administration will inherit a powerful centralized data system with very few statutory guardrails on how it may be used and added that it doesn't pair its push for uniform standards with explicit, enforceable prohibitions on political or ideological use of data, bulk profiling of citizens, or cross-agency sharing for purposes unrelated to the original program. They believe that the bill risks pulling semi-independent or locally responsive functions into centralized executive-branch control through technical standards rather than open policy debate and erodes both legislative oversight and local accountability. She lists multiple policies that the Connecticut General Assembly should pass if they cared about data-governance reform.

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