

**Bill History**  
**Session Year 2026**  
**Raised H.B. No. 5479**

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**Introducer(s):**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

**Title:** AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT'S PLAN TO BECOME A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES.

**Statement of Purpose:** To require The University of Connecticut to hire not fewer than ten top-tier research faculty within the next three years.

**Bill History:**

03-05-2026 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

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03-16-2026 FAVORABLE CHANGE OF REFERENCE, HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON Appropriations Committee

03-17-2026 FAVORABLE CHANGE OF REFERENCE, SENATE TO COMMITTEE ON Appropriations Committee

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