

**COMMISSION ON ENHANCING AGENCY OUTCOMES
SUMMARY SHEET**

COMPARISON OF BILLS TO CONSOLIDATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

sSB 308	<u>Aspects of Consolidation</u>	<u>Profiles of Agencies Involved</u>
PRI BILL	<p>Original bill consolidated CII and CDA into one quasi-public, the Connecticut Economic Innovations Authority and would transfer responsibility for direct financial assistance for businesses from DECD to this new entity</p> <p>Public Hearing. March 1, 2010.</p> <p>Committee received testimony from DECD indicating that this would fragment economic development further, and that a broader approach with a single point of entry might be preferable. DECD suggested reviewing the proposal in SB 160.</p> <p>Status: At PRI JF meeting on March 11, 2010 voted to draft substitute language that would broaden the consolidation to a full merger of DECD, CDA, CII and CHFA. This would be a new Connecticut Economic Development Authority.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">➤ JFS to Floor.</p> <p>Purpose: Create one agency where businesses could go for any economic and community development assistance. There should be some thought to a broker/case-manager approach at the front end to ensure that businesses receive actual service, and are not just referred to another part of the authority.</p> <p>Benefits: Single service, one point-of entry Businesses could receive more individualized service if broker model is implemented. Economies of scale in a merged agency. Should not be the need for the same number of executive, administrative and managerial staff.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency. DECD is a state agency. Its mission is to promote and attract businesses and jobs, revitalize neighborhoods and communities, and ensure quality housing and foster appropriate development. • Established. 1995 (As currently structured) • Executive. Commissioner and a Deputy Commissioner. • Staff. Pre-RIP DECD had 139; now 116 positions, many are in collective bargaining. Almost all are General Fund positions. • Board. DECD currently has no oversight advisory board. SB 308 would create a Competitiveness Council to do that. • Agency. Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) is a quasi-public agency, which provides low-interest loans to first-time homebuyers, issues bonds to finance development of affordable housing in the state, and manage state housing assets. • Established. 1969 • Executive. CHFA has one Executive Director. • Staff. CHFA has 129 staff, not covered by collective bargaining. CHFA staff are paid through CHFA funds, not in state budget. • Board. CHFA has a 15-member board of directors. • Agency. Connecticut Development Authority (CDA) is a quasi-public agency that provides financing to help businesses, sometimes in combination with private lenders but often when business cannot obtain financing in the private sector. • Established. 1973 • Executive. CDA has a President and an Executive Director. • Staff. CDA has 26 employees. All staff at CDA are funded though CDA funding not through the state budget. • Board. CDA has an 11-member board.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency. Connecticut Innovations Inc. (CII) is a quasi-public agency that provides financing and other assistance to high-tech, innovative businesses, especially in the early start-up phase. • Established. 1989 • Executive. CII has one Executive Director. Staff. CII has 25 employees, paid through CII funds (state Bonds funds, and return on investments.) • Board. CII has a 15-member board. • Agency. CT Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) is to increase installed renewable energy capacity; promote clean energy technologies; and enhance public awareness about renewable energy. Exists under the umbrella organization of CII. • Established. 1998 • Executive. CCEF has an Executive Director. • Staff. CCEF has 19 staff. Funding for programs and staff comes from a customer surcharge on electricity bills. • Board. CCEF has a 15-member board.
SB 160 – Proposed Bill	<p>➤ Commerce (Franz) SB 160</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill proposes one quasi-public that combines DECD, CDA, CII, and CHFA. • The bill has not been drafted. 	
Commerce RSB 327	<p>➤ Commerce RSB 327</p> <p>This bill implements the same consolidation as the original PRI bill SB 308, which would have merged CDA and CII and transferred the business development functions</p>	<p>Involves some of the same agencies discussed above, but not all.</p>

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Proposed Bill 79	<p>from DECD to the new authority, the Connecticut Economic Innovations Authority.</p> <p>Status: Public Hearing held March 2, 2010. Still in Commerce Committee.</p>	
	<p>Introducers: Senators Roraback, Fasano and McKinney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This bill proposes a broad, comprehensive consolidation of many state agencies. One of those mergers would be DECD and the Department of Labor. ➤ Status: Bill has not been drafted; referred to GAE on 2/9/10. No hearing 	<p><u>Profile of Agencies Involved</u></p> <p>DECD described above</p> <p>Department of Labor (DOL). To assist both workers and employers to become more competitive in a global economy. Assistance to workers through income support between jobs, protection on the job, training and job search assistance. For employers, access to workplace data and labor market information, worker recruitment and training assistance.</p> <p>Established: 1873</p> <p>Executive: Commissioner and one Deputy Commissioners (currently deputy is Acting Commissioner)</p> <p>Staff: Pre-RIP was 783; now 715. Many of these are in collective bargaining, and many are funded through federal Employment Security Administration Fund (administering unemployment)</p>