

Eastern Highlands Health District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting*
Agenda
1712 Main Street, Coventry
Town Hall Annex
Thursday April 18, 2024 4:30 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes (January 18, 2024)

Public Comments

Old Business - none

New Business

1. Strategic Planning – Process and Timeline to Update Plan

Subcommittee Reports

2. Finance Committee – Financial report period ending 12/31/23

Town Reports

Directors Report

3. Auditor appointment update (no attachment)
4. CADH Legislative Session Report
5. Sodium Chloride groundwater contamination letter to residents & other mitigation activities - update
6. Cosmetology Program Implementation Update – Second Report
7. Health District staffing update – Job opening
8. Quarterly Activity Reports – 12/31/23

Communications/Other

9. Associated Press re: PFAS limits set by EPA
10. CT DPH re: CT health & agriculture officials say the risk of avian flu in CT is low
11. CDC re: Global and Domestic Measles Cases and Outbreaks
12. Office of CT Health Strategy re: Yale New Haven & Prospect CT consolidation
13. Office of CT Health Strategy re: Report on impacts of Hospital/Healthcare consolidation
14. CT DPH re: Consumption advisory for blue crab removed
15. R Miller re: Letter of support for United Services Congressionally Directed Spending
16. CT Mirror re: EPA orders lead cleanup at Putnam Apartments
17. Chronicle re: Chaplin wants input on use of ARPA funds
18. Commissioner Juthani re: Updated Respiratory Viral Disease Guidance to Schools
19. CT Mirror re: Opioid money remains in limbo
20. CT DPH re: updated CDC COVID-19 isolation guidance

21. CT DPH re: recall of cinnamon apple source due to lead contamination
22. CRCOG re: Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan

Adjournment

Next Board Meeting – June 20, 2024, 4:30PM

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Eastern Highlands Health District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Members present: E. Anderson (Andover), R. Aylesworth (Mansfield - Virtual), M. Capriola (Mansfield - Virtual), K. Stargardter (Tolland - Virtual), D. Walsh (Coventry), M. Walter (Columbia - Virtual)

Staff present: Director of Health R. Miller, Director of Finance A. Backhaus, Office Manager M. Brosseau

Vice Chair M. Walter called the meeting to order at 4:39pm

Scheduled Item: EHHD Public Hearing – Proposed FY24/25 Operating Budget, & Proposed FY24/25 CNR Budget.

M. Walter made a MOTION, seconded by E. Anderson to open the public hearing at 4:39pm. R. Miller read the public notice into the record. (See attached). R. Miller noted that there were no written comments received. No public present.

D. Walsh made a MOTION, seconded by E. Anderson to close the Public Hearing at 4:42 pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

R. Miller introduced and welcomed Katherine Stargardter from Tolland. Boardmember introductions were made.

Minutes

M. Walter made a MOTION, seconded by E. Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023 meeting as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Public Comments

Outreach was done per Executive order. No comments were received.

Proposed Fiscal Year FY24/25 Operating Budget, & Proposed FY FY24/25 CNR Budget

E. Anderson made a MOTION, seconded by D. Walsh to adopt the proposed FY **FY24/25** Operating and CNR budget as presented; The proposal includes a member town per capita rate of \$5.95, with total spending in the operating budget and CNR budget of \$1,010,076 and \$54,000, respectively. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit Report – June 30, 2023; Independent Auditors Report on Internal Control; Auditors communication to Board of Directors

D. Walsh made a MOTION, seconded by E. Anderson to accept the comprehensive annual financial audit report as presented.

A Backhaus provided an overview of the audit and noted that it is a standard audit. A. Baukhaus called attention to page 14 of the audit that presents and overview of the 3 funds.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Town Reports

Columbia M. Walter reported that they are working with Square Peg Pizza to open a restaurant. The Main Moose and Winery are closed for the season

Mansfield R. Aylesworth reported that several new restaurants have opened in the downtown area: Haven Hot Chicken, Playa Bowls, Nautical Bowls. Husky Bar & Grill will be opening in downtown in the near future.

Tolland K. Stargardter reported that the town of Tolland continues working on the issue of a sodium chloride contamination of wells. There will be a public forum next week to talk with the residents of Tolland. The town is working on efforts to move toward resolutions. EHHD will be participating in the meeting and continue assisting with these efforts. R. Miller noted that his office will be providing educational support to residents.

Coventry D. Walsh informed the board that there was a fire at Woke restaurant and it is temporarily closed. Lakeside restaurant is awaiting a liquor permit before reopening.

Andover E. Anderson reported that progress is being made on the community center. He also noted that the town is engaged in a study aimed at making the town more walkable and bikeable. A STEAP grant will be used to add a playground and pickle ball courts as well as updates to the Veterans' memorial.

Directors Report

Staff Vacancy R. Miller reported that the part-time public health nurse resigned. Recruiting for a replacement will begin in the next couple of weeks.

COVID-19 Kit Distribution R. Miller reported that over 6000 covid-19 test kits have been distributed to schools, daycares, senior centers and town halls. Additional kits are available at the main office.

Radon kits are available at the main office.

Uninsured Vaccination Program R. Miller reported that the district is participating in a Bridge Program with the state to bring COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured and underinsured individuals. In addition, as part of the Childhood Vaccination Program the district continues to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to children 5-18.

ELC2 Grant R. Miller informed the board that a 1 ½ year no cost extension has been extended to this grant.

R. Miller informed the board that he has executed a contract for billing to Connecticare. He is pursuing contracts with Anthem, Cigna and Aetna.

Communications

E. Anderson inquired about what is being done regarding cybersecurity for EHHD. R. Miller noted that there is a service agreement in place with the Town of Mansfield IT department.

Adjournment

M. Wlatter made a MOTION, seconded by E. Anderson to adjourn the regular meeting 5:17pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Next Board Meeting – February 15, 2024, 4:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Miller
Secretary



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**Eastern Highlands Health District
Public Hearing*
Proposed FY 24/25 Operating Budget & CNR Budget**

The Eastern Highlands Health District will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the Coventry Town Hall Annex, 1712 Main Street, Coventry, Connecticut, to hear citizen's comments on the Proposed FY 2024-2025 District Operating, and Capital Nonrecurring Budget. At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications received. Copies of the proposed District Budgets are available in the Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Tolland and Willington Town Clerk offices. Written comments will be received up to the close of the hearing and can be directed to the Health District Board of Directors at 4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT 06268

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Dated at Mansfield, Connecticut, this 4th day of January, 2024.

Robert L. Miller
Director of Health



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Memo

To: Board of Directors

From: Robert L. Miller, Director of Health

Date: 4/11/2024

Re: EHHD Strategic Plan – Background, Process and Timeline to Update the Agency Plan

As you may recall, updating the Eastern Highlands Health District strategic plan is an identified goal for this office. While the existing plan continues to provide guidance and direction for the Health District, it has not been updated since 2013 (See attached plan). As such the primary purpose of this memo is to update the Board on progress towards this goal, and outline the process and timeline for this purpose. With this said, it is important to note that several factors necessitate an update:

- The public health landscape is constantly evolving, with emerging health threats, and advancements in technology. Our strategic plan should reflect these changes to ensure our efforts remain effective and responsive.
- Engaging stakeholders, including community members, the regulated community, elected officials, and other community partners has provided valuable insights and feedback that informed our strategic direction in the past. Our current stakeholder data is outdated.
- Ensuring alignment between our strategic plan and our current day-to-day operations, programs, and initiatives will enhance our ability to achieve our mission and vision.
- A current strategic plan enables us to respond effectively to emerging public health issues, allocate resources efficiently, and capitalize on new opportunities for collaboration and innovation.
- A clear and updated strategic plan enhances accountability by providing a framework for monitoring progress, evaluating outcomes, and communicating our priorities and objectives to stakeholders.

The process and tentative timeline for updating the Health Districts strategic plan will involve the following steps:

- Issue a Request for Proposal to solicit proposals from qualified consulting firms (See attached RFP) - Completed
- Establish and appoint the Health District Strategic Planning Committee - April
- Select a consultant from those proposals submitted - May
- Consultant to implement, with staff support, the scope work identified in the RFP. The Highlighted activities with a tentative time includes:
 - Half day Board retreat - June
 - Half day Staff retreat - July
 - Implement community survey - August
 - Draft plan update - September
 - Present plan to full board – October
 - Development of implementation plan – November to January

It is important to note that funds for this purpose were allocated as part of the adopted Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

Updating our strategic plan is a critical step in ensuring the continued success and effectiveness of the Health District in promoting and protecting the health of our community. I look forward to working collaboratively with the Board of Directors, staff, and stakeholders throughout this process to update and develop a strategic plan that reflects our shared vision for a healthier future.

As a beginning step in the process, a Board of Directors action to establish the EHHD Strategic Planning Committee is respectfully recommended. Towards this end, and assuming the Board concurs then the following motion may be in order: *Move to establish the Eastern Highlands Health District Strategic Planning Committee. Such members can be appointed by the Board Chair in consultation with the Director of Health, and may comprise board members, staff, or other interested persons.*



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Purpose

The EHHD is seeking to engage a qualified consultant to provide assistance with the update of the existing organization-wide strategic plan. Please consider this an invitation to your firm to submit a proposal for professional services in this regard. The end product will include an updated and finalized strategic plan that outlines a shared vision for the EHHD as well as supporting goals, objectives, and strategies necessary to achieve that vision. *The preliminary scope of services is enclosed for your consideration.*

Background

The Eastern Highlands Health District is the local governmental public health agency for ten (10) member municipalities in eastern Connecticut serving a total population of approximately 80,000. The EHHD operates under the policy direction and budget authority of a Board of Directors. The Board appoints a Director of Health who serves as the chief executive officer for the agency. For additional background information, the latest EHHD annual report can be found at www.ehhd.org.

Submission Deadline is noon, May 1, 2024. Submission should include at a minimum a fee proposal, qualifications, and information on similar projects.

Submission contact and address:

Mr. Robert L. Miller
Director of Health
Eastern Highlands Health District
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Storrs, Connecticut 06268
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millerrl@ehhd.org

Please address any questions related to this invitation to submit a proposal to the above contact.



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PRELIMINARY SCOPE OF SERVICES STRATEGY SETTING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING Eastern Highlands Health District April 2, 2024

INTRODUCTION

The Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) is getting ready to embark on a journey to *update* its strategic thinking and strategic direction setting. The selected contractor will assist the EHHD to develop an updated strategic plan that will help provide direction to the agency over the next five years. The process will be an inclusive one, engaging board members, staff, and the community. A final scope of services will be developed in consultation with the selected contractor.

APPROACH

- The EHHD will select a Strategic Planning Team that will include the Director of Health and other team members selected by the Board.
- The contractor will conduct one half day facilitated retreat with the full board to provide direction to the Strategic Planning Team on what board members collectively see as the key strategic challenges over the next three to five years that need to be addressed in the board’s strategy.
- The contractor will conduct one half day facilitated retreat with EHHD staff to provide staff perspectives on the current systems and challenges.
- In coordination with the Strategic Planning Team and assistance from Health District staff, the contractor will update and administer an existing survey that was utilized in past strategic planning cycles to solicit information from the community and customers regarding their perspective on current systems and challenges.
- The contractor will draft an updated strategic plan based on the discussions, and survey results for review and editing by the Strategic Planning Team.
- The Strategic Planning Team will present to the full board for discussion and approval.

TIMELINE

To develop the plan will be a process conducted over a five month period from the projects start.

Late June:	Conduct Board Retreat
Early July:	Conduct Staff Retreat
Late July through August:	Implement community survey
September:	Draft plan submitted to Strategic Planning Team
October:	Proposed plan presented to full Board



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OUTCOME

The outcome of the process will be to provide a clear vision and plan for the future by thinking through the organization's core functions within the context of current and future challenges. A set of goals and key strategies to achieve these goals will be established. **The updated strategic plan will renew a mission and agenda for the EHHD and strategic objectives for fiscal years 2026 to 2030.**

In conducting these core activities, the **contractor's** role will be to:

- facilitate the process of the meetings by ensuring clarity of purpose and direction
- provide technical expertise by asking questions that move the agenda forward
- provide advice on lessons learned in similar work elsewhere
- Produce a draft updated strategic plan which includes measurable objectives and outcomes of the accomplishments of the strategy

The **EHHD** role will be to:

- Provide logistical support including but not limited to setting up meetings and locations, getting out notices, providing food, etc
- Identify a contact person for the contractor
- Assist in the development & administration of various products, including the community survey

Eastern Highlands Strategic Plan 2013 - 2017

MISSION:

Eastern Highlands Health District is committed to enhancing the quality of life in its communities through the prevention of illness, promotion of wellness and protection of our human environment.

VISION:

Healthy people, healthy communities ... healthier future

GOALS:

Goal 1: Improve organizational capacity, governance and maintain financial stability

Goal 2: Enhance delivery of environmental services

Goal 3: Deliver quality programming to meet District's public health needs

Goal 4: Enhance visibility and public awareness of the District

Goal 5: Promote and apply best practices within the District

Goal 1: Improve organizational capacity, governance and maintain financial stability

Objectives:

- Increase Board's attention to governance issues including: Board composition, Board member job description, and committee assignments
- Monitor grants and other revenue sources

Adopted April 18, 2013

- Upgrade the technological infrastructure to improve services and communications
- Analyze feasibility of pursuing PHAB accreditation and pursue if approved
- Research options for expanded office space, relocate if necessary
- Improve staff communications across Health District's programs and services
- Develop and expand partnerships with academic institutions Analyze feasibility of and implement addition of towns to the Health District
- Review and consider revising the staffing model to include recruitment, retention and succession planning
- Conduct Board training to include new Board member orientation and ongoing educational sessions

Goal 2: Enhance delivery of environmental services

Objectives:

- Improve communications within Health District staff and between Health District and towns
- Improve customer service
- Identify and implement staffing and productivity improvements (e.g. use of tablets in the field) to increase mandated inspection rates

Goal 3: Deliver quality programming to meet District's public health needs

Objectives:

- Support improvement of school food programs in the Health District
- Conduct a community health assessment
- Increase advocacy for healthy lifestyles
- Seek additional funding for community health programs

Goal 4: Enhance visibility and public awareness of the District

Objective:

- Draft and implement agency plan to improve agency visibility and public awareness

Goal 5: Promote and apply best practices within the District

Objectives:

Adopted April 18, 2013

- Develop and implement a standard methodology for program evaluation and quality improvement
- Identify and incorporate performance measures
- Be an advocate with legislators and state officials for public health issues

Eastern Highlands Health District
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
December 31, 2023
(with comparative totals for December 31, 2022)

	Adopted Budget <u>2023/24</u>	Amended Budget <u>2023/24</u>	Percent of Adopted Budget		<u>2023</u>
			<u>2024</u>		
Revenues					
Member Town Contributions	\$ 463,210	\$ 463,210	\$ 231,597	50.0%	\$ 232,312
State Grants	207,210	207,210	207,210	100.0%	206,500
Septic Permits	47,880	47,880	27,685	57.8%	31,635
Well Permits	12,090	12,090	7,500	62.0%	8,250
Soil Testing Service	43,050	43,050	20,960	48.7%	16,940
Food Protection Service	83,500	83,500	9,096	10.9%	9,617
B100a Reviews	20,710	20,710	12,390	59.8%	12,915
Septic Plan Reviews	30,280	30,280	16,670	55.1%	19,595
Other Health Services	4,700	4,700	939	20.0%	880
Cosm Insp	5,500	5,500	2,550	46.4%	5,525
Vaccine Adm	8,500	8,500	-	0.0%	-
Appropriation of Fund Balance	49,944	65,319	-	0.0%	-
Total Revenues	<u>976,574</u>	<u>991,949</u>	<u>536,596</u>	<u>54.9%</u>	<u>544,169</u>
Expenditures					
Salaries & Wages	666,723	680,693	287,728	43.2%	309,008
Grant Deductions	(63,088)	(63,088)	(46,647)	73.9%	(48,181)
Benefits	237,875	239,280	78,258	32.9%	106,593
Miscellaneous Benefits	14,130	14,130	3,105	22.0%	5,608
Insurance	15,050	15,050	11,757	78.1%	10,368
Professional & Technical Services	21,845	21,845	17,012	77.9%	19,216
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	2,500	2,500	673	26.9%	1,475
Health Reg*Admin Overhead	33,890	33,890	16,945	50.0%	15,660
Other Purchased Services	31,049	31,049	25,743	82.9%	26,344
Other Supplies	10,000	10,000	2,320	23.2%	2,395
Equipment - Minor	3,600	3,600	2,612	72.5%	2,080
Total Expenditures	<u>973,574</u>	<u>988,949</u>	<u>399,506</u>	<u>41.0%</u>	<u>450,567</u>
Operating Transfers					
Transfer to CNR Fund	3,000	3,000	-	0.0%	125,000
Total Exp & Oper Trans	<u>976,574</u>	<u>991,949</u>	<u>399,506</u>	<u>40.9%</u>	<u>575,567</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	-	-	137,090		(31,398)
Fund Balance, July 1	601,782	601,782	601,782		675,309
Fund Balance plus Cont. Capital, Dec.31	<u>\$ 601,782</u>	<u>\$ 601,782</u>	<u>\$ 738,872</u>		<u>\$ 643,911</u>

Eastern Highlands Health District
Capital Non-Recurring Fund
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023
(with comparative totals for December 31, 2022)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>216,445</u>	\$ <u>231,230</u>
Total Assets	<u>216,445</u>	<u>231,230</u>
 Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance	<u>216,445</u>	<u>231,230</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 216,445</u>	<u>\$ 231,230</u>

Eastern Highlands Health District
General Fund
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023
(with comparative totals for December 31, 2022)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 742,354	\$ 664,965
Accounts Receivable	<u> -</u>	<u> 377</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>742,354</u></u>	<u><u>665,343</u></u>
 Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	<u> 3,482</u>	<u> 21,432</u>
Total Liabilities	<u> 3,482</u>	<u> 21,432</u>
Fund Balance	<u> 738,872</u>	<u> 643,911</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 742,354</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 665,343</u></u>

Eastern Highlands Health District
Capital Non-Recurring Fund
Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
December 31, 2023
(with comparative totals for December 31, 2022)

	2024	2023
Revenues		
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 125,000
Total Revenues	-	125,000
Operating Transfers		
General Fund	-	-
Total Operating Transfers	-	-
Total Rev & Oper Trans	-	125,000
Expenditures		
Professional & Technical Services	-	-
Vehicles	-	23,882
Office Equipment	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	23,882
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	-	101,118
Fund Balance, July 1	216,445	130,112
Fund Balance plus Cont. Capital, Dec.31	\$ 216,445	\$ 231,230



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March 3, 2022

Testimony Regarding Funding for Local Public Health Departments and Districts

To the Distinguished Co-Chairs and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

To meet our statutory mandates and ensure the protection of public health and prevent costly disease and illness, per capita funding for local health agencies needs to be increased. Currently in State statute, district departments (**Sec. 19a-245**) receive \$2.60 per capita and municipal departments receive \$1.93 (**Sec. 19a-202**) to support the work to fulfill Statutory mandates (**Sec. 19a-207**).

We are requesting an increase to \$5.30 per capita recognizing that:

- We have not seen a substantial increase in more than 20 years;
- Per capita funding has not kept pace with inflation;
- Temporary COVID related federal funds helped support the infrastructure we need everyday but these funds are sunseting; and
- We continue to respond to new mandates and public health challenges including mental health, opioid crisis and climate change without support.

Local health agencies are the frontline public health workers that provide a wide range of services to communities including, but not limited to:

- Disease surveillance and follow-up (i.e. TB case management, mosquito- and tick-borne illnesses, infectious diseases)
- Mental and behavioral health and wellness (i.e. Suicide prevention training/response, substance use prevention & response)
- Clinical and social services (i.e., vaccinations, STI testing, WIC)
- Health education and community outreach (i.e., evidence-based programs, chronic disease interventions, First Aid training, community health improvement activities)
- Licensing and Inspections (i.e. food establishments, day cares, public pools, septic systems, salons)
- Investigations (i.e., lead, mold, indoor air quality, drinking water safety, housing, nuisance)
- Emergency preparedness and response (i.e., All Hazards Planning and Response, 24-7 emergency response, community training and readiness, volunteer management)

Underfunded health departments will not have the capacity to protect the towns you live in from the threats of foodborne outbreaks, let alone any emerging infectious diseases. We need you to do your part to increase funding for local health departments.

Respectfully Submitted by the CADH Board of Directors

The Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (CADH) is a nonprofit organization comprised of the Directors of Connecticut's local health departments and districts. Local health directors are the statutory agents of the Commissioner of Public Health and are critical providers of essential public health services at the local level in Connecticut.

Strengthening local public health.



Connecticut Association
of Directors of Health

TO: Members of the Public Health Committee

DATE: March 1, 2024

RE: HB 5290: *AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES*

CADH **strongly opposes** Section 16 (c) in the proposed legislation on the confidentiality of private well water quality laboratory test results.

Withholding information that can safeguard the health of individuals is both unethical and antithetical to the core mission of public health. Transparency in water quality reporting is essential for protecting the well-being of our communities. This information was considered public for decades until the enactment in 10/1/2022 of Public Act 22-58, Section 60. This original legislation appeared to align with efforts to support the real estate lobby in restricting access to critical information from public view, a stance that is incompatible with our commitment to empowering people with information they need to protect themselves from adverse environmental exposures. While the changes to this law proposed in Raised Bill No. 5290 attempt to mitigate these concerns it does not go far enough in correcting this wrong. **This information ought to be freely available to the general public as it has been for decades, not conditionally available to special interested parties as currently proposed.**

Furthermore, the proposed legislation sets a dangerous precedent. What other environmental health conditions on private property may be next? Limiting disclosure of private property information by local health departments related to environmental lead, asbestos-containing materials, or radon in the air could further compromise local health departments efforts in provide essential information to the public.

With respect to the specific language in this proposed legislation, and the above statements notwithstanding, we wish to bring an additional item to the committee's attention.

As currently written, the proposed legislation requires approval from the State Commissioner of Health prior to disclosing information that already falls within the statutory and regulatory responsibilities of local health departments. Local Directors of Public Health, as duly appointed agents of the State Commissioner of Health, have undergone the vetting and approval process by the Department to assure the requisite qualifications to perform our duties, rendering this additional layer of bureaucracy unnecessary, counterproductive; and could restrict the timely release of critical information. Furthermore, this legislation demonstrates a lack of consideration for the administrative burden it places on local public health departments. Establishing a new category of confidential information, and the conditions under which such information can be released imposes an impractical and resource-intensive burden on local health departments that are already strained. It also appears to add additional work for the state health department.

Respectfully Submitted by the CADH Board of Directors.



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March 1, 2024

Testimony regarding R.B. Number 5290, Section 16 (c): Strong Opposition to Proposed Legislation on Confidentiality of Private Well Water Quality Laboratory Test Results

Dear Distinguished Co-Chairs and Members of the Public Health Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important topic.

I am writing on behalf of the Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) to convey our unequivocal opposition to the proposed legislation aimed at placing conditions on the disclosure of private well water quality laboratory test results. This proposed legislation, and recently enacted related legislation, poses significant ethical, practical, and long-term challenges to our public health mission.

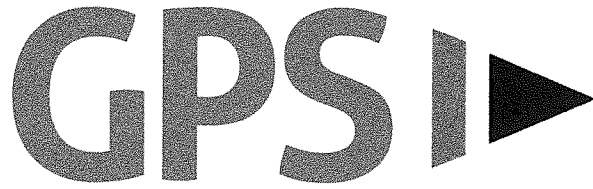
Private well test results were considered public information for decades until the enactment in October 1, 2022 of Public Act 22-58, Section 60. P.A. 22-58 and subsequently proposed changes in R.B. #5290 pose a material restriction on the EHHD's ability to share public health information, and conduct health investigations in timely, effective manner. Approximately 820,000 Connecticut residents (2010 census), and 48,000 EHHD residents are served by private wells. Until the enactment of P.A. 22-58, we routinely conducted investigations on ground water quality concerns, and provided consultations to residents, neighbors and other interested parties regarding test results on private wells. Due to P.A. 22-58 we can no longer provide these basic local public health services in an effective manner. The changes to this law proposed in R.B. #5290 does not go far enough in correcting this wrong. Placing conditions on the release of this information is incompatible with our commitment to empowering people with information they need to protect themselves from adverse environmental exposures. **Furthermore, withholding or limiting information that can safeguard the health of individuals is both unethical, and antithetical to the core mission of public health. This data and information should be freely available to the general public.**

Finally, this legislation demonstrates a lack of consideration for the administrative burden it places on the EHHD and other local health departments. Establishing a new category of confidential information required local health departments to establish a new data management system to manage confidential data. Because state record retention regulations require that private well information be retained indefinitely, local health will be forever managing this data. R.B. # 5290 proposes conditions under which such information can be release. This further amplifies the administrative, and resource-intensive burden on an already strained local health department.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter, and we appreciate your commitment to the health and well-being of our state's residents.

Respectfully,

Robert Miller, MPH, RS
Director of Health



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CADH - HIGH 11 Bills

SB199 - An Act Requiring Online Prevention Education For Electronic Nicotine Delivery System Dealer Registration.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. John A. Kissel (R);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Electronic nicotine delivery systems; Mental health and addiction services, department of;

Summary: To require the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish and administer, and the authorized owner of an applicant for an electronic nicotine delivery system dealer registration to successfully complete, an online prevention education program.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 12:00PM - GENERAL LAW

03/12/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/14/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/19/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/26/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/26/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/26/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 101

03/26/2024 FILE NO. 114

Priority: CADH - High

SB222 - An Act Concerning Changes To The Paid Family And Medical Leave Statutes.

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. David T. Wilson (R); Rep. Maryam Khan (D); Rep. Kate Farrar (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Employees; Employers; Fraud; Paid family and medical leave program; Self-employment;

Summary: To (1) amend the provisions of the paid family and medical leave statutes relating to employer requirements, federally recognized tribes, concurrent payments, overpayments and penalties, and (2) make other minor and technical changes to the paid family and

medical leave statutes.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
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03/15/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/21/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/21/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/21/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 75
03/21/2024 FILE NO. 75

Priority: CADH - High

SB227 - An Act Concerning Municipal Internet Web Sites.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. MD Rahman (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Internet; Municipalities;

Summary: To require each municipality to register and maintain a ".gov" top-level Internet domain.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
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04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/02/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 140
04/02/2024 FILE NO. 196

Priority: CADH - High

SB274 - An Act Concerning Opioids.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D);

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Alcohol and drug policy council; Drug abuse treatment; Drugs; Health insurance; Medicaid;

Summary: To require (1) the Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Policy Council to establish a standing subcommittee to examine programs and services for parents and caregivers impacted by substance use disorder and their children and make recommendations regarding such programs and services, and (2) the Commissioner of Social Services and the Insurance Commissioner to develop a plan to require Medicaid and private insurance coverage for opioid antagonists for certain hospital and emergency department patients.

Complete 02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
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03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/25/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 82
03/25/2024 FILE NO. 93

Priority: CADH - High

SB337 - An Act Concerning Street Takeovers And The Illegal Use Of Certain Vehicles.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Tony Hwang (R); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Michael DiGiovancarlo (D); Rep. Michael D. Quinn (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Greg Howard (R); Sen. Henri Martin (R); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Rep. John-Michael Parker (D); Sen. Paul Cicarella (R); Rep. Brian Lanoue (R); Rep. Kara Rochelle (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: All-terrain vehicles; Fines (penalties); Highways; Misconduct with a motor vehicle; Motor vehicle operator license suspension; Municipalities; Ordinances; Pocket bikes; State grants to municipalities;

Summary: To (1) revise provisions regarding forfeiture of certain illegally used vehicles, (2) authorize municipalities to adopt an ordinance related to street takeovers, (3) establish penalties for driving while a person's license is suspended or revoked due to a violation related to a street takeover, and (4) establish a grant program to provide funds to municipalities to enforce laws related to street

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03/27/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/03/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 162
04/03/2024 FILE NO. 216

Priority: CADH - High

SB340 - An Act Concerning Tobacco Dealer Licenses.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Ronald A. Napoli, Jr. (D); Rep. Greg Howard (R);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Summary: To (1) permit municipalities to adopt an ordinance requiring a person applying for renewal of a tobacco dealer's license to inform the chief law enforcement official, or such official's designee, of the application, (2) permit such chief or designee to submit comments regarding the application, and (3) require the Commissioner of Revenue Services to consider such comments prior to approving such an application.

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04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 164
04/03/2024 FILE NO. 218

Priority: CADH - High

SB343 - An Act Concerning Membership Of The Codes And Standards Committee And Battery-Charged Security Fences.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Summary: To (1) expand membership of the Codes and Standards Committee; (2) require revisions of the State Building Code within twenty-four, instead of eighteen, months of publication of revisions to the model code; (3) establish certain factors for consideration in adopting amendments to the State Building Code; (4) add a requirement for the fiscal note that must be completed for a proposed regulation; (5) require certain amendments to the State Building Code and Fire Safety Code related to residential occupancies served by a single exit stairway, construction of three-unit and four-unit residential buildings and gas detectors; (6) make various changes related to barriers around swimming pools; (7) impose certain requirements related to battery-charged security fences; and (8) prohibit parking electric vehicles in parking garages.

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04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 167
04/03/2024 FILE NO. 221

Priority: CADH - High

HB5236 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Consumer Protection's Recommendations Regarding Consumer Protection And Professional Licensing, Certification, Permitting And Registration.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Advertising; Appraisal management companies; Coal; Consumer contracts; Drinking water; Electronic pricing systems; Feed; Firewood; Health clubs; Home improvement contractors; Home improvement guaranty fund; Landscape architects; Mobile homes and mobile home parks; Packaging; Petroleum products; Professional licenses; Real estate appraisers; Refunds; Retail trade; Universal product coding; Weights and measures;

Summary: To: (1) Implement the Department of Consumer Protection's recommendations concerning (A) landscape architects, (B) home improvement contractors and salespersons, (C) the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund, (D) appraisal management companies, (E) mobile manufactured home parks, (F) applications for licenses, permits, certificates and registrations and payments for

outstanding fees, (G) sales of consumer commodities, (H) the Uniform Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, (I) health clubs, contracts for health club services and the Connecticut Health Club Guaranty Fund, (J) well water, (K) unfair trade practices, (L) refund and exchange policies and practices, and (M) public weighmasters; (2) repeal various provisions concerning manufacturing, mixing, compounding, selling and offering for sale flour, white bread, rolls, corn meal, corn grits, macaroni and rice; and (3) make minor, technical and conforming changes to various statutes concerning (A) consumer protection, and (B) professional licensing, certification, permitting and registration.

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03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **99**
03/25/2024 FILE NO. **103**
04/02/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON BANKING

Priority: CADH - High

HB5290 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Ambulances; Anesthesia; Aquifers; Asbestos; Birth certificates; Cremation; Crematories; Dentists; Emergency medical technicians; Epinephrine; Grocery stores; Health care providers; Licenses; Medicine; Municipal health directors; Permits; Planning and zoning commissions; Public health, department of; Registrars of vital statistics; Sanitarians; School health services; Subsurface sewage disposal systems; Water companies; Water treatment facilities; Wells;

Summary: To implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding various revisions to the public health statutes.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History: 02/26/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/1/24 1:00PM - PUBLIC HEALTH
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03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

Priority: CADH - High

HB5317 - An Act Requiring A Study Concerning The Funding For And Effectiveness Of The Community Gun Violence Intervention And Prevention Program.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D);

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Crime prevention; Firearms; Policy and management, office of; Public health, department of; Revenue services, department of; Studies; Violence;

Summary: To require a study concerning the funding for and effectiveness of the community gun violence intervention and prevention program.

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03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **103**
03/25/2024 FILE NO. **107**

Priority: CADH - High

HB5488 - An Act Concerning Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/11/2024

Summary: To make various revisions to the public health statutes.

Complete 03/12/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

Priority: CADH - High

NO PRIORITY 98 Bills

SB1 - An Act Concerning The Health And Safety Of Connecticut Residents.

Introducers: Public Health Committee; Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Joan V. Hartley (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. Catherine A. Osten (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Joan V. Hartley (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. Catherine A. Osten (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D); Rep. Hubert Delany (D); Rep. Susan M. Johnson (D); Rep. Moira Rader (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D); Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D);

Intro Date: 3/11/2024

Categories: Mental health; Mental illness;

Summary: To improve the health and safety of Connecticut residents.

Complete 02/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/16/2024 Vote to Draft

03/11/2024 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

03/12/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable

03/21/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

SB7 - An Act Concerning Connecticut Paid Sick Days.

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee; Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Kai J. Belton (D); Rep. Hubert Delany (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Sick leave;

Summary: To support paid sick days.

Complete 02/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

History: 02/08/2024 Vote to Draft

02/14/2024 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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03/21/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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SB9 - An Act Promoting Hospital Financial Stability.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Hospital costs; Public health, department of;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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SB10 - An Act Authorizing And Adjusting Bonds Of The State.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Governor's bills; State bond commission; State bonds, generally; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/22/24 CANCELLED - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

03/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/28/24 11:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

04/03/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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SB11 - An Act Concerning Connecticut Resiliency Planning And Providing Municipal Options For Climate Resilience.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Cosponsors: Sen. Martha Marx (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. Jennifer Leeper (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Jillian Gilchrist (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Rep. Amy Morrin Bello (D); Rep. Patricia A. Dillon (D); Rep. Richard A. Smith (R);

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Administrative services, department of; Charter oak open space grant program; Civil preparedness; Climate change; Conservation easements; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Governor's bills; Greenways; Heritage areas; Insurance department; Municipal plans of conservation and development; Municipalities; Natural heritage, open space and watershed land acquisition review board; Protected open space and watershed land acquisition grant program; Public health, department of; Public utilities regulatory authority; State building code; State building inspector; State fire safety code; Water planning council; Water supply; Zoning;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

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03/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/02/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 134

04/02/2024 FILE NO. 198

SB12 - An Act Modernizing The Paid Sick Days Statutes.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Employees; Employers; Governor's bills; Labor department; Service workers; Sick leave; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/22/24 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

03/21/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/02/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

SB16 - An Act Concerning Revenue Items To Implement The Governor's Budget.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Advanced practice nurses; Biomedical research trust fund; Child day care; Comptroller; Federal income tax; General fund; Governor's bills; Housing, department of; Municipal revenue sharing fund; Municipalities; Nurses; Policy and management, office of; Property tax on motor vehicles; Public health, department of; Revenue sharing; Second injury fund; Special transportation fund; State aid programs; State board of education; State budget; State grants in lieu of taxes; State treasurer; Tobacco and health trust fund; Tobacco settlement fund;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/22/24 CANCELLED - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

03/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/28/24 11:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

SB74 - An Act Eliminating Application Review Fees And Capping Licensure Fees For Health Care Professionals Licensed By The Department Of Public Health.

Introducers: Sen. Ryan Fazio (R); Sen. Heather S. Somers (R); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Rep. Holly H. Cheeseman (R); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D)
Intro Date: 2/13/2024
Categories: Fees; Professional licenses; Public health, department of;
Summary: To eliminate application review fees and set a maximum fee of two hundred dollars for the fee for licensure of health care professionals by the Department of Public Health.
Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
History: 02/21/2024 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing
03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 10:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

SB137 - An Act Concerning Gas, Electric, Sewer And Water Delivery Work.

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee
Intro Date: 2/14/2024
Categories: Apprentices; Contractors; Employees; Labor department; Prevailing wages; Public utilities;
Summary: To require any contractor that enters into a contract for a public utility project to offer apprenticeship or preapprenticeship training programs and pay prevailing wage rates.
Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/22/24 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
03/19/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

SB140 - An Act Concerning The Sale And Use Of Consumer Fireworks.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee
Cosponsors: Rep. Kurt Vail (R); Rep. Mark W. Anderson (R);
Intro Date: 2/14/2024
Categories: Emergency services and public protection, department of; Fireworks; Licenses; Sales;
Summary: To expand the sale and use of consumer fireworks in the state.
Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/20/24 12:30PM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
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03/14/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 55
03/14/2024 FILE NO. 29

SB141 - An Act Concerning The Expansion Of The Crisis Initiative Pilot Program Throughout The State.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee
Cosponsors: Rep. Greg Howard (R); Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R); Rep. Brian Lanoue (R); Rep. Vincent J. Candelora (R); Rep. Devin R. Carney (R); Rep. Tom O'Dea (R); Rep. Jason Perillo (R); Rep. Tami Zawistowski (R); Rep. Lezlye Zupkus (R); Rep. Mark DeCaprio (R); Rep. Christopher Poulos (D); Rep. Jill Barry (D); Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Rep. Fred Gee, Jr. (D); Rep. Rick L. Hayes (R); Rep. Jaime Foster (D);
Intro Date: 2/14/2024
Categories: Mental health; Police training; State police;
Summary: To require the Division of State Police to expand the CRISIS Initiative pilot program to all areas of the state.
Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
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03/13/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 39
03/13/2024 FILE NO. 14

SB145 - An Act Appropriating Funds For The Homeless Response System.

Introducers: Housing Committee
Cosponsors: Rep. David Michel (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Kai J. Belton (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D); Rep. Maryam Khan (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Housing for the homeless; Housing, department of; Mental health and addiction services, department of; Reports;

Summary: To (1) appropriate funds for certain homelessness and housing programs, and (2) require the Commissioners of Housing and Mental Health and Addiction Services to submit a report on the expenditure of such funds.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HOUSING

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/20/24 11:00AM - HOUSING

02/29/2024 Joint Favorable Change of Reference APPROPRIATIONS

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03/05/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/06/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

03/06/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

SB149 - An Act Concerning Foreclosure, Assignment And Other Enforcement Actions For Unpaid Sewer Assessments And Other Fees And Charges.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Antonio Felipe (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Delinquent taxes; Foreclosure; Public utilities; Sewer assessments; Tax collection; Tax liens;

Summary: To prohibit foreclosure, assignment and other enforcement actions for unpaid sewer assessment and other fees and charges in the case of owner-occupied real property for which the principal of such unpaid assessments, fees and charges is less than four thousand dollars.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/21/24 1:30PM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/01/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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03/11/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/18/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 59

03/18/2024 FILE NO. 39

SB175 - An Act Concerning Funds For The Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Introducers: Public Health Committee; Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Advisory bodies; Diseases; General fund;

Summary: To fund operations of the Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/23/2024 Vote to Draft

02/27/2024 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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03/13/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

03/13/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

SB176 - An Act Requiring A Plan To Establish A Hospice And Palliative Care Program For Children.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R);

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Children; Hospice services; Public health, department of;

Summary: To require the Department of Public Health to develop a plan to establish a hospice program for children in the state.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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03/13/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/13/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 41
03/13/2024 FILE NO. 16

SB178 - An Act Requiring The Education And Training Of Barbers, Hairdressers And Cosmeticians To Include Working With Textured Hair.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Rep. Fred Gee, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Barbers; Hairdressers and cosmeticians; Occupational training;

Summary: To require the education and training of barbers, hairdressers and cosmeticians to include working with textured hair.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/04/2024 Joint Favorable

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03/12/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/12/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/12/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 29

03/12/2024 FILE NO. 10

SB181 - An Act Concerning Emergency Department Crowding.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R);

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Hospital emergency rooms; Public health, department of;

Summary: To require the Commissioner of Public Health to report data regarding emergency department crowding.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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03/13/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/13/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/13/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 44

03/13/2024 FILE NO. 19

SJ193 - Resolution Proposing An Amendment To The State Constitution Regarding Environmental Rights.

Introducers: Government Administration and Elections Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 11:00AM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

03/26/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/27/2024 FILED WITH LCO

SB196 - An Act Concerning The Harvesting Of Rabbits For The Local Food Supply.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Livestock;

Summary: To provide authority for the inspection and processing of rabbits in the state for the purpose of supplying local restaurants and consumers.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable

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04/04/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/04/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/04/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 173

04/04/2024 FILE NO. 247

SB207 - An Act Concerning Housing Authority Jurisdiction.

Introducers: Housing Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Maryam Khan (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Congregate housing for the elderly; Elderly persons; Eminent domain; Fair housing choice; Families; Housing authorities; Housing for the elderly; Housing partnership program; Housing projects; Housing, department of; Low and moderate income housing; Municipal developers of housing; Municipalities; Personal property; Special police;

Summary: To allow a housing authority to expand its jurisdiction to include other municipalities.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HOUSING

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 11:00AM - HOUSING

02/29/2024 Joint Favorable

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03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/18/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 60

03/18/2024 FILE NO. 40

SB209 - An Act Concerning Nonresident Landlord Registration And increasing Penalties For Repeat Building And Fire Code Violations.

Introducers: Housing Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Maryam Khan (D); Rep. David Michel (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Fines (penalties); Fire marshals; Landlord and tenant; State building code; State fire marshal; State fire prevention code; State fire safety code; Violations;

Summary: To (1) require certain nonresident landlords, project-based housing providers or agents in charge of rental properties to register certain personal identifying information, and (2) to increase penalties for repeat violations of building and fire codes.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HOUSING

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 11:00AM - HOUSING

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03/28/2024 Joint Favorable

04/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO

SB215 - An Act Concerning Youth Camps.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Cosponsors: Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Early childhood, office of; Licenses; Public safety; Youth camps;

Summary: To impose requirements on how youth camps are inspected, to establish the Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council within the Office of Early Childhood, to require youth camps to submit annual reports and to permit the denial of a youth camp license if the applicant has had a license for a youth camp revoked in another state.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 10:00AM - CHILDREN

03/12/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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03/21/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/27/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/27/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/27/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 112

03/27/2024 FILE NO. 136

SB217 - An Act Concerning A Universal Patient Intake Form For Recipients Of Behavioral Health Services For Children.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Behavioral health services; Children; Health care providers;

Summary: To require providers of behavioral health services for children to utilize a universal patient intake form.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN
History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 10:00AM - CHILDREN
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03/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/18/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 61
03/18/2024 FILE NO. 47

SB224 - An Act Requiring Notice Of Revaluation To Certain Owners Of Residential Buildings With Defective Concrete Foundations.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee
Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Tom Delnicki (R);
Intro Date: 2/21/2024
Categories: Municipal taxation; Property tax assessors; Real estate; Valuation and revaluation;
Summary: To require municipal assessors to notify owners of residential buildings that have been reassessed due to defective concrete foundations of upcoming revaluation cycles, and make technical changes.
Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
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03/25/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/02/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/02/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 137
04/02/2024 FILE NO. 185

SB226 - An Act Increasing The Threshold For Sealed Bidding On Certain Municipal Contracts.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee
Intro Date: 2/21/2024
Categories: Bids and bidding; Municipal contracts; Ordinances;
Summary: To increase the threshold for sealed bidding on municipal contracts for the purchase of real and personal property from twenty-five thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars.
Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
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04/02/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/02/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 139
04/02/2024 FILE NO. 181

SB255 - An Act Concerning The Adoption Of Municipal Conflict Of Interest Provisions.

Introducers: Government Administration and Elections Committee
Intro Date: 2/27/2024
Categories: Ethics; Municipalities; State ethics, office of;
Summary: To require municipalities that do not have an adopted conflict of interest provision to adopt such a provision and all municipalities to submit a copy of such provision to the Office of State Ethics and post such provision on their Internet web site.
Complete 02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
History: 02/29/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/4/24 1:30PM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

SB287 - An Act Concerning Indoor Air Quality In Schools.

Introducers: Education Committee
Cosponsors: Rep. Jennifer Leeper (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D);
Intro Date: 2/28/2024
Categories: Air conditioning; Boards of education; Heating; Indoor air pollution; Reports; Schools; Ventilation;

Summary: To (1) extend the reporting date of the indoor air quality within school buildings task force; (2) allow the cost of performing the uniform inspection and evaluation of HVAC systems to be a reimbursable cost under the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system grant program; and (3) provide boards of education flexibility when it comes to performing such uniform inspection and evaluations.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON EDUCATION

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 12:00PM - EDUCATION
03/18/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/19/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/26/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/03/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 159
04/03/2024 FILE NO. 213

SB289 - An Act Concerning The Authority Of The Departments Of Energy And Environmental Protection And Transportation Over Vegetation Management.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Arborists and arboriculture; Certificates and certification; Commissions; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Highways; Plants; Reports; State parks; Trees;

Summary: To establish a commission to have authority over vegetation management in state parks and to require certain certificates for the use of tree and vegetation removal machinery and equipment along state highways.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/15/24 12:00PM - ENVIRONMENT
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable
03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

SB290 - An Act Concerning Minor Revisions To Environment Related Statutes.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Beverage containers; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Fees; Hydroelectric power;

Summary: To make minor revisions to environment-related statutes.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT
03/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
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03/28/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/28/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/28/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 128
03/28/2024 FILE NO. 163

SB292 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Pfas In Certain Products.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Agricultural liming materials; Chlorofluorocarbons; Fertilizers; High technology; Labeling; Pesticides;

Summary: To prohibit the use of PFAS in certain products.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

SB293 - An Act Concerning Municipal Solid Waste Management.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Motor vehicle weight; Solid waste assessments; Trucks;

Summary: To require a waste characterization study and needs assessment and increase certain transportation weight limits for vehicles hauling solid waste.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/15/24 12:00PM - ENVIRONMENT
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable
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SB333 - An Act Concerning Local Charter Revisions.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Eminent domain; Municipal charters; Municipal property; Planning and zoning commissions;

Summary: To remove prohibitions against a municipality modifying certain local charter provisions pertaining to (1) planning and zoning commissions, (2) the process of eminent domain, and (3) the disposition of municipal property.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
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SB338 - An Act Expanding The Eligibility For Grants To Remove Pfas From Fire Apparatus.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Tammy R. Exum (D); Rep. Greg Howard (R);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Summary: To make independent fire companies and state entities eligible for grants to remove PFAS from fire apparatus and also allow grants to provide reimbursement for removals of PFAS that occurred prior to July 1, 2023.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/7/24 10:30AM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
03/12/2024 Joint Favorable
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03/21/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/27/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/27/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/27/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 115
03/27/2024 FILE NO. 139

SB342 - An Act Concerning The Confidentiality Of Communications Between Peer Support Team Members And Department Of Correction Officers.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Rep. Kurt Vail (R); Rep. Michael DiGiovancarlo (D); Rep. Michael D. Quinn (D); Rep. Greg Howard (R);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Summary: To provide confidentiality for communications between peer support team members and Department of Correction officers.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/7/24 10:30AM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
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04/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 166
04/03/2024 FILE NO. 220

SB348 - An Act Eliminating Service In Time Of War As An Eligibility Criterion For Certain State And Municipal Veterans' Benefits.

Introducers: Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Christopher Poulos (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Summary: To eliminate service in time of war as an eligibility criterion for certain state and municipal veterans' benefits.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/7/24 1:00PM - VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
03/14/2024 Joint Favorable Change of Reference FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
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03/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/18/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 62
03/18/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
03/18/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
SB370 - An Act Concerning Peer-Run Respite Centers For Persons Experiencing A Mental Health Crisis.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Summary: To require the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish peer-run respite centers.

Complete 03/06/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable
03/21/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

SB381 - An Act Concerning The Teaching Profession And Revisions To The Mandated Reporter Requirements.

Introducers: Education Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To (1) establish a minimum starting annual salary for teacher; (2) provide a state subsidy to school districts to cover the cost of implementing the new minimum starting salary for teachers; (3) provide COVID-19 recognition payments to teachers who were providing instruction during the pandemic; (4) include a certified teacher on the Governor's Workforce Council; (5) amend the charge of the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards; (6) make revisions to the process by which retired teachers are elected to the Teachers' Retirement Board; (7) add a just cause standard and require a neutral hearing officer in teacher contract termination hearings; (8) require a single arbitrator for arbitration hearings; and (9) provide teachers with some discretion in their responsibility as mandated reporters.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON EDUCATION

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 12:00PM - EDUCATION
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03/25/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
04/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

SB397 - An Act Expanding Medicaid Coverage Of School-Based Health Care.

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To require the Commissioner of Social Services to seek federal approval to expand Medicaid coverage to all students in schools with a high percentage of students from low-income households and to establish an interagency coalition to maximize Medicaid funding of school health services.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/14/24 11:00AM - HUMAN SERVICES
03/19/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
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04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

SB415 - An Act Concerning Municipal Agencies.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To make technical changes to provisions concerning filing deadlines for certain appeals to the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

SB417 - An Act Concerning Planning And Development.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To clarify certain publication requirements of actions or decisions of a planning commission.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

SB420 - An Act Concerning Illegally Passing A School Bus.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Fred Gee, Jr. (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To authorize municipalities to adopt an ordinance regarding illegally passing a school bus.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/12/24 1:30PM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
03/19/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
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04/04/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/04/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 191
04/04/2024 FILE NO. 265

SB423 - An Act Improving Highway Safety By Prohibiting Driving While Ability Impaired And Studying Methods To Detect Cannabis-Impaired Driving.

Introducers: Transportation Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle while having a blood alcohol content that is five-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, but less than eight-hundredths of one per cent of alcohol, by weight.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - TRANSPORTATION
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04/04/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/04/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 193
04/04/2024 FILE NO. 267

SB424 - An Act Reducing The Blood Alcohol Limits For Impaired Driving And Boating And Studying Methods To Detect Cannabis-Impaired Driving.

Introducers: Transportation Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To lower the blood alcohol content for driving and boating under the influence from eight-hundredths to five-hundredths of one per cent of alcohol, by weight.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - TRANSPORTATION
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04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 170
04/03/2024 FILE NO. 224

SB435 - An Act Concerning Government Administration, Including Designation Of Farm Land, Provision Of Reproductive And Gender-Affirming Health Care Services To Patients Located Out Of State And Revisions To The Connecticut Entity Transactions Act.

Introducers: Government Administration and Elections Committee

Intro Date: 3/12/2024

Summary: To provide the approval of an operation as farm land or open space land by the Commissioner of Agriculture as prima facie evidence of such designation, to add reference to reproductive and gender-affirming health care services being provided to out-of-state patients and to make revisions to the Connecticut Entity Transactions Act.

Complete 03/13/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:30AM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
SB440 - An Act Concerning Certificates Of Need.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/12/2024

Summary: To make various revisions to the certificate of need process.

Complete 03/13/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/21/2024 Joint Favorable
03/21/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

SB444 - An Act Concerning The Modification Of Sentences For Cannabis-Related Offenses.

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Intro Date: 3/13/2024

Summary: To provide for a specific process for sentence modification in the case of cannabis-related offenses.

Complete 03/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/20/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY
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SB445 - An Act Concerning A Jobs Program For Youth Impacted By The Juvenile Justice System. A Review Of Probation Violations, State-Wide Expansion Of Truancy Clinics And Permitting Peace Officers To Stop A Motor Vehicle Solely Because The Driver Or A Passenger Is Using Cannabis.

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Intro Date: 3/13/2024

Summary: To establish a jobs program for youth impacted by the juvenile justice system, require a review of and report concerning probation violations, require and fund a state-wide expansion of the truancy clinic program and permit a peace officer to stop a motor vehicle solely because the driver or a passenger is using cannabis.

Complete 03/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/20/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY
03/26/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
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HB5003 - An Act Concerning Child And Family Nutrition.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/11/2024

Summary: To ensure that children and families have increased access to all available nutrition programs in the state.

Complete 03/12/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable
03/21/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5004 - An Act Concerning The Implementation Of Certain Climate Change Measures.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Clean energy; Climate change; Connecticut green bank; Dockets; Electric distribution companies; Electric storage batteries; Electric vehicles; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Global warming; Green jobs; Green technology; Greenhouse gases; Municipal plans of conservation and development; Natural gas; Public utilities regulatory authority; Renewable energy sources; Reports; Weatherization;

Summary: To implement certain measures relating to climate change including advancing and implementing the state's goals for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the phasing out of the use of natural gas, investment in renewable energy and green economy startup businesses, incentivizing sustainable purchasing by local governments and the enhancement of nature-based solutions to mitigate climate change.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5005 - An Act Studying Paid Sick Days.

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Labor department; Sick leave; Studies;

Summary: To require the Labor Commissioner to study the state's paid sick day statutes.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/5/24 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

03/21/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/02/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5046 - An Act Promoting Nursing Home Resident Quality Of Life.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Rep. Jane M. Garibay (D);

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Governor's bills; Nursing home patients; Nursing homes; Public health, department of;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGING

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 10:00AM - AGING

03/12/2024 Joint Favorable

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03/27/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/27/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 121

03/27/2024 FILE NO. 146

04/02/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

HB5047 - An Act Implementing The Governor's Recommendations For General Government.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Governor's bills; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/15/24 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS

04/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

HB5048 - An Act Adjusting The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2025.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Governor's bills; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History: 02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/20/24 5:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/23/24 4:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/21/24 2:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 2:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/13/24 3:30PM - APPROPRIATIONS

02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING

02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/16/24 5:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

HB5049 - An Act Making Deficiency Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Deficiency appropriations; Governor's bills; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
History: 03/12/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/22/24 1:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS
04/04/2024 Joint Favorable
HB5053 - An Act Concerning The Governor's Budget Recommendations For Health And Human Services.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Administrative services, department of; Emergency medical services; Governor's bills; Public health, department of; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations concerning public health and human services.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/5/24 11:00AM - HUMAN SERVICES
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03/22/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
04/04/2024 Joint Favorable

HB5056 - An Act Facilitating The Expansion Of Shared Municipal Services.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Governor's bills; Municipal employees; Municipal services; Municipalities; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/21/24 1:30PM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
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HB5058 - An Act Adopting The Nurse Licensure Compact.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Cosponsors: Rep. Mary Welander (D); Sen. Heather S. Somers (R); Rep. Jaime Foster (D); Rep. Tami Zawistowski (R); Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R);

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Governor's bills; Nurses; Professional licenses; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
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03/26/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/26/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 108
03/26/2024 FILE NO. 122

HB5113 - An Act Increasing The Highest Marginal Rate Of The Personal Income Tax And Establishing A Capital Gains Surcharge To Provide Funding For Certain Child-Related, Municipal And Higher Education Initiatives.

Introducers: Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Tom Arnone (D); Rep. Kevin Brown (D); Rep. Juan R. Candelaria (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D); Rep. Mike Demicco (D); Rep. Keith Denning (D); Rep. Jason Doucette (D); Rep. Kate Farrar (D); Rep. Antonio Felipe (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. Susan M. Johnson (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Rep. Roland J. Lemar (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Robert Sanchez (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Capital gains and dividends tax; Income tax (state); Institutions of higher education; Municipalities; Tax credits;

Summary: To increase certain personal income tax marginal rates and establish a capital gains surcharge to provide funding for a child tax credit, a mill rate cap and municipal reimbursements for such cap and support of certain higher education programs and institutions.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History: 02/21/2024 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing
03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 10:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

HB5129 - An Act Concerning Substance-Free Housing On College Campuses.

Introducers: Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Rep. Devin R. Carney (R); Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R); Rep. Holly H. Cheeseman (R); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Institutions of higher education; Student housing;

Summary: To require institutions of higher education to provide options for substance-free housing on campus.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

History: 02/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING
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03/14/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/14/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 53
03/14/2024 FILE NO. 32

HB5149 - An Act Concerning Cafe And Package Store Permittees.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Beer; Liquor sales; Manufacturing establishments; Package stores; Sales;

Summary: To allow (1) beer manufacturer permittees to sell and deliver kegs of beer at locations in this state that are within a five-mile radius of their permit premises, (2) package store permittees to provide fee-based spirits tastings, and (3) Connecticut craft cafe permittees to sell additional alcoholic beverages manufactured in this state.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

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03/21/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/21/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 79
03/21/2024 FILE NO. 76

HB5150 - An Act Concerning Cannabis And Hemp Regulation.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Travis Simms (D); Rep. Holly H. Cheeseman (R); Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Advertising; Hemp; Manufacturing establishments; Marijuana; Packaging; Retail trade; Unfair or deceptive trade practices;

Summary: To: (1) Redefine "high-THC hemp product" and "disproportionately impacted area"; (2) enable certain social equity applicants to engage in additional cultivation activities and apply for additional licenses; (3) modify certain common ownership requirements concerning equity joint ventures; (4) enable product packagers to expand their authorized activities; (5) limit the licensing period for certain provisional cultivator licenses; (6) modify requirements concerning the location of cultivation facilities; (7) authorize micro-cultivators to sell cannabis seedlings; (8) authorize hybrid retailers to provide access to pharmacists through telehealth; (9) establish additional requirements concerning dispensary facility and hybrid retailer relocations; (10) alter certain requirements applicable to packaging containing (A) multiple servings of cannabis, or (B) manufacturer hemp products; (11) provide that no cannabis establishment shall engage in certain advertising; and (12) make various minor, technical and conforming changes to statutes concerning cannabis and hemp regulation.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/22/24 1:30PM - GENERAL LAW
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04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/02/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 152
04/02/2024 FILE NO. 199

HB5169 - An Act Concerning The Requirement To Install Swimming Pool Barriers.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Travis Simms (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Public safety; Swimming pools;

Summary: To prohibit the issuance of a building permit for the construction or substantial alteration of a swimming pool unless certain barriers are included in the construction plan.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/21/24 1:30PM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/01/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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03/19/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/19/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/19/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 65

03/19/2024 FILE NO. 50

HB5177 - An Act Concerning The Sale And Use Of Certain Nonaerial And Nonexplosive Consumer Fireworks.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Travis Simms (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Emergency services and public protection, department of; Fireworks; Sales;

Summary: To authorize the sale and use by consumers of certain nonaerial and nonexplosive consumer fireworks.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/20/24 12:30PM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

02/29/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/18/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 61

03/18/2024 FILE NO. 45

HB5197 - An Act Concerning Social Workers.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Travis Simms (D); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D);

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Interstate compacts; Occupational licenses; Social workers;

Summary: To adopt the social work licensure compact.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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03/13/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/13/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 50

03/13/2024 FILE NO. 26

HB5198 - An Act Concerning Telehealth.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Travis Simms (D); Rep. Liz Linehan (D); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R); Rep. Jaime Foster (D);

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Health care providers; Telemedicine;

Summary: To extend telehealth provisions adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic until June 30, 2027.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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03/26/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/26/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 110

03/26/2024 FILE NO. 124

HB5201 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Funds In The Tobacco Settlement Fund.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R); Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D); Rep. Aimee Berger-Girvalo (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Moira Rader (D); Rep. Mike Demicco (D); Sen. Tony Hwang (R); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Kathy Kennedy (R); Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Rep. John E. Piscopo (R);

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Tobacco settlement fund;

Summary: To require funding of tobacco control programs to prevent and reduce tobacco use at the amount recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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03/05/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

03/07/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

HB5217 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Certain Rodenticides.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Aundre Bumgardner (D); Rep. Joseph P. Gresko (D); Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D); Rep. Lucy Dathan (D); Rep. Richard A. Smith (R); Rep. Robert Sanchez (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Devin R. Carney (R); Rep. Patricia A. Dillon (D); Rep. Hector Arzeno (D); Rep. Gerald C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Rep. Moira Rader (D); Rep. Maria P. Horn (D); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Pesticides; Rodents;

Summary: To restrict the use and sale of second-generation rodenticides in order to protect the health of hawks and other raptors.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

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03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 94

03/25/2024 FILE NO. 98

04/02/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

HB5219 - An Act Concerning Standards For The Spraying Of Herbicides Along Railroad Right-Of-Ways.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Maria P. Horn (D); Rep. Gerald C. Reyes, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Herbicides; Railroad rights of way;

Summary: To require railroad company vegetation management plans to be consistent with the requirements for such plans in the state of Massachusetts.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

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03/28/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 143

03/28/2024 FILE NO. 169

04/03/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

HB5225 - An Act Concerning The Recommendations Of The Invasive Plants Council.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Joseph P. Gresko (D); Rep. Aundre Bumgardner (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Invasive species; Plants;

Summary: To implement the recent recommendations of the Invasive Plants Council by prohibiting the sale and cultivation of certain plants determined to be invasive or potentially invasive.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

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03/21/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/21/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 87

03/21/2024 FILE NO. 84

HB5230 - An Act Concerning Smoke Detectors In The Solid Waste Stream.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Smoke detectors;

Summary: To require the installation of certain types of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in single-family homes.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5235 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Consumer Protection's Recommendations Regarding Cannabis Regulation.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Consumer protection department; Controlled substances; Hemp; Labeling; Marijuana; Packaging; Sales;

Summary: To: (1) Redefine "marijuana", "manufactured cannabinoid" and "synthetic cannabinoid" for the purposes of various statutes concerning cannabis regulation; (2) require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to designate any synthetic cannabinoid as a schedule I controlled substance; (3) provide that (A) cannabis shall not contain any synthetic cannabinoid, and (B) no cannabis establishment may sell any synthetic cannabinoid; (4) modify certain provisions that prohibit members of the Social Equity Council and certain employees of the council or the Department of Consumer Protection from holding certain interests in, or receiving certain moneys from, certain cannabis establishments or cannabis transactions; (5) specify that hemp that is lawfully produced under federal law may be transported or shipped through this state; and (6) make minor, technical and conforming changes to various statutes concerning cannabis regulation.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 12:00PM - GENERAL LAW

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03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 98

03/25/2024 FILE NO. 102

HB5261 - An Act Prohibiting The Sale Of Energy Drinks To Individuals Under Sixteen Years Of Age.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Children; Sales; Soft drinks;

Summary: To prohibit the sale of energy drinks to individuals under sixteen years of age.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 10:00AM - CHILDREN

03/05/2024 Joint Favorable

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03/14/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/14/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 58

03/14/2024 FILE NO. 37

HB5262 - An Act Concerning A Sexual Abuse And Assault Survey.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Child abuse and neglect; School districts; Sexual assault;

Summary: To include a sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention survey as part of the state-wide sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention program implemented by school districts.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 10:00AM - CHILDREN

03/05/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/06/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/11/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/18/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 63

03/18/2024 FILE NO. 46

03/27/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

04/01/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

04/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/05/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5277 - An Act Amending The Charter Of The South Central Connecticut Water Authority.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Tom Delnicki (R);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Charters; South central connecticut regional water authority; Special acts;

Summary: To amend the charter of the South Central Connecticut Water Authority to (1) allow the authority to conduct noncore business outside the state, (2) increase the compensation to members, (3) increase the membership from five to seven, (4) adjust meeting and quorum requirements, (5) allow for the reduction of late charges to users, (6) increase the ability of the authority to conduct certain repairs without a vote of the members, (7) require the public posting of annual financial statements, and (8) alter the terms concerning the issue or acquisition of certain bonds of the authority.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/18/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/27/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/03/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/03/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 171

04/03/2024 FILE NO. 230

HB5291 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Improved Opioid Monitoring.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Travis Simms (D); Sen. Heather S. Somers (R); Rep. Jaime Foster (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: District departments of health; Drugs; Emergency medical responders; Hospitals; Municipal health departments; Patients; Public health, department of;

Summary: To require each hospital that treats a patient for a nonfatal overdose of an opioid drug to administer a toxicology screening of such patient if medically appropriate.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/26/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/1/24 1:00PM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/11/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/11/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/18/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 101

03/25/2024 FILE NO. 105

HB5315 - An Act Concerning Member Participation During Remote And Hybrid Municipal Public Agency Meetings Under The Freedom Of Information Act.

Introducers: Government Administration and Elections Committee

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Electronic equipment; Freedom of information; Meetings; Notices; State agencies; Town meetings;

Summary: To require members participating in a municipal public agency meeting by means of electronic equipment to be visible when debating or voting, with certain exceptions.

Complete 02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

History: 02/29/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/4/24 1:30PM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable

03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/05/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5318 - An Act Requiring The Licensure Of Lactation Consultants.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Breast feeding; Occupational licenses; Public health, department of;

Summary: To require licensure of lactation consultants.

Complete 02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5322 - An Act Concerning The Distribution Of Educational Materials Regarding Intimate Partner Violence Toward Pregnant And Postpartum Patients.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Aimee Berger-Girvalo (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Mary Welander (D); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Julio A. Concepcion (D); Rep. Jane M. Garibay (D); Rep. Jason Rojas (D);

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Health care facilities; Hospitals; Intimate partner violence; Notices; Patients;

Summary: To require the distribution of educational materials regarding intimate partner violence toward pregnant and postpartum patients by the Department of Public Health to birthing hospitals and providers of obstetrical care.

Complete 02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/11/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/11/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/18/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 104

03/25/2024 FILE NO. 108

HB5354 - An Act Concerning Terramation.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Keith Denning (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Rep. Corey P. Paris (D); Rep. Amy Morrin Bello (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Burial; Cemeteries and cemetery associations;

Summary: To authorize the natural organic reduction of human remains as a final disposition of such remains.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/15/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/22/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/28/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/28/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/28/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 148

03/28/2024 FILE NO. 174

HB5355 - An Act Concerning The Water Resources Of The Upper Farmington River Valley.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Rep. Mark W. Anderson (R); Sen. Lisa Seminara (R); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Energy and environmental protection, department of; Farmington river; Reports; Water conservation; Watersheds;

Summary: To examine issues related to the protection of certain waters of the Upper Farmington River Valley.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/15/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/25/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/02/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/02/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 160

04/02/2024 FILE NO. 193

HB5401 - An Act Concerning Credit For Military Service Under The Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

Introducers: Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Christopher Poulos (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Militia; Municipal employee retirement credit; Municipal employees;

Summary: To allow municipal employees, who served one or more days in the armed forces during a period of war, to purchase credit in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System for such period of service.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/7/24 1:00PM - VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

03/14/2024 Joint Favorable

03/14/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/25/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/02/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/02/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 161

04/02/2024 FILE NO. 194

HB5411 - An Act Concerning Requests For Health Records And The Fees Charged For Access To Such Records.

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Intro Date: 2/29/2024

Summary: To establish time and cost parameters relating to requests for health records.

Complete 03/01/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY

04/01/2024 Joint Favorable

04/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO

HB5424 - An Act Prohibiting Adverse Actions Against Health Care Providers For Providing Certain Health Care Services.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Summary: To prohibit adverse actions against health care providers for providing certain health care services.

Complete 03/06/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable

03/21/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5425 - An Act Concerning Men's Health.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Summary: To establish a pilot program to support community-based screening and education for common diseases affecting high-risk male populations.

Complete 03/06/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/05/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5437 - An Act Concerning Mandate Relief.

Introducers: Education Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Christopher Poulos (D);

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To (1) create an advisory council that provides analysis and recommendations concerning the imposition of new mandates regarding educator professional development and in-service training; (2) establish a state-wide educator professional development and in-service training records database; (3) repeal duplicative training mandates included in the in-service training requirements for educators; (4) add a twenty-mile radius limitation to the mandate that school districts send organic food waste to an authorized source-separated organic material composting facility; (5) allow local boards of education to directly deposit any unexpended education funds into the unexpended education funds account at the end of the fiscal year; (6) expand the reserve fund for regional school districts to include all educational expenditures; and (7) delay implementation of the FAFSA completion requirement.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON EDUCATION

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 12:00PM - EDUCATION

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable Change of Reference APPROPRIATIONS

03/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/25/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

03/25/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

HB5454 - An Act Concerning Mental Health Services For Young Children And Their Caregivers.

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To maximize federal resources for mental health services for young children, their caregivers and pregnant persons.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/14/24 11:00AM - HUMAN SERVICES

03/19/2024 Joint Favorable Change of Reference APPROPRIATIONS

03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/21/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/21/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

03/22/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

HB5467 - An Act Concerning Firearms Background Checks.

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To ensure employees and authorized agents of municipal, state or federal agencies involved in evaluating the proposed transfer of a firearm to a person under age twenty-one in this state or any other state have access to records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY

03/28/2024 Joint Favorable

04/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO

HB5471 - An Act Concerning Local Government.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To clarify certain responsibilities of the civil service board.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable

03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5472 - An Act Concerning Municipal Finance And Audits.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To amend certain conditions and procedures for changing the tier designation of municipalities referred to the Municipal Finance Advisory Commission and Municipal Accountability Review Board, specify that the Municipal Accountability Review Board's failure to approve certain collective bargaining agreements will not cause such agreements to be deemed approved, and authorize the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to impose certain penalties as reductions to grant awards.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/05/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5473 - An Act Requiring The Majority Leaders' Roundtable Group On Affordable Housing To Study The Elimination Of Municipal Design Review Processes.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To require that the majority leaders' roundtable group on affordable housing conduct a study concerning the elimination of any municipal design review processes in connection with residential development.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5474 - An Act Requiring Municipal Reports Concerning Residential Construction Approval To The Office Of Responsible Growth.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To require municipalities to submit annual reports to the State Responsible Growth Coordinator concerning residential building permit applications submitted, approved and denied by such municipality.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5475 - An Act Concerning The Development Of Housing And Challenges To Certain Decisions Of Municipal Agencies.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To (1) require that a person claiming to be aggrieved by certain decisions of municipal commissions, agencies or boards demonstrate actual damage or an impairment of right, title or interest to such person's real property, (2) remove the right of protest against certain zoning changes by persons who do not own lots affected by such changes, (3) allow municipalities to adopt ordinances which exempt developments in certain areas from review by the inland wetlands agencies of such municipalities, (4) allow the conversion of vacant nursing homes into multifamily housing as of right, and (5) require the Commissioner of Housing to conduct a study of certain unused real property owned by the state to determine the suitability of such real property to improve affordable housing opportunities.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5476 - An Act Concerning Municipal Issues.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To make technical changes to provisions concerning interlocal agreements between municipalities.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5484 - An Act Concerning Tree And Vegetation Management Guidelines By The Department Of Transportation.

Introducers: Transportation Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To require the Department of Transportation to submit guidelines governing tree and vegetation management to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and the environment for approval.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - TRANSPORTATION

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable
03/21/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

HB5506 - An Act Concerning Families With Service Needs.

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Intro Date: 3/13/2024

Summary: To reestablish services for families with service needs, including those that include a child who is truant or habitually truant, and to permit a juvenile probation supervisor to refer the matter of alleged delinquency of a child to the court in the case of a child assigned to nonjudicial supervision following a nonjudicial disposition who violates the terms of such supervision.

Complete 03/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/20/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY

03/26/2024 Joint Favorable

03/27/2024 FILED WITH LCO

HB5508 - An Act Concerning Recommendations From The Juvenile Justice Policy And Oversight Committee.

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Intro Date: 3/13/2024

Summary: To enact the recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee.

Complete 03/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/20/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY

03/26/2024 Joint Favorable

03/27/2024 FILED WITH LCO

HB5510 - An Act Concerning Funding For Student Meals.

Introducers: Appropriations Committee

Intro Date: 3/14/2024

Summary: To provide funding for student meals.

Complete 03/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History: 03/18/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/26/24 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS

HB5511 - An Act Expanding The Membership Of The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee And Making The Legislative Commissioners' Office Recommended Technical Revisions.

Introducers: Appropriations Committee

Intro Date: 3/14/2024

Summary: To expand the membership of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee and make the Legislative Commissioners' Office recommended technical revisions.

Complete 03/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History: 03/18/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/26/24 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS

04/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

Dead Bills

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~~SB34 - An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For The Remediation Of Fill Pile Waste Contamination In The Town Of Fairfield.~~

Introducers: Sen. Tony Hwang (R)

Intro Date: 2/9/2024

Categories: Contaminated property; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Fairfield; State bond commission; State bonds for the environment;

Summary: To provide funding for the remediation of waste contamination associated with the fill pile in the town of Fairfield.

Complete 02/13/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History:

~~SB48 - An Act Eliminating Licensing Fees For Social Workers.~~

Introducers: Sen. Lisa Seminara (R)



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April 9, 2024

Dear *Homeowner/Resident*,

We are writing to inform you about recent legislative changes regarding Sodium Chloride (Salt) run-off in the environment and the implementation of an electronic reporting system for homeowners affected by such run-off. These changes are the result of Public Act 23-21, Section 19.

You are receiving this communication because according to our records your drinking water has documented elevated levels of Sodium and/or Chloride in your drinking water at some point in time in the past 6-7 years. As such, it is crucial for you to be particularly aware of the developments under this new legislation.

As of January 1, 2024, it is now a requirement for each local health district and health department in the State to establish an electronic reporting system designed for homeowners whose well or properties have been damaged due to sodium chloride contamination.

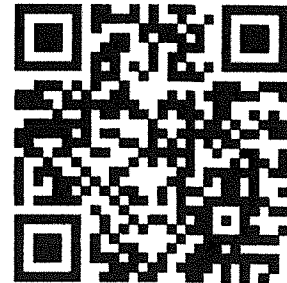
Your cooperation in reporting any past or future Sodium Chloride related damages to your property through the new electronic reporting system is greatly appreciated. By doing so, you will contribute to the establishment of an important state-wide data set that will inform and incentivize the development of strategies aimed at mitigating the impacts of Sodium Chloride contamination within the State of Connecticut and our local community.

To report any past or future Sodium Chloride related damages, please utilize the online form available at the QR code below, or go to the EHHD website at www.ehhd.org and follow the Sodium Chloride damage report form link under 'Hot Topics'.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and your cooperation in supporting the health and safety of our community. Please call 860-429-3325 with any questions.

Yours in Health,

Robert Miller, MPH, RS
Director of Health
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Memo

To: Board of Directors
From: Robert Miller, Director of Health
Date: April 8, 2024
Re: Cosmetology Permitting Program Implementation – Second Progress Report

Background

As you may recall, subsequent to a public hearing on June 16, 2022, the Board approved amendments to the EHHD Sanitary Code. These amendments established Section 5, Barbershop, Hairdressing, Cosmetology, Nail Salon and Spa provisions in the Sanitary Code. These new provisions require annual permitting, and establish sanitary inspection standards for such businesses within the Health District jurisdiction.

As part of the Health District implementation of this new regulatory program the Board instructed this office to provide a progress report on the program implementation after 6 months, and again after one full cycle of annual renewal. This memo represents the second report after one full cycle of annual operating permit renewals.

Program Implementation

As of April 4, 2024, the number of identified businesses that fall under this Code is 85. Over half, or 48 of these businesses are individual independent contractors that lease a chair/workstation within a brick and mortar salon business establishment. Of the 85 covered businesses (or independent contractors) identified, 81 of them have completed the most recent permit application and inspection process in full compliance with the new sanitary code.

As of the date of this memorandum, four (4) businesses are not yet in full compliance subsequent to their annual inspection. Further details on the compliance issues can be found in the attached document titled, Cosmetology Report Summary, April 5, 2024.



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Discussion

Because this is a relatively new program and such businesses have been operating for some time under existing conditions, we continue to engage any out of compliance businesses in a process to establish a mutually agreeable timeline for compliance. With few exceptions, it is anticipated that the above referenced businesses currently out of compliance will come into compliance with the sanitary code within a reasonable time period. Since the last progress report on this program, the permitting and inspection process continues to be reasonably well received by businesses owners and contractors.

Based on experience and progress to date with the implementation of this new program, we are not seeing a pattern that warrants proposed changes to the new sanitary code at this time. This office will revisit this matter, again, at such time new information comes to the fore that warrants a new review.

COSMETOLOGY REPORT SUMMARY APRIL 5, 2024

The total # of establishments identified as falling under our jurisdiction:

- 37 Businesses
- 48 Contractors

Total # first inspections completed:

- 37 businesses (100% complete)
- 48 contractors (100% complete)

Total # of follow up inspections needed (# that did not pass 1st inspection):

- 16 businesses * 5 independent contractors

ESTABLISHMENT	TOWN	VIOLATION TYPE	DATE OF COMPLIANCE	COMMENT
Hair by Heidi*	Tolland	Unlabeled spray bottles	1/26/2024	
Styles by Gina*	Tolland	Unlabeled spray bottles	1/26/2024	
Bridget & Co	Tolland	Unlabeled spray bottles	1/26/2024	
Hair to There	Coventry	No hand sink; no hot water in bathroom	6/10/2024	Building being sold new owner to install
Cutting Edge Barber	Bolton	Unlabeled spray bottles	1/31/2024	
AT Nails	Mansfield	Pedicure gel scrub stored in to-go Starbucks container, to be stored in chemical grade container. No license displayed. Water stained ceiling tiles.	3/15/2024	
Cost Cutters	Mansfield	Water stained ceiling tiles; unlabeled spray bottles	3/15/2024	
NE Barber Shop	Tolland	Spray bottles not labeled. Need covered trash receptacle in rest room.	1/09/2024	
Do or Die Salon*	Tolland	Spray bottle not labeled	1/24/2024	
Small Creations*	Tolland	Pair of scissors with hair stored in drawer.	1/24/2024	
Princess Nails	Mansfield	Unlabeled containers of nail polish thinner & massage oil. Small white bowl at hand sink with nailbrush & barbicide – replace with labeled, covered container. Metal callus scrapper prohibited. Hot water 126 cannot exceed 115.	2/24/2024	
Hope & Wellness	Ashford	Metal callus scraper; Pedi soak bottle not labeled.	2/23/2024	
Silver Fox Salon*	Mansfield	Ship Shape disinfection basin & water spray bottle not labeled. Synthetic neck brush prohibited.	2/21/2024	
Transitions Salon	Tolland	Unlabeled, uncovered container & black utility cart unclean	02/12/2024	

Fashion Nails	Mansfield	Prohibited callus shaver/grater – removed from drawer. Many containers not labeled as to contents. All disinfected products to be stored in covered container. Hot water at utility sink 121F must be between 105-115F.	2/26/2024	
Elegant Edge	Willington	No hand sink in front service area	02/06/2024	
RK Hair Designs	Mansfield	Used mask casts on counter; spray bottles not labeled; no soap or paper towels at sink by office.	02/23/2024	
Kreations Salon & Spa	Bolton	Needs hand sink in main service area	07/12/2024	
Tolland Barber	Tolland	No hand sink in establishment	07/12/2024	This has been ongoing for a year.
Head Hunters	Columbia	Linoleum peeling up/damaged. Need current water test.	06/30/2024	
Hairitage	Columbia	Need current water test.	05/30/2024	

Openings as of 4/11/2024***Public Health Nurse***

JobID: 739

Position Type:

Eastern Highlands Health District/Public Health Nurse

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3/4/2024

Location:

Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT**Position Announcement****Part-Time Public Health Nurse*****The Opportunity***

The Eastern Highlands Health District (EHHD) is seeking a detail-oriented, motivated, and dynamic individual to serve as a part-time public health nurse. Primary responsibilities include supporting the local health department efforts prevent illness and promote wellness. This may include but is not limited to vaccination clinic coordination, vaccine administration, health education and education event coordination, case contact investigations, providing health advice and guidance to individuals, families, and community stakeholders, and other public health activities as needed. This position reports to the Community Health and Wellness Coordinator. This is a durational, grant funded appointment.

About Us

The Eastern Highlands Health District is a governmental entity authorized under Connecticut Statutes for the purpose of providing local public health services. The EHHD primary program areas include environmental health, community health, and public health emergency preparedness.

The EHHD serves ten towns with a population of approximately 80,000, and is located in the Northeastern portion of the state. The EHHD organizational structure includes a Board of Directors as its governing body, with the Director of Health serving as the Chief Executive Officer responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the agency.

Work Schedule & Location

This position is 20 hours per week. Weekly work hours are flexible, with some nights and weekends.

The work location is the Audrey Beck Municipal Building, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268.

Compensation

The hourly rate is \$37 to \$41 per hour. The final hiring rate of pay will depend upon the selected candidate's qualifications and experience. This position is eligible for paid vacation and holidays, and flex time.

Minimum Training and Experience

Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing granted by an accredited college or university is required. Master's Degree in nursing, public health, or health services administration is desirable. Must hold current license as an RN, or APRN in the State of Connecticut. Minimum of three years of nursing experience as a professional nurse in a position involving clinical practice, health education, nursing consultation, or nursing/health administration.

How to Apply

The position(s) is open until filled. Candidates may apply at:

<https://www.mansfieldct.gov/353/Job-Opportunities>. The preferred candidate will be subject to a background and credit check.

The EHHD is proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider with a deep commitment to promoting *diversity, equity, inclusion and welcoming* in its workforce.

Attachment(s):

- [EHHD Public Health Nurse - Job descrip 1-17-24.pdf](#)

FMLA regulations require all employers to post the [updated FMLA notice](#).

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Activity Report September 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Highlighted Accomplishments/Activities

- Working with the Health District Finance Committee developed and presented the full Board proposed Fiscal year 2024/2025 Operating Budget and CNR budgets. A public hearing was set for January 18th.
- Staff continues working with Town of Mansfield staff to support the new elementary school project. This office participated in staff level and state level meetings regarding recent water quality concerns with the new school.
- We continue to support the Town of Tolland & Coventry's effort to address sodium and chloride contamination in private water supply well. Furthermore, this office attended staff level meetings to review a recent Engineers report regarding the Plains Road area in Coventry.
- Appointed to State-wide Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee.
- As part of our efforts to support workforce development we are participating in DPH sponsored MPH graduate student program by hosting an MPH candidate intern at our main office for the 23/24 academic year.
- Attended and participated as active member of the UConn Institutional Bio-safety Committee, community member at-large.
- We executed service agreements with two subcontracted food inspectors to assist with a back log of routine food service inspections.
- Worked with the Town of Mansfield in addressing water quality challenges with the therapy pool in the MCC.
- Conducted 4 infectious disease outbreak investigations during this period.
- The Health District distributed approximately 3000 free COVID-19 self-test kits to area schools and Town Halls.



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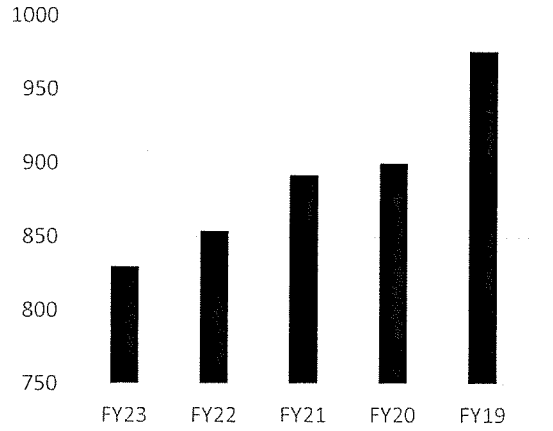
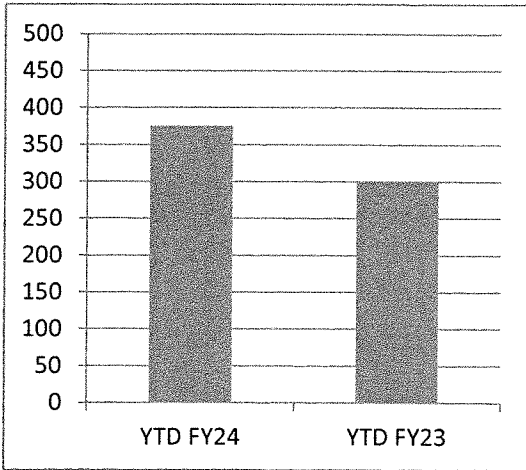
- *Community Health and Wellness Programs:* We pushed out public health information to address EEE risks in waning days of mosquito season; We coordinated 3 Harm Reduction Events during this period distributing 40 Narcan Kits. Hosted approximately 20 vaccine clinics and administered 27 Covid shots, and 235 flu shots. See separate CHWC quarterly report attached for more details. Selected highlights include lead case management, Chronic Disease activities, and other outreach initiatives.
- *Emergency Preparedness Program:* Highlighted EP activities for this period include executing a quarterly call down communications drill, participated in Web EOC training, initiated work to update mass dispensing plans. (See separate EHHD PHPP report attached.)

Plans for the Next Quarter

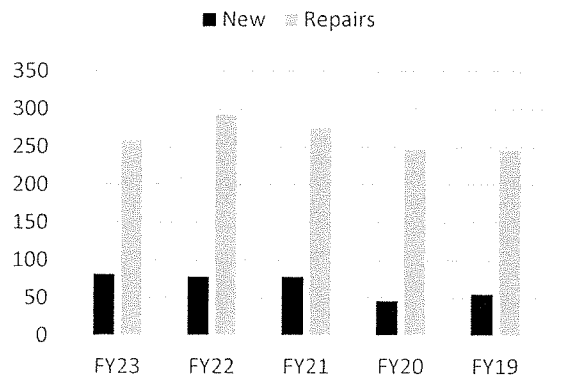
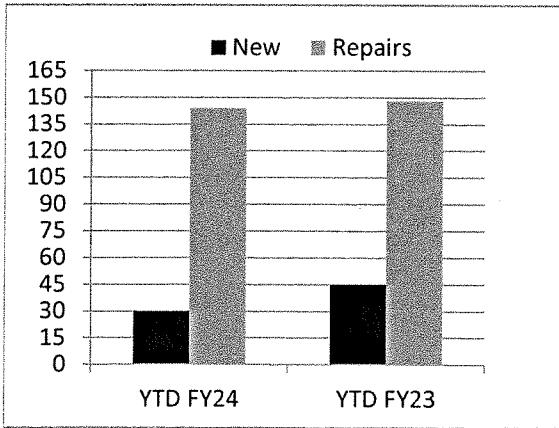
- Initiate and complete operating permitting renewals for all cosmetology establishments.
- Initiate and complete operating licensing renewals for all food service establishments.
- Working with full board to adopt the Proposed FY24/25 Budgets.
- Coordinate and host additional influenza flu clinics.
- Expand COVID-19 test kit distribution program to daycares.
- Continue to support Coventry and Tolland in their efforts work with DEEP on the NaCl private well contamination matter.
- Work as active member of CADH advocacy committee on upcoming legislative session.
- Progress towards credentialing with private insurance to implement vaccine administration billing.
- Begin work on the Health District immunization promotion initiative funded by the newly awarded Immunization grant (\$185,000).

Statistical Report (Attached)

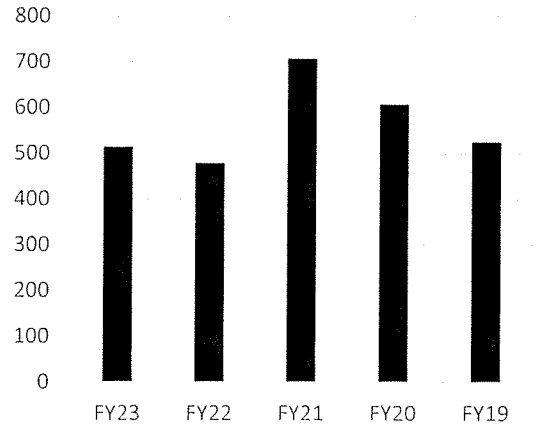
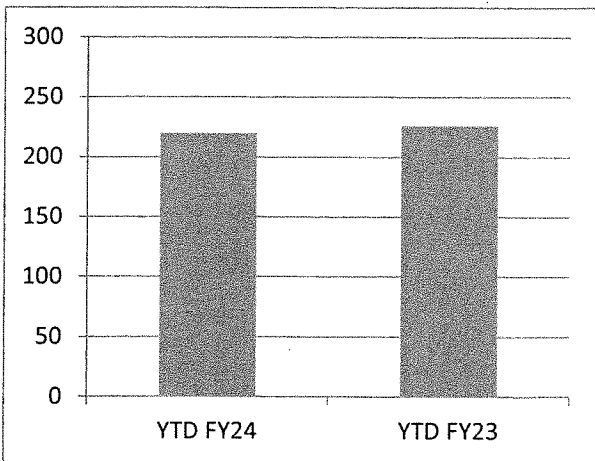
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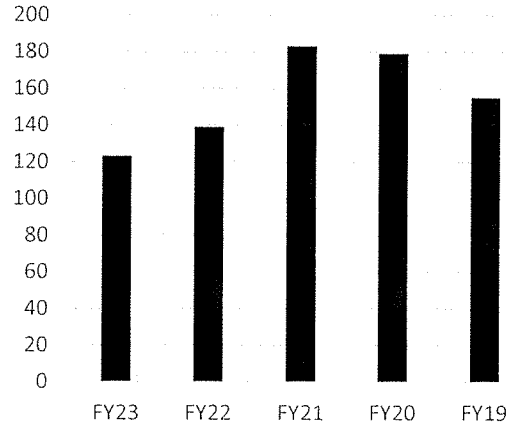
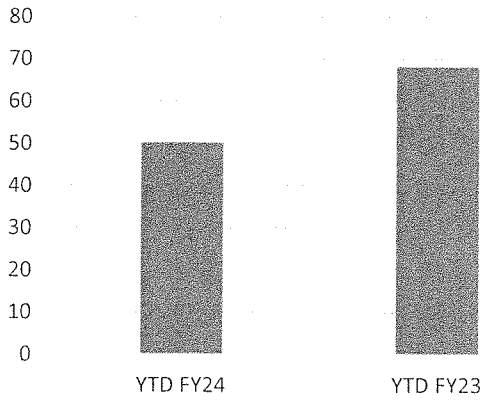
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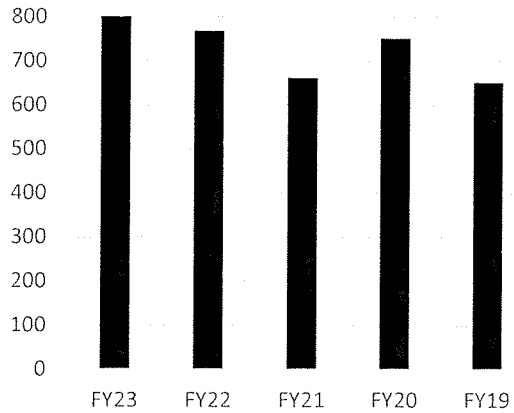
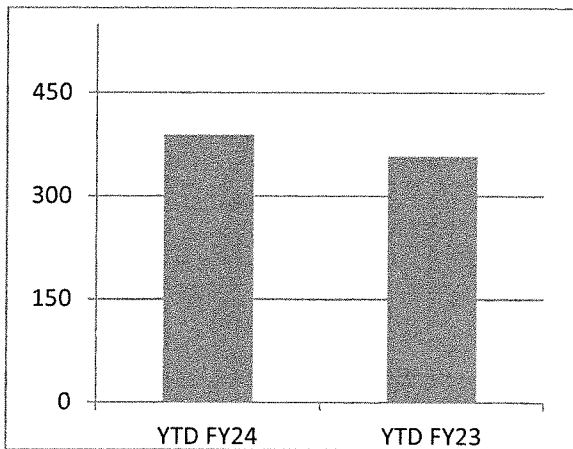
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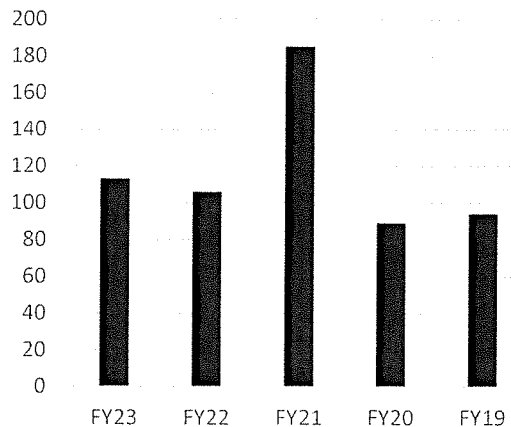
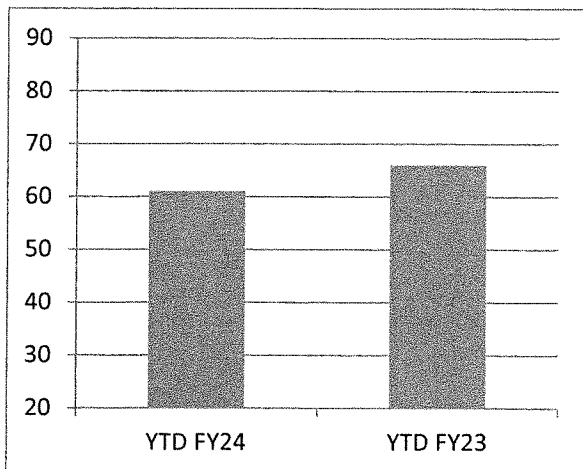
Complaints



Food Service Inspections



Well Permits Issued



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT SECOND QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024									
2	October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023									
3	ACTIVITY INDICATORS				MONTHS				Current	Previous
4	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES				Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	YTD FY24	YTD FY23
5										
6	<i>Complaints</i>									
7		Air Quality		0	0	0	0	0	2	
8		Animals/Animal Waste		0	0	0	0	2	1	
9		Activity without Permit		0	0	0	0	1	2	
10		Food Protection		0	0	2	2	2	4	
11		Housing Issues		2	2	2	6	10	27	
12		Emergency Response		0	0	0	0	2	1	
13		Refuse/Garbage		0	0	0	0	2	2	
14		Rodents/Insects		0	1	0	1	5	6	
15		Septic/Sewage		4	1	2	7	15	11	
16		Other		1	1	0	2	7	6	
17		Water Quality		1	0	0	1	4	6	
18		COVID-19		0	0	0	0	0	0	
19		Total		8	5	6	19	50	68	
20	<i>Health Inspection</i>									
21		Group homes		0	0	0	0	3	0	
22		Day Care		1	1	0	2	6	3	
23		Camps		0	0	0	0	2	0	
24		Public Pool		0	0	0	0	4	5	
25		Other		0	0	0	0	0	3	
26		Schools		0	0	0	0	0	2	
27		Mortgage, FHA, VA		0	0	0	0	0	0	
28		Bathing Areas		0	0	0	0	0	11	
29		Cosmetology		1	21	14	36	36	71	
30		Total		2	22	14	38	56	95	
31	<i>On-site Sewage Disposal</i>									
32		Site inspection		55	62	54	171	444	508	
33		Deep hole tests		68	48	42	158	376	301	
34		Percolation tests		18	13	12	43	94	72	
35		Permits issued, new		3	5	3	11	30	45	
36		Permits issued, repair		20	26	12	58	144	148	
37		Site Plans Reviewed		30	30	19	79	173	201	
38		Public Health Reviews		26	18	29	73	220	226	
39	<i>Wells</i>									
40		Well sites inspected		9	8	6	23	74	52	
41		Well permits issued		12	11	4	27	61	66	
42	<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>									
43		Potable water		0	0	0	0	1	5	
44		Surface water		0	0	0	0	213	184	
45		Ground water		0	0	0	0	0	0	
46		Rabies		0	0	0	0	0	0	
47		Lead		0	65	0	65	65	2	
48		Other		0	0	0	0	10	5	
49	<i>Food Protection</i>									
50		Inspections		59	41	24	124	249	242	
51		On Site inspection violation follow up		15	9	4	28	42	36	
52		Documented inspection violation follow up		15	18	11	44	62		
53		Temporary permits		23	19	3	45	133	95	
54		Temporary inspections		0	0	0	0	24	80	
55		Plan review		3	10	8	21	28	9	
56		Pre-operational inspections		5	2	2	9	12	0	
57		Total Inspections		94	70	41	205	389	358	
58	<i>Lead Activities</i>									
59		Housing inspection		0	0	0	0	0	2	
60		Abate plan reviewed		0	3	0	3	3	0	
61	MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES									
62		Planning and Zoning referrals		0	0	0	0	0	1	
63		Subdivision reviewed (# of lots)		0	0	0	0	1	6	

ANDOVER QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Activity Indicators						
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total	
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES						
Complaints						
Air Quality				0	0	
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0	
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	0	
Food Protection				0	2	
Housing Issues				0	6	
Emergency Response				0	0	
Refuse/Garbage				0	0	
Rodents/Insects				0	1	
Septic/Sewage				0	7	
Other				0	2	
Water Quality				0	1	
COVID-19				0	0	
Total	0	0	0	0	19	
Health Inspection						
Group homes				0	0	
Day Care				0	2	
Camps				0	0	
Public Pool				0	0	
Other				0	0	
Schools				0	0	
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0	
Bathing Areas				0	0	
Cosmetology				0	36	
Total	0	0	0	0	36	
On-site Sewage Disposal						
Site inspection -- all site visits	8	12	8	28	171	
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	4	3	3	10	158	
Percolation tests -- number of holes	1	2		3	43	
Permits issued, new				0	11	
Permits issued, repair	2	3		5	58	
Site plans reviewed	3	2	1	6	79	
Public Health Reviews		2	1	3	73	
Wells						
Well sites inspected	1			1	23	
Well permits issued	1			1	27	
Laboratory Activities (samples taken)						
Potable water				0	0	
Surface water				0	0	
Ground water				0	0	
Rabies				0	0	
Lead				0	65	
Other				0	0	
Food Protection						
Inspections	2		1	3	124	
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	28	
Documented inspection violation follow up				0	44	
Temporary permits	1			1	45	
Temporary inspections				0	0	
Plan reviews				0	21	
Pre-operational inspections				0	9	
Lead Activities						
Housing inspection				0	0	
Abate plan reviewed				0	3	
Miscellaneous Activities						
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0	
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0	

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	ASHFORD QUARTERLY REPORT									
2	October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023									
3										
4	Activity Indicators									
5										
6										
7	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES									
8	Complaints									
9		Air Quality						0	0	
10		Animals/Animal Waste						0	0	
11		Activity Without Proper Permits						0	0	
12		Food Protection						0	2	
13		Housing Issues						0	6	
14		Emergency Response						0	0	
15		Refuse/Garbage						0	0	
16		Rodents/Insects						0	1	
17		Septic/Sewage		1			1	2	7	
18		Other						0	2	
19		Water Quality		1				1	1	
20		COVID-19						0	0	
21		Total		2	0		1	3	19	
22	Health Inspection									
23		Group homes						0	0	
24		Day Care						0	2	
25		Camps						0	0	
26		Public Pool						0	0	
27		Other						0	0	
28		Schools						0	0	
29		Mortgage, FHA, VA						0	0	
30		Bathing Areas						0	0	
31		Cosmetology				1	1	2	36	
32		Total		0	1		1	2	38	
33	On-site Sewage Disposal									
34		Site inspection -- all site visits		3	9		1	13	171	
35		Deep hole tests -- number of holes		4	7		3	14	158	
36		Percolation tests -- number of holes		2	1		1	4	43	
37		Permits issued, new						0	11	
38		Permits issued, repair		2				2	58	
39		Site plans reviewed		5	1		1	7	79	
40		Public Health Reviews		1	2		2	5	73	
41	Wells									
42		Well sites inspected		2				2	23	
43		Well permits issued						0	27	
44	Laboratory Activities (samples taken)									
45		Potable water						0	0	
46		Surface water						0	0	
47		Ground water						0	0	
48		Rabies						0	0	
49		Lead						0	65	
50		Other						0	0	
51	Food Protection									
52		Inspections		7	1		2	10	124	
53		On Site inspection violation follow up						0	28	
54		Documented inspection violation follow up		3	3		1	7	44	
55		Temporary permits		1	1			2	45	
56		Temporary inspections						0	0	
57		Plan reviews						0	21	
58		Pre-operational inspections						0	9	
59	Lead Activities									
60		Housing inspection						0	0	
61		Abate plan reviewed						0	3	
62	Miscellaneous Activities									
63		Planning and Zoning referrals						0	0	
64		Subdivision reviewed (per lot)						0	0	

BOLTON QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Activity Indicators						
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total	
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES						
Complaints						
Air Quality				0	0	
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0	
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	0	
Food Protection				0	2	
Housing Issues			1	1	6	
Emergency Response				0	0	
Refuse/Garbage				0	0	
Rodents/Insects				0	1	
Septic/Sewage				0	7	
Other				0	2	
Water Quality				0	1	
COVID-19				0	0	
Total	0	0	1	1	19	
Health Inspection						
Group homes				0	0	
Day Care		1		1	2	
Camps				0	0	
Public Pool				0	0	
Other				0	0	
Schools				0	0	
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0	
Bathing Areas				0	0	
Cosmetology				0	36	
Total	0	1	0	1	38	
On-site Sewage Disposal						
Site inspection -- all site visits	1	6	9	16	171	
Deep hole tests -- number of holes			6	6	158	
Percolation tests -- number of holes			2	2	43	
Permits issued, new		1	1	2	11	
Permits issued, repair	3	1	1	5	58	
Site plans reviewed	4	3	1	8	79	
Public Health Reviews	1		1	2	73	
Wells						
Well sites inspected				0	23	
Well permits issued	1	4		5	27	
Laboratory Activities (samples taken)						
Potable water				0	0	
Surface water				0	0	
Ground water				0	0	
Rabies				0	0	
Lead				0	65	
Other				0	0	
Food Protection						
Inspections	3	3	3	9	124	
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	28	
Documented inspection violation follow up				0	44	
Temporary permits	3	2	1	6	45	
Temporary inspections				0	0	
Plan reviews		1		1	21	
Pre-operational inspections				0	9	
Lead Activities						
Housing inspection				0	0	
Abate plan reviewed				0	3	
Miscellaneous Activities						
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0	
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0	

CHAPLIN QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Activity Indicators						
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total	
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES						
Complaints						
Air Quality				0	0	
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0	
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	0	
Food Protection			1	1	2	
Housing Issues			1	1	6	
Emergency Response				0	0	
Refuse/Garbage				0	0	
Rodents/Insects				0	1	
Septic/Sewage	1			1	7	
Other				0	2	
Water Quality				0	1	
COVID-19				0	0	
Total	1	0	2	3	19	
Health Inspection						
Group homes				0	0	
Day Care				0	2	
Camps				0	0	
Public Pool				0	0	
Other				0	0	
Schools				0	0	
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0	
Bathing Areas				0	0	
Cosmetology				0	36	
Total	0	0	0	0	38	
On-site Sewage Disposal						
Site inspection -- all site visits	4	4	2	10	171	
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	6		6	12	158	
Percolation tests -- number of holes	2		1	3	43	
Permits issued, new	1			1	11	
Permits issued, repair	2	1		3	58	
Site plans reviewed	2		1	3	79	
Public Health Reviews	2	2		4	73	
Wells						
Well sites inspected		1	1	2	23	
Well permits issued		1		1	27	
Laboratory Activities (samples taken)						
Potable water				0	0	
Surface water				0	0	
Ground water				0	0	
Rabies				0	0	
Lead				0	65	
Other				0	0	
Food Protection						
Inspections	2		4	6	124	
On Site inspection violation follow up			1	1	28	
Documented inspection violation follow up			2	2	44	
Temporary permits				0	45	
Temporary inspections				0	0	
Plan reviews		1		1	21	
Pre-operational inspections		1		1	9	
Lead Activities						
Housing inspection				0	0	
Abate plan reviewed				0	3	
Miscellaneous Activities						
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0	
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0	

COLUMBIA QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Activity Indicators						
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total	
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES						
Complaints						
Air Quality				0	0	
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0	
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	0	
Food Protection				0	2	
Housing Issues				0	6	
Emergency Response				0	0	
Refuse/Garbage				0	0	
Rodents/Insects				0	1	
Septic/Sewage				0	7	
Other				0	2	
Water Quality				0	1	
COVID-19				0	0	
Total	0	0	0	0	19	
Health Inspection						
Group homes				0	0	
Day Care	1			1	2	
Camps				0	0	
Public Pool				0	0	
Other				0	0	
Schools				0	0	
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0	
Bathing Areas				0	0	
Cosmetology		1		1	36	
Total	1	1	0	2	38	
On-site Sewage Disposal						
Site inspection -- all site visits	5	9	6	20	171	
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Permits issued, new		1	1	2	11	
Permits issued, repair	2	4		6	58	
Site plans reviewed	2	3		5	79	
Public Health Reviews	3	2	5	10	73	
Wells						
Well sites inspected				0	23	
Well permits issued	1			1	27	
Laboratory Activities (samples taken)						
Potable water				0	0	
Surface water				0	0	
Ground water				0	0	
Rabies				0	0	
Lead		15		15	65	
Other				0	0	
Food Protection						
Inspections	4	2		6	124	
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	28	
Documented inspection violation follow up				0	44	
Temporary permits	1			1	45	
Temporary inspections				0	0	
Plan reviews		1		1	21	
Pre-operational inspections	1			1	9	
Lead Activities						
Housing inspection		1		1	0	
Abate plan reviewed				0	3	
Miscellaneous Activities						
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0	
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0	

COVENTY QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Activity Indicators

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Complaints

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>District Total</u>
Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	0
Food Protection				0	2
Housing Issues				0	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	0
Rodents/Insects				0	1
Septic/Sewage				0	7
Other				0	2
Water Quality				0	1
COVID-19				0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	19

Health Inspection

Group homes				0	0
Day Care				0	2
Camps				0	0
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	0
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology		1		1	36
Total	0	1	0	1	38

On-site Sewage Disposal

Site inspection -- all site visits	14	5	12	31	171
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	15	12	6	33	158
Percolation tests -- number of holes	2	3	2	7	43
Permits issued, new	1	1		2	11
Permits issued, repair	1	4	6	11	58
Site plans reviewed	2	6	7	15	79
Public Health Reviews	7	2	5	14	73

Wells

Well sites inspected		2	1	3	23
Well permits issued	2	2	1	5	27

Laboratory Activities (samples taken)

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead		15		15	65
Other				0	0

Food Protection

Inspections	10	5		15	124
On Site inspection violation follow up	2			2	28
Documented inspection violation follow up	2	1		3	44
Temporary permits	8	11		19	45
Temporary inspections				0	0
Plan reviews	2	6	7	15	21
Pre-operational inspections	2			2	9

Lead Activities

Housing inspection		1		1	0
Abate plan reviewed				0	3

Miscellaneous Activities

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

MANSFIELD QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Activity Indicators

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Complaints

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total
Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	0
Food Protection			1	1	2
Housing Issues	1	1		2	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	0
Rodents/Insects				0	1
Septic/Sewage				0	7
Other		1		1	2
Water Quality				0	1
COVID-19				0	0
Total	1	2	1	4	19

Health Inspection

Group homes				0	0
Day Care				0	2
Camps				0	0
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	0
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology		7	9	16	36
Total	0	7	9	16	38

On-site Sewage Disposal

Site inspection -- all site visits	14	11	5	30	171
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	12	6		18	158
Percolation tests -- number of holes	3	2		5	43
Permits issued, new			1	1	11
Permits issued, repair	1	3	2	6	58
Site plans reviewed	2	2	2	6	79
Public Health Reviews	3	3	5	11	73

Wells

Well sites inspected				0	23
Well permits issued	4	3		7	27

Laboratory Activities (samples taken)

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead		35		35	65
Other				0	0

Food Protection

Inspections	12	23	10	45	124
On Site inspection violation follow up	7	4	2	13	28
Documented inspection violation follow up	6	11	5	22	44
Temporary permits		2		2	45
Temporary inspections				0	0
Plan reviews	1	1	1	3	21
Pre-operational inspections	2		2	4	9

Housing inspection		1		1	0
Abate plan reviewed				0	3

Miscellaneous Activities

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

SCOTLAND QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Activity Indicators

	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Total</u>	<u>District Total</u>
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Complaints

Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	0
Food Protection				0	2
Housing Issues				0	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	0
Rodents/Insects				0	1
Septic/Sewage				0	7
Other				0	2
Water Quality				0	1
COVID-19				0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	19

Health Inspection

Group homes				0	0
Day Care				0	2
Camps				0	0
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	0
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology				0	36
Total	0	0	0	0	38

On-site Sewage Disposal

Site inspection -- all site visits			2	2	171
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	4			3	7
Percolation tests -- number of holes	2			1	3
Permits issued, new				0	11
Permits issued, repair		1		1	58
Site plans reviewed		1		1	79
Public Health Reviews	1	1	2	4	73

Wells

Well sites inspected	2	1	1	4	23
Well permits issued	1	1	1	3	27

Laboratory Activities (samples taken)

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead				0	65
Other				0	0

Food Protection

Inspections		1		1	124
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	28
Documented inspection violation follow up		1		1	44
Temporary permits			1	1	45
Temporary inspections				0	0
Plan reviews				0	21
Pre-operational inspections				0	9

Lead Activities

Housing inspection				0	0
Abate plan reviewed				0	3

Miscellaneous Activities

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

TOLLAND QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Activity Indicators

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Complaints

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total
Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	0
Food Protection				0	2
Housing Issues	1			1	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	0
Rodents/Insects				0	1
Septic/Sewage	2	1	1	4	7
Other	1			1	2
Water Quality				0	1
COVID-19				0	0
Total	4	1	1	6	19

Health Inspection

Group homes				0	0
Day Care				0	2
Camps				0	0
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	0
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology	1	9	2	12	36
Total	1	9	2	12	38

On-site Sewage Disposal

Site inspection -- all site visits	3	3	5	11	171
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	10	11	9	30	158
Percolation tests -- number of holes	1	3	3	7	43
Permits issued, new				0	11
Permits issued, repair	6	4	3	13	58
Site plans reviewed	8	7	5	20	79
Public Health Reviews	7	4	6	17	73

Wells

Well sites inspected	2	2	1	5	23
Well permits issued	1		1	2	27

Laboratory Activities (samples taken)

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead				0	65
Other				0	0

Food Protection

Inspections	10	4	2	16	124
On Site inspection violation follow up	5	2	1	8	28
Documented inspection violation follow up	3	1	1	5	44
Temporary permits	9	2		11	45
Temporary inspections				0	0
Plan reviews				0	21
Pre-operational inspections		1		1	9

Lead Activities

Housing inspection				0	0
Abate plan reviewed				0	3

Miscellaneous Activities

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

WILLINGTON QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Activity Indicators						
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total	
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES						
Complaints						
Air Quality				0	0	
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0	
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	0	
Food Protection				0	2	
Housing Issues		1		1	6	
Emergency Response				0	0	
Refuse/Garbage				0	0	
Rodents/Insects		1		1	1	
Septic/Sewage				0	7	
Other				0	2	
Water Quality				0	1	
COVID-19				0	0	
Total	0	2	0	2	19	
Health Inspection						
Group homes				0	0	
Day Care				0	2	
Camps				0	0	
Public Pool				0	0	
Other				0	0	
Schools				0	0	
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0	
Bathing Areas				0	0	
Cosmetology		2	2	4	36	
Total	0	2	2	4	38	
On-site Sewage Disposal						
Site inspection -- all site visits	3	3	4	10	171	
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	10	6		16	158	
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Permits issued, new	1	2		3	11	
Permits issued, repair	1	5		6	58	
Site plans reviewed	2	5	1	8	79	
Public Health Reviews	1		2	3	73	
Wells						
Well sites inspected	2	2	2	6	23	
Well permits issued	1		1	2	27	
Laboratory Activities (samples taken)						
Potable water				0	0	
Surface water				0	0	
Ground water				0	0	
Rabies				0	0	
Lead				0	65	
Other				0	0	
Food Protection						
Inspections	9	2	2	13	124	
On Site inspection violation follow up	1	3		4	28	
Documented inspection violation follow up	1	1	2	4	44	
Temporary permits		1	1	2	45	
Temporary inspections				0	0	
Plan reviews				0	21	
Pre-operational inspections				0	9	
Lead Activities						
Housing inspection				0	0	
Abate plan reviewed				0	3	
Miscellaneous Activities						
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0	
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0	

**Eastern Highlands Health District
Community Health and Wellness Coordinator
2nd Quarter Report October 1, 2023 –December 31, 2023**

Programs and services provided through the EHHD Community Health and Wellness Coordinator efforts were extended to minimally 1,206 individuals in member towns this quarter primarily through the *Be Well* newsletter and additional activities provided this quarter.

Action Item	Progress this quarter	Outcome
<p>1b (1) Refine/update grant monitoring network</p>	<p>Did not find any grants during this period.</p>	<p>The CHWC will look for opportunities for grants for EHHD and will work with CHART to explore opportunities.</p>
<p>1g (1) Explore and expand partnership opportunities</p>	<p>CHWC is part of the Immunization Coalition and attended 2 meetings The CHWC attended 1 quarterly meeting of the Coventry Worker's Safety and Wellness meeting.</p>	<p>CHWC provided feedback to the meetings.</p>
<p>2a (2) Effective communication of health district programs and news with staff and member towns officials</p>	<p>Updated bulletin boards were provided to Tolland and Mansfield Town Hall buildings.</p> <p>CHWC continues to produce quarterly newsletters.</p> <p>CHWC oversees the COVID-19 clinical staff and volunteers for vaccination clinics.</p> <p>CHWC is a voting member of the Chaplin School Readiness Committee.</p>	<p>Bulletin boards with health and safety messages were updated.</p> <p>Topics included: Physical activity information, seasonal affective disorder, tick-borne illness, and portion size.</p> <p>Newsletters are distributed to member town officials, UConn Be Well Tolland members and residents.</p> <p>CHWC attended one meeting of the Chaplin School Readiness Committee.</p>
<p>3c (1) Engage in advocacy events and activities</p>	<p>CHWC is a source for the public on COVID-19 information. CHWC contacted all of the school districts and provided flu vaccine to 9/10 school districts. CHWC attended the Tolland Harvest Festival and provided BP</p>	<p>CHWC will continue to explore ways to support community events</p>

	checks and CVOid-19 information and test kits.	
Childhood Lead Activities	CHWC continues to monitor the DPH lead surveillance system (MAVEN) and contact families, medical providers, labs, and DPH as necessary to support the monitoring of elevated lead in resident children.	There were 26 cases followed in this reporting period. 5 events were closed. 15 phone calls were made to families and providers. 18 correspondences completed to families.
Communicable Disease Control	CHWC interviews and follow-up as needed for enteric diseases and f/u on other communicable disease such as TB. Documenting and faxing information to DPH as necessary. During this period CHWC lead an rabies investigation that included interviewing 52 people.	please see chart below
CHWC Training and Continued Education		CHWC will continue to explore opportunities to participate in continuing education when appropriate
Vaccine Program	CHWC attended 2 monthly meetings of the Immunization Coalition. EHHD performed biweekly vaccine clinics one for adults and one for children. EHHD provided vaccine clinics (some Covid-19 and others flu) at,	CHWC will continue to maintain and update the vaccine program and will attend the Immunization Coalition meetings. CHWC will participate in regional meetings to coordinate mass vaccination. CHWC will continue to coordinate COVID-19 vaccination.

Emergency Preparedness/Response

CHWC continues to provide information to the MRC volunteers and on-boarded new volunteers via the CTResponds system. In total, in this reporting period there are 136 volunteers. CHWC provided telephone support to residents and stakeholders about COVID-19, including schools. CHWC continues to support contact tracing for COVID-19 cases. CHWC also provides important information to the Covid-19 Project Staffer to circulate on social media and on EHHD bulletin boards.

CHWC trains clinic staff and supervises clinical operations. EHHD performed biweekly vaccination clinics in Mansfield. During this quarter, there was 10 pop-up clinics: Scotland Elementary School, Ashford Flu clinic, Andover Elementary School, Chaplin Elementary School, Bolton elementary School, Willington Library, Coventry Winter Farmer's Market, Tolland High School, Tolland Employees and Mansfield Employee clinic. The total number of doses administered during this quarter was 27 Covid-19 and 235 flu shots. CHWC sends emails to MRC volunteers to staff the upcoming clinics and then assigns the volunteers to the clinics. CHWC submits the MRC activation paperwork for the MRC and follows up with the final rosters. CHWC keeps standing orders updated with the Medical Director.

CHWC continues to attend Region 4 MRC and Statewide MRC meetings and to maintain the National MRC activity log.

CHWC organized a District School Nurse Meeting. 7 school nurses attended. QPR suicide prevention training was provided. EHHD information on current respiratory illness numbers and vaccination.

Employee Wellness Programs

Activities to meet contract deliverables for the current employer groups (Town of Tolland) continue as planned.

Tolland

The CHWC conducted 2nd the Quarterly Educational Event, on 12/20/2023 for the Tolland Town employees **Healthy Holiday Eating and Portion Control**, 11 attended in person and an online version was posted to the Be Well website for people unable to attend.

The CHWC did a Fruit and Vegetable Challenge in December for 4 weeks. CHWC provided weekly newsletters for the Challenge; 8 people signed up and 3 completed the Challenge.

Community Outreach

CHWC provided information to individuals and stakeholders regarding COVID-19 in phone calls and emails.

CHWC participated in 1 meeting of the Coventry Safety and Wellness Committee.

As part of the **Implementing Overdose Prevention Strategies at the Local Leal (IOPSLL)**, CHWC coordinated 3 events where CT Harm Reduction Alliance provide overdose information, including NARCAN kits. 40 Narcan kits were distributed during this period.

Below is a chart of the complete list of IOPSLL events in Eastern Highlands Health District from 4/22/2023-01/21/2024. There are 17 events. The table are manned by Ct Harm Reduction Alliance and with each Narcan kit individuals are educated on the when and how to use the medication, the importance of contacting emergency services, and storage and handling of medication. The agency also answers questions about substance abuse treatment.

DATE	LOCATION	#PEOPLE WHO CAME TO TABLE	# FENTYANAL TEST KITS DISTRIBUTED	# NARCAN KITS DISTRIBUTED (if the number of people provided kits differs from kits given it is noted)
04/22/2023	UConn Fresh Start	200	190	45
06/09/2023	Mansfield Celebrate Mansfield	n/a	0	8
6/11/2023	Coventry Farmer's Market	200	0	4

07/17/2023	Columbia Wellness Day	200	1	14(11 ppl)
07/26/2023	Willington Concert in the Park	80	0	5
08/09/2023	Andover Farmer's Market	80	4	8
08/13/2023	Coventry Farmer's Market	400	3	51 (27ppl)
08/16/2023	Scotland Farmer's Market	n/a	0	3
08/16/2023	Bolton Concert on the Green	80	0	10
09/09/2023	Celebrate Tolland	500	0	38 (19 ppl)
09/14/2023	UConn Student Wellness	600	75	96
09/17/2023	Ashford Family Day	200	0	23 (20 ppl)
09/30/2023	Celebrate Mansfield	400	0	25
10/14/2023	Tolland Harvest Festival	200	3	27(17 ppl)
10/28/2023	Chaplin Halloween in the Park	80	0	8
11/12/2023	Coventry Winter Farmer's Market	150	0	5
01/21/2024	Coventry Winter Farmer's Market	11	n/a	11
Total events: 17		Approx. # of people coming to table:3381	Total # of fentanyl test kits: 276	Total # of Narcan kits: 381 (322 ppl)

Communicable disease*	Oct	November	December	Quarter
Number of reported cases	10	22	17	76
Interviews	53	2	1	56
Investigations	2	2	1	4

*These numbers do not include SAR-Covid-19 cases.

Date	Description	# served	Community
Winter 2023	Employee Wellness Newsletter (UConn) 201	201	UConn
Winter 2023	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Andover
Winter 2023	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Ashford
Winter 2023	Employee Wellness Newsletter 200	200	Bolton
Winter 2023	Employee Wellness Newsletter 30	30	Chaplin
Winter 2023	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Columbia
Winter 2023	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Coventry
Winter 2023	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Scotland
Winter 2023	Employee Wellness Newsletter 435	435	Tolland
Winter 2023	Employee Wellness Newsletter 40	40	Willington
Meetings/events		Number of meetings	
Tolland Local Prevention Council/Youth Advisory Board	Monthly meetings of Tolland stakeholders for the prevention of harm to youth and the reduction of substance abuse. The council includes: Social Services, high school staff, librarians, children's counseling services, and local religious leaders.	Will resume in January	
Immunization Coalition	Monthly meeting with: DPH, American Lung Association, LHDs, vaccine makers and others stakeholders to improve vaccination rates in CT	2	
Region 4 MRC	Monthly meetings to discuss MRC volunteer training, deployments, and pandemic response.	2	
UCONN Bike Friendly Campus	UCONN staff and students along with other stakeholders working on improving biking on UCONN campus. The goal of the group is to obtain the League of American Bicyclists Bike Friendly Status.	0	
R-4 ESF 8 meeting	Region 4 emergency response meeting	0	
Bolton Health and Wellness		0	
Coventry Safety and Wellness		1	
Chaplin School Readiness Program		2	

Eastern Highlands Health District Public Health Preparedness Program

October 2023- December 2023

- **PHEP Activities:**

- Fulfilled PHEP/MRC deliverables for BP5:
 - BP5 Quarter 1 Progress Report was completed and submitted on 10/19/2023
 - EHHD Web Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was accessed and updated on 10/19/2023 by registered employees: Rob M, Millie B, Lynette S, Cecile S and Nishel T.
- A CodeRed “call down drill” to test EHHD emergency notification systems email and text message response was conducted on 11/28/2023 to 159 EHHD staff and MRC volunteers. 61 staff members acknowledged the call with in the 2-hour time frame.
- Participated in G-191 Incident Command System and Web EOC training on 12/19/2023. This training introduces the ICS/EOC models of emergency management operations, highlighting coordination, communication, and decision making. It reinforced the necessary skills, roles and responsibilities need to prepare for a variety of situations in emergency management
- In December the EHHD Mass Dispensing Plan updates efforts were initiated. This plan provides a detailed guideline and logistics on how to effectively distribute mass drug dispensing or vaccination in efforts to mitigate a real world emergency such as Anthrax.

- **Regional Activities:**

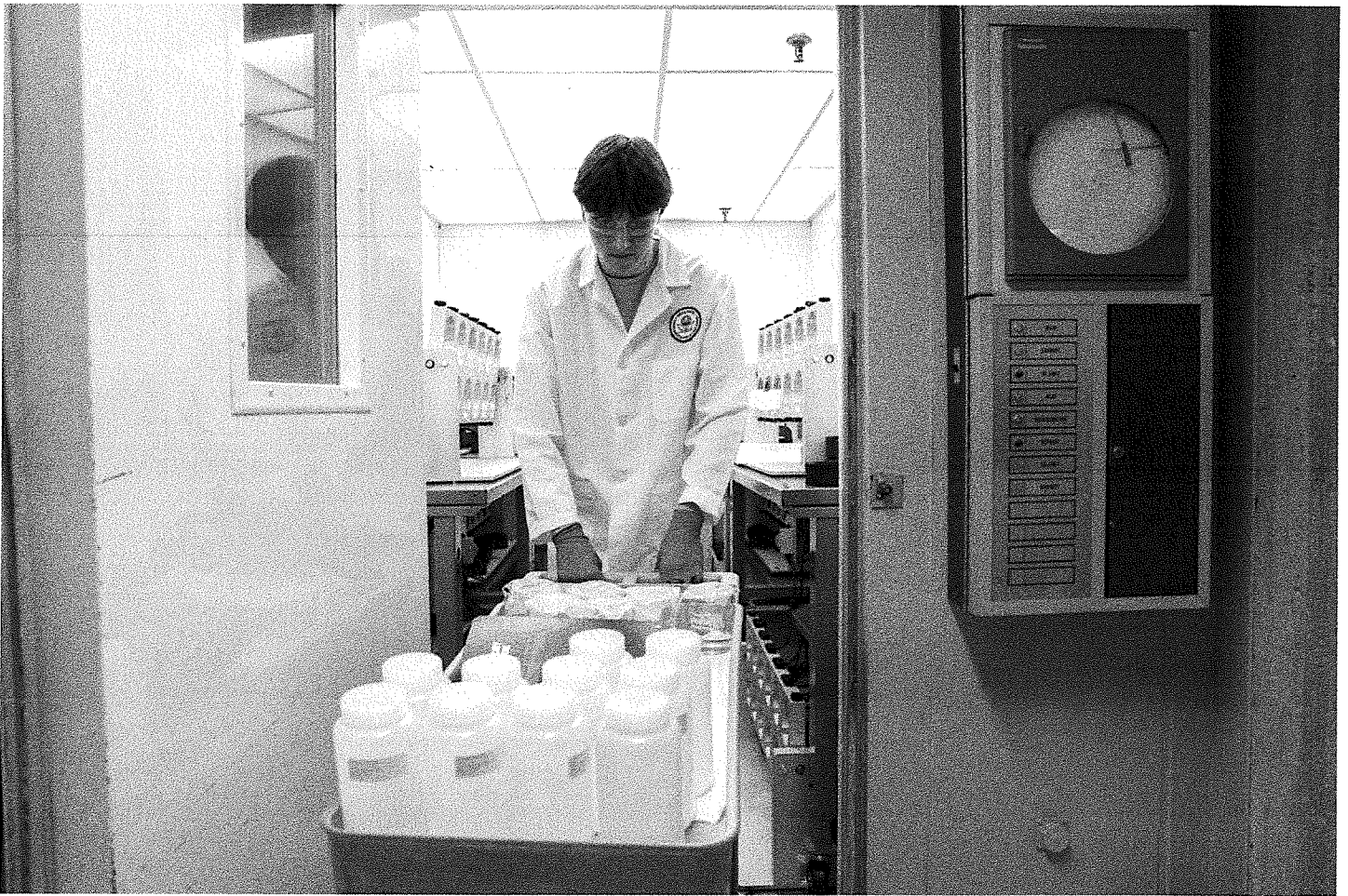
- Participated Region4 & Region3 PHEP, MRC, and CRI monthly meetings 10/6/2023, 10/16/2023, 11/3/2023, 11/13/2023, 12/07/2023.
- Participated in Region 4 ESF-8 monthly meetings on 10/26/2023, 11/30/2023,

- **Plans for Next Quarter:**

- Continue with BP5 PHEP deliverables and any necessary Q3 requirements
- Continue full inventory of Emergency Preparedness Supplies
- Support CRI Region 4 partners to complete MCM action plan and ORR.
- Update local EHHD preparedness plans
- Support Region 3 with Project Public Health Ready application.

First limits set on PFAS in tap water

‘Forever chemicals,’ common across US, tied to health issues



Jackson Quinn brings PFAS water samples into a room at an EPA lab Wednesday in Cincinnati. Joshua A. Bickel/AP

BY MICHAEL PHILLIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Biden administration on Wednesday finalized strict limits on certain “forever chemicals” in drinking water that will require utilities to reduce them to the lowest level they can be reliably measured. Officials say this will reduce exposure for 100 million people and help prevent thousands of illnesses, including cancers.

The rule is the first national drinking water limit on toxic PFAS, or perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which are widespread and long lasting in the environment.

Health advocates praised the Environmental Protection Agency for not backing away from tough limits the agency proposed last year. But water utilities took issue with the rule, saying treatment systems are expensive to install and that customers will end up paying more for water.

Water providers are entering a new era with significant additional health standards that the EPA says will make tap water safer for millions of consumers — a Biden administration priority. The agency has also proposed forcing utilities to remove dangerous lead pipes.

Utility groups warn the rules will cost tens of billions of dollars and fall hardest on small communities with fewer resources. Legal challenges are sure to follow.

EPA Administrator Michael Regan says the rule is the most important action the EPA has ever taken on PFAS.

“The result is a comprehensive and life-changing rule, one that will improve the health and vitality of so many communities across our country,” said Regan.

PFAS chemicals are hazardous because they don’t degrade in the environment and are linked to health issues such as low birth weight and liver disease, along with certain cancers. The EPA estimates the rule will cost about \$1.5 billion to implement each year, but doing so will prevent nearly 10,000 deaths over decades and significantly reduce serious illnesses.

They’ve been used in everyday products including nonstick pans, firefighting foam and waterproof clothing. Although some of the most common types are phased out in the U.S., others remain. Water providers must now remove contamination put in the environment by other industries.

“It’s that accumulation that’s the problem,” said Scott Belcher, a North Carolina State University professor who researches the toxicity of PFAS. “Even tiny, tiny, tiny amounts each time you take a drink of water over your lifetime is going to keep adding up, leading to the health effects.”

PFAS is a broad family of chemical substances, and the new rule sets strict limits on two common types — called PFOA and PFOS — at 4 parts per trillion. Three other types that include GenEx Chemicals are limited to 10 parts per trillion. Water providers will have to test for these PFAS chemicals and tell the

public when levels are too high. Combinations of some PFAS types will be limited, too.

Environmental and health advocates praised the rule, but said PFAS manufacturers knew decades ago the substances were dangerous yet hid or downplayed the evidence. Limits should have come sooner, they argue.

“Reducing PFAS in our drinking water is the most cost-effective way to reduce our exposure,” said Scott Faber, a food and water expert at Environmental Working Group.

Over the last year, EPA has periodically released batches of utility test results for PFAS in drinking water. Roughly 16% of utilities found at least one of the two strictly limited PFAS chemicals at or above the new limits. These utilities serve tens of millions of people. The Biden administration, however, expects about 6% to 10% of water systems to exceed the new limits.

Water providers will generally have three years to do testing. If those test exceed the limits, they’ll have two more years to install treatment systems, according to EPA officials.

Some funds are available to help utilities. Manufacturer 3M recently agreed to pay more than \$10 billion to drinking water providers to settle PFAS litigation. And the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes billions to combat the substance. But utilities say more will be needed.

For some communities, tests results were a surprise. Last June, a utility near Philadelphia that serves nearly 9,000 people learned that one of its wells had a PFOA level of 235 parts per trillion, among the highest results in the country at the time.

“I mean, obviously, it was a shock,” said Joseph Hastings, director of the joint public works department for the Collegeville and Trappe boroughs, whose job includes solving problems presented by new regulations.

The well was quickly yanked offline, but Hastings still doesn’t know the contamination source. Several other wells were above the EPA’s new limits, but lower than those the state of Pennsylvania set earlier. Now, Hastings says, installing treatment systems could be a multimillion dollar endeavor, a major expense for a small customer base.

The new regulation is “going to throw public confidence in drinking water into chaos,” said Mike McGill, president of WaterPIO, a water industry communications firm.

The American Water Works Association, an industry group, says it supports the development of PFAS limits in drinking water, but argues the EPA's rule has big problems.

The agency underestimated its high cost, which can't be justified for communities with low levels of PFAS, and it'll raise customer water bills, the association said. Plus, there aren't enough experts and workers — and supplies of filtration material are limited.



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Connecticut health and agriculture officials say the risk of avian flu in Connecticut is low

HARTFORD, Conn—Despite the first human case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) virus which was reported in Texas over the weekend in a person exposed to an infected dairy cow, officials from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) say there are no cases reported in any cattle or other livestock in Connecticut.

The patient in Texas—who experienced eye inflammation as their only symptom and is clinically improving—was tested for flu late last week with confirmatory testing performed by the CDC over the weekend. The patient is being treated with the antiviral drug Oseltamivir, and the case does not change the risk to the general public, which remains low. Additionally, officials stress the state’s commercial milk supply is safe, due to the pasteurization process which is required for interstate commerce.

According to CDC’s interim recommendations, people should avoid unprotected exposures to sick or dead animals including wild birds, poultry, other domesticated birds, and other wild or domesticated animals (including cattle), as well as with animal carcasses, raw milk, feces, litter, or materials contaminated by birds or other animals with confirmed or suspected HPAI A(H5N1)-virus infection.

People should not prepare or eat uncooked or undercooked food or related uncooked food products, such as unpasteurized (raw) milk, or products made from raw milk, such as cheeses from animals with confirmed or suspected HPAI A(H5N1)-virus infection (avian influenza or bird flu).

“This is an evolving situation in Texas. The current risk of infection from avian influenza to residents of Connecticut remains low. Because pasteurization kills pathogens, including avian influenza, in milk, residents of Connecticut should be reassured by the safety of drinking or eating pasteurized dairy products. While we have no evidence of human-to-human transmission at this time, we need to remain vigilant,” said **DPH Commissioner Manisha Juthani, MD**.

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Increase in Global and Domestic Measles Cases and Outbreaks: Ensure Children in the United States and Those Traveling Internationally 6 Months and Older are Current on MMR Vaccination



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Summary

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to inform clinicians and public health officials of an increase in global and U.S. measles cases and to provide guidance on measles prevention for all international travelers aged ≥ 6 months and all children aged ≥ 12 months who do not plan to travel internationally. Measles (rubeola) is highly contagious; one person infected with measles can infect 9 out of 10 unvaccinated individuals with whom they come in close contact. From January 1 to March 14, 2024, CDC has been notified of 58 confirmed U.S. cases of measles across 17 jurisdictions, including seven outbreaks in seven jurisdictions compared to 58 total cases and four outbreaks reported the entire year in 2023. Among the 58 cases reported in 2024, 54 (93%) were linked to international travel. Most cases reported in 2024 have been among children aged 12 months and older who had not received measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. Many countries, including travel destinations such as Austria, the Philippines, Romania, and the United Kingdom, are experiencing measles outbreaks. To prevent measles infection and reduce the risk of community transmission from importation, all U.S. residents traveling internationally, regardless of destination, should be current on their MMR vaccinations. Healthcare providers should ensure children are current on routine immunizations, including MMR. Given currently high population immunity against measles in most U.S. communities, the risk of widescale spread is low. However, pockets of low coverage leave some communities at higher risk for outbreaks.

Background

Measles is a highly contagious viral illness and can cause severe health complications, including pneumonia, encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), and death, especially in unvaccinated persons. Measles typically begins with a prodrome of fever, cough, coryza (runny nose), and conjunctivitis (pink eye), lasting 2 to 4 days before rash onset. The incubation period for measles from exposure to fever is usually about 10 days (range 7 to 12 days), while rash onset is typically visible around 14 days (range 7 to 21 days) after initial exposure. The virus is transmitted through direct contact with infectious droplets or by airborne spread when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes, and can remain infectious in the air and on surfaces for up to 2 hours after an infected person leaves an area. Individuals infected with measles are contagious from 4 days before the rash starts through 4 days afterward.

Declines in measles vaccination rates globally have increased the risk of measles outbreaks worldwide, including in the United States. Measles cases continue to be brought into the United States by travelers who are infected while in other countries. As a result, domestic measles outbreaks have been reported in most years, even following the declaration of U.S. measles elimination in 2000. Most importations come from unvaccinated U.S. residents.

Measles is almost entirely preventable through vaccination. MMR vaccines are safe and highly effective, with two doses being 97% effective against measles (one dose is 93% effective). When more than 95% of people in a community are vaccinated (coverage >95%) most people are protected through community immunity (herd immunity). However, vaccination coverage among U.S. kindergartners has decreased from 95.2% during the 2019–2020 school year to 93.1% in the 2022–2023 school year, leaving approximately 250,000 kindergartners susceptible to measles each year over the last three years. Thirty-six states plus the District of Columbia (DC) had less than 95% MMR coverage among kindergartners during the 2022–2023 school year. Of states with less than 95% MMR coverage, ten reported more than 5% of kindergartners had medical and nonmedical exemptions, highlighting the importance of targeted efforts at increasing vaccine confidence and access.

Recommendations for Healthcare Providers

- Schools, early childhood education providers, and healthcare providers should work to ensure students are current with MMR vaccine.
 - Children who are not traveling internationally should receive their first dose of MMR at age 12 to 15 months and their second dose at 4 to 6 years.
- All U.S. residents older than age 6 months without evidence of immunity who are planning to travel internationally should receive MMR vaccine prior to departure.
 - Infants aged 6 through 11 months should receive one dose of MMR vaccine before departure. Infants who receive a dose of MMR vaccine before their first birthday should receive two more doses of MMR vaccine, the first of which should be administered when the child is age 12 through 15 months and the second at least 28 days later.
 - Children aged 12 months or older should receive two doses of MMR vaccine, separated by at least 28 days.
 - Teenagers and adults without evidence of measles immunity should receive two doses of MMR vaccine separated by at least 28 days.
- At least one of the following is considered evidence of measles immunity for international travelers: 1) birth before 1957, 2) documented administration of two doses of live measles virus vaccine (MMR, MMRV, or other measles-containing vaccine), or 3) laboratory (serologic) proof of immunity or laboratory confirmation of disease.
- Consider measles as a diagnosis in anyone with fever ($\geq 101^{\circ}\text{F}$ or 38.3°C) and a generalized maculopapular rash with cough, coryza, or conjunctivitis who has recently been abroad, especially in countries with ongoing outbreaks. When considering measles, then:
 - **Isolate:** Do not allow patients with suspected measles to remain in the waiting room or other common areas of a healthcare facility; isolate patients with suspected measles immediately, ideally in a single-patient airborne infection isolation room (AIIR) if available, or in a private room with a closed door until an AIIR is available. Healthcare providers should be adequately protected against measles and should adhere to standard and airborne precautions when evaluating suspect cases, regardless of their vaccination status. Healthcare providers without evidence of immunity should be excluded from work from day 5 after the first exposure until day 21 following their last exposure. Offer testing outside of facilities to avoid transmission in healthcare settings. Call ahead to ensure immediate isolation for patients referred to hospitals for a higher level of care.
 - **Notify:** Immediately notify state, tribal, local, or territorial health departments (24-hour Epi On Call contact list [\[link\]](#)) about any suspected case of measles to ensure rapid testing and investigation. States report measles cases to CDC.
 - **Test:** Follow CDC's testing recommendations and collect either a nasopharyngeal swab, throat swab, and/or urine for reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) and a blood specimen for serology from all patients with clinical features compatible with measles. RT-PCR is available at many state public health laboratories, through the APHL Vaccine Preventable Disease Reference Centers, and at CDC. Given potential shortages in IgM test kits, providers should be vigilant in contacting their state or local health department for guidance on testing.
 - **Manage:** In coordination with local or state health departments, provide appropriate measles post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) as soon as possible after exposure to close contacts without evidence of immunity, either with MMR (within 72 hours) or immunoglobulin (within 6 days). The choice of PEP is based on elapsed time from exposure or medical contraindications to vaccination.

Recommendations for Health Departments


Measles is an immediately notifiable disease. State, tribal, local, and territorial health departments have the lead in disease investigations and should report measles cases and outbreaks within 24 hours through the state health department to CDC (measlesreport@cdc.gov) and through NNDSS.

- Establish measles case reporting from healthcare facilities, providers, and laboratories to public health authorities.
- If measles is identified, conduct active surveillance for additional (secondary) cases and facilitate transportation of specimens immediately to confirm diagnosis.
- Record and report details about cases of measles, including adherence to recommended precautions and facility location(s) of index and secondary cases.
- Enhance outreach and communications to under-vaccinated communities through trusted messengers.

Recommendations for Parents and International Travelers

- Even if not traveling, ensure that children receive all recommended doses of MMR vaccine. Two doses of MMR vaccine provide better protection (97%) against measles than one dose (93%). Getting MMR vaccine is much safer than getting measles, mumps, or rubella.
- Anyone who is not protected against measles is at risk of getting infected when they travel internationally. Before international travel, check your destination and CDC's Global Measles Travel Health Notice for more travel health advice, including where measles outbreaks have been reported.
- Parents traveling internationally with children should consult with their child's healthcare provider to ensure that they are current with their MMR vaccinations at least 2 weeks before travel. Infants aged 6 to 11 months should have one documented dose and children aged 12 months and older should have two documented doses of MMR vaccine before international travel. Depending on where you are going and what activities you plan, other vaccines may be recommended too.
- After international travel, watch for signs and symptoms of measles for 3 weeks after returning to the United States. If you or your child gets sick with a rash and a high fever, call your healthcare provider. Tell them you traveled to another country and whether you or your child have received MMR vaccine.

For More Information

- Parents and International Travelers
 - [Measles Vaccines for Children | CDC](#)
 - [Plan for Travel – Measles | CDC](#)
 - [Global Measles Situation | CDC](#)
- Health Departments and Public Health Professionals
 - [Measles: Information for Public Health Professionals | CDC](#)
 - [CDC Measles Toolkit for Health Departments](#)
 - [Partnering for Vaccine Equity | CDC](#)
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 - [For Healthcare Professionals – Diagnosing and Treating Measles | CDC](#)
 - [Interim Measles Infection Prevention Recommendations in Healthcare Settings | CDC](#)
 - [Measles – Vaccine Preventable Diseases Surveillance Manual | CDC](#)
 - [Rubeola / Measles | CDC Yellow Book 2024](#)
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 - [Measles Serology | CDC](#)
 - [Measles Specimen Collection, Storage, and Shipment | CDC](#)
 - [Test Directory | Submitting Specimens to CDC | Infectious Diseases Laboratories | CDC](#)

- Webinar Thursday, August 17, 2023 – We Must Maintain Measles Elimination in the United States: Measles Clinical Presentation, Diagnosis, and Prevention (cdc.gov) (Free CE)

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**OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY, YALE NEW HAVEN HEALTH & PROSPECT CT REACH
AGREEMENT ON CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS**

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 27, 2024

(Hartford, CT) – The Office of Health Strategy (OHS), Yale New Haven Health Services (YNHHS) and Prospect CT have come to an agreement that approves the Certificate of Need (CON) application for YNHHS’s acquisition of Prospect CT’s three Connecticut hospitals – Waterbury Hospital, Rockville General Hospital, and Manchester Memorial Hospital. The settlement terms will ensure that the quality, access, equity, affordability, and cost-effectiveness standards of the CON statute are met.

This settlement agreement will help guarantee that residents of these communities will have local access to safe and affordable health care. The hospitals will continue providing vital services and will preserve jobs in the community.

Key conditions outlined in the Agreed Settlement include:

- Constraining growth in commercial prices to within 0.5% of the Cost Growth Benchmark Target for 5 years;
- YNHHS will invest a minimum of \$6 Million over 3 years to enhance access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment for patients in central western and central eastern Connecticut;
- Enhancing the community benefit services and activities at each of the respective hospitals;

- Collaborating with the CT Department of Social Services and an Independent Monitor to measure and improve access to specialty physician services for Medicaid patients;
- Engaging with the communities served by each of the respective hospitals by holding regular public meetings and selecting unbiased community representatives to represent the interests of their communities on the hospitals' boards;
- Developing Strategic Plans to retain and enhance health care services at each of the hospitals, including physician recruitment and resource commitments for clinical service programming;
- Promoting Advanced Alternative Payment Models with payers to improve population health, reduce the rate of unnecessary cost or utilization growth, improve access to primary care, address social determinants of health; and
- Allowing physicians, physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses to terminate their existing non-compete agreements with Prospect without penalty at the time of the acquisition.

Prior to entering confidential settlement negotiations, the proposed health systems' transaction triggered a statutorily required Cost and Market Impact Review (CMIR); the final report is also being released today. The CMIR addresses key issues such as whether the community would be assured of continued access to high quality and affordable health care, and informed the settlement discussions.

An Independent Monitor will ensure YNHHS's compliance with all of the conditions described in this Agreed Settlement for 5 years, and will produce a schedule of required reports and data to be shared with OHS during the performance period.

The settlement also requires Prospect to prioritize resolution of its Connecticut debts, including the payment of \$55M in back taxes by the closing date. Additionally, if the terms of the parties' private agreement materially change between the date of the Agreed Settlement and financial close, OHS has the opportunity to renegotiate and withdraw CON approval.

"We are confident that we've come to an agreement that is in the best interest of the residents of Connecticut, which has been our priority since receiving this application" Dr. Deidre Gifford, Executive Director of OHS said. "I want to thank both the Yale and Prospect parties for their collaboration in reaching this agreement. With these conditions in place under the new ownership of Yale New Haven Health, we can expect that these hospitals will continue to operate and provide high-quality services to their patients and communities."

The Agreed Settlement resolves both the transfer of ownership of the hospitals as well as Northeast Medical Group's acquisition of Prospect CT's medical group. All filings related to these dockets can be found in the CON Portal under the Docket Numbers: 22-32594-CON and 22-32606-CON.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 3, 2024

(HARTFORD, CT)- The Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS) released a [report](#) “*Impacts of Connecticut Hospital and Health Care System Consolidation (2016-2021)*,” that analyzes the impact of hospital and health care system consolidation in Connecticut from 2016 through 2021.

The study found that overall, hospital consolidation in Connecticut appears to have contributed to faster increases in health care prices and greater use of “high profit” health care services during the study period.

The study’s authors compared trends in economic outcomes for hospitals and regions where hospital consolidation occurred to those where there were no consolidations over the past five years. The study measured trends in health care prices, spending, service utilization, and facility operating outcomes, then examined how those trends changed for hospitals and regions that gained market power compared to the rest of the State.

This study was conducted by Altarum on behalf of OHS under the requirements outlined in CGS 19a-634 to develop a biennial healthcare facility utilization study and statewide healthcare facilities and services plan. This report constitutes the first phase of the project and includes an analysis of the impact of horizontal and vertical acquisitions in the CT market over the past five years.

A few key findings from the report include:

- Hospital consolidation led to faster price growth for inpatient and outpatient hospital care, particularly for services covered by private insurance.

- Between 2013 and 2021 hospital consolidation in Connecticut led to less competition for twelve hospitals and resulted in systems with fewer competitors and more power to set prices.
- Hospital consolidation was associated with more use of some high-profit services and less use of some low-profit services.
- Hospitals and health systems have fewer competitors and more power to affect healthcare costs and prices. Research has found that health care consolidation leads to higher prices and more spending for many health care needs. Patients who are uninsured, paying out-of-pocket, or have private insurance are often the most affected.

Per the statute, the second phase of the project will focus on an analysis of the Connecticut healthcare market to assess the current climate and make projections/plans and recommendations for needed facilities, services, regulations, staffing and gaps in the market that are not regulated but may need future regulation.

The findings and recommendations will inform OHS, legislators and other stakeholders on broad health system planning priorities and support the required analyses for the Certificate of Need program.

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News Release

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Connecticut Department of Public Health removes consumption advisory for blue crab meat from the Mill River in Fairfield

HARTFORD, Conn.—The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) today is removing the consumption advisory for blue crab meat caught in the Mill River in Fairfield, Connecticut. DPH is taking this action in close coordination with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

“Upon evaluating lead concentrations from blue crab meat sampled in 2022 and reported in October 2023 from impacted areas of the Mill River using DPH’s recently updated safe consumption limit, DPH is removing the previous ‘Do Not Eat’ consumption advisory for blue crab meat,” said DPH Commissioner Manisha Juthani, MD. “DPH’s updated safe consumption limit for lead is protective of the general population as well as sensitive groups, which includes pregnant women, women planning on becoming pregnant, nursing women and children under 6 years old. However, it also is important to note that there is a pre-existing statewide advisory in place for all freshwater finfish and shellfish caught in Connecticut because of mercury contamination. Sensitive groups should limit their consumption to no more than one meal per month. For all other groups, the advice is to limit consumption to no more than one meal per week of freshwater finfish and shellfish. This statewide advisory does not apply to sunfish or trout as there are no consumption limits for these fish species, unless otherwise noted.”

Lastly, because lead levels in the green organ of the blue crab called the tomalley exceed the updated safe consumption limit, DPH recommends that when people are eating blue crabs from the Mill River, they avoid eating the tomalley.

“A ‘Do Not Eat,’ advisory had been in place for blue crabs from the Mill River since the early 2000s due to lead levels from industrial activity from the Former Exide Battery Manufacturing Company,” said DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes. “The former Exide site and the adjacent Mill River sediment had undergone extensive testing and evaluation to determine the degree and extent of lead pollution. The cleanup of the site and removal of roughly 30,000 cubic yards of lead-impacted sediment from the river has helped reduce the levels of lead in the blue crab that reside in the river.”

Additional information on DPH fish consumption advisories can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/fish> or by calling a DPH staff person at 1-877-458-FISH (3474).



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March 27, 2024

U.S. Senators Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal

RE: United Services Mansfield Clinic Primary Care Integration Congressionally Directed Spending Application

Dear Senators Murphy and Blumenthal:

As the local Director of Health, I am pleased to support United Services, Inc.'s application for Congressionally Directed Spending to launch an Integrated Primary Care program within their Mansfield behavioral health clinic.

United Services is a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic and the Local Mental Health Authority for 21 towns in Northeastern Connecticut. With 60 years of quality, community behavioral health care experience, United Services is well positioned to implement this program.

70 percent of individuals with serious mental illness also have a comorbid chronic health disorder. Integrating Primary and Behavioral Health Care has been shown to improve care and health outcomes and reduce healthcare costs.

Windham County is designated as a Medically Underserved Area by the Health Resources and Services Administration. The addition of Primary Care Services will add options for community members in the region's underserved health system.

I trust you will give their application your most serious consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert Miller, MPH, RS
 Director of Health
 Eastern Highlands Health District

EPA orders lead cleanup at apartments

Agency says dangerous levels found at Cargill Falls Mill in Putnam



Katy Slininger, a resident of Cargill Falls Mill in Putnam, is part of her building's tenant union. She has been on rent strike for six months in response to lead and mold in the complex. Shahrzad Rasekh/CT Mirror

BY GINNY MONK CT MIRROR

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that lead discovered at a Putnam apartment complex poses an "imminent and substantial endangerment to tenants" and has issued an order requiring the company to take immediate steps to remedy the problem.

The EPA has been investigating the Cargill Falls Mill in Putnam for months following reports of toxic levels of lead. The agency is mandating that the owner, Historic Cargill Falls Mill, LLC, take steps such as relocating tenants and setting a schedule for remediation.

“This order will ensure the most immediate protection EPA can offer for the children and families who live in this complex,” said David W. Cash, the EPA’s New England regional administrator, in a statement. “No one should have to experience the dangers from exposure to lead-based paint, especially in this decade. We have environmental laws for a reason, and that’s to protect people’s health. This order demonstrates our commitment to keeping children and families safe and healthy.”

The phone line at the apartment complex wasn’t operational Thursday and owner Leanne Parker’s attorney declined to comment.

Residents at Cargill Falls Mill formed a tenant union last year and have been asking for improved conditions. They recently went on a rent strike over the issues with lead, mold and other conditions at the complex. In a statement, union members said they welcomed the federal intervention.

“Over the last few years, our tenants have suffered acute health issues, injury, and significant financial loss as a result of landlord neglect and retaliation,” the Cargill Tenants Union’s statement said. “Toxic levels of lead, present in shocking amounts throughout the recently converted mill, have put our children, pregnant members, and tenants with disabilities at risk. When local enforcement and accountability mechanisms failed, our grassroots organizing exposed the public health emergency.”

Early in 2023, the local health department found lead paint in some common areas and several units with lead dust. Families took their children to get tested, and some of the youngest had elevated levels of lead in their systems.

The Northeast District Department of Health issued orders to abate the lead for the child-occupied units and some common areas. The local department has jurisdiction for areas where children under 6 years old live.

After initial inspections, the state’s Department of Housing issued \$72,000 to conduct a more thorough lead inspection. The state contracted with private company GeoQuest for the second round of inspections. GeoQuest found 68 of the 71 apartments tested had lead paint. The company also found lead in many common areas.

Twenty-four places in the building had levels of lead dust higher than what federal regulations allow. Tenants have said the complex’s owner hasn’t done

enough to ensure the lead has been remediated and there are issues with mold, water leakage and pests.

The EPA is now issuing the order to perform lead abatement work in all of the apartments that have lead-based paint or lead dust that hasn't been abated.

The agency's statement says that all units with lead-based paint or dust hazards will be addressed.

Under the order, the apartment owner will be required to hire a licensed and insured lead abatement contractor to perform abatements of 50 units and develop a schedule for the abatements. They'll also have to arrange and pay for tenants to be relocated until the units are free of lead hazards.

Cargill Falls will also have to identify any other units or areas with lead hazards that hadn't been previously found and conduct lead assessments for all units for the next five years. They'll also be mandated to post signs on the property to let people know that the federal agency has determined the property has "solid and/or hazardous wastes that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to health," according to the press release.

The Cargill Tenants Union's statement said lead abatement is the first step.

"Further demands by the Cargill Tenants Union, including addressing structural issues and chronic mold conditions, must be met with similar urgency," the statement said. "Several tenants are still facing eviction over refusal to pay rent while living in toxic lead conditions; we demand the immediate dismissal of all eviction cases, considering the imminent dangers confirmed by the EPA."

The EPA's announcement comes after Connecticut Attorney General William Tong launched an inquiry at the property.

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Chaplin wants input on use of fed funds

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Apr. 14—CHAPLIN — The Chaplin Board of Selectmen is surveying residents for their opinions on how to use federal funding.

The town is receiving \$331,316 for 2021 through the American Rescue Plan Act, and expects another \$331,316 for 2022.

One of the requirements of the receipt of the funding is the town review non-profit organizations that might benefit from it and to gather citizen input on which projects are considered priorities.

Selectmen reviewed a list of projects and nonprofit agencies under consideration during its April meeting.

The brief, four-question survey asks residents what projects they might like to see funded.

Those projects include: upgrades to the heating and cooling system at the senior center or the fire station; replacing siding at the fire station; upgrades to the



connecting State Route 198 and the South Bear Hill Road.

The funds could also be used to help local organizations, including the Chaplin Congregational Church, which is raising funds to restore its steeple and repaint its exterior, and the Veterans Base Camp, which is currently fundraising for its mortgage.

Funding could also be directed to regional agencies that service Chaplin, including the Eastern Highlands Health District, the Thames Valley Council for Community Action's Meals on Wheels program, United Services, the Windham County 4-H Foundation, or the Nonprofit Alliance of Northeast Connecticut.

Residents are asked to complete the survey by April 17.

For a link to the survey, go online to the town's website at www.chaplinct.org.

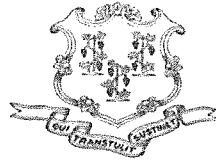
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DATE: March 15, 2024
TO: Superintendents of Schools, School Nurses, Childcare Providers
FROM: Manisha Juthani, MD; Commissioner Department of Public Health
SUBJECT: Updated Respiratory Viral Disease Guidance

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has adopted and recommends the updated respiratory viral disease guidance that was issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Friday, March 1. Since the start of the 2023—2024 respiratory virus season, DPH has taken a pan-respiratory virus approach to managing COVID-19, influenza, and RSV. This strategy has been consistent with the [CDC guidance for managing viral respiratory diseases including COVID-19, influenza, and RSV](#). This updated guidance continues to protect those at most risk, and evidence indicates that it will not significantly increase severe disease related to COVID-19 or other respiratory viruses.

The key change in this guidance is updated recommendations for isolation for COVID-19. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate based on their symptoms. They may return to normal activities when they are:

- fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (e.g. ibuprofen, acetaminophen) AND
- other symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours.

Upon return to normal activities, individuals should take added precaution over the next 5 days, such as taking additional [steps for cleaner air](#), hygiene, masks, physical distancing, and/or [testing when they will](#) be around other people indoors. If the individual develops fever or starts to feel worse after they have gone back to normal activities, they should isolate again until the conditions to return to normal activities are met.

These updated recommendations apply to all community settings, including schools and child care. Schools and child care providers are encouraged to review and update their viral respiratory disease policies to operationalize the latest CDC guidance, in particular changes to the recommended COVID-19 isolation period. Additionally, we would like to provide a reminder that any suspected or confirmed outbreak in a school or child care setting is immediately reportable by telephone to both DPH (860-509-7994) and the local health department where the school or child care facility is located. School and child care facilities should continue to work closely with local public health to identify and investigate suspected outbreaks and implement mitigation strategies to limit disease transmission.



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Opioid money remains in limbo

Many towns, cities still weighing options for legal settlement

BY ANDREW BROWN CT MIRROR

Connecticut's towns and cities recently received a combined \$9.8 million from several nationwide legal settlements with opioid manufacturers, shippers and retailers, but many of those municipalities are still deciding how to spend that money to combat the ongoing opioid epidemic.

The state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services sent a survey to Connecticut's 169 towns and cities last year to gauge how the municipalities are putting that cash to use and to ensure the proceeds from the settlement are being spent on their intended purpose.

The responses to that survey showed a number of municipalities are spending the settlement funds on things such as prescription drug take-back events, harm reduction supplies, drug prevention programs for school-age children and by purchasing and distributing naloxone, the overdose-reversing drug.

The biggest takeaway from the survey, however, was that most towns and cities had yet to spend any of the settlement money as of last fall.

Of the \$9.8 million the towns and cities received, only \$1 million of that money was allocated to help combat the state's deadly opioid epidemic, which claimed the lives of an estimated 1,117 Connecticut residents last year.

At least 98 of the state's towns and cities reported that they hadn't spent any of the funds as of last October.

One of the main reasons that many small towns did not expend the money was because they netted only several thousand dollars through the nationwide legal settlements to this point.

Local officials from those towns explained to the state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services that the minimal amount of money they received made it difficult to address opioid addiction in their municipalities.

It's also a symptom of Connecticut's lack of county governments and the network of municipalities that dominate the state.

The town of Bridgewater, one of the smallest towns in Connecticut with roughly 1,700 residents, told the state it placed its \$1,137 in opioid settlement money into the town's general fund in order to pay for energy assistance for low-income households.

Curtis Read, Bridgewater's first selectman, told The Connecticut Mirror that he did not know how to spend the settlement proceeds in a way that would make a meaningful difference in opioid addiction.

Read recognized that Bridgewater was not immune to the nationwide opioid epidemic. But in a small town where there isn't professional staff to manage government operations, he said, the settlement funds took a back seat to other priorities, such as recent flooding.

"We haven't even talked about it on the selectmen level," Read said. "You can really never cover the whole gamut of responsibility."

Bridgewater is not alone in that regard. Other small towns expressed the same problems in the survey responses, emphasizing that they either didn't have the staff to create new opioid-related programs or didn't receive enough money to do anything with it.

Officials in Scotland, a town of roughly 1,500 in eastern Connecticut, told the state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services that it didn't have the necessary staff to administer the settlement funds.

"In the scheme of things, the town gets an amount too small for long-term spending," officials in nearby Voluntown explained.

To overcome the limited amount of money that small towns received, some municipalities in Connecticut created partnerships with their local

health districts or pooled their settlement funds with other municipalities in their region.

One example of that type of collaboration can be seen in Connecticut's northwest corner, where 11 rural towns agreed to provide all, or a portion, of their settlement money to the Northwest Hills Council of Governments.

Leonardo Ghio, who is leading that collaboration for the Northwest Hills COG, said the 11 participating towns were able to collectively pool around \$40,000 into what has been coined as the Regional Opioid Response Fund.

And the COG has not wasted any time in getting portions of that money out into the communities.

The pooled settlement funds, Ghio said, were used to purchase supplies for "leave behind" kits that are provided to anyone who overdoses and is transported by ambulance to a hospital. The kits are meant to supply those individuals with life-saving medication such as naloxone and information on recovery programs.

"We know that about 90% of overdoses in our region are happening in people's homes," Ghio said. "So emergency responders are a key stakeholder in that effort."

The money was also allocated to the Litchfield County Opioid Task Force, which is a coalition of substance use and behavioral health care providers in the region. That money, Ghio said, is meant to help the organizations purchase harm reduction supplies, like clean syringes and drug testing kits.

"You know, this is what they do," Ghio said. "So instead of reinventing the wheel, we figured that we would support their efforts."

Some of the large and mid-sized cities in Connecticut are also partnering with other organizations when spending their settlement funds.

Meriden announced last year that it planned to spend a portion of its more than \$209,000 in settlement funds to help Rushford, a local addiction and mental health care provider, to start up a new mobile unit to perform outreach to people dealing with opioid use disorders.

The city contributed \$20,000 to help retrofit a decommissioned ambulance that was donated by Hunter's Ambulance Service and to stock the vehicle with harm reduction supplies that Rushford will pass out to drug users in the city.

Leah Crown, Meriden's director of health and human services, said the new mobile unit will be deployed in areas of the city where data show overdoses are occurring.

The plan for retrofitting the ambulance was able to happen quickly, Crown said, because the city and Rushford were already working together on a program known as the Meriden Opioid Referral for Recovery, which is meant to help first responders in Meriden to connect people with treatment at Rushford.

Some municipalities in Connecticut are taking a little longer, however, to explore their options for the settlement funding and to make sure that they can create sustainable programs that will have a lasting effect in their communities.

Officials in Torrington, for instance, told the state last fall that it was looking to develop a public process for deciding how to spend the more than \$131,000 it received from the settlements.

"We have opted to use the city council and a public hearing process to determine how to spend the funds," Elinor Carbone, Torrington's mayor, said.

She said one of the things the city is likely to consider is a request from the Torrington Police Department to use some of the funds to hire a social worker to work with police, which she said would satisfy the requirements of the national settlement agreement.

New Haven is another city that is still trying to establish the rules for how it will spend its settlement funds.

Maritza Bond, the city's director of public health, said her health department is already receiving \$2 million per year over the next five years from another federal grant to help combat the opioid epidemic across New Haven County.

As a result, she said, her department did not feel rushed to begin spending the settlement funding as soon as it arrived in the city's bank account. Bond said she wanted to make sure the city had a long-term plan for how to spend its share of those funds and to ensure any programs it finances are sustainable.

“We wanted to make sure we were going to be strategic about the process,” Bond said.

None of New Haven's more than \$599,000 in settlement funds have been spent to this point. But Bond said her department is nearing the end of a procurement process that will allow local nonprofit service providers to apply for portions of the money.

Organizations that provide opioid treatments, harm reduction supplies and supportive measures to people who are in recovery will be eligible to apply for those grants, which allow them to hire more staff, build necessary infrastructure and expand access to their services.

“I decided not to keep the money in-house, and I decided to take an approach to give it out into the community,” Bond said.

The process of finalizing that grant program, Bond said, has taken a significant amount of time to set up, but she said that is the nature of managing government funds.

“Every municipality and town has their own procurement processes, and everyone is going to utilize the funds as they see fit for their community's needs,” she said.

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Statement from DPH Commissioner Dr. Manisha Juthani regarding updated CDC COVID-19 isolation guidance

HARTFORD, Conn—The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has adopted and recommends the COVID-19 isolation guidance that was issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Friday.

This updated guidance recommends that those who have COVID-19 should stay home until they've been fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours or their symptoms have been improving for 24 hours.

Since the start of the 2023—2024 respiratory virus season, DPH has taken a pan-respiratory virus approach to managing COVID-19, the flu and RSV. This strategy has been consistent with the CDC [guidance for managing viral respiratory diseases including COVID-19, influenza, and RSV.](#)

Additionally, prior to the start of the current school year, DPH partnered with the Connecticut State Department of Education to distribute operationalized CDC respiratory virus guidance to school nurses and superintendents.

Manisha Juthani, MD
Commissioner



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January 30, 2024

Dear Providers:

On November 17, 2023, the Connecticut Department of Public Health sent out an alert to bring to your attention the recall of certain cinnamon applesauce products due to elevated levels of lead found in the products. The federal recall was for Wanabana cinnamon apple sauce, Schnucks brand cinnamon apple sauce, and Weis brand cinnamon apple sauce.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health seeks your continued assistance with:

- **reminding** parents to stop using these recalled applesauce products immediately and discard them;
- **providing** parents with lead poisoning prevention educational information since most children have no obvious or immediate symptoms of lead exposure;
- **counseling** parents who believe that a child may have been exposed to lead on blood lead testing;
- **educating families and caregivers** that any recalled applesauce pouches remaining in homes, daycares, or other environments involving children need to be immediately discarded; and
- **screening children annually** for lead levels.

At this time the recalled product is no longer available for purchase, but we want to remind you that there is the possibility that the product is still in the homes of children and efforts should continue to screen to determine if the recalled cinnamon apple sauce product was consumed.

Our modeling analysis found that ingestion of just one pouch per day for a period of weeks to months has the potential to cause elevated blood lead levels above 3.5 micrograms per deciliter in children of any age below 7 years. As of January 24, 2023, there are nine elevated blood lead cases in Connecticut associated with the recalled applesauce products. The recalled apple sauce is a suspected contributing factor to the elevated blood lead levels but may not be the only lead exposure for these cases.

Testing of the recalled products also found high levels of chromium. For more information on chromium in the recalled products and recommendations for clinicians, please refer to the CDC's information on [lead and chromium in applesauce pouches](#).

We appreciate your continued work on this recall and providing parents with needed educational information.



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In recent weeks, the Capitol Region in Connecticut has grappled with the aftermath of storms, experiencing snow, flooding, and power outages that underscore the risks posed by natural hazards. For two decades, the region's communities have actively participated in the development and adoption of a natural hazard mitigation plan, with updates implemented every five years. Collaborating once again with the Capitol Region Council of Government (CRCOG), the communities have spent the last eight months updating the plan to address the evolving challenges associated with climate change directly. This initiative will result in the creation of a "Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan (HMCAP)," outlining actionable measures to minimize property and life losses during events such as floods, severe wind events, winter storms, wildfires, droughts, extreme heat events, and earthquakes. Your active involvement in shaping this plan is crucial for fostering a resilient and adaptive Capitol Region.

The hazard mitigation and climate adaptation planning effort is being led by the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA), which is located at UConn's Avery Point Campus. CIRCA is also leveraging this update to expand its "Resilient Connecticut" program from a narrow pilot region to the entire state, with a strong focus in the Hartford region.

The Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan for CRCOG will continue to make the region's communities eligible for seeking hazard mitigation assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of Connecticut. The plan will also help align the region with new State funding programs that become available in the future.

Public meetings to gather resident input were held in October 2023 and used to inform the draft of the plan. A full draft copy will be available for public review starting from January 22nd, 2024. The comprehensive HMCAP draft can be found on the CRCOG Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning webpage at: <https://crcog.org/natural-hazards-mitigation-planning/>. A public meeting to present the draft plan will be held virtually on January 22nd, 2024 at <https://s.uconn.edu/b6qwiycdj>. The public comment period will close on February 16th, 2024. All edits and input can be sent to Nicole Govert at CIRCA at nicole.govert@uconn.edu.

Your engagement is instrumental in ensuring a safer and more sustainable future for the CRCOG region.

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