

Eastern Highlands Health District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting\*  
Agenda  
Thursday February 20, 2025, 4:30 PM  
1712 Main Street, Coventry  
Town Hall, Annex

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes (January 15, 2025)

Public Comments

Old Business - none

New Business – none

Subcommittees

1. Financial report period ending 12/31/24

Medical Advisors Report

Directors Report

2. Governor's Proposed Budget – Update
3. Paused Federal Grants – Update
4. CADH Legislative Report
5. Quarterly Activity Report period ending 12/31/24

Communications/Other

6. Governor Lamont re: Small Cities Grants ...to Modernize and Rehabilitate Housing
7. CT DPH re: Fish Consumption Advisory
8. US HHS re: DEI Programs
9. CT Dept of Ag re: Avian Influenza (H5N1)
10. Governor Lamont re: Protecting Patients and Ensuring a Stable Healthcare System
11. Governor Lamont re: Strengthening Resilience Against Extreme Weather Events

Town Reports

Adjournment

*Next Board Meeting – April 17, 2025, 4:30PM*

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

Thursday, January 16, 2025

**Members present:** E. Anderson (Andover), R. Aylesworth (Mansfield-Virtual), M. Capriola (Mansfield), J. Drumm (Coventry), J. Elsesser (Coventry), H. Evans (Mansfield-Virtual), B. Foley (Tolland-Virtual), J. Rupert (Bolton-Virtual) C. Silver-Smith (Ashford-Virtual), M. Walter (Columbia-Virtual)

**Staff present:** Director of Health R. Miller, Office Manager M. Brosseau, Medical Advisor Dr. Dardick

**Also present:** E. Melnick Strategic Planning Consultant, P. Tanaka Town of Willington First Selectman

J. Elsesser called the meeting to order at 4:34pm.

***Scheduled Item: EHHD Public Hearing – Proposed FY25/26 Operating Budget, & Proposed FY25/26 CNR Budget.***

J. Elsesser opened the public hearing at 4:37pm. R. Miller read the public notice into the record. (See attached). R. Miller gave a brief overview of the budget. R. Miller noted that there were no written comments received. There was no public present at the meeting to speak. J. Elsesser noted that the budget committee reviewed and modified the budget. E. Anderson initiated a discussion on level funding for vehicle replacement.

M. Capriola made a MOTION, seconded by E. Anderson to close the Public Hearing at 4:50 pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

**Proposed Fiscal Year FY25/26 Operating Budget, Cost Recovery Fee Schedule & Proposed FY FY25/26 CNR Budget**

E. Anderson made a MOTION, seconded by J. Drumm to adopt the budget as presented for FY 25/26 including the CNR Budget and Cost Recovery Fee Schedule. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

**Minutes**

E. Anderson made a MOTION, seconded by M. Capriola to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

**Proposed Eastern Highlands Health District Strategic Plan, FY2025-FY2029**

R. Miller provided an introduction to the plan. E. Melnick gave a presentation of the plan, outlining the goals and objectives. Next steps will be to develop an implementation plan. R. Miller has a draft framework and will use that to develop a draft implementation plan. R. Miller will then engage the strategic planning committee, in the coming months to finalize the implementation plan.

C. Silver-Smith made a MOTION, seconded by H. Evans to adopt the document titled, "Eastern Highlands Health District, Strategic Plan FY 2025-FY 2029" as presented on January 16, 2025 in Coventry CT. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

### **Medical Advisors Report**

Dr. Dardick stated there was nothing significant to report, noting that respiratory illnesses are being seen in the community.

### **Directors Report**

#### **CT Foundation of Dental Out Reach**

R. Miller informed the board that he has been in conversation with the agency who is looking for a location to hold a large scale free dental clinic in 2026. Tentatively, EO Smith has been targeted as the location. R. Miller noted that the health district will be a facilitator, connecting the organizers with key partners. B. Foley noted that he has worked closely with this organization in the past and offered his assistance.

#### **Vaccine Program Update**

R. Miller reported that the vaccine program has generated more revenue than proposed in the operating budget. To date 323 shots have been administered. R. Miller noted the assistance from Dr. Dardick and M. Capriola in growing the program.

### **Communications**

#### **CT Dept of Ag re: HPAI H5N1 panzootic**

R. Miller reported that H5N1 is a national public concern. To date there have been 65 cases (1 death) nationwide. Fortunately, there has been no evidence of person to person transmission.

### **Town Reports**

**Ashford** C. Silver-Smith reported they have had a case of RSV and 4 cases of COVID. C. Silver-Smith announced there is a new Senior Center Director and Agent for the aging, Monica Gelleghos.

**Andover** E. Anderson reported that a new restaurant, Pho House, has opened in Andover and is well received by residents. E. Anderson noted that the senior center has been open 5 months now and it has been hard work getting it up and running. They hope to offer health related programs soon.

**Mansfield** R. Aylesworth reported on the chronic issues with the Mansfield Community Center pool. Introduction of bacteria has resulted in the pool being drained and cleaned. Additional planned repairs will occur while it is drained. R. Aylesworth and M. Capriola expressed gratitude to R. Miller for his assistance with the issue.

**Willington** P Tanaka informed the board that the cannabis dispensary in town has gone out of business.

**Tolland** B. Foley expressed his thanks to R. Miller and L. Swanson for their response to an issue with Electric Blue.

**Columbia** M. Walter reported that a new food truck has opened in Columbia, Twin Beaks. They will soon be opening a retail space for selling organic meats.

**Adjournment**

E. Anderson made a MOTION, seconded by M. Walter to adjourn the regular meeting 5:49pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

**Next Board Meeting – February 20, 2025, 4:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Miller

Secretary



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**Eastern Highlands Health District  
Public Hearing\***

**Proposed FY 25/26 Operating Budget, Cost Recovery Fee Schedule & CNR Budget**

The Eastern Highlands Health District will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 16, 2025, 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 2025-2026 District Operating, Cost Recovery Fee Schedule, and Capital Nonrecurring Budget. At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications received. Copies of the proposed District Budgets, and Fee Schedule 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 2nd day of January, 2025.

Robert L. Miller  
Director of Health

**Eastern Highlands Health District  
General Fund  
Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balance  
December 31, 2024  
(with comparative totals for December 31, 2023)**

	Adopted Budget 2024/25	Amended Budget 2024/25	Percent of Adopted Budget		
			2025		2024
<b>Revenues</b>					
Member Town Contributions	\$ 474,660	\$ 474,660	\$ 237,335	50.0%	\$ 231,597
State Grants	207,210	207,210	207,210	100.0%	207,210
Septic Permits	50,000	50,000	24,260	48.5%	27,685
Well Permits	13,000	13,000	7,000	53.8%	7,500
Soil Testing Service	41,000	41,000	19,400	47.3%	20,960
Food Protection Service	85,000	85,000	10,137	11.9%	9,096
B100a Reviews	26,000	26,000	12,410	47.7%	12,390
Septic Plan Reviews	33,500	33,500	18,155	54.2%	16,670
Other Health Services	9,700	9,700	792	8.2%	939
Cosm Insp	6,600	6,600	2,425	36.7%	2,550
Vaccine Adm	-	-	4,283		-
Appropriation of Fund Balance	63,406	63,406	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,010,076</b>	<b>1,010,076</b>	<b>543,406</b>	<b>53.8%</b>	<b>536,596</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries & Wages	702,470	702,470	306,879	43.7%	287,728
Grant Deductions	(71,369)	(71,369)	(45,384)	63.6%	(46,647)
Benefits	231,780	231,780	113,505	49.0%	78,258
Miscellaneous Benefits	14,210	14,210	3,853	27.1%	3,105
Insurance	15,050	15,050	11,734	78.0%	11,757
Professional & Technical Services	26,720	26,720	17,483	65.4%	17,012
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	4,000	4,000	3,495	87.4%	673
Health Reg*Admin Overhead	35,075	35,075	17,538	50.0%	16,945
Other Purchased Services	32,240	32,240	26,846	83.3%	25,743
Other Supplies	12,000	12,000	6,742	56.2%	2,320
Equipment - Minor	4,900	4,900	152	3.1%	2,612
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,007,076</b>	<b>1,007,076</b>	<b>462,843</b>	<b>46.0%</b>	<b>399,506</b>
<b>Operating Transfers</b>					
Transfer to CNR Fund	3,000	3,000	-	0.0%	-
<b>Total Exp &amp; Oper Trans</b>	<b>1,010,076</b>	<b>1,010,076</b>	<b>462,843</b>	<b>45.8%</b>	<b>399,506</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	-	-	80,563		137,090
Fund Balance, July 1	551,726	551,726	551,726		601,782
Fund Balance plus Cont. Capital, Dec.31st	\$ 551,726	\$ 551,726	\$ 632,289		\$ 738,872

**Eastern Highlands Health District**  
**General Fund**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2024**  
(with comparative totals for December 31, 2023)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 632,289	\$ 742,354
Accounts Receivable	-	-
	<u>632,289</u>	<u>742,354</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>632,289</u></u>	<u><u>742,354</u></u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	-	3,482
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,482</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,482</u>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<u>632,289</u>	<u>738,872</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 632,289</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 742,354</u></u>

**Eastern Highlands Health District**  
**Capital Non-Recurring Fund**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2024**  
(with comparative totals for December 31, 2023)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 306,947	\$ 216,445
Total Assets	<u>306,947</u>	<u>216,445</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance	<u>306,947</u>	<u>216,445</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 306,947</u>	<u>\$ 216,445</u>



**Eastern Highlands Health District**  
**Capital Non-Recurring Fund**  
**Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**December 31, 2024**  
(with comparative totals for December 31, 2023)

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	-	-
<b>Operating Transfers</b>		
General Fund	-	-
Total Operating Transfers	-	-
Total Rev & Oper Trans	-	-
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Professional & Technical Services	4,700	-
Vehicles	-	-
Office Equipment	-	-
Total Expenditures	4,700	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	(4,700)	-
Fund Balance, July 1	311,647	216,445
Fund Balance plus Cont. Capital, Dec.31	\$ 306,947	\$ 216,445

**Robert L. Miller**

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**From:** Robert L. Miller  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2025 1:52 PM  
**To:** 'cathy.osten@cga.ct.gov'  
**Cc:** Town Administrator (townadministrator@columbiact.org); 'Columbia First Selectman'  
**Subject:** Proposed Cuts to Local Health Departments  
**Attachments:** 4\_Un\_Underfunded Mandates\_CADH\_2.16.23.pdf; 3\_CADH 2024 One-Pager\_2.25.23.pdf

**Importance:** High

Dear Senator Osten – I am writing you today as the Director of Health for the Town of Columbia. I was surprised and dismayed when the **Governors proposed budget included a 10% reduction to the local health department and health district per capita grant.** Even more surprising was that the only reduction in the overall baseline budget for the CT Department of Public Health comes from payments to Local Health Departments!

This proposed reduction is during a time when Local Health Departments must comply with an increasing number of new and unfunded mandates. While many of these are vital to protecting and improving the health of our communities, without funding we cannot comply. For instance, **childhood lead poisoning intervention threshold reductions have increased our workload by 500%** since Public Act 22-49 was passed. While ARPA funding was temporarily provided to offset a small portion of that expense, even that *funding was pulled back prematurely by the CT DPH* leaving Local Health Departments with absorbing all related expenses. (See attached list of current unfunded and underfunded mandates saddling Local Health Departments.)

Despite ongoing increases in unfunded mandates over the last 25 years, the state investment in local health has NOT kept pace with inflation. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, since 1999, costs have increased 93%. The Department of Public Health's budget has increased accordingly, from \$75 million in 1999, to a proposed \$144 Million in this budget. Meanwhile, the amount allocated to local health departments within that budget has increased only 40% - a paltry \$0.75 per CT resident. This is not sustainable.

Threats to public health demand that we maintain a strong local health infrastructure. The threat of avian influenza, PFAS, the opioid crisis and climate change are real! Temporary COVID-19 funding played a critical role in bolstering our capacity however these federal funds are gone, and new threats to current federal funding leave us vulnerable. For the Eastern Highlands Health District, our vulnerable programs that rely on federal funding include high blood pressure prevention, the recruitment and retention of our Medical Reserve Corps volunteers, emergency preparedness, and community infection control. Now with this proposed cut in the state per capita grant, local towns will be left with the decision to pony up more funds, or reduce local public health services.

The \$723,311 dollar cut in payments to local health departments represents only 0.5% of the overall DPH budget, but will be crippling to many small Local Health Departments with small budgets. Rather than de-funded, public health must be **STRENGTHENED!**

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Respectfully,

*Robert L. Miller, MPH, RS*

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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Manisha Juthani, MD  
Commissioner



Ned Lamont  
Governor  
Susan Bysiewicz  
Lt. Governor

February 13, 2025

Dear Local Health Partners:

Thank you for your continued patience and perseverance as we continue to navigate the near-daily twists and turns in DPH's federal funding situation.

As you may have read or seen, on Monday, a federal judge ruled that the Trump Administration violated his order, issued at the end of January, to stop the federal funding freeze. The judge yesterday ordered the federal government to "immediately restore frozen funding."

In response to this latest development, DPH is again re-engaging in the process of determining which federal grants we can draw down from. As you know, our federal grants operate almost exclusively on a reimbursement basis, meaning DPH must spend the money first and then draw down that expenditure amount from our federal grants. Since the order pausing federal funding was issued late last month, reimbursements have been hit or miss. However, we have been able to successfully draw down funds on our Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG), Immunizations grant, and Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant, all of which are relevant to funding local health departments/districts receive from DPH.

If you already have the funds, you should use them. For those operating under quarterly reimbursements, the December request should have already been submitted. If you have not done so, you should submit it as soon as possible. You should also be cautious about making additional expenditures on any other grants unless DPH confirms that funds can be drawn down, in which case you should proceed with spending.

Our hope is that by next week we will know which federal funding streams have been re-opened, so that you can move forward with initiating new contracts and projects that may have been temporarily paused.

There may yet be more developments in this federal funding saga, so we continue to ask our partners in Local Health for your patience as we navigate these turbulent times. We appreciate your resilience and continued dedication to our shared mission of protecting and improving the health and safety of the people of Connecticut. We will continue to provide you with updates as circumstances warrant.

Sincerely,

Manisha Juthani, MD  
Commissioner



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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



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Lt. Governor

February 11, 2025

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Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manisha Juthani".

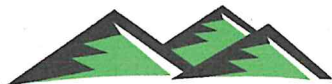
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## Memo

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Robert Miller, Director of Health  
**Date:** 2/14/2025  
**Re:** CADH Bill Tracking Report – 2/7/2025

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Attached for your information is the latest bill tracking report from the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health. Bills of note include:

HB6576 - An Act Establishing Protocols For The Identification, Remediation And Prevention Of Contaminated Well Water. (Page 8)

HB5749 - An Act Concerning Advanced Septic Systems With Nitrogen-Removal Features.(Page 13)

HB5626 - An Act Eliminating The Requirement That Food Protection Managers At Class 2 Food Establishments Pass A Test As Part Of A Food Protection Manager Certification Program.(Page 14)

HB5624 - An Act Concerning Mold Remediation.(Page 14)

HB5620 - An Act Requiring The Implementation Of A Reciprocal Food Truck Vendor Permit Or License.(Page14)

HB5296 - An Act Repealing The Adoption Of The United States Food And Drug Administration's Food Code.(Page 16)

HB5291 - An Act Requiring A Two-Thirds Vote Of The General Assembly To Create Or Expand Unfunded Mandates To Municipalities And School Districts.(Page 16)

SB254 - An Act Requiring The Results Of Any Water Quality Test On A Private Well Serving A Residential Property Or A Semipublic Well That Are Submitted To A Local Health Authority Be Accessible By The Public.(Page 22)



## CADH Bill Tracking Update - Feb. 7, 2025

### SB80 - An Act Concerning The Burning Of Medical Waste.

**Introducers:** Environment Committee; Sen. Henri Martin (R)

**Cosponsors:** Sen. Henri Martin (R); Sen. Rob Sampson (R); Rep. Gale L. Mastrofrancesco (R);

**Intro Date:** 1/23/2025

**Categories:** Medical waste; Solid waste facilities;

**Summary:** To prohibit the burning of medical waste by facilities that do not meet EPA standards for the burning of such waste.

**Complete** 01/27/2025 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 1/31/25 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT 0131

**History:** 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

01/23/2025 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

01/17/2025 Vote to Draft

01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**Progress:** 2/10 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

### HB6864 - An Act Concerning The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June Thirtieth, 2027, And Making Appropriations Therefor.

**Introducers:** REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

**Intro Date:** 2/5/2025

**Summary:** To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**Complete** 02/07/2025 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/14/25 4:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS 0214

**History:** 02/07/2025 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/13/25 5:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS 0213

02/07/2025 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/11/25 5:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS 0211

02/06/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS

**Progress:** 2/10 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

### HB6777 - An Act Concerning Water Utility Systems And Water Quality And Treatment Surcharges.

**Introducers:** Energy and Technology Committee

**Intro Date:** 1/28/2025

**Summary:** To allow water companies to charge a water quality and treatment surcharge to recover costs for capital projects required to comply with state and federal water regulations.

**Complete** 01/31/2025 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/4/25 10:30AM - ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY 0204

**History:** 01/29/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ET ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

**Progress:** 2/10 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

### HB6185 - An Act Concerning The Consumption Of Energy Drinks By Children.

**Introducers:** Committee on Children; Rep. Liz Linehan (D)

**Cosponsors:** Rep. Liz Linehan (D);

**Intro Date:** 1/29/2025

**Summary:** To establish a working group to study the medical risks associated with the consumption of energy drinks by children and effects of a prohibition on the sale of energy drinks to children, and require signage related to the medical risks associated with the consumption of energy drinks by children.

**Complete** 01/31/2025 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/6/25 1:00PM - CHILDREN 0206

**History:** 01/30/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON KID CHILDREN

01/29/2025 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

01/28/2025 Vote to Draft

01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON KID CHILDREN

**Progress:** 2/10 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

### SB154 - An Act Concerning Cottage Food Operations.

**Introducers:** Sen. Heather S. Somers (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/7/2025

**Categories:** Agriculture; Food; Retail trade;

**Summary:** To authorize cottage food operations to sell their products at certain farm stores and cafes.

**Complete** 02/07/2025 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/14/25 10:00AM - GENERAL LAW 0214

**History:** 02/03/2025 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW

**Progress:** 2/10 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

SB1190 - An Act Requiring Nursing Homes And Assisted Living Facilities To Be Equipped With An Automated External Defibrillator.

*Introducers:* Public Health Committee

*Intro Date:* 1/28/2025

*Summary:* To require nursing homes and assisted living facilities to be equipped with an automated external defibrillator.

*Complete* 01/30/2025 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/3/25 11:30AM - PUBLIC HEALTH 0203

*History:* 01/29/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*Progress:* 2/10 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

SB992 - An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study Municipal Penalties For Landlords For Health And Safety Violations.

*Introducers:* Sen. Rob Sampson (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To establish a task force to study municipal penalties for landlords for health and safety violations and determine other mechanisms to resolve such violations that encourage appropriate repairs and ensure tenants have habitable housing.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HSG HOUSING

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB968 - An Act Prohibiting Commercial Activities Involving Food Products That Contain Certain Food Additives.

*Introducers:* Sen. Heather S. Somers (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To prohibit commercial activities involving food products that contain certain food additives.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB963 - An Act Requiring Chemical Hair Relaxer Containers To Bear Labels Disclosing Potential Health Risks.

*Introducers:* Sen. Mae Flexer (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To require each chemical hair relaxer container to bear a label disclosing the potential health risks posed by chemical hair relaxers.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB957 - An Act Prohibiting Proof Of Vaccination Requirements Or Inquiries To Gain Public Access To Commercial Establishments Or State Or Local Government Lands Or Buildings.

*Introducers:* Sen. Rob Sampson (R); Rep. Anne Dauphinais (R); Rep. Gale L. Mastrofrancesco (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To prohibit proof of vaccination requirements or inquiring into vaccine records to gain public access to commercial establishments or state or local government lands or buildings.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GAE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB921 - An Act Imposing A Tax On Sugar-Sweetened Beverages And Dedicating The Revenue Generated To Fund School Breakfast And Lunch Programs.

*Introducers:* Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To impose a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages and dedicate the revenue generated from such tax to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to all students, regardless of family income.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB9 - An Act Concerning The Environment, Climate And Sustainable Municipal And State Planning.

*Introducers:* 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. Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Paul Honig (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Rick Lopes (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Billie Miller (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/7/2025

*Categories:* Climate change; Municipalities;

*Summary:* To provide municipalities certain authorities concerning climate resiliency efforts.

*Complete* 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB887 - An Act Exempting Certain Cookware From Pfas Requirements.

*Introducers:* Sen. Rick Lopes (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025



*Summary:* To exempt certain cookware from the statutory PFAS requirements applicable to consumer goods.

*Complete* 01/24/2025 Vote to Draft

*History:* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB884 - An Act Concerning The Maximum Allowable Concentration For 1,4-Dioxane In Household Cleaning And Personal Care Products And Cosmetics.

*Introducers:* Sen. Christine Cohen (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To protect the public health and the environment by reducing exposure to harmful contaminants in household cleaning, personal care and cosmetic products and encourage safer manufacturing practices.

*Complete* 01/24/2025 Vote to Draft

*History:* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB883 - An Act Concerning The Adoption Of Maine's Pfas-Related Legislation And Regulations And Providing Guidelines For The Use Of Sewage Sludge In Farming.

*Introducers:* Sen. Mae Flexer (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To protect the public health from PFAS and the use of sewage sludge in farming.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB875 - An Act Requiring Pcb Testing In Certain School Buildings And Facilities.

*Introducers:* Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To require PCB testing in schools to promote cancer-free learning.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB863 - An Act Concerning Funding To Develop Community Stop-The-Bleed Programs.

*Introducers:* Sen. Catherine A. Osten (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To allocate funding for community stop-the-bleed programs.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB856 - An Act Concerning Funding For Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Instruction In Certain Schools.

*Introducers:* Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To provide funding to assist title 1 schools in offering CPR instruction, in accordance with section 10-16qq of the general statutes.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB842 - An Act Concerning The Regulation Of Nontobacco Nicotine Products.

*Introducers:* Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To ensure public awareness of the health risks of nontobacco nicotine products and deter misuse and underage access of such products.

*Complete* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB840 - An Act Requiring Schools, Child Care Facilities And Emergency Response Vehicles To Be Equipped With A Portable Airway Clearance Device.

*Introducers:* Sen. Julie Kushner (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To require each school, child care facility and emergency response vehicle to be equipped with a portable airway clearance device.

*Complete* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB833 - An Act Exempting Employees Of Boards Of Education From The Paid Sick Leave Statutes.

*Introducers:* Sen. Heather S. Somers (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To exempt board of education employees from the paid sick leave statutes.

*Complete* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB830 - An Act Establishing Safety Standards To Prevent Heat-Related Illness In Workplaces.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Martin M. Looney (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To create safety standards to prevent employee exposure to the risk of heat-related illness.

*Complete* 01/28/2025 Vote to Draft

*History:* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB795 - An Act Concerning The Establishment Of And Bonding For A Program To Address Food Insecurity.**

*Introducers:* Sen. John A. Kissel (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To establish and fund a program within the Department of Social Services to address food insecurity.

*Complete* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB792 - An Act Imposing An Excise Tax On The Sale Of Non-Tobacco Nicotine Products.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To impose an excise tax of seventy-five per cent on the sale of non-tobacco nicotine products.

*Complete* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB785 - An Act Establishing A Vegetative Waste Collection And Processing Program.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Ceci Maher (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To reduce vegetative waste in landfills and increase the recycling of such wastes.

*Complete* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB782 - An Act Concerning The Provision Of Carbohydrate Information For Menu Items In School Cafeterias.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Martha Marx (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To provide carbohydrate information for all school cafeteria menu items.

*Complete* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB770 - An Act Concerning The Prevention Of Sudden Cardiac Death In Students.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/16/2025

*Summary:* To prevent sudden cardiac death and promote awareness of cardiac health in students.

*Complete* 01/17/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB766 - An Act Concerning Information Sharing Between The Office Of The Child Advocate And The Infant Mortality Review Committee Within The Department Of Public Health.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/16/2025

*Summary:* To enhance the committee's ability to identify trends, evaluate risk factors and develop recommendations to reduce infant mortality rates in Connecticut.

*Complete* 01/17/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB733 - An Act Establishing Pfas-Related Public Water Supply Testing Standards And Requirements.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Christine Cohen (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/16/2025

*Summary:* To create a maximum contaminant level for PFAS in public drinking water supplies.

*Complete* 01/17/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB732 - An Act Requiring The State Water Plan To Be Amended To Address Climate Change.

*Introducers:* Sen. Martha Marx (D); Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/16/2025

*Summary:* To require the state water plan to be amended to account for climate change.

*Complete* 01/17/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB710 - An Act Concerning The Reduction Of Wait Times In Hospital Emergency Departments And Requiring A Study Of The Potential Impacts Of Increasing Medicaid Reimbursement Rates For Emergency Room Visits.

*Introducers:* Sen. MD Rahman (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/15/2025

*Summary:* To reduce wait times at hospital emergency departments and require a study of the potential impacts of increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for emergency department visits.

*Complete* 01/16/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB708 - An Act Allowing Out-Of-State Telehealth Providers To Provide Telehealth Services To Patients In This State.

*Introducers:* Sen. Ryan Fazio (R); Sen. Heather S. Somers (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/15/2025

*Summary:* To establish that the requirements for licensure, certification or registration of telehealth providers include out-of-state telehealth providers who are Medicaid-enrolled providers or in-network providers for commercially, fully insured health insurance providing telehealth services to patients.

*Complete* 01/16/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB707 - An Act Prohibiting The State From Mandating Experimental Or Emergency Vaccinations, Disclosure Of Vaccination Status Or Testing For Illness.

*Introducers:* Sen. Rob Sampson (R); Rep. Anne Dauphinais (R); Rep. Gale L. Mastrofrancesco (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/15/2025

*Summary:* To prohibit the state from mandating experimental or emergency vaccinations, disclosure of vaccination status or testing for an illness.

*Complete* 01/16/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB706 - An Act Prohibiting The Sale Of Kratom Products To Individuals Under Twenty-One Years Of Age.

*Introducers:* Sen. Martha Marx (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/15/2025

*Summary:* To protect public health.

*Complete* 01/16/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB704 - An Act Establishing A Loan Forgiveness Program And A Tuition Payment Program For Health Care Professionals.

*Introducers:* Sen. Jeff Gordon (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/15/2025

*Summary:* To address the shortage of health care professionals in rural and underserved areas in the state.

*Complete* 01/16/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB7 - An Act Concerning Protections For Access To Health Care And The Equitable Delivery Of Health Care Services In The State.

*Introducers:* 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. Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Paul Honig (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Rick Lopes (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Billie Miller (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/7/2025

*Categories:* Medical care;

*Summary:* To protect continued access to health care and the equitable delivery of health care services in the state.

*Complete* 01/17/2025 Vote to Draft

*History:* 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6868 - An Act Enhancing Environmental Permitting Predictability.

*Introducers:* REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

*Intro Date:* 2/5/2025

*Summary:* To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.  
*Complete* 02/06/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6866 - An Act Implementing The Governor's Budget Recommendations For Education.**

*Introducers:* REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9  
*Intro Date:* 2/5/2025  
*Summary:* To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.  
*Complete* 02/06/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6865 - An Act Implementing The Governor's Recommendations For General Government.**

*Introducers:* REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9  
*Intro Date:* 2/5/2025  
*Summary:* To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.  
*Complete* 02/06/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6863 - An Act Making Deficiency Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025.**

*Introducers:* REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9  
*Intro Date:* 2/5/2025  
*Summary:* To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.  
*Complete* 02/06/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6808 - An Act Prohibiting Certain Food Additives.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Rep. Jennifer Leeper (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/28/2025  
*Summary:* To prohibit certain food additives.  
*Complete* 01/29/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6792 - An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For The Heating, Ventilation And Air Conditioning System Grant Program.**

*Introducers:* Rep. James Sanchez (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/28/2025  
*Summary:* To provide funding for grants for heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in public schools.  
*Complete* 01/29/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6788 - An Act Extending The Implementation Of The Air Quality Improvement Grant Program.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/28/2025  
*Summary:* To allow school districts that were unable to receive air quality improvement grants another opportunity to seek a grant to improve indoor air quality for students, educators and school staff.  
*Complete* 01/29/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6763 - An Act Prohibiting A Health Care Provider From Administering A Vaccine To A Minor Without The Consent Of The Minor's Parent Or Guardian.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Doug Dubitsky (R)  
*Intro Date:* 1/27/2025  
*Summary:* To prohibit a health care provider from administering a vaccine to a minor without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian.  
*Complete* 01/28/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6752 - An Act Adjusting The Fiscal Guardrails.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Jillian Gilchrist (D); Rep. Kate Farrar (D); Rep. Maryam Khan (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D); Rep. Gregory Haddad (D); Rep. Steven Winter (D); Rep. Bob Godfrey (D); Rep. Kenneth Gucker (D); Rep. Roland J. Lemar (D); Rep. Kara Rochelle (D); Rep. Mike Demicco (D); Rep. Susan M. Johnson (D); Rep. Kai J. Belton (D); Rep. Nicholas Menapace (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. Nick Gauthier (D); Rep. Geoff Luxenberg (D); Rep. Jason Doucette (D); Rep. Patrick Biggins (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Rep. Amy Morrin Bello (D); Rep. Bobby G. Gibson, Jr. (D); Rep. Jane M. Garibay (D); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Kadeem

Roberts (D); Rep. Laurie Sweet (D); Rep. Michael Shannon (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. James Sanchez (D); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D); Rep. Rebecca Martínez (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/27/2025

*Summary:* To make adjustments to the spending cap and the volatility cap and require the incorporation of certain economic impact analyses by the Treasurer into the bonding process.

*Complete History:* 01/28/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6669 - An Act Concerning Grants For The Removal Of Pfas From Fire Apparatus.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Joshua M. Hall (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/23/2025

*Summary:* To (1) make independent fire companies and state entities eligible for the grants to remove PFAS from fire apparatus specified in subdivision (10) of subsection (b) of section 41 of public act 23-204, and (2) allow such grants to provide reimbursement for the removal of PFAS that occurred prior to July 1, 2023.

*Complete History:* 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6661 - An Act Requiring Gas Leak Detectors In New And Existing Construction That Uses Combustible Gas.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Bill Buckbee (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/23/2025

*Summary:* To require all structures that use combustible gas to be equipped with a gas leak detector.

*Complete History:* 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6658 - An Act Concerning The Requirement That Food Service Establishments Utilize A Carbon Dioxide Alarm.**

*Introducers:* Rep. David Rutigliano (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/23/2025

*Summary:* To eliminate the requirement that a food service establishment utilize a carbon dioxide alarm.

*Complete History:* 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6636 - An Act Concerning Grants For The Removal Of Pfas From Fire Apparatus.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Joshua M. Hall (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/23/2025

*Summary:* To help fire departments reduce the costs of removing PFAS.

*Complete History:* 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6614 - An Act Authorizing A Religious Exemption To School Vaccination Requirements.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Doug Dubitsky (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/23/2025

*Summary:* To authorize a religious exemption to school vaccination requirements.

*Complete History:* 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6613 - An Act Prohibiting Schools And Institutions Of Higher Education From Discriminating Against A Student Or A Student's Family Member As A Result Of Such Student's Or Family Member's Covid-19 Vaccination Status.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Doug Dubitsky (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/23/2025

*Summary:* To prohibit any school or public or independent institution of higher education from discriminating against any student or family member of such student as a result of such student's or family member's COVID-19 vaccination status.

*Complete History:* 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB6612 - An Act Prohibiting The Discrimination Of A Person Based Upon Whether Such Person Wears A Surgical Mask, Has Been Administered A Covid-19 Vaccine Or Has Been Tested For Covid-19.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Doug Dubitsky (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/23/2025

*Summary:* To prohibit a business or other entity that receives state funding from discriminating against any person based upon whether such person wears a surgical mask, has been administered a COVID-19 vaccine or been tested COVID-19.

*Complete History:* 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

Progress: 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6611 - An Act Allowing A Moral Or Philosophical Objection As An Exemption To The Immunization Requirements For Attending School.

Introducers: Rep. Doug Dubitsky (R)

Intro Date: 1/23/2025

Summary: To allow a moral or philosophical objection as an exemption to the school immunization requirements.

Complete 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

History:

Progress: 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6603 - An Act Concerning The Cardiac Health Of Student Athletes.

Introducers: Rep. Tom O'Dea (R)

Intro Date: 1/23/2025

Summary: To protect children from cardiac emergencies while participating in school athletic activities.

Complete 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

History:

Progress: 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6587 - An Act Requiring A Study Of The Medical Waiver Process For Vaccination Requirements.

Introducers: Rep. Tracy Marra (R); Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (D)

Intro Date: 1/23/2025

Summary: To require a study of the use of the medical waiver for school vaccination requirements.

Complete 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

History:

Progress: 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6581 - An Act Concerning The Administration Of Vaccines To Children By Pharmacists.

Introducers: Rep. Jason Perillo (R)

Intro Date: 1/23/2025

Summary: To allow pharmacists to administer vaccines to children, regardless of their age.

Complete 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

History:

Progress: 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred



HB6576 - An Act Establishing Protocols For The Identification, Remediation And Prevention Of Contaminated Well Water.

Introducers: Rep. Jaime S. Foster (D); Rep. Maria P. Horn (D); Rep. Patrick S. Boyd (D); Rep. Mary Welander (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

Intro Date: 1/23/2025

Summary: To ensure access to clean and safe drinking water for all residents of the state.

Complete 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

History:

Progress: 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6567 - An Act Establishing A Medical Waiver Process For Vaccination Requirements.

Introducers: Rep. Tracy Marra (R); Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (D)

Intro Date: 1/23/2025

Summary: To establish a process through which individuals may request a medical waiver for any vaccination requirement in the state.

Complete 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

History:

Progress: 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6564 - An Act Prohibiting Smoking In Non-Owner-Occupied Apartment Buildings.

Introducers: Rep. Mike Demicco (D)

Intro Date: 1/23/2025

Summary: To enhance and improve the health of residents of non-owner-occupied apartment buildings.

Complete 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

History:

Progress: 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6561 - An Act Requiring Side Effect Disclosures On State-Funded Advertisements For Vaccines.

Introducers: Rep. Gale L. Mastrofrancesco (R); Rep. Anne Dauphinais (R)

Intro Date: 1/23/2025

Summary: To require any state-funded advertisement for a vaccine to include a conspicuous disclosure of any potential side effects of such vaccine.

Complete 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

History:

Progress: 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED SINCE FEBRUARY 1, 2025

**Introducers:** Rep. Sarah Keitt (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/23/2025

**Summary:** To promote vaccine availability and affordability by (1) supporting vaccine administration by local health departments and health districts, and (2) promoting public awareness of free and low-cost vaccines.

**Complete** 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB65 - An Act Requiring Reporting On Closed Wells And Landfills And Establishing A Protocol For Testing Such Structures For Pfas.

**Introducers:** Sen. Heather S. Somers (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/7/2025

**Categories:** Ash residue landfills; Chemicals; Landfills; Soil testing;

**Summary:** To create a record of closed landfills and wells and establish a protocol for PFAS testing of wells, landfills and incinerator ash.

**Complete** 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6495 - An Act Requiring A Landlord To Reimburse A Tenant For Spoiled Food Or Medicine Under Certain Conditions.

**Introducers:** Rep. Kara Rochelle (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/23/2025

**Summary:** To require a landlord to reimburse a tenant for spoiled food or medicine due to the landlord's failure to repair refrigeration equipment or electrical malfunctions under certain conditions.

**Complete** 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HSG HOUSING

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6483 - An Act Prohibiting Sales Of Certain Processed Food Products.

**Introducers:** Rep. Tom O'Dea (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/23/2025

**Summary:** To provide that no retailer shall sell any processed food product in this state if retail sales of such processed food product are prohibited in Canada or the European Union.

**Complete** 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6481 - An Act Prohibiting Use Of Flavored Tobacco Products.

**Introducers:** Rep. Tom O'Dea (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/23/2025

**Summary:** To prohibit use of flavored tobacco products.

**Complete** 01/24/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB646 - An Act Authorizing Municipalities To Prohibit The Sale Of Plastic Nip Liquor Bottles.

**Introducers:** Sen. MD Rahman (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/15/2025

**Summary:** To allow municipalities to prohibit the sale of plastic nip liquor bottles through a vote of their legislative body.

**Complete** 01/16/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB643 - An Act Concerning The Sale And Use Of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides.

**Introducers:** Sen. Christine Cohen (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/15/2025

**Summary:** To protect wildlife, ecosystems and the public health from the toxic effects of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

**Complete** 01/16/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6395 - An Act Concerning The Provision And Promotion Of Energy Drinks To Children And Requiring Identification For The Purchase Of Energy Drinks.

**Introducers:** Rep. Jaime S. Foster (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/22/2025

**Summary:** To (1) prohibit the provision of energy drink samples and promotion of energy drinks to children under the age of sixteen, and (2) require identification for the purchase of energy drinks.

**Complete** 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON KID CHILDREN

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB629 - An Act Reinstating The Religious Exemption From School Vaccination Requirements.

*Introducers:* Sen. Eric C. Berthel (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025

*Summary:* To reinstate the religious exemption from school vaccination requirements.

*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6289 - An Act Authorizing The Use Of Drones To Analyze, Treat And Apply Fertilizers And Pesticides To Crops.

*Introducers:* Rep. Vincent J. Candelora (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/22/2025

*Summary:* To allow the use of precision drone technology by Federal Aviation Administration licensed pilots and licensed commercial and private pesticide applicators to analyze, treat and apply fertilizers and pesticides on crops in order to reduce the environmental impact compared to existing methods.

*Complete* 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6288 - An Act Concerning Nips.

*Introducers:* Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/22/2025

*Summary:* To remove a persistent source of litter in municipalities and reduce a concealable source of alcohol.

*Complete* 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6286 - An Act Concerning The Disposal Of Marine And Road Flares.

*Introducers:* Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/22/2025

*Summary:* To provide for the safe disposal of marine and road flares that have expired.

*Complete* 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB628 - An Act Removing Certain Notice Provisions Concerning Repeat Blight Violations.

*Introducers:* Sen. Jeff Gordon (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025

*Summary:* To remove certain notice and opportunity to remediate provisions concerning repeat blight violations to provide municipalities with additional anti-blight enforcement powers.

*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6260 - An Act Concerning The Intentional Feeding Of Dangerous Wildlife, Limiting The Use Of Bird Feeders And Prohibiting The Improper Storage Of Food, Garbage And Wildlife Attractants.

*Introducers:* Rep. Melissa Osborne (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/22/2025

*Summary:* To reduce wildlife to human habituation and the frequency and likelihood of negative human interactions with wildlife.

*Complete* 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6258 - An Act Limiting The Nonagricultural Use Of Neonicotinoids.

*Introducers:* Rep. Lucy Dathan (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. Kerry S. Wood (D); Rep. Mike Demicco (D); Rep. Savet Constantine (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/22/2025

*Summary:* To safeguard public health and pollinator protection.

*Complete* 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6257 - An Act Authorizing The Use Of Terramation.

*Introducers:* Rep. Amy Morrin Bello (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/22/2025

*Summary:* To authorize the use of terramation as an alternative to cremation.

*Complete* 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred



HB6254 - An Act Restricting The Use Of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides.

*Introducers:* Rep. Lucy Dathan (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. Mike Demicco (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/22/2025

*Summary:* To protect the health of raptors and other animals.

*Complete* 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6247 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Herbicides, Pesticides And Certain Fertilizers In Watershed Areas And Near Bodies Of Water.

*Introducers:* Rep. Brandon Chafee (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/22/2025

*Summary:* To reduce certain pollution from herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers in watershed areas and near bodies of water.

*Complete* 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6221 - An Act Concerning Workforce Development For Sewage Treatment Facilities.

*Introducers:* Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/22/2025

*Summary:* To create a workforce for sewage treatment facilities.

*Complete* 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6214 - An Act Authorizing Butcher Shops To Process Farmer-Owned And Usda-Inspected Livestock.

*Introducers:* Rep. Bill Buckbee (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/22/2025

*Summary:* To address the backlog of processing farmer livestock.

*Complete* 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6118 - An Act Establishing A Program Offering Low-Interest Loans To Homeowners To Replace Septic Systems And Install Flood Mitigation Systems.

*Introducers:* Rep. Martin Focello (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To establish a program to offer low-interest loans to homeowners for the purpose of replacing existing septic systems and installing flood mitigation systems.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HSG HOUSING

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB6060 - An Act Concerning Health Data.

*Introducers:* Rep. Jaime S. Foster (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To establish additional standards governing the ownership, collection, storage and use of health data.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB600 - An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For The Purchase Of Automatic External Defibrillators At Schools.

*Introducers:* Sen. Eric C. Berthel (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025

*Summary:* To provide funding to schools for the purchase of automatic external defibrillators.

*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5920 - An Act Concerning Private Contractors Engaged In Snow And Ice Removal Involving Sodium Chloride.

*Introducers:* Rep. Kevin Brown (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To provide that no private contractor shall, for compensation, remove any snow or ice by using sodium chloride unless such contractor (1) is registered with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and (2) has received training regarding the proper use of sodium chloride for purposes of snow and ice removal.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

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**Introducers:** Rep. Sarah Keitt (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/21/2025

**Summary:** To prohibit the use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

**Complete** 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5913 - An Act Prohibiting The Regulation Of Pesticide Use By Municipalities.**

**Introducers:** Rep. Doug Dubitsky (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/21/2025

**Summary:** To preempt municipalities from regulating the use of pesticides and leaving such regulation to the state and federal governments.

**Complete** 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5907 - An Act Prohibiting The Application Of Pesticides To Organic Foods.**

**Introducers:** Rep. Tom O'Dea (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/21/2025

**Summary:** To prohibit the application of pesticides to organic foods.

**Complete** 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5903 - An Act Concerning Reform Of The Use And Regulation Of Neonicotinoids.**

**Introducers:** Rep. Kerry S. Wood (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/21/2025

**Summary:** To reform the use and regulation of neonicotinoids in the state.

**Complete** 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5900 - An Act Prohibiting The Cultivation Of Octopus For Human Consumption And The Use Of Octopus For Entertainment Purposes.**

**Introducers:** Rep. Kerry S. Wood (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/21/2025

**Summary:** To prohibit the farming of octopus for human consumption and the use of octopus for entertainment purposes.

**Complete** 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5893 - An Act Funding Cardiac Emergency Response Plans.**

**Introducers:** Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/21/2025

**Summary:** To require the establishment of a grant program to assist schools, with a priority given to priority schools, with implementing cardiac emergency response plans and a procedure for monitoring adherence to cardiac emergency response plans and to allow local and regional boards of education to accept gifts, grants and donations for such purpose.

**Complete** 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5889 - An Act Concerning The Promotion Of Toy And Craft-Based Celebrations In Schools.**

**Introducers:** Rep. Jaime S. Foster (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/21/2025

**Summary:** To promote allergy awareness and allergen-friendly school celebrations.

**Complete** 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5883 - An Act Concerning Implementation Of The Centers For Disease Control And Prevention's Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Framework.**

**Introducers:** Rep. Jaime S. Foster (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/21/2025

**Summary:** To implement the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child framework.

**Complete** 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5879 - An Act Concerning A Model Curriculum For Prevention Of Opioid Use And Related Disorders.**

*Introducers:* Rep. John-Michael Parker (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To require the Department of Education to develop (1) a model curriculum for prevention of opioid use and related disorders, and (2) guidelines for volunteer presentations related to substance abuse prevention.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5878 - An Act Requiring The Use Of The State Board Of Education's Health Assessment Record Form.**

*Introducers:* Rep. John-Michael Parker (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To require the form supplied by the State Board of Education be the only acceptable form for health assessment records for the purpose of school enrollment.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5873 - An Act Concerning Indoor Air Quality In Public Schools.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Kara Rochelle (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To require measurements of volatile organic compounds and the effectiveness of high-quality air filtration be included in indoor air quality inspections of school buildings.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5843 - An Act Concerning Funding For Fire Departments To Electronically Track Health Data.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Joe Hoxha (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To provide funding for fire departments to better electronically track relevant health data of firefighters.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB583 - An Act Concerning The Provision Of Information Regarding Type 1 Diabetes To The Parents And Guardians Of Students.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Eric C. Berthel (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025

*Summary:* To provide important and updated medical information on type 1 diabetes to parents and guardians of students through the Department of Education's "Learning and Diabetes: A Resource Guide for Schools and Families".

*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB582 - An Act Repealing The Funding Exemption To The Automatic External Defibrillators In Schools Requirement.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Eric C. Berthel (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025

*Summary:* To repeal the exemption from the requirement that all schools have automatic external defibrillators.

*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5804 - An Act Concerning Funding For Suicide Prevention.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Juan R. Candelaria (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To provide suicide prevention training and workshops for behavioral health providers, school employees, faculty members at institutions of higher education, students, community members and their families.

*Complete* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5749 - An Act Concerning Advanced Septic Systems With Nitrogen-Removal Features.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Nick Gauthier (D); Rep. Nicholas Menapace (D); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To develop programs like those that exist in neighboring states for the installation and use of advanced septic systems that have nitrogen removal features.

*Complete* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5659 - An Act Concerning The Provision Of Services To Educators And School Personnel At School-Based Health Centers.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Patrick Biggins (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To permit school-based health centers to provide services to educators and school personnel who work in the school facility where such school-based health center is located.

*Complete History:* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5657 - An Act Concerning Asthma Action Plans.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Patrick Biggins (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To require health care providers to create an asthma action plan during the required health assessment for each child diagnosed with asthma and to include such asthma action plan in the health assessment report health care providers submit to local or regional school districts.

*Complete History:* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5629 - An Act Permitting A Religious Exemption To School Vaccination Requirements.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Cara Christine Pavalock-D'Amato (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To allow parents to make certain health care decisions for their children consistent with their religious beliefs.

*Complete History:* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5628 - An Act Requiring The Department Of Public Health To Create Educational Programs And Initiatives To Raise Awareness About The Disparities In Birth Outcomes For Black Women.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Treenee McGee (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To improve maternal health outcomes for black women by requiring the establishment of educational programs and initiatives to address the underlying causes of birth outcome disparities in the black community.

*Complete History:* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred



**HB5626 - An Act Eliminating The Requirement That Food Protection Managers At Class 2 Food Establishments Pass A Test As Part Of A Food Protection Manager Certification Program.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Jay M. Case (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To eliminate the requirement that food protection managers at class 2 food establishments satisfactorily pass a test as part of a food protection manager certification program.

*Complete History:* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred



**HB5624 - An Act Concerning Mold Remediation.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Steven Winter (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To establish requirements for mold remediation of rental housing units and licensure of mold remediation contractors.

*Complete History:* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred



**HB5620 - An Act Requiring The Implementation Of A Reciprocal Food Truck Vendor Permit Or License.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Josh Elliott (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To implement reciprocal permitting or licensing of food truck vendors that allows such vendors to operate in all municipalities in the state.

*Complete History:* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB562 - An Act Concerning Funding For The Connecticut Rare Disease Advisory Council.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025

*Summary:* To allow the Connecticut Rare Disease Advisory Council to collaborate with and accept funds from nonprofit entities.

*Complete History:* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5525 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Nitrogen-Reducing Septic Systems.

*Introducers:* Rep. Nicholas Menapace (D); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To provide for the use of nitrogen-reducing septic systems in the state.

*Complete* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5524 - An Act Concerning A Sewage Right-To-Know Act.

*Introducers:* Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2025

*Summary:* To warn residents, including those who fish and swim, of sewage spills occurring along rivers and streams.

*Complete* 01/21/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5455 - An Act Prohibiting Food Service Establishments From Selling Food Prepared With Frying Oils Containing Artificial Trans Fats.

*Introducers:* Rep. Michael Shannon (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/16/2025

*Summary:* To prohibit the sale of any food containing artificial trans fats by food service establishments.

*Complete* 01/17/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5452 - An Act Requiring The Implementation Of A Reciprocal Food Truck Vendor Permit Or License.

*Introducers:* Rep. John E. Piscopo (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/16/2025

*Summary:* To allow for more efficiency for food truck vendors by reducing paperwork and saving costs associated with obtaining a permit or license from every municipality in which a food truck vendor seeks to operate.

*Complete* 01/17/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5387 - An Act Authorizing The Use Of Terramation.

*Introducers:* Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. Steven Winter (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/16/2025

*Summary:* To provide residents of the state with an environmentally sustainable alternative to cremation.

*Complete* 01/17/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5344 - An Act Permitting A Moral Or Philosophical Objection As An Exemption To The School Immunization Requirements.

*Introducers:* Rep. Gale L. Mastrofrancesco (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/15/2025

*Summary:* To allow a moral or philosophical objection as an exemption to the school immunization requirements.

*Complete* 01/16/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5341 - An Act Prohibiting Employers And Public Officials From Requiring Proof Of A Covid-19 Vaccination.

*Introducers:* Rep. Gale L. Mastrofrancesco (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/15/2025

*Summary:* To prohibit employers and public officials from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

*Complete* 01/16/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5340 - An Act Prohibiting The State From Mandating A Covid-19 Vaccination.

*Introducers:* Rep. Gale L. Mastrofrancesco (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/15/2025

*Summary:* To prohibit the state, or any employee thereof, from mandating a COVID-19 vaccination.

*Complete* 01/16/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5316 - An Act Authorizing Local Butcher Shops To Process Farmer-Owned Usda And Inspected Meat Products.

*Introducers:* Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R)  
*Intro Date:* 1/15/2025  
*Summary:* To alleviate livestock processing backlogs in the state.  
*Complete* 01/16/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB53 - An Act Establishing A Baseline For Pfas Remediation Of Real Property.

*Introducers:* Sen. Eric C. Berthel (R)  
*Intro Date:* 1/7/2025  
*Categories:* Chemicals; Hazardous waste; Real estate;  
*Summary:* To establish a baseline for the remediation of PFAS on real property.  
*Complete* 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5298 - An Act Requiring The Department Of Public Health To License Drama Therapists And Dance/movement Therapists.

*Introducers:* Rep. Amy Morrin Bello (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025  
*Summary:* To require licensure of drama therapists and dance/movement therapists.  
*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5297 - An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study Family Well-Being And Tackle Health, Economic And Environmental Challenges Facing Overburdened And Under-Resourced Communities In The State.

*Introducers:* Rep. Andre F. Baker, Jr. (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025  
*Summary:* To establish a task force to study family well-being and address health, economic and environmental challenges facing overburdened and under-resourced communities in the state.  
*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred



HB5296 - An Act Repealing The Adoption Of The United States Food And Drug Administration's Food Code.

*Introducers:* Rep. David Rutigliano (R)  
*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025  
*Summary:* To repeal the adoption of the United States Food and Drug Administration's Food Code.  
*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5292 - An Act Concerning Sustainable Zoning Practices.

*Introducers:* Rep. Michael Shannon (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025  
*Summary:* To encourage the development of natural infrastructure projects, sustainable zoning practices and resiliency measures.  
*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred



HB5291 - An Act Requiring A Two-Thirds Vote Of The General Assembly To Create Or Expand Unfunded Mandates To Municipalities And School Districts.

*Introducers:* Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R)  
*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025  
*Summary:* To require a two-thirds vote of each chamber of the General Assembly to enact legislation to create or expand an unfunded mandate to a municipality or school district.  
*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5264 - An Act Concerning Coastline Resiliency To Climate Change.

*Introducers:* Rep. Michael Shannon (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025  
*Summary:* To mitigate flooding and other damage caused by climate change in coastal areas of the state.  
*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT  
*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred  
HB5260 - An Act Prohibiting The Nonagricultural Use Of Neonicotinoids.

*Introducers:* Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/14/2025

*Summary:* To prohibit the nonagricultural use of neonicotinoids.

*Complete* 01/15/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB526 - An Act Expanding The Exemptions To The Required Immunizations Law For Students.

*Introducers:* Sen. Rob Sampson (R); Rep. Anne Dauphinais (R); Rep. Gale L. Mastrofrancesco (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/10/2025

*Summary:* To expand the exemptions to state mandatory vaccination laws for school-aged children.

*Complete* 01/13/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5225 - An Act Concerning Increased Access To Free School Meals.

*Introducers:* Rep. Jaime S. Foster (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025

*Summary:* To ensure that all students, regardless of which school they are enrolled, have access to free school meals in order to support the health and well-being of children from low-income families.

*Complete* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED EDUCATION

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5224 - An Act Concerning Funding For The Ct Grown For Ct Kids Grant Program.

*Introducers:* Rep. Jaime S. Foster (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025

*Summary:* To increase funding for the CT Grown for CT Kids grant program, promote the purchase of locally grown food and provide healthier food options for school students.

*Complete* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5223 - An Act Concerning Funding For The Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

*Introducers:* Rep. Jaime S. Foster (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025

*Summary:* To increase funds for the farmers' market nutrition program to expand access to fresh, locally grown produce for low-income individuals and families.

*Complete* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5209 - An Act Limiting Orders Related To Firearms And Ammunition During A Civil Preparedness Or Public Health Emergency.

*Introducers:* Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025

*Summary:* To prohibit the Governor or any municipality from restricting lawful possession of a firearm or ammunition during a civil preparedness or public health emergency.

*Complete* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5198 - An Act Permitting A Moral Or Philosophical Objection As An Exemption From School Immunization Requirements.

*Introducers:* Rep. Devin R. Carney (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025

*Summary:* To allow a moral or philosophical objection as an exemption from school immunization requirements.

*Complete* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB5167 - An Act Prohibiting Cannabis Consumption At Locations Where Alcohol Consumption Is Prohibited.

*Introducers:* Rep. Tami Zawistowski (R); Rep. David Rutigliano (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025

*Summary:* To prohibit cannabis consumption at locations where alcohol consumption is prohibited.

*Complete* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

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*Introducers:* Rep. Tami Zawistowski (R); Rep. David Rutigliano (R)  
*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025  
*Summary:* To prohibit cannabis consumption at locations where tobacco use is prohibited.  
*Complete* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5151 - An Act Concerning The Methodology Used To Adjust The Volatility Cap Transfer Threshold.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Jason Doucette (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025  
*Summary:* To amend the methodology used to calculate the annual adjustment to the threshold amount of the revenue transfer under section 4-30a of the general statutes.  
*Complete* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5135 - An Act Prohibiting The Use Of Glyphosate On State And Municipal Owned Properties.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025  
*Summary:* To reduce the use of glyphosate in the state.  
*Complete* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5134 - An Act Concerning The Commissioner Of Agriculture's Responsibilities For Rabbit Processing In The State.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Dave W. Yaccarino (R)  
*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025  
*Summary:* To provide a way for rabbits to be processed in the state for consumption by consumers and retail food establishments.  
*Complete* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5133 - An Act Concerning Municipal Food Scrap Recycling Programs.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Amy Morrin Bello (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/13/2025  
*Summary:* To establish a grant program to assist towns with diverting food scraps from the waste stream.  
*Complete* 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5108 - An Act Concerning The Regulation Of Industrial Low-Frequency Noise Pollution.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Rebecca Martinez (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/10/2025  
*Summary:* To protect citizens of the state from the health effects of industrial low-frequency noise pollution.  
*Complete* 01/13/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB505 - An Act Concerning The Regulation Of Neonicotinoids.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Christine Cohen (D)  
*Intro Date:* 1/10/2025  
*Summary:* To protect pollinators, birds, ecosystems and public health by further regulating the use of neonicotinoids.  
*Complete* 01/13/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5049 - An Act Increasing The Penalty For Violation Of Certain Municipal Regulations And Ordinances.**

*Introducers:* Rep. Irene M. Haines (R)  
*Intro Date:* 1/7/2025  
*Categories:* Fines (penalties); Municipal regulations; Ordinances; Violations;  
*Summary:* To increase the maximum penalty for violation of certain municipal regulations and ordinances to one thousand dollars and adjust such amount for inflation annually.  
*Complete* 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
*History:*  
*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HB5020 - An Act Concerning The Processing Of Rabbits For Consumption By Local Consumers And Retail Food Establishments.**



**Introducers:** Rep. Joseph P. Gresko (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/7/2025

**Categories:** Meat; Retail trade;

**Summary:** To provide for the in-state processing of rabbits for local consumers and retail food establishments.

**Complete** 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB492 - An Act Establishing An Overdose Prevention Center Pilot Program.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Summary:** To promote the establishment of overdose prevention centers in the state.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB491 - An Act Establishing A Grant Program To Support Tobacco And Nicotine Product Cessation Efforts.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Summary:** To establish a grant program to support tobacco and nicotine product cessation efforts.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB49 - An Act Authorizing The Killing Of Black Bear That Injure Or Kill Livestock Or Other Domestic Animals.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Eric C. Berthel (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/7/2025

**Categories:** Bears; Hunting; Livestock;

**Summary:** To permit a person to kill a black bear that attacks such person's livestock.

**Complete** 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB487 - An Act Concerning Emergency Department Boarding And Crowding.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Summary:** To address emergency department boarding and crowding.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB483 - An Act Implementing The Recommendations Of The Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis Task Force.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Summary:** To implement the recommendations of the nonalcoholic steatohepatitis task force.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB48 - An Act Safeguarding Connecticut's Natural Resources And Environment.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Stephen Harding (R); Sen. Henri Martin (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/7/2025

**Categories:** Conservation; Natural resources;

**Summary:** To ensure a healthier and more resilient ecosystem for future generations and foster conservation and environmental stewardship for a thriving and sustainable Connecticut.

**Complete** 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB478 - An Act Prohibiting The Sale Of Tobacco, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems And Vapor Products By New Retailers Within A Certain Distance Of A School.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Summary:** To prioritize public health.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Summary:** To declare opioid and substance use disorders a public health crisis and establish a commission on opioid and substance use disorders.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB475 - An Act Establishing A Public Health Advisory Body Within The Department Of Public Health.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Summary:** To ensure that the Department of Public Health benefits from the expertise of an advisory board on critical public health matters.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB474 - An Act Revising The Amount Of Fluoride To Be Added To The Water Supply By Water Companies.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Summary:** To enhance public health outcomes and promote dental health by ensuring consistent levels of fluoride in the drinking water of larger communities.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB473 - An Act Concerning Green Burials.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Summary:** To promote green burials.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB438 - An Act Establishing A State-Wide Program For The Safe Disposal Of Sharps In Conjunction With Prescription Drug Take Back Days.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Categories:** Drugs; Medical waste;

**Summary:** To ensure that state residents have a safe and convenient way to dispose of sharps, thereby preventing potential harm to sanitation workers, the public and the environment and to support the broader public health and environmental safety efforts by addressing the growing need for safe sharps management in conjunction with existing prescription drug disposal programs.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB437 - An Act Prohibiting The Sale Of Food Products Containing Certain Food Additives.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Categories:** Food additives;

**Summary:** To prohibit the sale of food products containing certain food additives, including, but not limited to, red dye number three.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB432 - An Act Concerning Representations Made By Food Service Establishments Regarding The Freshness Of Food Items And Food Ingredients.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Categories:** Advertising; Restaurants;

**Summary:** To require restaurants and other food service establishments to accurately represent whether food items and food ingredients are "fresh".

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB427 - An Act Concerning The Tax Rates Of Tobacco And Nicotine Products.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Categories:** Tobacco products tax;

**Summary:** To align the tax rates of combustible and noncombustible tobacco and nicotine products to promote uniformity in the tax treatment of such products.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB418 - An Act Establishing A Task Force To Assess And Implement Infrastructure Resiliency To Climate Change In The Greater Hartford Area Surrounding The Connecticut River.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Categories:** Climate change; Connecticut river; Hartford county; Infrastructure; Task forces;

**Summary:** To address infrastructure issues in the Greater Hartford area surrounding the Connecticut River to account for climate change resiliency.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB417 - An Act Concerning Permit Requirements For Cloud Seeding Activities In The State.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Categories:** Climate change; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Environmental permits;

**Summary:** To protect public safety, health and the environment from any unreasonably risky weather modification activities.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB414 - An Act Establishing An Emergency Public Health Financial Safeguard Fund.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Categories:** Public health; State trust funds;

**Summary:** To establish a fund to act as a financial safety net to address unexpected shortfalls in public health funding and ensure the Department of Public Health's ability to respond to the health care needs of state residents and provide a continuity of essential public health services.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB413 - An Act Establishing A Public Health Urgent Communication Fund.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/9/2025

**Categories:** Consumer information; Emergencies; Public health;

**Summary:** To provide funding for clear and rapid dissemination of urgent health information to the members of the general public, health care providers and other stakeholders.

**Complete** 01/10/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB403 - An Act Requiring A Study Of The Barriers To Medical Professionals Becoming Volunteer Firefighters Or Volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Stephen Harding (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/8/2025

**Categories:** Medical personnel; Studies; Volunteer ambulance companies; Volunteer firefighters;

**Summary:** To address the shortage of volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical technicians.

**Complete** 01/09/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PS PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**HJ4 - Resolution Proposing A State Constitutional Amendment Concerning The Volatility Cap.**

**Introducers:** Rep. Mark DeCaprio (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/13/2025

**Summary:** To amend the state Constitution to incorporate the requirement to transfer certain revenues, as codified under section 4-30a of the general statutes.

**Complete** 01/14/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB344 - An Act Concerning The Request For Proof Of Age To Purchase Tobacco.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Rob Sampson (R)

**Intro Date:** 1/8/2025

**Categories:** Retail trade; Tobacco;

**Summary:** To reduce the burden on retailers by removing the requirement that an individual be required to produce proof of age each time the individual purchases tobacco if the retailer has previously reviewed such individual's identification and knows that the individual is twenty-one years of age or older.

**Complete** 01/09/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD JUDICIARY

**History:**

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB314 - An Act Concerning Civil Preparedness For Climate Change Trends, The Use Of Town Aid Road Program Funds For Climate Resiliency And Revisions To The State Water Plan.

*Introducers:* Sen. Jeff Gordon (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/8/2025

*Categories:* Civil preparedness; Climate change;

*Summary:* To better enable towns to undertake climate change-related resiliency efforts.

*Complete History:* 01/09/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB312 - An Act Establishing A Working Group On Municipal Funding.

*Introducers:* Sen. Ryan Fazio (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/8/2025

*Categories:* Block grants; Grants by the state; Municipal finance;

*Summary:* To establish a working group to make recommendations on ways to transition from municipal matching grants to per capita block grants that reflect factors including cost of labor and poverty.

*Complete History:* 01/09/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP APPROPRIATIONS

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB285 - An Act Concerning The Issuance Of "Connecticut Mental Health" Commemorative Number Plates.

*Introducers:* Sen. Heather S. Somers (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/7/2025

*Categories:* Mental health; Motor vehicle license plates;

*Summary:* To establish a "Connecticut Mental Health" commemorative number plate and raise awareness, and provide funding to municipalities, for mental health and suicide prevention services.

*Complete History:* 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA TRANSPORTATION

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB263 - An Act Requiring A Study Of The Potential Health Benefits And Risks Associated With The Use Of Kratom.

*Introducers:* Sen. Henri Martin (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/7/2025

*Categories:* Drugs; Studies;

*Summary:* To require a study of the potential health benefits and risks associated with the use of kratom.

*Complete History:* 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB260 - An Act Establishing A Loan Forgiveness Program And A Tuition Payment Program For Certain Health Care Professionals Who Work In A Rural Or Other Underserved Area Or In A Field With A Workforce Shortage.

*Introducers:* Sen. Jeff Gordon (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/7/2025

*Categories:* Medical personnel; Student loans;

*Summary:* To address the shortage of health care professionals in the state.

*Complete History:* 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB259 - An Act Restoring The Religious Exemption To The Immunization Requirements For School Children.

*Introducers:* Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Rep. Mark DeCaprio (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/7/2025

*Categories:* Immunization; Religion; Schools;

*Summary:* To restore the religious exemption to the immunization requirements for school children.

*Complete History:* 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB254 - An Act Requiring The Results Of Any Water Quality Test On A Private Well Serving A Residential Property Or A Semipublic Well That Are Submitted To A Local Health Authority Be Accessible By The Public.

*Introducers:* Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Rep. Tim Ackert (R); Rep. Tammy Nuccio (R)

*Intro Date:* 1/7/2025

*Categories:* Drinking water; Municipal health directors;

*Summary:* To require the public disclosure of water quality tests on certain wells.

**Complete** 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB1251 - An Act Implementing The Governor's Recommendations For Health And Human Services.**

**Introducers:** REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

**Intro Date:** 2/5/2025

**Summary:** To implement the Governor's budget recommendations regarding health and human services.

**Complete** 02/06/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS HUMAN SERVICES

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB1247 - An Act Authorizing And Adjusting Bonds Of The State.**

**Introducers:** REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

**Intro Date:** 2/5/2025

**Summary:** To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**Complete** 02/06/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB1246 - An Act Concerning Revenue Items To Implement The Governor's Budget.**

**Introducers:** REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

**Intro Date:** 2/5/2025

**Summary:** To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**Complete** 02/06/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB1245 - An Act Establishing A Resilient Connecticut Strategy.**

**Introducers:** REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

**Intro Date:** 2/5/2025

**Summary:** To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**Complete** 02/06/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV ENVIRONMENT

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB1208 - An Act Concerning Electronic Nicotine Delivery System Dealers That Unlawfully Possess Cannabis And Cannabis Products.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Patricia Billie Miller (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/29/2025

**Summary:** To provide that the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall permanently revoke the registration of an electronic nicotine delivery system dealer, and order the permanent closure of such dealer, if state or municipal authorities seize cannabis or cannabis products from such dealer on at least three occasions.

**Complete** 01/30/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL GENERAL LAW

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB1127 - An Act Requiring A Mold Inspection Of Rental Housing Units Prior To Leasing Such Units To A Tenant.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Derek Slap (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/22/2025

**Summary:** To require a landlord to conduct a mold inspection of rental units prior to leasing such units to a tenant.

**Complete** 01/23/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HSG HOUSING

**History:**

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB11 - An Act Concerning Prescription Drug Access And Affordability.**

**Introducers:** 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. Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Paul Honig (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Rick Lopes (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Billie Miller (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/7/2025

**Categories:** Drugs; Medicaid; Medical care;

**Summary:** To increase access to affordable health care.

**Complete** 01/21/2025 Vote to Draft

**History:** 01/08/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS HUMAN SERVICES

**Progress:** 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB1067 - An Act Concerning Patient-Specific Emergency Health Care Protocols For Persons With Rare Diseases Or Special Health Care Needs.**

**Introducers:** Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Rep. Robin E. Comey (D); Rep. Moira Rader (D)

**Intro Date:** 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To improve medical outcomes and safeguard the health and well-being of persons living with rare diseases or special health care needs by requiring emergency health care providers to follow patient-specific emergency protocols.

*Complete History:* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH PUBLIC HEALTH

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB1034 - An Act Concerning Employee Exposure To The Risk Of Heat Illness.**

*Introducers:* Sen. Mae Flexer (D)

*Intro Date:* 1/21/2025

*Summary:* To protect workers from exposure to the risk of heat illness.

*Complete History:* 01/22/2025 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

*Progress:* 1/10 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred



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# Activity Report October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

### Highlighted Accomplishments/Activities

- Working with the Finance Committee completed and presented the proposed FY25/26 Operating Budget to the Board of Directors. Public Hearing was set for January.
- We continue to provide significant support to the Town of Tolland in their efforts to address NaCl ground water contamination. This includes but is not limited to:
  1. Participated in bi-weekly status meetings on efforts to address Tolland NaCl challenges
  2. Providing additional technical and sampling support regarding a new investigation in the Lakeview Hts Neighborhood
- Attended and participated as an active member of the UConn Institutional Bio-safety Committee, community member at-large.
- Completed enrollment with 3<sup>rd</sup> party payers, and successfully activated and launched our new vaccine billing program.
- Provided technical support to the Town of Mansfield with their efforts to address and correct the MCC pool water quality problems.
- Participated in a focus group forum for the Hartford Healthcare Community Health Needs Assessment.
- Attended and participated in Governors Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee meeting during this quarter.
- Working with the Strategic Planning Committee, completed the development of the final EHHD Strategic Plan FY25 to FY29. Plan approval anticipated for January 2025.
- Participated as a workgroup member in the development of a state-wide Eastern Equine Encephalitis communication and response plan.
- Significant staff hours dedicated to assisting the Town of Mansfield with addressing farm odor complaints in the Mansfield Hollow Neighborhood during this period.
- Provided annual EHHD update to the Mansfield Town Council.
- Staff is currently managing 39 cases of Elevated Blood Lead Levels in children. Two of these case involved in depth investigations on the causes of their environmental lead exposures, and enforcement proceedings.
- Significant staff time involved in complaint responses in the Town of Mansfield (Farming odors), and illegal residential occupancy (Ashford).
- Conducted 7 infectious disease outbreak investigations were conducted during this period.



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- The Health District engaged in a number of grant funded activities this quarter:
  1. The development and implantation of a comprehensive vaccine promotion campaign to address those barriers. This work is on-going.
  2. The coordination and conducted 8 blood pressure screening clinics screening 55 persons.
- *Community Health and Wellness Programs:* Hosted 8 vaccination clinics administering 263 vaccines shots; distributed 217 Covid-19 kits (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 a number of MRC trainings: Stop the Bleed, Animal Sheltering, and Mission set training day. (See separate EHHD PHPP report attached.)

### **Plans for the Next Quarter**

- Working with CADH Advocacy Committee engage CGA members on policy affecting local public health
- Active support and participation the Windham Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment.
- Continue progress on the Implementation Plan for the Strategic Plan updated is anticipated.
- Working with the full board to finalize and adopt the FY25/26 budgets.
- Continue to support Coventry and Tolland in their efforts work with DEEP on the NaCl private well contamination matter.
- On-going work on the Preventive Health and Human Services Block Grant to prevent hypertension.
- On-going work on the Health District immunization promotion initiative funded by the newly awarded Immunization grant.

### **Statistical Report (Attached)**



**Eastern Highlands Health District  
Community Health and Wellness Coordinator  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report October 1, 2024 –December 31, 2024**

Programs and services provided through the EHHD Community Health and Wellness Coordinator efforts were extended to minimally **2,189 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><b>1b (1)</b> Refine/update grant monitoring network</p>	<p>CHWC is working with staff on the Immunization grant and the Block Grant targeting hypertension. CHWC applied for and was granted 50 radon kits</p>	<p><b>8 bp screenings were done in this quarter 55 people were screened. Blood pressure cuffs were distributed</b> 8 schools and libraries. The Immunization Promotion Campaign distributed at movie theaters, on TV, in print, on buses and gas station pump videos.</p>
<p><b>1g (1)</b> 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><b>2a (2)</b> 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 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, suicide prevention, respiratory illnesses and vaccination resources, and tick-borne illnesses.</p> <p>Newsletters are distributed to member town officials, UConn Be Well Tolland members and residents.</p>
<p><b>3c (1)</b> Engage in advocacy events and activities</p>	<p>CHWC is a source for the public on immunization information, including Covid-19. CHWC participated in meetings with local substance abuse</p>	<p>CHWC will continue to explore ways to support community events</p>

	<p>Prevention Counsels: Tolland and Bolton. CHWC worked with the UConn Interdisciplinary Professionals group to have students provide information to on topics such as hearing loss and fall prevention at vaccination events.</p>	
<b>Childhood Lead Activities</b>	<p>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.</p>	<p>There were <b>39 cases</b> followed in this reporting period. <b>9 events</b> were closed. <b>15 phone calls</b> were made to families and providers. <b>24 correspondences completed to families.</b> CHWC worked with the Chief Sanitarian on <b>2 investigations for elevated lead levels that included risk assessments or epidemiological investigations.</b></p>
<b>Communicable Disease Control</b>	<p>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. CHWC collected and transported specimens such as sputum and possible bats to <b>217 Covid-19 test kits were distributed</b></p>	<p>please see chart below</p>
<b>CHWC Training and Continued Education</b>	<p>CHWC participated in the Statewide Radon Training</p>	<p>CHWC will continue to look for look for opportunities to participate in continuing education that support the CHWC role.</p>
<b>Vaccine Program</b>	<p>CHWC attended 2 monthly meetings of the Immunization Coalition</p> <p>CHWC completed and submitted the renewal application for the Connecticut Vaccine Program for the 2025 year</p> <p>Starting in September, EHHD has partnered with Beacon Pharmacy to provide vaccines that the EHHD</p>	<p><b>429 vaccine were provided by Beacon Pharmacy during this period and 263 vaccines provide by EHHD.</b></p> <p><b>EHHD submitted 240 claims to insurance and as of the writing of this report received \$ 5874</b></p>

	<p>does not. Beacon provided <b>8 clinics</b> such as Tolland Senior Center, Willington Senior Center, United Services, and Tolland High School as well as homebound residents. EHHD also provided information about vaccine and provided vaccines at <b>8 events</b> including but not limited to Andover, Mansfield, Scotland, Tolland, Mansfield Employee Wellness Clinic, Coventry Winter Farmer's Market, United Services, Welcome Winter, and Mansfield Employee Wellness</p>	
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**Emergency Preparedness/Response**

CHWC continues to provide information to the MRC volunteers and on-boarded new volunteers via the CT Responds system. In total, in this reporting period there are **126 volunteers**. Activities this reporting period: Volunteers supported blood pressure screenings (Coventry Winter Farmer's Market and vaccination events) and vaccination events (Welcome Winter, Coventry Farmer's Market, Andover elementary, Scotland School Wellness Fair and others, Tolland High School), during this period.

**CHWC/ MRC Unit Leader arranged to have volunteer Brian Clinton provided hands-only CPR, and Until Help Arrives training to Storrs Congregational Church, 11 people attended.**

**CHWC/MRC Unit Leader organized a Region 4 MRC/CRT/ ARC Animal Sheltering training. This training was done by Statewide Animal Rescue Team Leader Dr. Yessenow. 36 People attended.**

**CHWC/MRC Unit Leader attended the Statewide MRC Mission Set Meeting and joined the organizing group to sponsor a Statewide MRC Mission Set Training Day**

CHWC sends emails to MRC volunteers to staff the upcoming events and then assigns the volunteers to the events. CHWC submits the MRC activation paperwork for the MRC and follows up with the final rosters.

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

**Grants: Blood Pressure/ Immunizations**

During this quarter there were **8 bp screening events and 55 people were screened.**

**Be Well Employee Wellness Programs**

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

**Tolland**

The CHWC organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Educational Event, for the Tolland Town employees: **Meditation for the Holidays with a Yoga instructor, 13 people attended** in person and an online version was posted to the Be Well website for people unable to attend.

### Community Outreach

CHWC provided information to individuals and stakeholders regarding respiratory illness in phone calls and emails.

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

Communicable disease*	October	November	December	Quarter
Number of reported cases	30	8	11	49
Interviews	3	0	05	8
Investigations	3	0	4	7

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

Date	Description	# served	Community
<a href="#">Winter 2024</a>	Employee Wellness Newsletter (UConn) 184	184	UConn
<a href="#">Winter 2024</a>	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Andover
Winter 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Ashford
Winter 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 200	200	Bolton
Winter 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 30	30	Chaplin
Winter 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Columbia
Winter 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Coventry
Winter 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Scotland
<a href="#">Winter 2024</a>	Employee Wellness Newsletter 435	435	Tolland
Winter 2024	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.	2	
Immunization Coalition	Monthly meeting with: DPH, American Lung Association, LHDs, vaccine makers and others stakeholders to improve vaccination rates in CT  CHWC was also part of the Planning Committee for the Annual Influenza Conference and attending the Conference on Sept 19	2	
Region 4 MRC	Monthly meetings to discuss MRC volunteer training, deployments, and pandemic response.	2	
Statewide MRC Unit Leader Meeting		2	
MRC Mission Set		1	
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	1	
Bolton Health and Wellness		0	

Coventry Safety and Wellness		1	
Chaplin School Readiness Program		1	

## Eastern Highlands Health District Public Health Preparedness Program

October – December 2024

- **PHEP Activities:**

- November 19<sup>th</sup> a Call Down drill was conducted. A CodeRed call down drill is to test EHHD emergency notification systems email and text message response to 172 EHHD staff and MRC volunteers. 31 members acknowledged the call with in the 2-hour time frame.
- EHHD Web Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was accessed and profiles updated on 11/21/24 by registered employees: Rob M, Millie B, Lynette S, Cecile S and Nishel T.
- EHHD joined DPH 2024 Public Health Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop Workgroup. This will consist of a team of various public health employees. This meeting reviews the development of the Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) by engaging stakeholders and partners in setting preparedness priorities and developing a multi-year training and exercise schedule. The kick off meeting was held on 11/4/2024
- EHHD Inventory of PHEP supplies was completed on 10/30/2024
- EHHD participated in the MCM Workgroup meeting on 11/18/2024. This meeting reviewed the MCM draft language for legal review in regards to dispensing pills during Point of Dispensing exercises.
- EHHD participated in the Statewide Training and Exercise Work Group (STEW) on 12/11/2024. This meeting began to explore ideas to bring back in person MYTEP training.

- **Regional Activities:**

- Participated Region4 & Region3 PHEP, MRC, and CRI monthly meetings:
  - Region 3 PHEP:
    - 11/1/2024- This meeting reviewed new 5-year budget contract updates and detailed outlined of new progress report requirements.
    - 12/6/2024- This meeting Region discussed their Incident Action Plans their two BP1 Capabilities Emergency Operations Coordination and Information Sharing.
  - Region 4 PHEP:
    - 10/28/2024- Continued to make edits to the “Pills to People POD Operation Plan”. The edits to this plan is dedicated to outlining efficient set up and demobilization process in event of a response to bioterrorism/Anthrax attack.
    - 12/16/2024- This meeting finalized the edits to the Pills to People operation plan and reviewed chosen PHEP capabilities for the current budget period. The current capabilities are Medical Countermeasure dispensing and administration; Medical Material Management and Distribution.
- Region 4 ESF-8 monthly meetings:
  - 10/24/2024- This session hosted a special guest speaker from the Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Damien Carlson. He went over his duties and services that can be beneficial to Region 4 specifically their canteen/food services during emergencies and events.

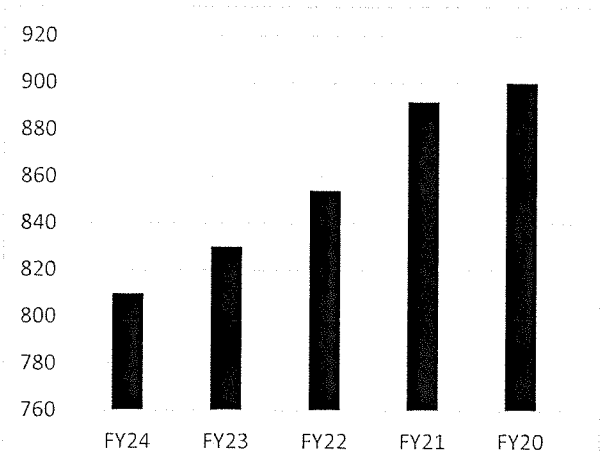
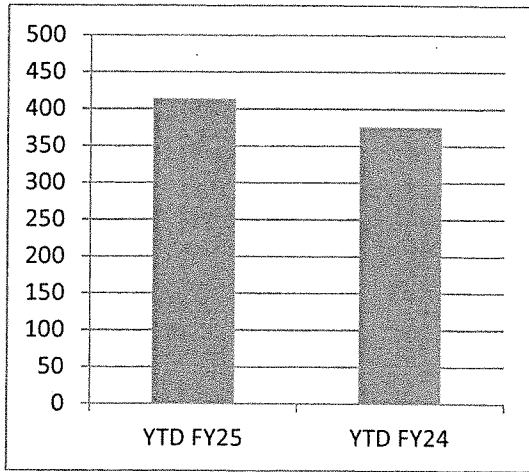
12/19/2024- This meeting hosted Malta house and Hospitality Homeless Center guest speaker s to inform the region on the benefits and enrollment of their programs.

**Plans for Next Quarter:**

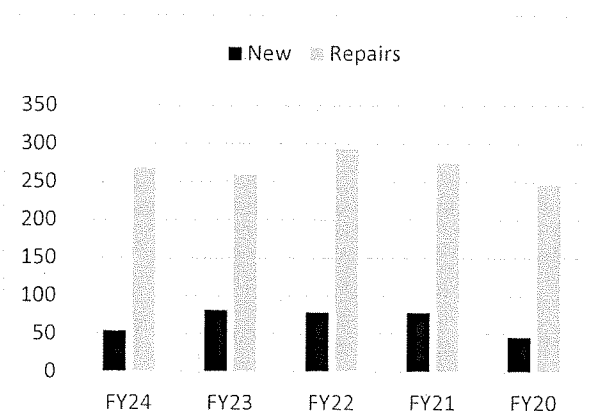
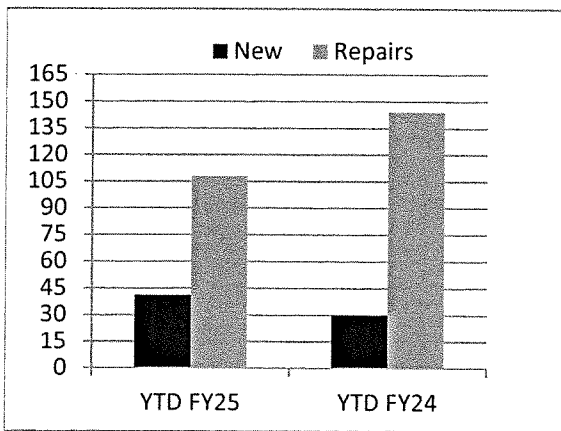
- Continue with BP1 PHEP deliverables and any necessary new 5-year budget period requirements
- Support CRI Region 4 partners to complete MCM action plan and ORR
- Support DPH with MCM workgroup
- Support Statewide Training and Exercise Work Group
- Continue to Update local EHHD preparedness plans
- Propose New PHEP Tasks for 2025



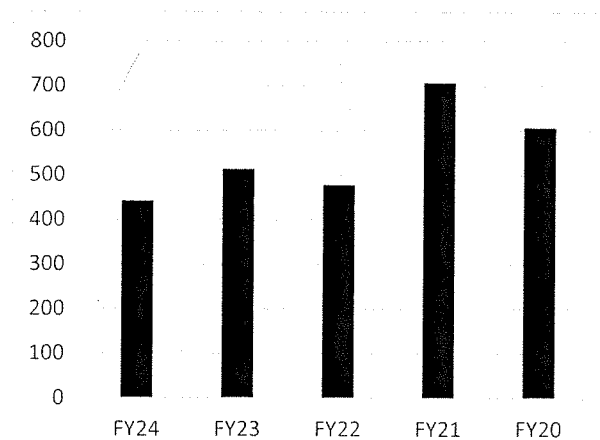
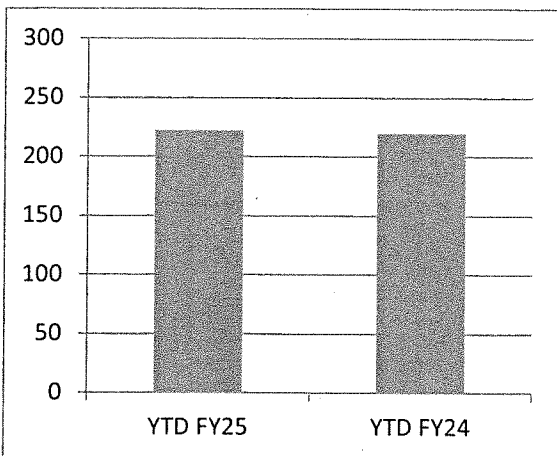
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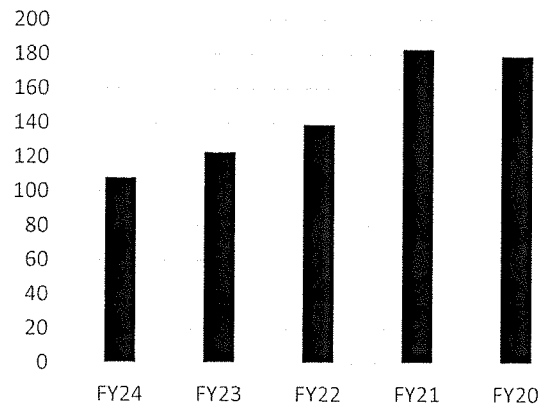
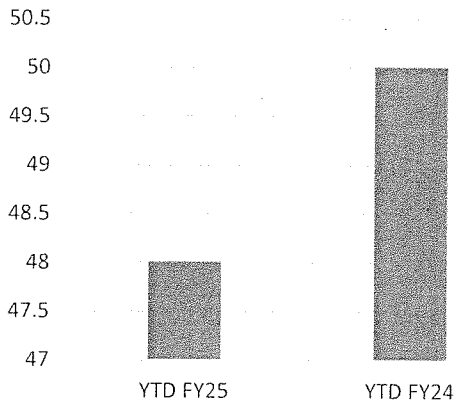
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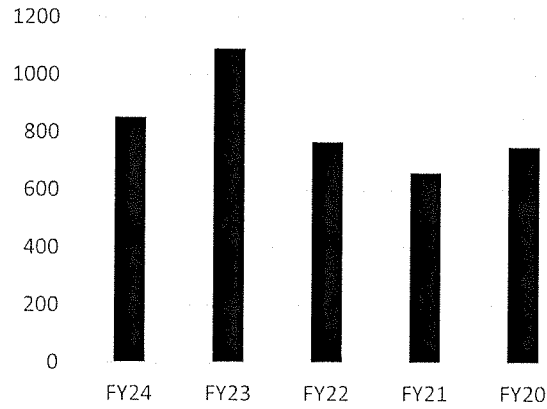
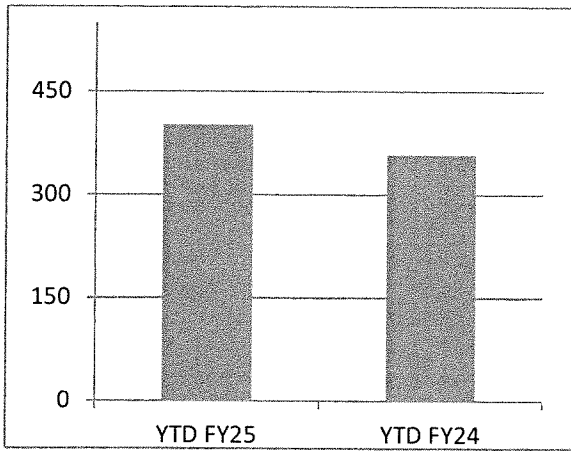
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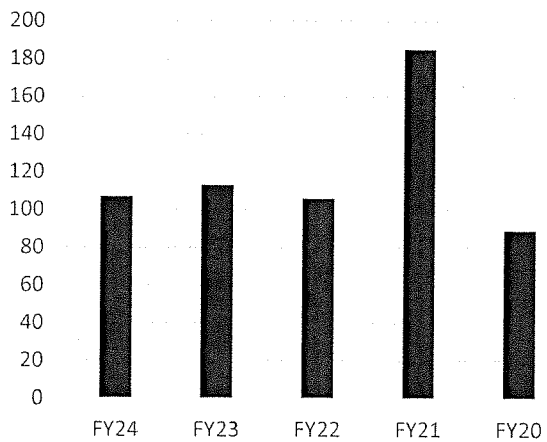
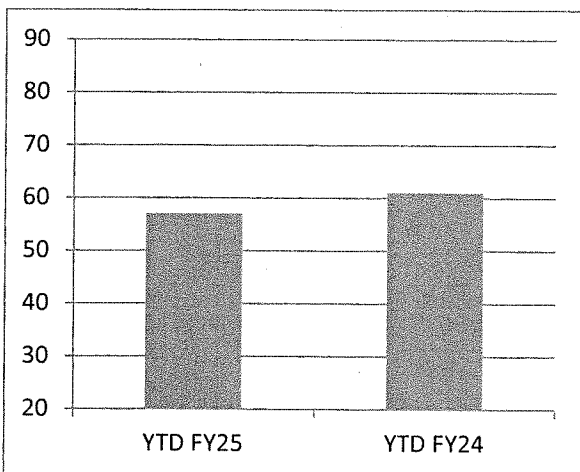
### Complaints



### Food Service Inspections



### Well Permits Issued



**EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT SECOND QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

**October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023**

ACTIVITY INDICATORS	MONTHS				Total	Current	Previous
	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>YTD</u>		<u>YTD</u>	
					<u>FY25</u>	<u>FY24</u>	
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES</b>							
<i>Complaints</i>							
Air Quality	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Animals/Animal Waste	0	0	0	0	1	2	
Activity without Permit	0	0	1	1	1	1	
Food Protection	1	1	0	2	2	2	
Housing Issues	1	5	0	6	10	10	
Emergency Response	0	0	0	0	1	2	
Refuse/Garbage	0	0	1	1	4	2	
Rodents/Insects	2	1	0	3	6	5	
Septic/Sewage	4	1	0	5	12	15	
Other	1	1	3	5	7	7	
Water Quality	0	0	0	0	2	4	
COVID-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	
<i>Health Inspection</i>							
Group homes	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Day Care	1	3	1	5	6	6	
Camps	0	0	0	0	1	2	
Public Pool	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Other	0	0	0	0	10	0	
Schools	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Mortgage, FHA, VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bathing Areas	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Cosmetology	0	3	3	6	6	41	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>56</b>	
<i>On-site Sewage Disposal</i>							
Site inspection	96	109	86	291	545	444	
Deep hole tests	59	54	74	187	414	376	
Percolation tests	7	7	13	27	80	94	
Permits issued, new	8	9	6	23	41	30	
Permits issued, repair	19	22	18	59	108	144	
Site Plans Reviewed	35	30	24	89	177	173	
Public Health Reviews	48	34	18	100	222	220	
<i>Wells</i>							
Well sites inspected	6	10	5	21	44	74	
Well permits issued	9	11	6	26	57	61	
<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>							
Potable water	0	0	0	0	14	1	
Surface water	0	0	0	0	218	213	
Ground water	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rabies	4	0	1	5	7	0	
Lead	24	14	43	81	152	65	
Other	3	6	0	9	13	10	
<i>Food Protection</i>							
Inspections	57	26	31	114	220	249	
On Site inspection violation follow up	10	3	3	16	33	42	
Documented inspection violation follow up	18	9	9	36	60	62	
Temporary permits	13	3	0	16	70	137	
Temporary inspections	2	10	0	12	70	24	
Plan review	0	1	0	1	14	14	
Pre-operational inspections	3	1	2	6	19	12	
<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>358</b>	
<i>Lead Activities</i>							
Housing inspection	1	1	2	4	6	3	
Abate plan reviewed	0	0	0	0	1	0	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES</b>							
Planning and Zoning referrals	1	0	0	1	1	1	
Subdivision reviewed (# of lots)	2	3	0	5	5	6	

## ANDOVER QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

**Activity Indicators**

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total
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**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

**Complaints**

Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	2
Housing Issues				0	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage				0	5
Other				0	5
Water Quality				0	0
COVID-19				0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	23

**Health Inspection**

Group homes				0	0
Day Care	1			1	5
Camps				0	0
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	0
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology				0	6
<b>Total</b>	1	0	0	1	11

**On-site Sewage Disposal**

Site inspection -- all site visits	4	11		15	291
Deep hole tests -- number of holes		3		3	187
Percolation tests -- number of holes		1		1	27
Permits issued, new				0	23
Permits issued, repair	2	2	1	5	59
Site plans reviewed	3	3	1	7	89
Public Health Reviews	5	2	1	8	100

**Wells**

Well sites inspected			1	1	21
Well permits issued				0	26

**Laboratory Activities (samples taken)**

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	5
Lead				0	81
Other		2		2	9

**Food Protection**

Inspections	1			1	114
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	16
Documented inspection violation follow up				0	36
Temporary permits				0	16
Temporary inspections				0	12
Plan reviews				0	1
Pre-operational inspections				0	6

**Lead Activities**

Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0

**Miscellaneous Activities**

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	1
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	5

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	<b>ASHFORD QUARTERLY REPORT</b>									
2	October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024									
3										
4	Activity Indicators									
5										
6					<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>District Total</u>	
7	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES</b>									
8	<b>Complaints</b>									
9		Air Quality						0	0	
10		Animals/Animal Waste						0	0	
11		Activity Without Proper Permits					1	1	1	
12		Food Protection						0	2	
13		Housing Issues				1		1	6	
14		Emergency Response						0	0	
15		Refuse/Garbage						0	1	
16		Rodents/Insects				1		1	3	
17		Septic/Sewage		3		1		4	5	
18		Other						0	5	
19		Water Quality						0	0	
20		COVID-19						0	0	
21		Total		3		3		1	7	23
22	<b>Health Inspection</b>									
23		Group homes						0	0	
24		Day Care						0	5	
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						0	6	
32		Total		0		0		0	0	11
33	<b>On-site Sewage Disposal</b>									
34		Site inspection -- all site visits		8		10		6	24	291
35		Deep hole tests -- number of holes		3		14		22	39	187
36		Percolation tests -- number of holes				1		7	8	27
37		Permits issued, new		1				1	2	23
38		Permits issued, repair		1		4		1	6	59
39		Site plans reviewed		3		4		3	10	89
40		Public Health Reviews		5		1		1	7	100
41	<b>Wells</b>									
42		Well sites inspected						0	21	
43		Well permits issued				1		1	26	
44	<b>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</b>									
45		Potable water						0	0	
46		Surface water						0	0	
47		Ground water						0	0	
48		Rabies						0	5	
49		Lead						0	81	
50		Other						0	9	
51	<b>Food Protection</b>									
52		Inspections		4		2		6	114	
53		On Site inspection violation follow up						0	16	
54		Documented inspection violation follow up		3		1		4	36	
55		Temporary permits						0	16	
56		Temporary inspections						0	12	
57		Plan reviews						0	1	
58		Pre-operational inspections						0	6	
59	<b>Lead Activities</b>									
60		Housing inspection						0	4	
61		Abate plan reviewed						0	0	
62	<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>									
63		Planning and Zoning referrals						0	1	
64		Subdivision reviewed (per lot)						0	5	

## BOLTON QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

**Activity Indicators**

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>District Total</u>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Complaints</b>					
Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	2
Housing Issues				0	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage				0	5
Other				0	5
Water Quality				0	0
COVID-19				0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Health Inspection</b>					
Group homes				0	0
Day Care				0	5
Camps				0	0
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	0
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology				0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>On-site Sewage Disposal</b>					
Site inspection -- all site visits	5	11	7	23	291
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	6	3	3	12	187
Percolation tests -- number of holes	2	1	1	4	27
Permits issued, new		1		1	23
Permits issued, repair		2	4	6	59
Site plans reviewed	1	1	4	6	89
Public Health Reviews	4	5	2	11	100
<b>Wells</b>					
Well sites inspected		1		1	21
Well permits issued	1	1		2	26
<b>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</b>					
Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	5
Lead				0	81
Other				0	9
<b>Food Protection</b>					
Inspections	5			5	114
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	16
Documented inspection violation follow up				0	36
Temporary permits	1	1		2	16
Temporary inspections				0	12
Plan reviews				0	1
Pre-operational inspections	1			1	6
<b>Lead Activities</b>					
Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>					
Planning and Zoning referrals		1		1	1
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	5

## CHAPLIN QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

**Activity Indicators**

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total
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**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

**Complaints**

Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	2
Housing Issues				0	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage				0	5
Other				0	5
Water Quality				0	0
COVID-19				0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>

**Health Inspection**

Group homes				0	0
Day Care				0	5
Camps				0	0
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	0
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology				0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

**On-site Sewage Disposal**

Site inspection -- all site visits	2	4	2	8	291
Deep hole tests -- number of holes		3		3	187
Percolation tests -- number of holes			1	1	27
Permits issued, new				0	23
Permits issued, repair	1		1	2	59
Site plans reviewed	1	1	1	3	89
Public Health Reviews	2	1	1	4	100

**Wells**

Well sites inspected			1	1	21
Well permits issued			1	1	26

**Laboratory Activities (samples taken)**

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	5
Lead				0	81
Other				0	9

**Food Protection**

Inspections	3	1		4	114
On Site inspection violation follow up	1	2	1	4	16
Documented inspection violation follow up	4			4	36
Temporary permits				0	16
Temporary inspections				0	12
Plan reviews				0	1
Pre-operational inspections	2		1	3	6

**Lead Activities**

Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0

**Miscellaneous Activities**

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	1
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	5

## COLUMBIA QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

**Activity Indicators**

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<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	1
Food Protection				0	2
Housing Issues				0	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage				0	5
Other				0	5
Water Quality				0	0
COVID-19				0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>

**Health Inspection**

Group homes				0	0
Day Care				0	5
Camps				0	0
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	0
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology				0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

**On-site Sewage Disposal**

Site inspection -- all site visits	11	18	9	38	291
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	9	12	9	30	187
Percolation tests -- number of holes	2	1	2	5	27
Permits issued, new	1		1	2	23
Permits issued, repair	2	6	1	9	59
Site plans reviewed	3	5	2	10	89
Public Health Reviews	5	3	1	9	100

**Wells**

Well sites inspected		1	1	2	21
Well permits issued		1	1	2	26

**Laboratory Activities (samples taken)**

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies	2			2	5
Lead				0	81
Other				0	9

**Food Protection**

Inspections	5			5	114
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	16
Documented inspection violation follow up				0	36
Temporary permits				0	16
Temporary inspections				0	12
Plan reviews				0	1
Pre-operational inspections				0	6

**Lead Activities**

Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0

**Miscellaneous Activities**

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	1
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	5



## COVENTY QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

**Activity Indicators**

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total
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**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

**Complaints**

Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	2
Housing Issues				0	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects	1			1	3
Septic/Sewage				0	5
Other			2	2	5
Water Quality				0	0
COVID-19				0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>

**Health Inspection**

Group homes				0	0
Day Care				0	5
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	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>

**On-site Sewage Disposal**

Site inspection -- all site visits	19	13	15	47	291
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	26	16	16	58	187
Percolation tests -- number of holes	1	1	1	3	27
Permits issued, new		2	2	4	23
Permits issued, repair	5	2	1	8	59
Site plans reviewed	5	3	2	10	89
Public Health Reviews	9	4	2	15	100

**Wells**

Well sites inspected	2	1	1	4	21
Well permits issued	2	2	2	6	26

**Laboratory Activities (samples taken)**

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	5
Lead				0	81
Other	1	1		2	9

**Food Protection**

Inspections	10	1	11	22	114
On Site inspection violation follow up	1			1	16
Documented inspection violation follow up	3	1	2	6	36
Temporary permits	10	1		11	16
Temporary inspections		9		9	12
Plan reviews				0	1
Pre-operational inspections				0	6

**Lead Activities**

Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0

**Miscellaneous Activities**

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	1
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)	2	3		5	5

## MANSFIELD QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

**Activity Indicators**

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<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	1
Food Protection	1			1	2
Housing Issues		3		3	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage			1	1	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage				0	5
Other	1		1	2	5
Water Quality				0	0
COVID-19				0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>

**Health Inspection**

Group homes				0	0
Day Care		1		1	5
Camps				0	0
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	0
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology		1	3	4	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>

**On-site Sewage Disposal**

Site inspection -- all site visits	12	2	8	22	291
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	3		3	6	187
Percolation tests -- number of holes		1	1	2	27
Permits issued, new		2		2	23
Permits issued, repair	2	1	2	5	59
Site plans reviewed	5	4	3	12	89
Public Health Reviews	3	4	1	8	100

**Wells**

Well sites inspected	1		1	2	21
Well permits issued	1	1	1	3	26

**Laboratory Activities (samples taken)**

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies	2		1	3	5
Lead		14	21	35	81
Other	1	3		4	9

**Food Protection**

Inspections	16	12	11	39	114
On Site inspection violation follow up	8	1	2	11	16
Documented inspection violation follow up	5	4	2	11	36
Temporary permits		1		1	16
Temporary inspections				0	12
Plan reviews		1		1	1
Pre-operational inspections		1		1	6
Housing inspection		1	1	2	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0

**Miscellaneous Activities**

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	1
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	5

## SCOTLAND QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

**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	1
Food Protection				0	2
Housing Issues				0	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage				0	5
Other				0	5
Water Quality				0	0
COVID-19				0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	23

**Health Inspection**

Group homes				0	0
Day Care				0	5
Camps				0	0
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	0
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology				0	6
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	11

**On-site Sewage Disposal**

Site inspection -- all site visits	1	4		5	291
Deep hole tests -- number of holes				0	187
Percolation tests -- number of holes				0	27
Permits issued, new	1			1	23
Permits issued, repair			1	1	59
Site plans reviewed		1	1	2	89
Public Health Reviews		2		2	100

**Wells**

Well sites inspected		3		3	21
Well permits issued	2			2	26

**Laboratory Activities (samples taken)**

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	5
Lead				0	81
Other				0	9

**Food Protection**

Inspections				0	114
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	16
Documented inspection violation follow up				0	36
Temporary permits				0	16
Temporary inspections				0	12
Plan reviews				0	1
Pre-operational inspections				0	6

**Lead Activities**

Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0

**Miscellaneous Activities**

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	1
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	5

## TOLLAND QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

**Activity Indicators**

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	District Total
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**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

**Complaints**

Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection		1		1	2
Housing Issues				0	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects	1			1	3
Septic/Sewage				0	5
Other				0	5
Water Quality				0	0
COVID-19				0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>

**Health Inspection**

Group homes				0	0
Day Care		2		2	5
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	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>

**On-site Sewage Disposal**

Site inspection -- all site visits	24	20	15	59	291
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	9	3	17	29	187
Percolation tests -- number of holes	1	1		2	27
Permits issued, new	4	4		8	23
Permits issued, repair	6	3	5	14	59
Site plans reviewed	10	7	5	22	89
Public Health Reviews	13	10	9	32	100

**Wells**

Well sites inspected	3	3		6	21
Well permits issued	3	4		7	26

**Laboratory Activities (samples taken)**

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	5
Lead				0	81
Other	1			1	9

**Food Protection**

Inspections	9	8	4	21	114
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	16
Documented inspection violation follow up	2	2	4	8	36
Temporary permits	2			2	16
Temporary inspections	2	1		3	12
Plan reviews				0	1
Pre-operational inspections				0	6

**Lead Activities**

Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0

**Miscellaneous Activities**

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	1
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	5

## WILLINGTON QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

**Activity Indicators**

	Oct	Nov	Dec	<i>Total</i>	<i>District Total</i>
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**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

**Complaints**

Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	2
Housing Issues	1	1		2	6
Emergency Response				0	0
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage	1			1	5
Other		1		1	5
Water Quality				0	0
COVID-19				0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>

**Health Inspection**

Group homes				0	0
Day Care			1	1	5
Camps				0	0
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	0
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology				0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>

**On-site Sewage Disposal**

Site inspection -- all site visits	10	16	24	50	291
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	3		4	7	187
Percolation tests -- number of holes	1			1	27
Permits issued, new	1		2	3	23
Permits issued, repair		2	1	3	59
Site plans reviewed	4	1	2	7	89
Public Health Reviews	2	2		4	100

**Wells**

Well sites inspected		1		1	21
Well permits issued		1	1	2	26

**Laboratory Activities (samples taken)**

Potable water				0	0
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	5
Lead	24		22	46	81
Other				0	9

**Food Protection**

Inspections	4	2	5	11	114
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	16
Documented inspection violation follow up	1	1	1	3	36
Temporary permits				0	16
Temporary inspections				0	12
Plan reviews				0	1
Pre-operational inspections			1	1	6

**Lead Activities**

Housing inspection	1		1	2	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0

**Miscellaneous Activities**

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	1
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	5

**Robert L. Miller**

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**GOVERNOR NED LAMONT**

## **Governor Lamont Announces \$12.8 Million in Small Cities Grants Awarded to Eight Municipalities To Modernize and Rehabilitate Housing**

Posted on February 13, 2025

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Ned Lamont and Connecticut Housing Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno today announced that the Connecticut Department of Housing is awarding \$12.8 million in grants to eight municipalities for infrastructure upgrades that will modernize and rehabilitate housing for low and moderate-income residents.

The grants are being awarded as part of the [Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\) Small Cities program](#), which is administered by the Connecticut Department of Housing with funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Eligible projects are required to be in a municipality with a population of fewer than 50,000 residents.

“These housing grants go a long way to improving neighborhoods so that we can make our communities more attractive and encourage continued growth for the benefit of all our residents,” **Governor Lamont said.**

“Connecticut has both large and small cities that contribute to its unique culture and quality of life,” **Commissioner Mosquera-Bruno said.** “Whether it’s helping families make essential renovations

to their homes, ensuring senior living facilities are ADA compliant, or providing a fire truck for increased services, these grants are essential to upgrade and enhance our smaller towns. We're aware that this funding is crucial and improves the day-to-day-lives of our residents."

The grants are being awarded to the following recipients:

- **Ashford – Pompey Hollow Senior Housing (\$2,000,000):** The Town of Ashford will use funds to renovate Pompey Hollow Senior Housing, a 32-unit low and moderate-income housing complex for elderly and disabled individuals. The proposed scope of work includes interior renovations replacing all common doors and hardware, installing automatic entry doors, full kitchen and bathroom upgrades, installing new mailboxes for the tenants, adding blown-in insulation, elevator upgrades, installing LED lighting, updates to the attic sprinklers, updates to emergency lighting, and replacement of all smoke detectors with hardwired combination smoke/carbon monoxide systems. All interior upgrades will focus on ADA compliance, where applicable. The exterior renovations include replacing the existing vinyl siding, replacing AC condensers, roof and chimney repairs, pathway and driveway repairs, sloping the existing patio for better drainage, installing a handrail at the front sidewalk, and installing new fuel tanks for the existing generator. Additionally, there will be mechanical upgrades including a new fire pump with transfer switch, new hot water circulating pumps, new expansion tanks, a new furnace air handler, and changing the heating system from oil to propane.
- **Canton – 21 Dowd Avenue (\$2,000,000):** The Town of Canton will use the funds to rehabilitate an SSHP property located at 40 Dowd Avenue in Canton. The property was built in 1979 with 40 residential units and a community building. The renovations include replacing roofing materials, installing new doors and windows, and replacing siding. ADA compliance improvements will be made to four residential units and the community building. The fire alarm and call-for-aid systems will be upgraded and replaced. Asphalt roofing systems will be installed in four of the six buildings. All windows will be replaced with Energy Star-rated windows. Improvements will include sidewalks, site railings, and parking areas.
- **East Windsor – Park Hill (\$2,000,000):** The Town of East Windsor will use the funds for capital improvements to the existing affordable housing development located at Park Hill, an 84-unit affordable housing development located at 1A Park Hill in Broad Brook. This phase will prioritize the oldest buildings, which include five buildings totaling 30 units. The remaining nine buildings (54 Units) will be addressed with SSHP funds to complete a similar scope. The improvements included in the proposed scope are energy efficiency upgrades through new heat pump heating systems (mini-splits); improved envelope with new siding, insulation, windows, and doors; and new kitchens, stoves, and flooring throughout units (excluding bathrooms). Additionally, handicapped accessibility upgrades to bathrooms through tub to shower conversions for elderly and disabled residents will be made.
- **Southington – General Pulaski Terrace (\$2,000,000):** General Pulaski Terrace consists of eleven buildings, including ten residential buildings with a total of 40 units and a community building. The project aims to modernize the property by replacing roofing materials, installing seamless aluminum gutters and leaf screens, replacing the existing heat pumps, and installing a monitored fire alarm system (call-for-aid) including a closed-circuit television system and the replacement of inefficient heat pumps with more energy-efficient units.
- **Stonington – Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$400,000):** The Town of Stonington will use the funds to complete up to 10 housing units, and the future use of any program income to be used to continue the Stonington Housing Rehabilitation Program (SHRP) into the future. It is the town's goal to establish SHRP as a continuous town service for its residents and serve as a catalyst to improve the properties and the living conditions of the residents.
- **Tolland – Old Post Village (\$2,000,000):** Old Post Village was constructed in 1977, before the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Currently, the housing complex does not have any

fully ADA accessible units available for its residents. The scope of this project proposes to achieve full ADA compliance on three units. This conversion will not only benefit the tenants who need it most, it will also make the property fully compliant by meeting the minimum 10% "Type A" barrier-free handicapped- accessible units' requirements. The proposed scope of work focuses on ADA improvements, energy efficiency, and safety. This will be achieved through renovations to the exterior building envelope, which includes replacing the roof, gutters, windows, entry and storm doors, as well as the entry door stoops; interior kitchen, bathroom and community room renovations, including ADA accessibility; new interior doors, water closets, sinks, showers, and flooring; blown-in attic insulation; replacement of all mini split units throughout the complex; electrical upgrades, including interior and exterior lighting, emergency lighting, smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, as well as building service panels and meter cans; and site work, including improving drainage, parking lot repairs and expansion, as well as ADA ramp additions and improvements.

- **Watertown – Country Ridge (\$2,000,000):** The proposed renovations for the complex include replacement of roofing materials, installation of new Energy Star-rated triple pane windows, and installation of new entry doors and storm doors. These renovations aim to improve the long-term sustainability and independence of the property.
- **Windsor – Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$400,000):** The Town of Windsor will use the funding to continue its Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program to help low and moderate-income homeowners rehabilitate their homes. Ten housing units are expected to be rehabilitated. Upgrades will include roof replacement, heating systems, window replacement, lead paint and asbestos removal, and electrical and code upgrades.

For more information about the CDBG Small Cities program, visit [portal.ct.gov/doh/doh/programs/small-cities-program](http://portal.ct.gov/doh/doh/programs/small-cities-program).

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## Connecticut Department of Public Health loosens consumption advisory for fish from the Hockanum River

HARTFORD, Conn.—The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has loosened the consumption advisory for fish caught in four sections of Hockanum River in East Hartford, Vernon, Manchester, and Ellington, Connecticut (Table 1). DPH is taking this action in close coordination with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). DPH changed the advisory on the Hockanum River after evaluating perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) concentrations from fish sampled in 2022 and reported in 2023 from several sections of the Hockanum River using DPH’s safe consumption limits.

“These consumption advisories are necessary to protect public health while allowing for community members to benefit from the nutritional benefits of eating fish,” **said DPH Commissioner Manisha Juthani, MD.**

DPH is modifying the previous ‘do not eat’ consumption advisory for the Hockanum River from the Connecticut River in East Hartford to the outlet of Union Pond in Manchester including East Hartford Lake as well as the Ellington section of the Hockanum River to “Do not eat bass, all other species - one meal per month.” However, the “Do not eat” consumption advisory remains in effect for the section of the Hockanum River from and including Union Pond in Manchester east through the remainder of Manchester and through Vernon to the outlet of Shenipsit Lake on Tolland Avenue. The “Do not eat” advisory also includes several riverine impoundments of Papermill Pond, including Pitney Park in Vernon and the Tankerhoosen River upstream to the dam on Main St, Vernon. Shenipsit Lake is not included in the advisory.

DPH’s safe consumption limits for PFOS are protective of the general population as well as sensitive groups, which include 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.

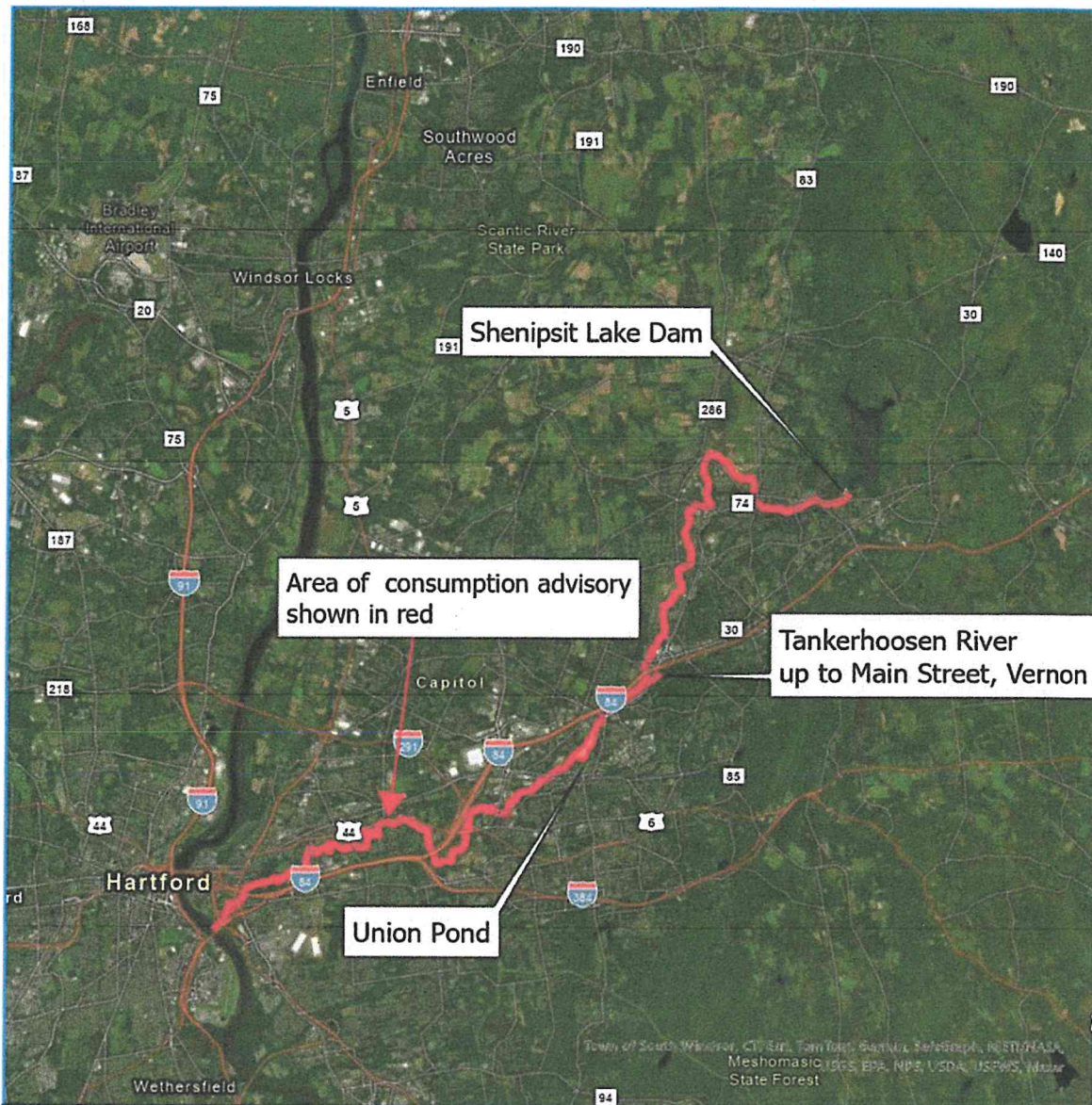
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Additional information on DPH fish consumption advisories can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/fish> or by calling a DPH staff person at 1-877-458-FISH (3474).

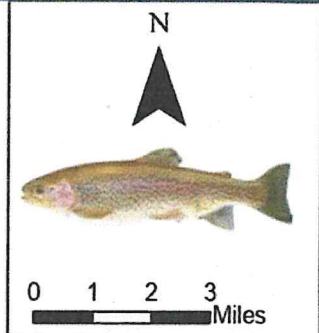
**Table 1. Consumption Advisory History for Fish Caught in Several Sections of the Hockanum River, Connecticut**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Previous Consumption Advisory (2022)</b>	<b>Updated Consumption Advisory</b>
East Hartford Section	All	Do Not Eat-Everyone	Do not eat Bass, All other Species, 1 Meal Per Month-Everyone
East Hartford Lake	All	Do Not Eat-Everyone	Do not Eat Bass, All Other Species, 1 Meal Per Month-Everyone
Manchester Section from East Hartford border to the outlet of Union Pond, Manchester	All	Do Not Eat-Everyone	Do Not Eat Bass, All Other Species, 1 Meal Per Month-Everyone
Union Pond, Manchester Section to outlet of Shenipsit Lake, Tolland Avenue, Vernon (includes several riverine impoundments of Papermill Pond, including Pitney Park and Tankerhoosen River (upstream to dam at Main St., Vernon))	All	Do Not Eat-Everyone	No Change
Ellington Section	All	Do Not Eat-Everyone	Do Not Eat Bass, All Other Species, 1 Meal Per Month-Everyone
Shenipsit Lake, Vernon, Ellington and Tolland	All	No Specific Advisory	No Change

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**PFOS Fish Consumption Advisory: Hockanum River upstream to Shenipsit Lake Dam in Vernon. Tankerhoosen River upstream to Dam Main Street in Vernon**



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Dear Veterinary Colleagues,

*This is an important message from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) and Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) to all licensed veterinarians in the state of Connecticut. We are sending this message to update you on the current highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) situation and share resources. We ask that you share this information with your support staff and use these resources to assist you with questions from your clients regarding H5N1.*

On Friday, January 24, 2025, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture announced that preliminary testing had detected H5N1 in a backyard (non-commercial) poultry flock in New Haven County. This marks the second detection of H5N1 in domestic birds this year and the first in New Haven County in 2025. The premises has been depopulated. The Department of Agriculture press release can be accessed [here](#).

Please discourage your clients and callers from handling sick wild birds. As always, we are here for your questions and concerns.

The previous communications sent to veterinarians and support staff with information and resources regarding H5N1 are available [here](#).

Dr. Thamus Morgan, the State Veterinarian at the Department of Agriculture, may be reached at 860-713-2505 or [ctstate.vet@ct.gov](mailto:ctstate.vet@ct.gov).

Dr. Kathy Kudish, the State Public Health Veterinarian at the Department of Public Health, may be reached at 860-509-7994 or [Kathy.kudish@ct.gov](mailto:Kathy.kudish@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**GOVERNOR NED LAMONT**

## **Governor Lamont Announces 2025 Legislative Proposal: Protecting Patients and Ensuring a Stable Healthcare System**

Posted on January 23, 2025

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Ned Lamont today announced that the package of legislative proposals he will ask the Connecticut General Assembly to consider for ratification during the 2025 regular session will include a proposal increasing the oversight and financial stability of Connecticut hospitals, health systems, and medical practices, and ensuring that they continue providing the high quality, accessible, and affordable care that the state's residents deserve.

The governor noted that as a result of changes in the way healthcare entities are owned, funded, managed, and sold, the state needs to modernize and update its oversight processes to ensure that its healthcare system remains stable. He said the state's laws overseeing this industry need to keep up with these rapidly evolving changes to protect Connecticut residents.

"The state needs to have a role in overseeing large financial transactions involving healthcare practices and facilities so that we can ensure that the critical services these facilities provide continue to be readily available to our residents," **Governor Lamont said**. "In recent years, we've seen a real change in how the healthcare system is being operated. This includes an increased share of our state's healthcare system being owned or managed by out-of-state, for-profit companies. These recent changes have shown that our current statutes contain loopholes allowing important transactions to escape necessary review. I am urging the General Assembly to update

our laws to enable the state to have proper oversight of significant health system transactions. We need to provide the state with the tools needed to protect our healthcare system from dangerous and destabilizing practices and ensure that our system continues to provide quality, accessible, and affordable health care for all.”

“We’ve all become aware of how major transactions in healthcare can impact the financial stability of our institutions,” **Dr. Deidre S. Gifford, commissioner of the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy, said.** “These changes also touch the lives of patients, providers, and healthcare workers in less obvious ways and can also impact healthcare affordability for consumers. We know that some changes in ownership or control can lead to poorer quality, more expensive care – the opposite of what we want for Connecticut residents.”

“We’ve all seen what can go wrong when private equity is allowed to strip mine our local hospitals and healthcare institutions,” **Attorney General William Tong said.** “And we’ve seen growing challenges with access and affordability of care due to unprecedented levels of consolidation in healthcare delivery in Connecticut. I fully support these measures to strengthen oversight and transparency around these transactions and acquisitions.”

The bill that Governor Lamont will present to the legislature in the coming days will contain the following items:

- Strengthen the existing “notice of material change” statute to make sure the Office of the Attorney General and Office of Health Strategy have insight into transactions that have the potential to negatively impact the healthcare system’s quality, access, or affordability – not just antitrust laws. Under current law, many transactions escape scrutiny.
- Establish an Office of the Attorney General/Office of Health Strategy review process to look for red flags in healthcare transactions.
- Allow the Office of the Attorney General to impose conditions on transactions to prevent harm to the healthcare system or refer the application to the Office of Health Strategy for further evaluation and action.

Governor Lamont is scheduled to deliver his annual budget address to a joint session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Documents containing the full details of his biennial budget proposal and other legislative proposals, including this bill on hospitals and healthcare facilities, will be filed on that date.

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**GOVERNOR NED LAMONT**

## **Governor Lamont Announces 2025 Legislative Proposal: Strengthen Resilience Against Extreme Weather Events**

Posted on January 21, 2025

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Ned Lamont today announced that the package of legislative proposals that he will ask the Connecticut General Assembly to consider for ratification during the 2025 regular session will include a proposal containing several initiatives to strengthen Connecticut's resilience against the impacts of extreme weather events and climate change.

The governor noted that over the last year alone, Connecticut experienced several significant weather events, including:

- An unprecedented rainfall on August 18, 2024, that delivered severe flash flooding in Fairfield County, Litchfield County, and New Haven County, resulting in three deaths and nearly \$300 million in damage;
- Repeated heavy rainstorms in January of 2024 that resulted in a near-failure of the Fitchville Pond Dam in Bozrah and severe flooding of the Yantic River in Norwich;
- Severe flooding in September of 2023 that collapsed two bridges and stranded families in Scotland; and
- Far below normal precipitation levels in the fall of 2024 that caused an extended period of drought, leading to critical fire conditions and several brush fires throughout the state, including



a large fire on Lamentation Mountain in Berlin and Meriden that took several weeks to fully contain and resulted in the line-of-duty death of a firefighter.

Additionally, the period from July of 2023 to June of 2024 was the wettest year in recorded history for Connecticut, and 2024 was the hottest year and had the hottest summer on record for Hartford.

"I understand that there are different opinions about the science of climate change, but it is undeniable that each year is bringing an increased number of extreme weather events and abnormal climate patterns that are direct threats to our homes and our lives," **Governor Lamont said.** "These severe weather events aren't just happening on TV in faraway locations, they're happening in our backyards. It is urgent that we take the steps necessary to make sound investments that harden our infrastructure, defend our natural resources, and enact the protections we need to save human lives, property, and livelihood. This is a critical issue that ought to be near the top of every lawmaker's priorities, and for the sake of the people of Connecticut I want to work with the legislature this session on enacting a comprehensive resiliency bill."

The bill proposal that Governor Lamont will present to the legislature in the coming days will contain the following items:

- **Flood insurance notifications:** Currently, only homeowners who own a home within a FEMA-designated flood zone are required to obtain flood insurance, and many homeowners who have experienced a flood are surprised to learn that homeowners' insurance does not cover flood damage. Governor Lamont's bill will require banks, mortgage companies, insurance companies, and insurance brokers and agents to notify homeowners about the availability of flood insurance at the time of the mortgage signing and formally acknowledge if the customer has declined to purchase a flood policy.
- **Notifying homeowners and renters about flood risks:** Current state law requires disclosure about mechanical, structural, lead paint, mold, and other similar issues to homeowners. Governor Lamont is proposing to amend this law to establish an additional disclosure related to the history of flooding on a property or its location in a flood zone. Additionally, the proposal will extend this flood history and flood zone notification to renters.
- **Requiring additional review of coast development plans:** Currently, towns refer certain development plans in coastal areas to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for review. However, development in recent years has been increasing in additional risk areas that are not currently covered. Governor Lamont's proposal will expand the referral requirement to include additional activities in flood risk areas near coastal functions that help buffer flooding (wetlands, beaches, and dunes) to provide DEEP with greater opportunity to provide comment and recommendations.
- **Remove the exemption for the coastal site plan review for single-family homes:** Under current state law, the development of single-family homes is exempt from the coastal site plan review process, unless they are located next to specific shoreline features. Governor Lamont is proposing to remove this exemption and subject these developments to review for the purpose of protecting important coastal features and uses and minimizing risks.
- **Reduce state investment in highest-risk flood areas:** Residential construction in the highest-risk floodplain areas increases disaster response and recovery burdens, increases displacement, and creates an outsized risk to residents and responders. So too does the development of public infrastructure that serves these structures. Governor Lamont is proposing to prohibit state investments in new or substantial renovation of residential development in these highest-risk flood areas.
- **Enhances and coordinates existing planning mechanisms:** Municipalities, Councils of Governments, and the state prepare plans for land use, hazard mitigation, transportation, and evacuation. These plans are required to receive state or federal funding. Governor Lamont is

proposing that climate risks become incorporated in each of these plans, at appropriate scale and analysis, to improve capital planning, land use strategies, and funding applications. He also is proposing increased sharing of mapping to improve local to state coordination.

- **Modify and create local funding streams:** Replacing infrastructure on a predictable and reliable basis requires a predictable and reliable funding mechanism. Municipalities currently use the municipal reserve fund and town aid road to support local capital improvements. Governor Lamont is proposing to clarify that these funds can be used to incorporate resiliency considerations. He is also proposing a new twist on the tax incremental financing mechanism for the purposes of resiliency – Resiliency Improvement Districts. Where the local capital funds focus on singular infrastructure, Resiliency Improvement Districts address community-scale vulnerabilities and support local economic development.
- **Enabling a regional Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program:** TDR programs are a regulatory technique for willing participants that protects property values while reducing development in risky areas. By creating a TDR program, municipalities can incentivize development toward less-sensitive areas at their choosing. Existing statute is limited to direct transactions that can limit a program's efficacy. Governor Lamont is proposing the expansion of a TDR program so that municipalities can work together on their development and conservation goals while reducing their vulnerabilities and preserving the local grand list.
- **Requiring geolocation of culverts and bridges:** Many floods result from outdated and undersized stormwater systems that were installed decades ago, such as what occurred during the August 18, 2024, flash floods. When floods wash them out, it's dangerous for emergency response and expensive to replace, and because of their age, little information exists to aid in prioritization. Governor Lamont is proposing to require municipalities to geolocate culverts and bridges and share this data with councils of governments and appropriate state agencies.

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