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Good evening, Mr. Speaker. I'm sorry for the confusion. We're about to set up our third consent calendar for the evening, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that -- I would like to move the following items to the Consent Calendar, all of which are in concurrence with the Senate.

Senate Bill 293, House Calendar Number 539 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar Number 321; Calendar 486 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 542 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 540 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 507 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 411 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 472 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 314; Calendar 132 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 116 as amended by Senate "A"; Calendar 541 as amended by Senate "A" and Senate "B".

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Aresimowicz, I believe that a couple of the bills that you called were actually Senate calendar numbers, not House calendar numbers. So I believe the Clerk knows what you're intending, he

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may -- with your indulgence, I was going to ask him  
to, perhaps, offer the correction.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Mr. Speaker, maybe for clarification, I'll go  
through the bill numbers very quickly.

It being Senate Bill 29 --

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Mr. Speaker -- excuse me, Mr. Speaker. Is this  
the appropriate time for one to object to all the  
items on the Consent Calendar?

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

It would be.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

I will object to all the items on the Consent  
Calendar. I would respectfully request that we talk.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, sir.

With that objection, we will suspend action on  
the Consent Calendar so that the Minority and Majority  
Leader may talk.

[Pause.]

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I -- just to clarify, I'm going to run through the bill number and the calendar number.

It would be Senate Bill 293, which is Calendar 545; Senate Bill 429, which is Calendar 539; Senate Bill 115, which is Calendar 321; Senate Bill 203, which is Calendar 486; Senate Bill 71, which is Calendar 542; Senate Bill 447, which is Calendar 540; Senate Bill 61, which is Calendar 507; Senate Bill 75, which is Calendar 411; Senate Bill 321, which is Calendar 472; Senate Bill 66, which is Calendar 314; Senate Bill 178, which is Calendar 495; Senate Bill 430, which is Calendar Number 489; and Senate Bill 425, which is Calendar 51 -- 541.

And I move adoption of the Consent Calendar.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Mr. Clerk, does that match your listing of the calendar numbers?

THE CLERK:

430, Mr. Majority Leader, Senate Bill 430 is calendar what?

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

489.

THE CLERK:

Yes. It does, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

And, Mr. Majority Leader, could you also indicate -- I'm sorry to have to delay this for a second, but according to my notes, all of those -- well, most of those are adopted -- or amended by Senate "A"? If you could just --

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Correct, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

specify --

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Except the first and the last, sir. The last one being Senate "A" and "B," sir.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you. As long as we're clear about the amendments that have been adopted in the Senate.

REP. ARESIMOWICZ (30th):

Correct, Mr. Speaker. And I move passage of the bills on today's Consent Calendar Number 3.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of the Consent Calendar Number 3?

Staff and guests please come to the well of the House. Members take your seats. The machine will be open.

THE CLERK:

The House is voting on Consent Calendar Number 3.

The House is voting by roll. Will members please return to the chamber immediately.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Have all the members voted? Have all the members voted?

Take your time, Representative Boukus.

Would members please check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally.

Will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Consent number -- Consent Calendar Number 3

Total Number Voting	147
Necessary for Passage	74
Those voting Yea	147
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	4

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The Consent Calendar is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar 506?

THE CLERK:

Calendar 506, on page 25, favorable report of the  
joint standing committee on Appropriations. Senate

Bill 55, AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLAINTS THAT ALLEGED  
MISCONDUCT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PERSONNEL.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Fox.

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the  
acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report  
and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Question's on acceptance of the joint committee's  
favorable report and passage of the bill.

Will you remark, sir?

REP. FOX (146th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Clerk has an amendment, LCO Number 4583. I'd  
ask that it be called, and I be allowed to summarize.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Will the Clerk please call LCO 4583, which has  
been previously designated Senate Amendment "A."



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SENATOR MAYNARD:

Thank you, Madam President. I do appreciate the support of the distinguished Ranking Member on Transportation. She's correct. The bill was improved by negotiations that made sure that we were not lopsided in our assessment of who was needing to exercise reasonable care. And I think, with that understanding, we move the bill forward. So I thank the gentlewoman for her support and urge passage.

THE CHAIR:

All right. Senator --

SENATOR MAYNARD:

Oh, I'm sorry, and yes, would ask that it be placed on the Consent Calendar without objection.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 7, Calendar 203, Senate Bill Number 321, AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COST SAVINGS, favorable report of the Committee on Human Services. There are amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you --

THE CHAIR:

Good afternoon, ma'am.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you, Madam President. Good afternoon.

THE CHAIR:

I'm sorry. Good evening.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

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Good evening. You're right.

I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark?

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

The Clerk has an amendment in his possession, LCO Number 3964. I'd ask that it be called.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

LCO Number 3964, Senate "A" offered by Senator Slossberg and Representative Abercrombie.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you. I move adoption.

THE CHAIR: .

Motion is on adoption. Will you remark?

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

This bill very simply creates a standing committee that will be a subcommittee of the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight, which will be tasked with the ongoing job of looking at evidence based practices to -- for cost savings as it relates to Medicaid.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Will you remark?

Senator Markley.

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SENATOR MARKLEY:

Thank you, Madam President. You know, I just want to say this is a bill that -- I don't know if I'm telling anything improper to say that it started out as a bit of a placeholder. We had testimony on it that was so supportive of the idea of looking at this subject in more depth that it seemed to be wise to go forward with it. And it certainly is one that I feel cannot be examined too closely. And I think the decision to locate this ongoing examination of cost savings in NAPOC is exactly the right place to put it. So I enthusiastically support it, and I thank the chairs of the committee for the work that they've done to figure out the best way to go about doing the job.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

At this time, will you remark? Will you remark? Then I'll try your minds on Senate "A."

All those in favor please say aye.

SENATORS:

Aye.

THE CHAIR:

Opposed?

Senate "A" passes.

Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Yes, thank you. The bill -- this becomes the bill, and the amendment becomes the bill, and I would just urge its passage.

THE CHAIR:

Senator -- Senator Slossberg.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

If there is no objection, I'd ask that this item be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR SLOSSBERG:

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 8, Calendar 266, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 325, AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID RECIPIENTS WITH COMPLEX MEDICAL NEEDS, favorable report of the Committee on Human Services.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. That bill might be passed temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered.

Mr. Clerk, will you continue with the Calendar, please.

THE CLERK:

Also on page 8, Calendar 267, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 326, AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVERS, favorable report of the Committee on Human Services.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. That item might be passed temporarily. We will return to it shortly. And if the Clerk would call from Calendar -- excuse me -- mark a bill from the Labor Committee. I believe it was passed temporarily earlier, and it is Calendar page 7, Calendar 216, Senate Bill 249.

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Total Number Voting	32
Necessary for Adoption	17
Those voting Aye	32
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	4

THE CHAIR:

The bill has passed.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, if the Clerk would now read the items on our second Consent Calendar so that we might proceed to a vote on that second Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 7, Calendar 203, Senate Bill 321; on page 8, Calendar 266, Senate Bill 325 and Calendar 267, Senate Bill 326; on page 27, Calendar 167, Senate Bill 34; and on page 28, Calendar 189, Senate Bill 336.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Will you please call for a roll call vote on the second Consent Calendar, and the machine is open.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the second Consent Calendar for today. Immediate roll call ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Maynard, thank you.

If all members have voted, all members have voted, the machine will be closed. Mr. Clerk, will you call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On the second Consent Calendar for today:

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Total Number Voting	33
Necessary for Adoption	17
Those voting Aye	33
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	3

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar passes.

Points of personal privileges at this time.

Senator Fonfara.

SENATOR FONFARA:

Thank you, Madam President. For the purposes of an announcement.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed, sir.

SENATOR FONFARA:

Madam President, for the members of the Finance Committee, we'll be meeting tomorrow in Room 2E at eleven o'clock to take up referred bills. Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Osten.

SENATOR OSTEN:

Madam President, for purposes of announcement, the Planning and Development Committee will be meeting tomorrow at eleven, place to be determined.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

Senator Coleman.

SENATOR COLEMAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Just to inform the members of the Judiciary Committee that the committee will be meeting

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March 11, 2014  
12:00 P.M.

CHAIRMEN: Senator Slossberg  
Representative Abercrombie

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SENATORS: Markley

REPRESENTATIVES: Bowles, Butler, Case, Cook,  
P. Miller, Morris,  
E. Ritter, Rutigliano,  
H. Santiago, Stallworth,  
Wood

REP. ABERCROMBIE: -- the public hearing for the  
Human Services Committee.

With that, we'd like to start with Commissioner  
Bremby.

Thank you so much for being here, sir.

COMMISSIONER RODERICK BREMBY: -- and distinguished  
members of the Human Services Committee.

My name is Rod Bremby. I'm the Commissioner of  
the Connecticut Department of Social Services  
and I'm pleased to be before you today to  
testify on two bills raised on behalf of the  
department. In addition, we offer written  
comments on several other bills on today's  
agenda that impacts the agency.

Starting with Senate Bill 406, AN ACT  
CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF NEED FOR NURSING  
HOMES. The proposed legislation deletes  
obsolete provisions, makes technical changes to  
the department's certificate of needs statutes,  
and arranges the statutes in a more logical and  
cohesive format.

The proposal also removes the requirement for

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ACA, specifies who may request a hearing on behalf of a client.

Under current law, requests for a hearing must be mailed to the Commissioner within 60 days after the date of the decision being contested.

In order to accommodate an anticipated change in our new eligibility management system without affecting clients, this proposal provides a hearing request must be received by the department within 65 days of the date of decision, which expands the number of days by five.

This proposal increases the number of days within which the department must schedule a hearing from 30 to 45 days and limits the number of continuances that may be granted to three. The proposal also provides that a client need not be present if represented by legal counsel and if not needed to testify. Lastly, the proposal allows testimony by phone in the hearing officer's discretion.

Section 2 makes clarifications that are not substantive changes to practice.

Section 3 specifies that decisions that may be contested under the section are those that involve the issuance of a payment rate to a provider and deletes some obsolete language. We ask for your support of this bill.

Other legislation impacting the department, Senate Bill Number 321; AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COST SAVINGS. This bill would create a task force charged with reviewing best practices concerning Medicaid cost savings. We have no objections to working with our partners to identify additional cost savings that may be achieved within the Medicaid program.

concerns.

So we -- we hear this, we see this, but we're -- we're trying to look globally at a lot of things. And so while we may not be prepared or ready at this juncture, there's a lot in the play box that this team is reviewing and we will come forward as soon as we think we have something that works.

REP. RITTER: Thank you.

If I could for just a moment, Madam Chair, I appreciate hearing that because I do think this might -- this discussion is perhaps one that begs for a different kind of a look whether it's on the legislative side across our various committees, whether -- and -- and we have -- then we have the oversight committee. There's different places where, perhaps, this could happen.

But, I guess, I'm asking for help, perhaps, in putting together a way to maybe accomplish that going forward so that we're not sort of reiterating what's really, I think, it's the third time this -- just this session and this committee the same type of discussion. And I appreciate that, so I will look forward to hearing back and perhaps supporting -- doing what we have to do to -- to try to get there.

Thank you.

REP. ABERCROMBIE: Thank you, Representative.

Follow-up questions from committee members?

Representative Wood.

REP. WOOD: Thank you, and I appreciate your thoughts on this, too, Representative Ritter.

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Is this something -- and I'm not clear if this is something we want and try to do this session -- I know, I know, I know. Agreed. Because it is -- now we can't -- May 8th maybe.

Anyway, I -- I do look forward to having continuing dialogue on this and especially on the readmission rates for the males. I know Melissa's Project is something we funded last year and I think we'll continue to fund, increase the funding for that as case coordination, and it stops that cycling between the ER or ED now I guess it's called. And the house -- the prisons and maybe that's a piece that could channel into that.

One other note on -- back to Senate Bill 321, the one on the -- the task force. I guess, what I would -- I'm not sure I'm going to support this or not, but I need to learn a little more. I -- I think you all do look at how you can create Medicaid savings within the agency and I'm not sure you need all of us over your shoulder on this.

I -- I guess just a global question is I would love to know what we all can do to simplify the regulation -- make it less. It just seems we keep layering on all these things and it has gotten over complicated. And I -- I would love to know what we could do to simplify things? It's hard for us -- it's for me and I -- I just think we need to learn how to simplify some of these things.

Thank you.

REP. ABERCROMBIE: Thank -- thank you -- thank you, Representative.

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Any further questions or comments?

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TESTIMONY OF  
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CONNECTICUT BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION  
SUBMITTED TO THE  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MARCH 11, 2014  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING  
STATE CAPITOL  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Good day. My name is Pete Gioia. I am the economist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents about 10,000 firms, which employ about 700,000 women and men in Connecticut. Our membership includes firms of all sizes and types, the vast majority of which are small businesses with fewer than 50 people.

CBIA supports and would like to comment upon SB 321, SB 326, and SB 329. CBIA is encouraged that the committee is hearing these bills.

Medicaid is the single most costly line item in the state budget and long term care is the costliest part of Medicaid. We will never control our state budget until we better control Medicaid costs. These dollars support our most vulnerable citizens with vital services. But, we continue to choose the most costly ways to direct these services when often clients prefer less expensive options like home care. We have an aging population so time is running out to take control in this area.

That's why we need comprehensive study and planning, actions to get suitable waivers and focus upon directing efforts towards appropriate levels of care in appropriate settings.

CBIA has always supported government that works. These efforts will promote new thinking and better planning in our state.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION FOR  
**HEALTHCARE AT HOME**

TESTIMONY

Delivered by Deborah R. Hoyt, President and CEO  
The Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home  
Before the Human Services Committee  
March 11, 2014

**SUPPORT: SENATE BILL 321, AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COST SAVINGS**  
**SUPPORT: SENATE BILL 326, AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVERS**  
**SUPPORT: SENATE BILL 329, AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE**

Good morning Senator Slossberg, Representative Abercrombie and members of Human Services Committee. My name is Deborah Hoyt, President and CEO of the Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home. The Association represents 60 Connecticut DPH licensed/Medicare certified home health and hospice agencies that foster cost-effective, person-centered healthcare in the setting people prefer most – their own home. Collectively, our agency providers deliver care to more CT residents each day than those housed in CT hospitals and nursing homes combined. As a major employer with a growing workforce, our 17,000 home health care workers are providing high-tech and telehealth interventions for children, adults, and seniors. We are Connecticut's community-based safety net, ensuring that the chronic conditions of the frail elderly, disabled, and homebound are managed and their care is well-coordinated across the healthcare continuum. We urge the committee to favorably report SB 321, SB 326 and SB 329.

SB 321 creates a task force to study and make recommendations for best practices concerning Medicaid cost savings. Our association supports the bill and appreciates that the task force will have a representative of the home health care and hospice industry.

SB 326 requires the Commissioner of Social Services to conduct a study to determine the need for any state waivers from federal Medicaid requirements or changes in the Medicaid state plan and to make recommendations to the Human Service Committee on how to address gaps in providing services and improving access to such services. We support legislative proposals in general, and SB 326 in particular, that seek to find methods to increase the number of residents receiving health care at home.

SB 329 directs the Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the Commissioner on Aging, to conduct a study and to make recommendations on the long-term care needs of state residents. We are pleased that the study will collect data showing the number of residents that have been removed from institutionalized settings to home and community-based settings and the savings realized by the state on long-term care related to the Money Follows the Person for calendar years 2010 to 2013. We support Senate Bill 329 as it will assist the state and home health care providers to make informed plans to meet the future needs of Connecticut's seniors.

Please reach out to us as a resource for additional information at any time.

Thank you.



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*Testimony before the Human Services Committee  
Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner  
March 11, 2014*

Good morning, Senator Slossberg, Representative Abercrombie and distinguished members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Roderick Bremby and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services. I am pleased to be before you today to testify on two bills raised on behalf of the Department. In addition, I offer written remarks on several other bills on today's agenda that impact the Department.

**Bills Raised on Behalf of DSS:**

**S.B. No. 406 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF NEED FOR NURSING HOMES**

The proposed legislation deletes obsolete provisions, makes technical changes to the department's Certificate of Need (CON) statutes, and arranges the statutes in a more logical and cohesive format. The proposal also removes the requirement for a CON for transfers of ownership and acquisition of imaging equipment. These proposed legislative changes are requested, in part, to support the Money Follows the Person rebalancing initiative which provides nursing home residents the ability to receive services in a community setting.

The proposed section 17b-352 delineates all of the activities that require CON approval, maintains the moratorium on additional nursing home beds through June 30, 2016, provides correct statutory references, and removes outdated references to the Office of Health Care Access (OHCA). This bill also includes a provision to allow the Department, based on regional service needs, the flexibility to establish a nursing home bed pilot up to 35 beds, if necessary. The former subsections in section 17b-354 with respect to continuing care facilities have been deleted as continuing care facilities are addressed in Chapter 319hh. Some of the language removed from section 17b-354 is included in a new proposed section. Specifically, the moratorium language in section 17b-354 was moved to the proposed section 17b-352 as this language is incongruously placed where it is currently located. In addition, the department proposes to keep the language concerning the acceptance of nonresidents as nursing facility patients to continuing care facilities on a contractual basis and the same requirements. The department proposes to move this language to a new section in Chapter 319hh. Rather than addressing a "continuing care facility which guarantees life care for its residents," the proposed moratorium language references continuing care facilities that are registered as continuing care facilities pursuant to Chapter 319hh. This provision would be triggered only in the event of a significant shortage of nursing home beds in a specific locality within the state. The department has also proposed some technical changes in Chapter 319hh which are not substantive in nature.

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of days within which DSS must schedule a hearing from 30 to 45 and limits to three the number of continuances that may be granted. The proposal also provides that a client need not be present if represented by legal counsel and if not needed to testify. Lastly, the proposal allows testimony by phone in the hearing officer's discretion.

Section 2 makes clarifications that are not substantive changes to practice.

Section 3 specifies that the decisions that may be contested under the section are those that involve the issuance of a payment rate to a provider and deletes some obsolete language.

We ask for your support of this bill.

**Other Legislation Impacting the Department:**

**S.B. No. 321 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COST SAVINGS**

This bill would create a task force charged with reviewing best practices concerning Medicaid cost savings. The department has no objections to working with our partners to identify additional cost savings that may be achieved within the Medicaid program.

**S.B. No. 326 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVERS**

This bill directs the Department to conduct a study to determine the need for additional Medicaid waivers or changes to the existing Medicaid waivers administered by DSS. The department is constantly striving to improve our programs that serve the residents of Connecticut and we therefore have no objections to this proposal.

**S.B. No. 327 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOMES & S.B. No. 329 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE**

The Department of Social Services commends the Committee for its attention to the need for strategic planning for Medicaid long-term care services. This is a critical need given the strong preferences of older adults and individuals with disabilities to live in home and community-based settings, the state's interest in controlling escalating costs, and support for town-level tailoring of strategies to meet local needs. DSS respectfully suggests to the Committee, however, that the studies that are being proposed by S.B. 327 and S.B. 329 are not needed. In keeping with the legislation enacted by the General Assembly, Governor Malloy, the Office of Policy and Management, and DSS released the Strategic Plan to Rebalance Long-Term Services and Supports, which already captures the data and planning strategies that are contemplated by these bills.

In support of the RFP for nursing facility diversification, the Department contracted with Mercer to make town-level projections of need for nursing home beds and associated workforce for all cities and towns in Connecticut. This was released in 2013, and Mercer is currently updating the projections.