



BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE CCRC

HB5508 AAC New Rail Cars on the Waterbury Branch of Metro North (Similar Bills - HB5994 and SB227)

HB5991 AAC the Restoration of Services Along the Shore Line East Rail Line (Similar Bill - HB5997)

SB621 AA Concerning Train Trestles

HB5505 AA Studying the Use of Hybrid Trains on the Metrp-North Commuter Railroad

HB6311 AA Concerning an Expansion of Commuter Rail Lines to the Town of New Milford

SB616 AA Requiring a Study of Future Railroads

CTDOT Extend Study Deadline - Feasibility of Extending SLE to 12/1/23.

Bills

Connecticut Public Transportation Council

HB5508, HB5994, AND SB227 - WATERBURY LINE

HB5508 Bill Purpose- To replace the aging rail cars on the Waterbury branch line of the Metro-North Commuter Railroad.

HB5994 Bill Purpose- To improve the quality of rail service and encourage the use of public transportation in the state.

SB227 Bill Purpose- To expand passenger rail service on the Waterbury Branch of Metro-North Commuter Railroad to include the towns of Seymour, Shelton and Derby.

HB5991 AND HB5997 - SHORELINE EAST

HB5991 Bill Purpose- To require the Department of Transportation to restore service on the Shore Line East rail line.

HB5997 Bill Purpose- To restore service on the Shoreline East rail line.

CTDOT AGENCY BILLS

Extend Study Deadline Statement of Purpose- Extend the date of the mandated study evaluating the feasibility of extending SLE and coordinating surface transit in the SE region from January 1, 2023 until December 1, 2023.

Connecticut Public Transportation Council Statement of Purpose-To include the state's transit bus system users, the existing Connecticut Commuter Rail Council is replaced with the new Connecticut Public Transportation Council, which includes both rail and bus system users.

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SB621 Bill Purpose- To ensure safe road and pedestrian transportation [by prohibiting the lowering of trestles unless necessary for safe transport.]

HB6311 Bill Purpose- To expand ridership on Connecticut's commuter rails [by requiring the CTDOT to expand commuter rail lines to include the town of New Milford.]

SB616 Bill Purpose- To study the future of railroads in the state, including the right-of-way between Hartford and Middletown.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS BY CCRC

HB5508, HB5994, and SB227

Support for Waterbury Line - **The CCRC will submit testimony in support.** Current co-sponsors: 5508- Reps Rochelle, Reyes, Napoli, DiGiovancaro, Butler and Welander, Sen Cabrera, 5994- Rep Denning, and 227 - Sen Kelly

HB5991 and HB5997

Restoration of SLE Service - **The CCRC will submit testimony in support.** Current co-sponsors: Reps Comey, Conley & Nolan

CTDOT Bills (No Bill Numbers yet)

CT Public Transportation Council - **CCRC Discussion**

Extension of SLE Feasibility Study- **CCRC Discussion**



HB6311

Expansion of the Commuter Rail Lines to New Milford - Current co-sponsors Rep Buckbee, Harrison and Callahan and Sen Harding - **CCRC will monitor**

SB621

An Act Concerning Train Trestles - This is a bike/pedestrian safety bill. Current sponsor- Sen Kelly **No recommended action at this time**

SB616

Requiring a Study of Future Railroads -Current sponsor - Sen Lesser **CCRC will monitor**

