

HB 6801

Below is a brief description of sections directly related and of interest to ConnDOT.

Sections 7 & 8 – STC – Adds the DECD Commissioner to the STC membership. Requires ConnDOT and STC to make a final determination within 60 days after receiving a completed formal petition, application, or request for a permit in connection with an economic development project. The commissioner or commission must notify the petitioner, applicant, or requestor of the determination. If a final determination is not made within 60 days, it is deemed approved.

Section 10– LEAN Review - Requires OPM to hire a consultant to apply LEAN practices and principles to the permitting and enforcement processes of DEEP, DECD, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and DOT that business entities most frequently use.

Section 11 – Statute Review – By February 1, 2012, DEEP, ConnDOT, and DECD must each make recommendations to the Environment, Transportation, and Commerce committees respectively to repeal or revise department programs or statutes the agency determined to be obsolete or in need of revision in order to improve efficiency.

Sections 39-45 – Airport Development Zones - Allows the CAA to establish additional airport development zones, upon DECD recommendations

Section 46 – Fix-it-First Bridges - \$50M STO authorization for FY12

Sections 78 & 79 – Main St. Investment Fund – Authorizes \$5M per year for FY12 and FY13 for a nonlapsing General Fund account called the Main Street Investment Fund account within OPM for municipalities. Use of funds include improvements to municipal property, including bike/pedestrian improvements, sidewalks, etc.

Sections 80-88 – Private-Public Partnerships – Allows state agencies and quasi-publics to enter into an agreement with private entities to finance, design, construct, develop, operate, or maintain certain “facilities” (i. e. , public-private partnership agreement). Beginning on the date the bill passes and before January 1, 2015, the governor must approve up to five public-private partnership projects.

For full text of HB 6801, see here:

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/TOB/h/pdf/2011HB-06801-R00-HB.pdf>