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Legislative Office Building, Room 5200, Hartford, CT 06106 Phone: (860) 240-0200 E-Mail: ofa@cga.ct.gov; www.cga.ct.gov/ofa The August 2, 2012 Finance Advisory Committee agenda contains two items that require the Committee to approve agreements that hold the federal government harmless for two projects that will be preformed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The agenda items do not transfer or alter any funding for these projects.

Below is a brief description of each project.

### FAC Item 2013-1, Patchogue River Dredging and Maintenance

The project will remove approximately 34,000 cubic yards of sediment, which will be deposited at the Cornfield Shoals Disposal Site. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is securing the required permits and developing plan specifications for dredging. The Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to schedule use of its own hopper dredge during the upcoming dredging season, which begins around October 1, 2012. The total project is \$1.4 million, which consists of \$1.1 million of state bond funds and \$0.3 million of federal funds.

#### FAC Item 2013-2, Housatonic River Dredging and Maintenance

The project will remove approximately 50,000 cubic yards of predominantly sandy material from the Housatonic River in four areas south of the Route 1 Bridge. The Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to schedule use of its own hopper dredge during the upcoming dredging season, which begins around October 1, 2012. The total project cost is \$850,000, which consists of \$750,000 of state bond funds and \$100,000 of federal funds.

The river was last dredged was in 1976, when 215,000 cubic yards of material was removed.