



Senate Bill 1245

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RESILIENT CONNECTICUT STRATEGY

Testimony of the Department of Administrative Services

Environment Committee

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Senator Lopes, Representative Parker, Senator Harding, Representative Callahan, and distinguished members of the Environment Committee. The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony supporting **Senate Bill 1245: An Act Establishing a Resilient Connecticut Strategy**. This legislation is essential to strengthening Connecticut's commitment to sustainability, climate resiliency, and responsible management of state resources as outlined in Governor Lamont's Executive Order 1, 3, 21-3, and statutes 4a-67a – 4a-67h, related to green purchasing, proper waste and recycling management, and state light-duty fleet transition to electric vehicles (EV).

DAS has taken significant steps to integrate sustainability and resiliency into our work. As a co-chair of GreenerGov, we recognize that state government must lead by example in reducing environmental impacts, improving energy efficiency, and ensuring long-term resilience against climate-related challenges.

Our ongoing initiatives include:

- **State Facilities Resilience Planning** - Through capital improvement projects, DAS continues integrating climate adaptation measures such as flood protection, energy efficiency improvements, and sustainable building materials.
- **Sustainability Initiatives and Green Building Standards** - Incorporating climate adaptation strategies into state building design and operations. New state construction projects and major renovations adhere to high-performance building standards, including LEED certification and adopting the most recent building codes. This ensures that state buildings are designed for long-term efficiency, durability, and occupant well-being.
- **Collaboration with Other State Agencies** - CT DAS works closely with agencies such as the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), among others, to advance statewide climate resilience initiatives.

DAS looks forward to continuing our partnership to build a more sustainable and resilient Connecticut.

Thank you for your time and consideration.