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HB-5247

AN ACT CONCERNING A TEST BED TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM
AND THE JOBSCT TAX REBATE PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Department of Economic & Community Development	GF - Cost	At least 28,100	At least 37,500
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	11,800	15,700

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost of at least \$39,900 in FY 27 and \$53,200 in FY 28 and each year thereafter to the Department of Economic and Community Development by creating an advisory board within the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to administer a pilot test bed program. It is anticipated that DECD will require 0.5 full-time equivalent staff at an annualized cost of \$53,200 (\$37,500 in salary and \$15,700 in fringe benefits) to assist the advisory board in administering the program.

There is also a potential cost to this advisory board to the extent that expert third party consultation is needed by the board to fully evaluate an applicant's proposed test project. The actual cost will depend upon

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

the type of project in the application. It is anticipated that the board will consult with experts in state agencies, such as Connecticut Innovations or the Department of Administrative Services, when applicable, at no cost to the state.

The bill requires any costs associated with the acquisition and use of a test project to be borne by the applicant. Any cost to implement a test project will therefore be incurred by the applicant and not the state.

Section 2, which makes various changes to the JobsCT Tax Rebate program, does not result in any revenue impact as it does not alter the aggregate \$40 million cap on credits allowed under the program.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.