

# Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** HB-5115 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF CRYPTOCURRENCY

**Title:** INVESTMENT FRAUD OR WIRE FRAUD.

**Vote Date:** 3/30/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/11/2026

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Finance, Revenue, & Bonding Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill aims to modify Connecticut's personal income tax codes and add a new tax deduction for losses from cryptocurrency investment fraud and other forms of wire fraud. And by doing so, it provides more appropriate tax relief and helps maintain equitable taxation within the state of Connecticut.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

N/A

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

#### **Jason Rojas, House Majority Leader, Connecticut General Assembly:**

Rep. Rojas submits testimony in support of HB 5115. He goes on to explain HB 5115 proposes new personal income tax deductions to support individuals receiving financial help or affected by online fraud. He shares how this bill will allow deductions for losses due to cryptocurrency fraud or wire fraud and aim to further prevent penalizing those seeking financial relief.

#### **Wilson, John, Volunteer State President, AARP:**

John Wilson submits testimony in support of the bill. He brings up how fraud disproportionately affects older adults, causing significant financial and emotional harm, with underreported losses reaching

\$196 billion in the country of the United States in 2024. He goes on to share how this bill would align with existing IRS rules by allowing deductions for documented unrecovered investment losses, offering important financial relief to victims who often lose life savings with little restitution. He believes this bill is a “first step” to supporting those fraud victims and could serve as a foundation for broader relief efforts in the future.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

N/A

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