

# Energy and Technology Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** HB-5247 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING A TEST BED TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM AND THE

**Title:** JOBSCT TAX REBATE PROGRAM.

**Vote Date:** 3/17/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 2/24/2026

**File No.:**

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## SPONSORS OF BILL:

[Energy and Technology Committee](#)

## REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill will facilitate the consideration of cost-saving technology by evaluating and testing the technologies at state agencies. This bill is important because it ensures the efficiency, effectiveness and security of government operations that use these technologies, which is essential to benefit citizens. This bill also amends the eligibility criteria for the JobsCT tax rebate program.

## RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Connecticut State, Governor, Ned Lamont](#)

Governor Ned Lamont opposed H.B. 5247 due to having prior bills [H.B. 5444 & Public Act 23-64] being both returned to the General Assembly in 2023 without his signature.

Additionally, there is a letter that is attached to the submitted testimony addressed to Secretary Stephanie Thomas.

[Office of Policy and Management, Interim Secretary, Joshua E. Wojcik & Department of Administrative Services, Commissioner, Michelle Gilman & Department of Economic & Community Development, Commissioner, Daniel O'Keefe](#)

Joshua E. Wojcik, Michelle Gilman, and Daniel O'Keefe testified **in opposition** to H.B. 5247. The main concerns that they expressed was that the result of this bill could weaken the state's procurement process and place new demands on state agencies. They referenced similar bills that have been rejected or vetoed in the past. Another concern is the Jobs Connecticut tax rebate program change would allow companies to receive incentives without creating new jobs.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

### [Morris London, Managing Partner, Robert M. Silverberg](#)

Managing Partner of Morris London, Robert Silverberg, submitted testimony in support of H.B. 5247. He mentions that expanding the program to include all forms of engineering would open the door to more innovative solutions. Also, he references a bipartisan history of support on similar bills that passed the legislature, one in 2009 and one in 2015. He states that the 2026 proposal would attract more technology companies that would bring more jobs and boost the economy.

### [Great Blue Research, Chief Executive Officer, Michael Vigeant](#)

Great Blue Research's CEO, Michael Vigeant testified in support of H.B. 5247. The strong point for his support is directly linked to the language found in lines 55 through 68 of the bill, which expands the requirement for independent market research to be done with respect to those who participate in the program.

### [Black Dane Interests, Chief Operating Officer, William C. O'Malley Jr.](#)

Black Dane Interests' CEO, William C. O'Malley Jr., testified in support of H.B. 5247, expressing that his company invests in businesses that develop emerging technologies that help state and local governments. He mentions that the current environment mainly provides incentives for CT based companies while this proposal would encourage more companies like his that are outside the state to bring more innovations due to the new incentive structure.

### [Earth Core Energy Services, Senior Efficiency Consultant, Timothy Smith](#)

Earth Core Energy Services, Senior Efficiency Consultant, Timothy Smith, submitted testimony in support of H.B. 5247, stating that this Bill mimics and is comparable to earlier legislation in Act 21-76 enacted back in 2021. He further continued to explain that it has been proven effective and has reached it's intended objectives in the timeframe it was given.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

### [Anonymous 13:](#)

An anonymous individual opposed this bill, claiming there was no oversight or transparency within its language.

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