

Aging Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: SB-287 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT REQUIRING HOME HEALTH AIDE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE

Title: CERTAIN PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO HOME HEALTH AIDES.

Vote Date: 3/5/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/24/2026

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Aging Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This legislation requires home health aide agencies to provide personal protective equipment to home health aide employees and contractors.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

None applicable

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None submitted

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Ms. Marie Allen, CEO Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging and Independent Living: They are in **support** of this proposal with an adjustment. They would like to go beyond Home Health Aides and include Personal Care Attendants. These PCA's are responsible for the same types of intimate care tasks as Home Health Aides.

Ms. Kimberly, Sandor, Executive Director, Connecticut Nurses Association: They are **supportive** of this bill. Patient care attendants/homecare aides doing toileting, feeding, bathing, and other interaction will most likely come into contact with blood and body fluids during these activities.

Ms. Cassandra Esposito, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse: Personal protective equipment protects both the caregiver and the patient. When the equipment is inconsistent, or financially burdensome for workers to obtain, the risk increases for everyone involved. If we expect this workforce to provide safe care, agencies must be responsible for supplying the protective equipment needed to perform the work safely.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None Submitted

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Reviewed by: Elizabeth Aheart, Clerk

Date: 3/9/26