



Senate

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Senate Resolution No. 11

Senate, April 22, 2026

The Senate Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE GRADUATE EMPLOYEE UNION LOCAL 6950 - INTERNATIONAL UNION, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA.

Resolved by the Senate:

- 1 That the collective bargaining agreement between The University of
- 2 Connecticut Board of Trustees and the Graduate Employee Union Local
- 3 6950 - International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and
- 4 Agricultural Implement Workers of America, with all attachments and
- 5 agreements appended thereto, submitted to this assembly on April 7,
- 6 2026, for approval, as provided in subsection (b) of section 5-278 of the
- 7 general statutes, is approved.

APP *Senate Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$	FY 29 \$	FY 30 \$
UConn	OF - Cost	3,262,561	6,400,235	9,708,949	13,113,427
UConn	OF - Savings	109,649	195,899	290,186	393,252

Note: OF=Operating Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The resolution proposes approval of an agreement between the University of Connecticut (UConn) Board of Trustees and the Graduate Employee Union Local 6950. This agreement covers four fiscal years for the period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2030. The agreement results in estimated net costs to UConn of \$3.2 million in FY 27, \$6.2 million in FY 28, \$9.4 million in FY 29, and \$12.7 million in FY 30.

The table below contains a summary of the agreement's provisions and the associated impact to UConn.

Table 1. Estimated Costs/Savings to UConn by Policy

Salary	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30
General Wage Increase (GWI)	2,979,914	6,093,924	9,167,279	12,069,701
Per Credit Increase	22,647	46,311	69,670	91,726
Salary Subtotal	3,002,561	6,140,235	9,236,949	12,161,427
Fringe				
Unemployment	3,003	6,140	9,237	12,161
Healthcare Premium Increase	(109,649)	(195,899)	(290,186)	(393,252)
Fringe Subtotal	(106,647)	(189,759)	(280,949)	(381,091)
Other Changes				
General University Fee Credits	240,000	240,000	432,000	912,000
Childcare Pool	20,000	20,000	40,000	40,000
TOTAL	3,155,914	6,210,476	9,428,000	12,732,336

General Wage Increase (GWI) and Per Credit Increase

The agreement includes increases to stipends, wages, and per credit rates of 4.5% in both FY 27 and FY 28, 4.25% in FY 29, and 3.85% in FY 30.

Fringe Benefits

Graduate Assistants (GAs) receive health insurance coverage under the state's Partnership Plan but are not entitled to state employee pension or healthcare benefits. The agreement increases the GAs' share of the health insurance premium by approximately 17% for single coverage starting in FY 27 and 10% annually thereafter. Premiums for spousal and family coverage increase by 8% annually beginning in FY 27. This results in annual savings to UConn related to greater cost sharing, increasing from \$109,649 in FY 27 to \$393,252 in FY 30.

The agreement also results in increased costs for unemployment insurance related to salary increases, growing from \$3,003 in FY 27 to \$12,161 in FY 30. Students' salaries while employed as GAs are exempt from Social Security and Medicare deductions.

General University Fee (GUF) Credit

The agreement increases the GUF credit from \$300 in FY 26 to \$350 in both FY 27 and FY 28, \$390 in FY 29, and \$490 in FY 30.

Childcare Pool

The agreement increases the Childcare Pool from \$225,000 in FY 26 to \$245,000 in both FY 27 and FY 28, and \$265,000 in both FY 29 and FY 30.

The Out Years

The FY 30 fiscal impacts indicated above would continue into the out years.

Sources: Core-CT Financial Accounting System

OFA Bill Analysis**SR 11**

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SUMMARY:

The resolution approves of a collective bargaining agreement between the University of Connecticut and the Graduate Employee Union Local 6950, which was submitted to the Connecticut General Assembly for approval April 7, 2026.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Senate Favorable

Yea 10 Nay 4