



S.B. 465 FACT SHEET

IN OPPOSITION TO RAISED BILL NO. 465 “AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE AND TRANSFER OF WORKS OF ART FOR STATE BUILDING PROJECTS.”

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To eliminate the requirement that the State Bond Commission allocate one per cent of the state building project cost for the purchase of works of art and to permit existing works of art to be transferred between state buildings.

WHAT THIS BILL DOES:

Eliminates the 1% requirement by making it optional.

BACKGROUND

The current law states that 1% of the bond amount “for purposes of construction, reconstruction or remodeling of any state building” be set aside for the purchase of artwork. The artwork is then installed in the buildings. A portion of the 1% is used for maintenance of artwork created under the program.

The program focuses on acquiring artwork by Connecticut Artists.

It also supports The CT Artists Collection which includes artwork by 45 Connecticut artists and over 100 pieces. Pieces from the collection are loaned to state buildings and public museums.

More than 65 state agencies, courthouses, universities, colleges, and tech high schools across the state have public art commissioned/purchased through the program for a total of more than 400 works of art.

TALKING POINTS

How this program benefits Connecticut residents:

- The program provides jobs to artists, related industries, and professional services.
- Makes artwork accessible to Connecticut residents and demonstrates pride in Connecticut’s creativity and imagination.
- Beautifies public spaces
- Loss of work for artists, related industries, and professional services
- No new purchases or commissions
- Reduction in funds available for maintenance of existing artwork and the eventual loss of the state’s investment in those works of art.
- Elimination of the loan program for the CT Artist Program

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