

CBIA's Legislative Status Report

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Business Law & Liability

SB-399—Permitted a civil action against a consumer reporting agency for a violation of statutory requirements concerning the request for, use of and reporting of criminal records with respect to employment decisions. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

HB-5238—Required persons that hire or contract with individuals for the delivery of newspapers to verify that such individuals have valid registration and current automobile insurance. Died in House

HB-5378—Provided that the time periods for giving notice of and bringing a dram shop action would be suspended until a police investigation was completed or one year passes, whichever came first. Died in the House

HB-5379—Authorized a claimant in an arbitration of a construction contract to file an offer of compromise. Died in the House

HB-5473—Repealed the statute of limitations for sexual assault cases of minors in certain cases. Died in the House

Contracts

SB-242—Prevented Connecticut employers from doing business with entities outside of Conn., regardless of cost savings or benefits. Died in the Senate (CBIA opposed)

SB-417—Penalized employers who are trying to stay competitive by contracting with out of state businesses. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

HB-5227—Barred retailers from charging consumers a restocking fee for returned goods. Died in the Senate

HB-5324—Prohibited businesses from contracting with Sudan and Iran based on Homeland Security guidelines. Died in the Senate

Corporate Governance

HB-5403—Limited certain lobbyist registration and reporting requirements to those who lobby within the scope of employment and increased the registration threshold for lobbyists from \$2000 to \$3000 annually. Died in the House (CBIA supported in part)

HB-5530—Updates Conn.'s business corporation act to align it with the model business corporation act. Awaiting action by the Governor

Economic Development

SB-107—Establishes a Bradley Development Zone in order to foster economic development in the

area of the airport. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-173—Required the Commissioner of DECD to present an annual report on the immediate priorities for strategic long-term growth in Connecticut. Died in the House (CBIA supports)

SB-175—Establishes an economic competitiveness council made up of key interest groups to promote the competitiveness of Connecticut and analyze different economic development strategies. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

SB-176—Modifies the current film tax requirements. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-177—Exempted certain vending machine sales from the sales tax. Died in the Senate

SB-261—Commissions a task force to study the ways that unemployed individuals can contribute to their communities while seeking employment and collecting unemployment benefits. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-325—Repealed old and obsolete sections of DECD statutes. Died in the House

SB-327—Consolidated Connecticut Development Authority and Connecticut Innovations. Died in the Senate

SB-395—Supported technical and marketing initiatives to assist exporting in Connecticut through the DECD. Died in the Senate (CBIA supported)

SB-452—Required the Department of Economic and Community Development, Connecticut Innovations, Inc., and the Connecticut Development Authority, to report the number of persons and businesses that contact such entities for assistance and how the contacts were handled or directed. Died in the Senate

SB-455—Established a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of attracting, retaining, and promoting sporting events and activities in the state. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

HB-5028—Creates a 22-member task force to study creative industry clusters; DECD is the lead agency for conducting the study and they must report to Higher Education and Commerce Committees. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5208—Establishes time frames for completing the review of permit applications; creates a new program for expediting permits for projects of economic significance; creates a statewide permit ombudsman; creates a review of procedures for adopting general permits and recommendations for improvement; reduces permit application requirements for certain categories of facili-

ties; establishes a new "consulting services program" within the DEP; requires statewide standards that form the basis of water permitting to be adopted as regulations rather than the current DEP-only process; requires the use of various methods for reducing the impact of proposed regulations on small businesses. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5435—Among other things, creates an angel investor tax credit, repeals certain tax credits that few organizations take advantage of and modifies the job creation tax credit. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5498—Helps facilitate micro businesses participation in state contracts, examines excessive business utility deposits and provides loan funds to the state's small businesses. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA neutral)

HB-5500—Expands the duties of the Office of Small Business Affairs and establishes a Small Business Advisory Board. Awaiting action by the Governor

Education & Training

SB-133—Equalizes the apprentice to journeymen and contractor ratios to be in line with market requirements. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

SB-275—Requires at least 50% of teachers in a program accepting school readiness funds have either a BA degree or a teaching certificate with early childhood education by 2015. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

SB-330—Ensures that student employees at public institutions do not leave Connecticut to work because they are classified as state employees and are subject to post-state employment rules. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-376—Authorizes state grants for school building projects. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-379—Deals with how and when a vocational-technical school can be closed, and administrative issues with how they are run. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-380—Directed the Commissioner of Education to use unexpended funds to provide training to school readiness staff. Died in the House

SB-438—Raises the bar on high school graduation standards; removes the cap on high-achieving charter schools; upgrades IT systems to capture data on students' academic performance; bolsters high school faculties by promoting the alternate route to teacher certification for people

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with workplace experience; promotes the spread of Advanced Placement courses in schools throughout the state; aims at narrowing the state's achievement gap with new school accountability standards. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

SB-441—Requires a study of issues concerning education in Connecticut. Died in the Senate

HB-5023—Authorized a study of issues concerning higher education. Died in the House

HB-5164—Implements the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review Committee concerning alignment of postsecondary education and employment in green industry. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5316—Prevented boards of education from assigning low-performing students, students with behavioral problems and students over the age for the grade into adult education programs. Died in the Senate (CBIA supports)

HB-5349—Recommended coordination between postsecondary education and employment. Died in the Senate (CBIA supports)

HB-5368—Waived up to \$10,000 in tuition for individuals who meet certain eligibility criteria and enroll in degree or certificate programs in high demand fields. Died in House (CBIA supported)

HB-5421—Established an alternate route to certification program for administrators and superintendents. Died in the Senate; Merged into SB-438 and awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5425—Reconstitutes the State Advisory Council for Special Education and makes it consistent with federal law, as well as establish burden of proof requirements. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5426—Streamlines the process for the administration of individualized education program form for special education. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5488—Required a study of interdistrict education programs. Died in the House

HB-5489—Implemented the SDE high school graduation requirements reform measures in 2017. Died in the House; Merged into SB-438 and awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5491—Required school districts to implement an advanced placement course program. Died in the Senate; Merged into SB-438 and awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports in part)

Election & Contributions Law

HB-5021—Amended the Citizens' Election Program by banning all contributions by lobbyists, reducing grant amounts, and eliminated different qualifying thresholds for minor-party candidates. Died in the House

HB-5022—Amended the Citizens' Election Program by reducing grant amounts, eliminating

grants for unopposed candidates and reduced qualifying thresholds for minor-party candidates. Died in the House

HB-5403—Limited certain lobbyist registration and reporting requirements to those who lobby within the scope of employment and increases the registration threshold for lobbyists from \$2000 to \$3000 annually. Died in the House (CBIA supported in part)

Energy

SB-181—Created a Task Force to study renewable energy. Died in the Senate (CBIA supported)

SB-182—Amended the current utility statutes and requires electric brokers to register with the DPUC, adds anaerobic digester systems to the definition of Class I renewable energy sources. Died in the Senate (CBIA supported)

SB-463—Increased financing options for efficiency and renewable energy projects, reduced the renewable portfolio standard and supports Connecticut's industries and jobs; promoted the use of solar photovoltaic installations by calling for an additional 30 megawatts of new residential solar photovoltaic installation by 2021. Died in the Senate (CBIA supported in part)

SB-493—Expands state government by restructuring the DPUC and creating new divisions within the agency; invests heavily in solar residential programs and applies strict measures to the competitive marketplace. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5213—Authorized the CT Siting Council to impose civil fines and award attorneys fees to opposing parties. Died in the Senate

HB-5217—Added electrical products, such as televisions and other audio visual equipment, to energy efficiency standards. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

HB-5225—Authorizes E-1 and E-2 licensed electricians to perform solar photovoltaic work. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5365—Enabled electric distribution companies to own and operate renewable and distributed generation. Died in the House

HB-5465—Created a "green jobs advisory board", charges the Program Review and Investigations Committee to study the feasibility and benefits of creating a state energy office to facilitate federal funding, encouraged the use of plug-in hybrid vehicles, required certain percentage of Connecticut's electric supply to come from Class III sources, allowed electric distribution companies to participate in renewable energy projects. Died in the House (CBIA supported in part)

HB-5505—Expanded state government into the energy business by creating a new division within the DPUC; also created a low-income electricity rate funded by all other ratepayers. Died in the House; Elements merged into SB-493 (CBIA opposed)

HB-5507—Clarified the definitions of electric

suppliers, aggregators and brokers and requires electric brokers to register with the DPUC. Died in the Judiciary Committee (CBIA supported in part)

Environment

SB-120—Gave the Regulations Review Committee the authority to receive petitions and determine whether "guidance" or other non-regulation documents produced by the DEP are being administered as regulations and need to be adopted in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. Died in the Senate (CBIA supports)

SB-121—Allows the commissioner of Environmental Protection to extend the effective date of general permits beyond their expiration date with proper notice. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-127—Expands certain solid waste management practices and reporting, including recycling and composting. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-174—Required that all proposed changes to water quality standards undergo the rulemaking procedures and notice and comment requirements set forth in chapter 54 of the Connecticut general statutes. Died in the Senate; Merged into HB-5208 and awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

SB-338—Established timeframes for DEP to assess the completeness of permit applications. Died in the Appropriations Committee; Merged into HB-5208 and awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

SB-382—Changes the maximum sulfur content of home heating oil and establishes a biodiesel blending requirement for those oils. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-383—Required environmental protection and public health departments to work with the Water Planning Council to develop a water supply plan. Died in the House

SB-453—Called for a study of the state's regulatory climate, created an online application system for DEP, DPH and DECD permits and licenses, created a pilot DEP expedited permitting program, established greater compliance assistance within DEP, requires DEP general permits to be adopted in accordance with regulations, required use of regulatory flexibility when adopting regulations affecting small businesses and "minor or less complex activities", promoted greater consistency between state and federal regulations, and required regulations for streamlining DEP water permitting. Died in the Appropriations Committee; Some elements merged into HB-5208 and awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5119—Broadens the eligibility for grants under the state's dry cleaning cleanup account and the purposes for which the funds can be used. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5120—Expands municipal reports concerning recycling, expands the list of designated recyclable items, prohibits zoning laws that prohibit the use of recycling receptacles, expands curbside

recycling, requires recycling at certain gathering venues and requires solid waste collection contracts to provide for recycling. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5122—Required paint companies to manage waste paints and adds a surcharge on each container of paint sold in the state. Died in Senate

HB-5126—Establishes a Chemical Innovations Institute at The University of Connecticut Health Center. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5130—Allowed DPH, in conjunction with DEP, to adopt regulations identifying chemicals to be banned in Connecticut. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

HB-5208—Establishes time frames for completing the review of permit applications; creates a new program for expediting permits for projects of economic significance; creates a statewide permit ombudsman; creates a review of procedures for adopting general permits and recommendations for improvement; reduces permit application requirements for certain categories of facilities; establishes a new “consulting services program” within the DEP; requires statewide standards that form the basis of water permitting to be adopted as regulations rather the current DEP-only process; requires the use of various methods for reducing the impact of proposed regulations on small businesses. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5436—Creates new incentives for brownfield cleanup with contaminated properties. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

Financial & Credit

SB-54—Clarified who is exempt from mortgage broker license requirements; barred mortgage brokers from levying excessive upfront finance charges; permitted the Banking Commissioner to reject certain applications for licenses based on certain things in an applicant's (or others associated with them) criminal record. Died in the House

SB-55—Created a task force to look at ways the state might encourage economic development, increase revenues and address certain available credit shortfalls. Died in Senate (CBIA supported)

SB-58—Spelled out certain powers of Connecticut banks. Died in the Senate

SB-59—Permitted the Banking Commissioner to obtain certain criminal records checks on some bank and credit union organizers and directors. Allowed banks and their nonbank affiliates to merge and allows people, with preliminary approval, to organize an expedited bank to organize more than one bank. Died in the Senate

SB-225—Required mortgage lenders who seek to foreclose on residential real property to provide notice to the defendant that identifies the individual who has authority to refinance the mortgage; and permitted the court to deny or delay entry of a mortgage lender's motion to foreclose or motion for a deficiency judgment when the court finds that the mortgage lender did not pro-

vide such notice or act reasonably, provided the court finds that fairness and equity requires such result. Died in the House

HB-5048—Repealed a duplicate provision in the law. Died in the House

HB-5049—Modified some of the Department of Banking statutes. Died in the House

HB-5053—Required hedge fund investment advisers to disclose potential conflicts of interest or other interests that might jeopardize the investor. Died in the House

HB-5114—Makes certain technical revisions to the Connecticut Uniform Securities Act. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5186—Changed certain laws in the Securities and Business Investments Law of Connecticut for technical purposes. Died in the Senate

HB-5481—Required sales taxes to be collected by online retailers that use a Connecticut associate to sell its merchandise. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

HB-5482—Provides an extension of the filing dates for certain property tax exemptions, and provides a one-time exemption, allowing credits in an amount greater than one hundred fifty thousand dollars to be awarded under the Neighborhood Assistance Program. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5483—Permitted municipalities to charge a hotel occupancy tax. Died in the Senate

General Law/Miscellaneous

SB-13—Requires the licensure and regulation of real estate appraisal management companies. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-133—Equalizes the apprentice to journeymen and contractor ratios to be in line with market requirements. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

SB-185—Penalized individuals who falsely and willfully advertise to perform work for which trade licenses are required. Died in the House

HB-5014—Makes various changes to the roles governing auto and personal risk insurance policies. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5138—Makes minor and technical revisions to Department of Consumer Protection statutes. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA neutral)

Health Care

SB-12—Established certain post claims underwriting procedures for health insurers. Died in House

SB-15—Prohibited any differential copayments for prescription drugs. Died in the Senate (CBIA opposed)

SB-17—Regulates certain health care providers rental network contracts. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-50—Drives up the cost of health insurance for small employers, and reduces their flexibility to design their employees health care plans, by requiring a new health benefit to be covered under their health plans. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA opposes)

SB-51—Requires the issuance of machine-readable medical benefits identification cards. Died in the Senate

SB-92—Raised the cost of health insurance for small employers, and reduces their flexibility to design their employees health care plans, by requiring a new health benefit to be covered under their health plans. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

SB-93—Made numerous minor changes to the Insurance Statutes. Died in the House

SB-186—Required health clubs to maintain automatic external defibrillators on their premises. Died in the Judiciary Committee

SB-255—Raised health care costs by prohibiting insurance companies from paying different rates for health care services based on where the service was performed. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

SB-259—Increased the cost of health insurance for small employers and reduced their flexibility to design their employees' health care plans, by requiring a new health benefit to be covered under their health plans. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

SB-260—Increased the cost of health insurance for small employers and reduces their flexibility to design their employees' health care plans, by requiring a new health benefit to be covered under their health plans. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

SB-392—Significantly amended so that it only required certain health care providers to have higher professional liability insurance coverage. Died in the Senate

SB-393—Increased health care costs and usurped the ability of independent groups to enter into health care provider agreements between doctors and insurers. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

HB-5002—Allows small employers to receive from insurance carrier health insurance premium quotes that include coverage for employees working at least twenty hours per week and establishes a clearinghouse to provide health insurance information to individuals and small employers. Signed by the Governor (**Public Act 10-4**)

HB-5004—Increases health care information disclosure requirements for insurance carriers. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5009—Raised the cost of health insurance for small employers, and reduced their flexibility to design their employees health care plans, by requiring a multitude of new or expanded health benefits to be covered under their health plans.

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HB-5011—Extended the effective date for certain interlocal risk management pools. Vetoed by the Governor

HB-5013—Established a catastrophic relief fund for children but funds the program by charging everyone covered by private or public insurance a surcharge. Died in the House (CBIA opposes)

HB-5212—Increased health care costs for small companies and reduces their flexibility in crafting their plan designs by requiring a new mandated health benefit to be covered in their insurance plans. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

HB-5219—Raises the administrative burden on small companies by requiring the state mandated continuation of coverage to be extended to 30 months. Signed by the Governor (Public Act 10-13)

HB-5255—Makes a number of modifications to municipal mandates in an attempt to reduce municipalities' costs. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5337—Allowed municipalities to voluntarily band together to purchase health insurance collectively and to negotiate their own plan designs, benefit packages and rates without saddling them with the high cost benefit levels of the state employee plan. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

Housing

SB-321—Replaced all references to long-range state housing plan with references to state's consolidated plan for housing and community development. Died in the House

HB-5372—Promotes the development of accessible housing in the state. Awaiting action by the Governor

HB-5374—Required regional and local plans of development to include plans on promoting and sustaining affordable housing. Died in the Senate (CBIA supported)

Labor & Employment

SB-61—Increased costs for employers by preventing them from ensuring that only necessary and appropriate medical care is given to injured workers in workers compensation cases. Died in the Senate (CBIA opposed)

SB-62—Makes various technical corrections to state labor statutes. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA neutral)

SB-63—Increased costs and administrative burdens for Connecticut employers by requiring them to provide a minimum of 1 hour in paid sick leave for every forty hours an employee works, with limited exception. Died in the Senate (CBIA opposed)

SB-65—Requires government employers to comply with federal law and reimburse the state Unemployment Trust Fund all of the money expended from it in extended unemployment

benefits to government employees. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

SB-95—Allows unemployment compensation claimants to appeal after the 21-day deadline, provided that they demonstrate good cause for filing the appeal late. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

SB-97—Allows contractors to bring a civil action against subcontractors who fail to make pension contributions for their employees as required by law. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA neutral)

SB-133—Equalizes the apprentice to journeymen and contractor ratios to be in line with market requirements. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

SB-300—Grants certain ineligible municipal paraprofessionals the right to family and medical leave. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA neutral)

SB-306—Implemented various legislative study recommendations regarding whistleblower actions such as: required regular postings of all whistleblower complaints on state agency websites; required a detailed report on complaints to the legislature; extended the filing requirement for complaints to 90 days; extended the rebuttable presumption period for retaliation complaints from 1 year to 2 years; allowed human rights referees to grant temporary relief; and repealed the process for requesting the Attorney General to investigate retaliation complaints; required complainants to be informed of the outcome of their cases. Died in the Senate

SB-334—Forced employers to pay for the same work-related injury three times in certain workers' compensation claims: in the benefits paid to the employee, and for the employer's and employee's legal fees in third-party cases. Died in the Senate (CBIA opposed)

SB-399—Permitted a civil action against a consumer reporting agency for a violation of statutory requirements concerning the request for, use of and reporting of criminal records with respect to employment decisions. Died in Senate (CBIA opposed)

HB-5058—Allowed certain state employees to collectively bargain. Died in the House

HB-5090—Established standards for the licensing, regulation and business operations of third-party administrators with the Department of Insurance. Also granted the Department access to certain books and records of these companies and grants the Insurance Commissioner authority to enforce the new standards. Died in the Senate (CBIA neutral)

HB-5110—Required extensive background checks for employees of homemaker-companion agencies and home health agencies. Died in the Senate (CBIA neutral)

HB-5201—Clarifies existing law to amend the penalty for late payments and surcharges to the

Second Injury Fund to reflect legislative intent. Amended; awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5204—Allows the legislature to implement recommendations of the Commission to address issues of employee misclassification. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5282—Requires the chairman of the Workers' Compensation Commission to report to the legislature on the status of the workers' compensation system in the state and make legislative recommendations based on the report. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA neutral)

HB-5348—Implemented various legislative study recommendations regarding whistleblower actions such as: required regular postings of all whistleblower complaints on state agency websites; required a detailed report on complaints to the legislature; extended the filing requirement for complaints to 90 days; extended the rebuttable presumption period for retaliation complaints from 1 year to 2 years; allowed human rights referees to grant temporary relief; and repealed the process for requesting the Attorney General to investigate retaliation complaints; required complainants to be informed of the outcome of their cases. Died in the House

HB-5497—Holds employers criminally and civilly liable for refusing employees time off to attend certain criminal court proceedings where they were victims of crime and allows employers to be sued for negative employment decisions taken against an employee who is a domestic violence victim. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA opposes)

Planning & Development

HB-5254—Modified the municipal jeopardy tax. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

HB-5255—Makes a number of modifications to municipal mandates in an attempt to reduce municipalities' costs. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5269—Permitted, instead of required, municipalities to charge up to 18 percent interest on delinquent property taxes. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

HB-5336—Provides municipalities with the authority to enter into agreements to share services. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

State Spending & Efficiencies

SB-284—Established a Division of Administrative Hearings within the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities to hear contested cases concerning the Departments of Children and Families, Transportation and Motor Vehicles, the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners. Died in the Senate

State Spending & Efficiencies, cont.

SB-290—Required state agency regulations to be posted on the Internet web site of the state agency adopting such regulations. Died in the Senate (CBIA supported)

SB-354—Allows grants made from the Biomedical Research Trust Fund to be used to fund research for Alzheimer's disease and diabetes. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-357—Permitted certain adjustments to budgets by private providers without prior approval so the providers can adjust for state agency reductions to contracts reduction. Died in the Senate (CBIA supported)

SB-467—Required state agencies to adopt LEAN practices. Died in Senate (CBIA supported)

SB-469—Continued the work of the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes. Died in the Senate (CBIA supported)

SB-471—Required a comprehensive review of DOIT, could have achieved savings Died in the Senate (CBIA supported)

HB-5016—Made a number of changes to the state budget for the fiscal year ending June 2010. Died in the House

HB-5018—Increased the state budget ending June 30, 2011. Died in the House (CBIA opposed)

HB-5070—Required more detailed information be submitted along with the state budget regarding the appropriation for "Debt Service." Died in the House (CBIA supported)

HB-5163—Mandates the state to develop a searchable database for state expenditures. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5254—Modified the municipal jeopardy tax. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

HB-5393—Creates a fund to pay for the 27th cycle of the state payroll. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supported)

HB-5394—Increased the amount of money the state can allocate to the Budget Reserve Fund. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

HB-5413—Requires, in part, OPM to determine the cost and effectiveness of each state social service program. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5415—Required OFA to review appropriations in the General Fund for the state budget ending June 30, 2009, and identify certain

increased areas of spending. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

HB-5416—Required, in part, the Board of Higher Education to determine the cost and effectiveness of each state social service program. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

HB-5513—Called for investigating duplication in state government. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

Taxes

SB-1—Waives the business entity tax for certain companies for income years 2010 and 2011 and creates a small business loan program and funds this by imposing a surcharge on certain bonuses at companies that received TARP funds. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-110—Made permanent certain tax incremental financing programs. Died in House

SB-176—Modifies the current film tax requirements. Awaiting action by the Governor

SB-177—Exempted certain vending machine sales from the sales tax. Died in the Senate

SB-432—Required DECD to review tax credits on an annual basis. Died in the House

SB-433—Made clear that the burden of proof in a tax appeal is a preponderance of the evidence. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

SB-437—Imposed a tax on smoking tobacco that's the same as that charged on cigarettes. Died in the House

SB-444—Made changes to the existing statute governing nonresident contractor bonds for payment of all applicable taxes in order to streamline the process and provide quicker resolution for the contractors involved. Died in the House (CBIA supported in part)

SB-445—Helped DRS collect taxes that are past due. Died in the Senate (CBIA supported)

SB-478—Increased the estate tax for Connecticut's wealthiest residents to the highest level in the nation; also created a new hospital tax. The measure increased the estate tax, currently paid only by the heirs of estates worth more than \$3.5 million. Called for a rate increase above that level, with the maximum rate reaching 20 percent for the portion of the estate that is above \$10 million. Currently, the estate tax has nine rates, and the maximum rate is 12 percent. The new plan would have increased all nine rates. It also created a new hospital gross receipts tax of 5.5 percent as of May 1, but the tax was supposed to be temporary and end in 2014. Died in the Senate (CBIA opposed)

SB-484—Is a securitization bill, which would have sold future revenue of \$1.8 billion at a discount to raise \$1.3 billion in 2010-11. The bill retained electric bill fees scheduled to come off of some consumers' electric bills over the next couple of years in order for the state to balance its budget. Died in the Senate (CBIA opposed)

SB-485—Made the business corporation tax unpredictable by requiring mandatory unitary reporting, thereby harming Connecticut's economic climate. Died in the Senate (CBIA opposed)

HB-5087—Required fiscal notes to include information about the number of public-sector jobs created by a bill, with the notes to be prepared prior to a committee's vote on the bill. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

HB-5254—Modified the municipal jeopardy tax. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

HB-5269—Permitted, instead of required, municipalities to charge up to 18 percent interest on delinquent property taxes. Died in the House (CBIA supported)

HB-5435—Among other things, creates an angel investor tax credit, and extends certain tax credits to small businesses. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5494—Makes numerous changes to the state tax statutes, including requiring receipt by DRS of a processible return before any determination of interest on an overpayment of taxes, allows DRS to send sales tax permit cancellation notices by regular mail, repeals outdated sections of the tax statutes, and reduces the tax liability threshold that triggers mandatory electronic payment of taxes. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

HB-5534—Created a political commission to review the state's revenue streams and make recommendations for potential changes. Died in the Senate

HB-5535—Requires cash-flow reports to be given to the General Assembly. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

Transportation

SB-107—Establishes a Bradley Development Zone in order to foster economic development in the area of the airport. Awaiting action by the Governor (CBIA supports)

SB-109—Changed the membership of Bradley's board of directors and made changes to help the board operate and develop the airport more efficiently. Died in the House (CBIA supported)