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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PROPOSED H.B. 5256 AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVE-BASED LAND USE COORDINATING PROGRAMS

PROPOSED H.B. 5412 AN ACT CONCERNING A SMART GROWTH LAND USE POLICY

SUMMARY: The subject bills propose actions to improve the State's planning capacity by conducting technical and fiscal analyses of growth potential, coordinating Geographic Information Systems, invigorating the State Conservation and Development Policies Plan, and coordinating planning at State, regional, and local levels.

ANALYSIS: The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association comments provided with respect to Proposed H.B. 6457 An Act Concerning Smart Growth apply also to these proposals. The proposed bills would provide effective and necessary tools for planning and coordinating of planning at all levels of government in Connecticut.

The incentive based land use planning concept, raised but not detailed in the Blue Ribbon Commission Report, may be an effective tool but only to the extent that the criteria for incentives, such as targeted growth areas, are based on appropriate growth management principles and effective State level planning.

FISCAL IMPACT: Fiscal impacts to municipalities due to the proposed planning actions cannot be calculated at this time.

CCAPA POSITION: The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association supports the drafting of legislation to provide effective and necessary tools to improve planning capability and coordination at all levels of government in Connecticut. **CCAPA** is preparing an analysis of planning resource needs, which will include recommendations for integrating planning tools and mechanisms into comprehensive growth management strategies. We believe and recommend that State investment in growth management strategies, along with the provision of necessary planning tools and resources, should be addressed within an integrated growth management program and we look forward to working with the Committee to consolidate these concepts into comprehensive legislation.