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### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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#### **RHB – 5287: AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME FOR DECISIONS BY LOCAL LAND USE AGENCIES**

**SUMMARY:** RHB-5287 would provide additional time for municipal land use agencies to make decisions when an intervention under section 22a-19 of the general statutes has been filed.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill would add the authority for a land use commission, board or agency to extend the deadline for a decision by 35 days if an environmental intervention has been filed. The language is not clear as to how the extension relates to the existing extension procedure, or what deadlines the authorization applies to.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on municipalities.

**CCAPA POSITION:** CCAPA supports reasonable time limits on the land use decision process, including appropriate authority for extensions to accommodate unforeseen circumstances and avoid unreasonable delays. However, this proposal requires further analysis and consideration and CCAPA cannot at this time endorse the concept as drafted.