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# Government Relations Committee 2018 Legislative Session Report





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- Agenda
  - Legislative Activity This Session
  - Update on Granny Pods
  - Looking Forward - 2018 Elections, 2019 Session
  - Rep. Roland Lemar
  - Q&A



# 2018 Legislative Session

## Bills that Passed

### 18-132 Grandfathered non-conforming uses

Prohibits zoning commissions from requiring a special permit or special exception to continue a grandfathered non-conforming use.

Further protects grandfathered uses after last year's 17-39 clarified "intent to abandon"

### 18-171 Sober home registry

Allows certain sober homes certified as "recovery residences" to report their status and number of beds weekly to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and for DMHAS to maintain an updated list of these reported homes on its website.



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### PA 18-28 Regulating brightness of signs and billboards

Permits zoning commissions to regulate the brightness and illumination of billboards.

Grandfathered signs not equipped with ability to calibrate brightness/illumination are exempt.



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### PA 18-82 Climate Change

Incorporates UConn CIRCA's recommendation of planning for scenario of sea level rise of 1'8" by 2050 into numerous state and local requirements that reference sea level rise, including municipal plans of conservation and development.

Establishes interim GHG target of 45% reduction by 2030 (below 2001 levels)

Coastal Management Act incorporates new SLR scenario:

- Requires municipal planning commissions to revise coastal boundaries within one year of SLR scenario update.
- Some coastal boundaries subject to CMA will push inland
- "Coastal Hazard Areas" now include areas subject to inundation under SLR scenario.
- "Flood-proofing" within coastal boundary now requires two foot freeboard or more per future SLR scenarios.



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### PA 18-132 State and Local Data Initiatives

Establishes State Data Officer at OPM; requires biennial state data plan; requires state agencies to inventory data to OPM; creates 16-member CT Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board; continues Open Data Portal.

\*Requires municipalities with digital property data to submit the data to their Council of Government (COG) annually starting May 1, 2019.

Requires COGs to annually provide list of non-compliant or exempt municipalities to OPM and P&D Committee starting July 1, 2019.

Directs state agencies to allow electronic submission of required forms.



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18-146: Establish process for new or expanding businesses to request pre-application meetings with DEEP

18-85: Extends maximum term of DECD Brownfields loans to 30 years and makes other changes to brownfields programs

18-118: Prohibits insurance companies from cancelling policies because of underground storage tanks

18-145: Ends new use of certain tax credit programs for businesses in Enterprise Zones

PA 18-110: Requires municipalities to defend NRZ members from civil actions related to their NRZ activities





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## Bills that Did Not Pass

SB 342: Would have allowed the use of alternative septic systems to replace failing septic system (tabled in Senate)

SB 490: Would have designated municipal Chief Operating Officer (i.e. Mayor/1st Selectman/Manager) to “provide for manner in which zoning regulations shall be enforced” (clause removed from amended versions)



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## Bills that Did Not Pass - Housing Department

5198 - Would require state agencies, local agencies and utility companies to produce a housing affordability impact analysis of any proposed regulation, restriction or requirement.

5045- Governor's Bill - Modified 8-2 (Zoning enabling), requiring zoning to forward purposes of Fair Housing Act and demonstrate compliance with statutory housing goals

5482 - Recommendations of Fair Housing Working Group, like 5045 plus inclusionary zoning for multifamily developments



# Looking Forward

## Fair Housing Working Group

- Support Programs
- **Data Collection & Analysis** (CHFA RFP)
- **Environmental Regulation**
- **Planning**
- Process & Procedures

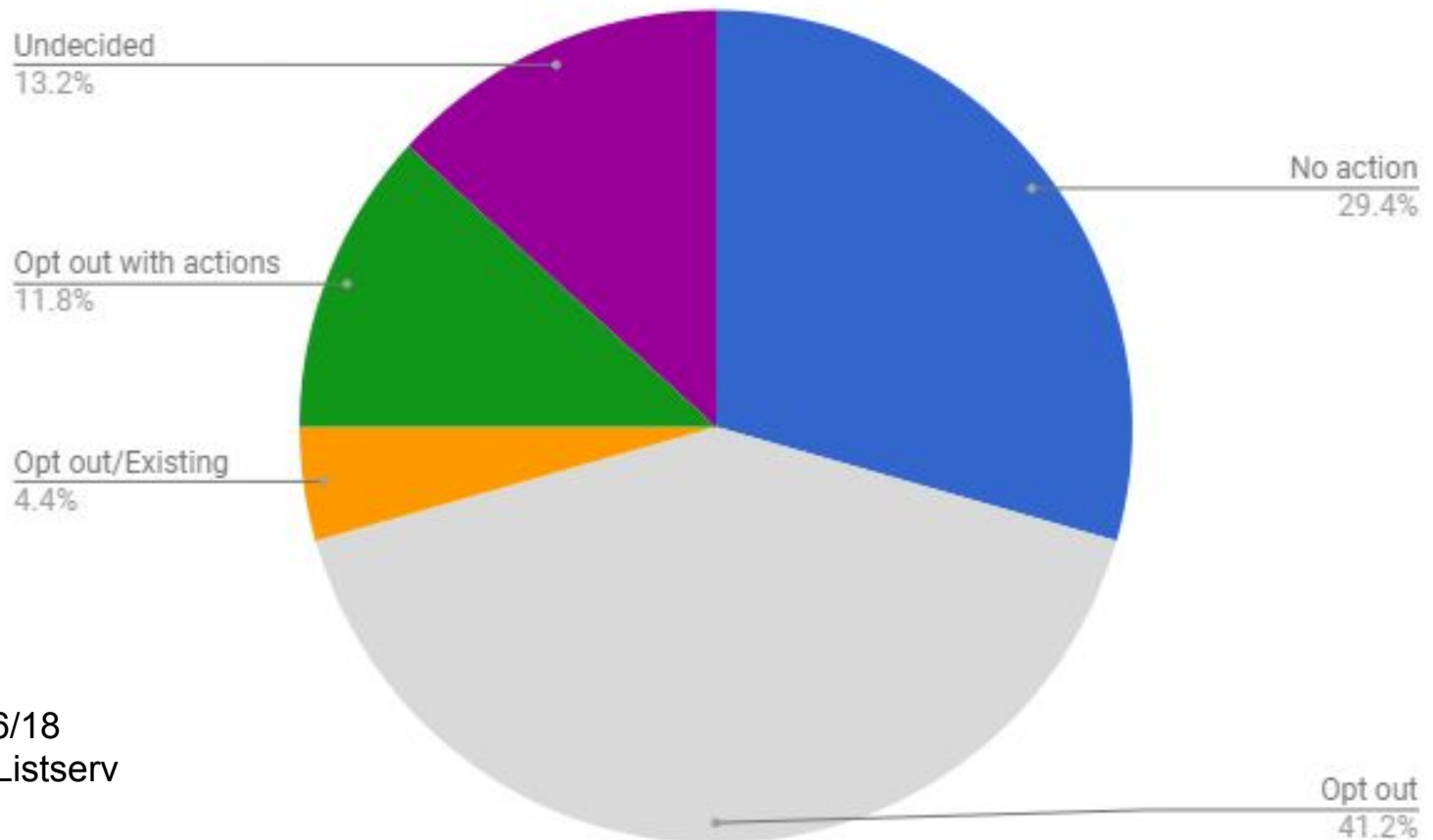
## Start With Planning & Gubernatorial Talks

- Griebel, Srinivasan, Harris - Complete
- Boughton, Lamont - Scheduled



# Granny Pod Update

## PA 17-155 An Act Concerning Temporary Health Care Structures



N=68 as of 4/6/18  
Thank you to Listserv



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## CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT POLICIES: THE PLAN FOR CONNECTICUT



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# Representative Roland Lemar



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# Questions, Comments, Requests for Impossible Levels of Communication and Updates

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