



**Governor Ned Lamont
State of Connecticut**



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**HOUSE BILL 7152
*AN ACT ACCELERATING THE DEPLOYMENT OF 5G WIRELESS FACILITIES***

Summary of Proposal:

This proposal sets up a process to site 5G wireless facilities on state property. It also instructs the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), in consultation with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) and the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC), to work with municipalities to establish a process to site 5G technology on municipal property.

Reason for Proposal:

5G technology is critical to delivering fast, reliable wireless internet service to residents, businesses, public safety departments, and educational institutions throughout Connecticut. This proposal hastens implementation of that technology by streamlining the fair and timely determination of requests to site 5G technology on state and municipal property in central business districts and along commuter corridors where utility poles are not available.

Section Details:

Sec. 1 establishes a Council on 5G Technology consisting of an employee of the Office of the Governor, the Secretary of OPM, and the Commissioners of Administrative Services, Transportation, and Energy and Environmental Protection, or their designees. The Council is charged with creating guidelines and reviewing applications from wireless carriers to site 5G technology on real property owned by the state. Any state agency impacted by the requests and any owner of property within a radius of 500 feet of the proposed sites may comment on the requests. The Council must, within 90 days of receiving an application, review it and any comments and determine, by majority vote, which state properties may be made available to wireless carriers.

Sec. 2 requires OPM, in consultation with PURA and CSC, to work with municipalities to set up a process for siting 5G technology on municipal property, and on private property with the permission of the owner, in cases where utility or light poles are not available.

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