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Bill	Public Act No.	Subject	Summary	Notes
<u>HB 6372</u>	PA 07-70	Facilities Management::	An act concerning the location of state facilities. Purpose: To encourage the use of mass transit by requiring the Commissioner of Public Works, when leasing, purchasing or contracting to purchase state facilities, to give preference to facilities located near mass transit.	http://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/SUM/2007SUM00070-R01HB-06372-SUM.htm Requires DPW to consult with DOT, transit districts, or regional planning agencies on the current and future status of rail and motor bus routes.
<u>HB 6396</u>	PA 07-100	Facilities Management:: State Buildings	An act concerning the use of cleaning products in state buildings. Purpose: To require all state and municipal buildings and elementary and secondary schools to use environmentally preferable cleaning products.	http://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/SUM/2007SUM00100-R02HB-06396-SUM.htm The guidelines or standards must be set by a national or international environmental certification program, which DAS must approve in consultation with the DEP commissioner.
<u>HB 7386</u>	SA 07-11	Facilities Management:: Property/Real Estate	An act concerning the conveyance of certain parcels of state land. Purpose: To effectuate the conveyance of certain parcels of state land and make certain changes to campaign finance reform related statutes.	This bill authorizes new conveyances of state property to the towns of Beacon Falls, Brooklyn, Canaan, Colchester, Danbury, East Lyme, Greenwich, Griswold, Marlborough, Milford, New Britain, Newtown, Norwich, Rocky Hill, Shelton, Trumbull, Windham, and Windsor Locks.

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<u>HB 7432</u>	PA 07-242	Design and Construction::	An act concerning electricity and energy efficiency.	Sections 10, 73 and 101 impact DPW. However, Section 10 was amended in SB 1406 (please see PA 07-249, Sec. 15).
<u>SB 707</u>	PA 07-202	Design and Construction::	An act concerning the pay scale of the state police and minimum qualifications for state and municipal police officers. Purpose: To correct state police pay compression anomalies.	http://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/SUM/2007SUM00202-R02SB-00707-SUM.htm Amendment incorporates elements from former SB 1063 and HB 7044. The amendment makes numerous changes to the laws regarding the prequalification of contractors and substantial subcontractors who work on state and municipal building construction contracts that are at least partially state-funded. The amendment also exempts the disclosure of certain records under the Freedom of Information Act. The amendment narrows the responsibility of the Commissioner of Public Works, and expands the responsibility of the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the purposes of determining exemptions of certain records.
<u>SB 1051</u>	PA 07-124	Facilities Management:: State Buildings	An act concerning the inspection and evaluation of air quality in state buildings. Purpose: To monitor the quality of indoor air in state buildings.	http://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/SUM/2007SUM00124-R02SB-01051-SUM.htm

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<p><u>SB 1106</u></p>	<p>PA 07-142</p>	<p>Design and Construction:: Contracting</p>	<p>An act concerning procedures for the hearing of complaints against state contractors and subcontractors by the commission on human rights and opportunities and the documentation of nondiscrimination policies adopted by state contractors. Purpose: To establish a separate and distinct process for the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities to hear and remedy complaints against contractors and subcontractors for noncompliance with antidiscrimination statutes, mandatory state contract provisions and equal employment requirements.</p>	<p>http://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/SUM/2007SUM00142-R02SB-01106-SUM.htm</p> <p>The act requires that before entering into a contract with the state or any political subdivision other than a municipality, the contractor must provide documentation to support the nondiscrimination agreement and warranty the law requires for such contracts. The act specifies that "contract" includes any extension or modification of the contract, and "contractor" includes any successors or assigns of the contractor.</p>
<p><u>SB 1112</u></p>	<p>PA 07-1</p>	<p>Management:: Ethics</p>	<p>An act concerning the state contractor contribution ban and gifts to state and quasi-public agencies.</p>	<p>http://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/SUM/2007SUM00001-R02SB-01112-SUM.htm</p> <p>Makes changes to the ban on making and soliciting political contributions by state contractors and certain people associated with them. With regard to the contractor ban, the bill eliminates the requirement that the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) collect and maintain a master list of principals of state and prospective state contractors. The bill makes several changes to the State Ethics Code, principally to the exception to the ban on gifts for goods and</p>

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<u>SB 1182</u>	PA 07-213	Management:: DPW Agency Proposals	An act concerning administrative procedures of the department of public works, auditing of large construction contracts, environmental review of certain land transfers, grant payments to municipalities, advertising on state buildings and certain exemptions to the freedom of information act. Purpose: To make substantive changes in various statutes that affect the administrative procedures utilized in the Department of Public Work's operations.	http://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/SUM/2007SUM00213-R02SB-01182-SUM.htm Sections 1-6, 15-22 are original DPW agency proposals. Section 14 has an impact on DPW. Section 24 is the new Gateway project language re: tunnel.
<u>SB 1406</u>	PA 07-249	Design and Construction::	An act concerning authorization of state grant commitments for school building projects and changes to the statutes concerning school building projects. Purpose: To authorize state grant commitments for school building projects, to limit the grant eligibility of school construction renovation projects to only those facilities where at least seventy-five per cent of the total facility area is at least thirty years old and it has been at least twenty years since the last major renovation, to provide that for all projects authorized on or after July 1, 2007, all attorneys' fees and court costs related to litigation shall be eligible for state school construction grant assistance only if the town is the prevailing party, to limit school construction grant eligibility of site remediation costs so that site remediation costs eligible for state grant assistance not exceed twenty-five per cent of the appraised value of the site unless the purchase price of the site is adjusted so that the purchase price plus remediation costs do not exceed one hundred twenty-five per cent of the appraised value, to exempt the regional vocational-technical school system from requirements preventing projects from appearing on a list of projects seeking a change in scope or cost more than twice without reauthorization,	http://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/SUM/2007SUM00249-R01SB-01406-SUM.htm Sec. 15 of the public act amended Sec. 10 of HB 7432 (PA 07-242).

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			to clarify that regional-vocational technical school projects shall be treated equally to other school projects when seeking grants for roof replacements, code compliance and other safety, health or emergency repairs and to permit reimbursement for fuel cells under the school construction program.	
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