



TESTIMONY OF THE
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
TO THE
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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Raised Senate Bill 1063 "An Act Concerning State Contracting and the Prequalification Program Administered by the Department of Administrative Services"

This bill would make public agencies ineligible for state funds related to a particular construction project if the agency accepts a bid on the project without the proper prequalification certificate.

CCM is not aware of any widespread problem that would necessitate such an action and therefore **ask that a fiscal note be done before any further consideration of this proposal.**

Committee Bill 884 "An Act Establishing Penalties for Violation of the Freedom of Information Act"

This bill would set a schedule of increased fines for the denial of any right created by the Freedom of Information Act without reasonable grounds to - \$500 for the first offense, \$1,000 for the second, and \$1,500 for the third.

CCM, however, is concerned with the potential for frivolous complaints. **We request that this bill be amended to extend the same schedule of fines for frivolously appealing without reasonable grounds** as proposed above.

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If you should have any questions please contact Kachina Walsh-Weaver
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