



TESTIMONY
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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
TO THE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) appreciates the opportunity to testify on the following bills of interest to towns and cities.

Proposed S.B. 808, "An Act Concerning State Grants for the Benefit of Head Start Facilities"

S.B. 808 would provide municipalities with necessary state funding to design, construct, and renovate head start facilities

Proposed H.B. 5654, "An Act Concerning an Increase in the Medicaid Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services"

H.B. 5654 would require the state to reimburse ambulance service providers at a rate equal to the Medicare program rate.

CCM supports both proposals as a means to assist towns and cities and help ease the strain on municipal budgets. When individuals need social services and emergency responses - their first request is typically at the local level and traditionally, locally based services have existed to respond to a wide variety of residents' needs.

As increasing property taxes continue to threaten local programs and services these proposals would allow for needed financial assistance to municipalities.

CCM urges the committee to favorably report S.B. 808 and H.B. 5654.



If you have any questions, please call Bob Labanara or Ron Thomas of CCM, at (203) 498-3000.