



Testimony

of the

Connecticut Conference of Municipalities

to the

Judiciary Committee

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities appreciates the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

R.B. 7066, “An Act Concerning Arrest Powers of Local Police”

R.B. 7066 would allow sworn police officers to make warrantless arrests outside their jurisdictions when “on duty.” Current law delegates such authority to police officers if the offense is a felony.

R.B. 7066 is consistent with case law and would enhance regional policing efforts by allowing full powers to local on duty police officers to combat crime that transcends municipal boundaries.

CCM supports Raised Bill 7066 as an effective means to ensure the safety of Connecticut’s communities however, CCM asks the committee to include language that explicitly states that such officers are “in uniform” in addition to being on duty – in order to address opponents’ concerns of potential misuse of power.

CCM urges you to (1) include the stipulation that police officers must be in uniform, and (2) then favorably report R.B. 7066.

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