



TESTIMONY  
OF THE  
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES  
TO THE  
LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

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

**S.B. 153, "An Act Concerning Scarring Awards Under the Workers' Compensation Act"**

This bill would create a new costly workers' compensation mandate by establishing an unlimited amount of time for injured employees to receive a workers' compensation awards for permanent disfigurement or scarring.

CCM opposes the attempt to use S.B. 153 to (1) overturn legislation passed in 1996, and (2) increase the workers compensation liability of towns and cities.

CCM ask the Committee to **hold S.B. 153.**

**The present workers' compensation law is reasonable and should not be changed.** Landmark workers' compensation reform enacted over the past several years should be allowed to continue to work. The reforms were enacted to restore balance to the system and they have been instrumental in attracting and retaining businesses. This has allowed Connecticut to be a more competitive state in terms of its overall business climate. The existing system retains fairness and equity in servicing injured workers and it should be allowed to continue working towards that end.

There are several other mandates before you today that, if enacted, would disrupt the workers' compensation system and the progress made thus far. CCM asks that you **to take no action** on these new workers' compensation mandates.



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