



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

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this joint committee on issues of concern to towns and cities.

**Raised Bill 5519 "An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation Premiums and Volunteer Ambulance Companies"**

Raised Bill 5519 would require a revision of the workers' compensation rating system for volunteer ambulance companies, making the rating be based upon ambulance usage and not the number of ambulances.

While CCM understands the intent of Raised Bill 5519 to modify the current process – **we have concerns regarding the bill's ambiguous definition of "ambulance usage."** It is essential that any effective and efficient method of computing workers' compensation premiums (i) is auditable, and (ii) uses data that is readily accessible.

CCM also has concerns about potential fiscal impacts Raised Bill 5519 could have on local insurance rates and municipal bottom lines.

CCM urges the committee to (1) clarify the definition of "usage" to ensure that pertinent data can be collected in a timely manner, and (2) obtain a detailed fiscal analysis on the proposal -- before acting on Raised Bill 5519.



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