



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



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Commissioner

**TESTIMONY OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BEFORE
THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
COMMITTEE**

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Committee Bill No. 5370: An Act Concerning Public Projects and the State Flower.

This is a comment on behalf of the Department of Public Works (DPW) on Committee Bill No. 5370, to ensure the survival and revitalization of the state flower.

When calculating the state flower minimum of one-fifth, the proposed language leaves room for interpretation. This creates confusion and an inconsistency in standards for determining plantings; a reasonable method must be established. Also, some construction, reconstruction, or remodeling projects involving state buildings may not have the proper landscape to support such requirements. Ideally, an exemption process should be included when a licensed landscape architect determines planting of Mountain Laurel to be inappropriate.

The Department of Public Works, if requested, is available to meet to discuss the information contained in this testimony. Please contact Doug Moore, DPW Chief of Staff, at (860) 713-5800 with any further questions.