



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
TRANSPORTATION 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 provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM has concerns with section 1(b)(2) of Raised Senate Bill 1095 "An Act Requiring Fines To Be Doubled For Certain Violations Committed in Construction Zones On Municipal Roads."

Section 1(b)(2) would mandate that municipalities post a sign at the beginning of a municipal construction zone which read: "ROAD WORK AHEAD FINES DOUBLED", and at the end of such zone which shall read as follows: "END UTILITY WORK".

CCM is concerned that this proposal would have fiscal impacts on municipalities – particularly as local officials struggle amidst a recession and growing deficits. While posting these signs is a minimal requirement, purchasing these signs would necessitate additional costs by municipalities.

CCM urges the Committee to obtain a detailed fiscal note on this proposal to determine the impact on municipal budgets before taking action on this bill.

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