



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - 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 supports SB 435, "AAC Municipal Fee Increases".

This bill would increase a variety of municipal fees that are set in statute.

In many cases, the fees have not been increased in decades. In today's tough fiscal climate, the least the State can do - at no cost to itself - is provide municipalities with ways to off-set the cost to them of providing certain types of specialized services.

CCM would prefer legislation that would give the residents and businesses of municipalities broader authority to recoup the cost of services by setting fees they deem appropriate for their own community, as is done by SB 436, also before you today. However, this bill would provide much-needed revenue.

We urge you to favorably report this bill.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jim Finley or Gian-Carl Casa of CCM, at (203) 498-3000.