



TESTIMONY
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CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
TO THE
LABOR & 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 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before this joint committee on issues of concern to towns and cities.

SB 63 "An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees"

This proposal would, among other things, mandate that most towns and cities provide paid sick days to their employees.

CCM is sympathetic to the intent of this proposal however, **SB 63 – similar to last year's proposal – is an unfunded state mandate on municipalities.** SB 63 is also problematic – as this proposed mandate is ambiguous with regard to such employees as paraprofessionals and park and recreational staff – who could meet the proposed minimum hourly threshold of 520 hours per year – which is approximately fourteen weeks of full-time work (e.g. summer camp counselors or parks staff).

In an economy where local officials are struggling to sustain critical services – amidst growing deficits, evaporating revenues, and layoffs – this bill would negatively impact hometown budgets.

CCM urges you to **take no action on SB 63.**



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