



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.

HB 5534, "AA Establishing A Revenue Accountability Commission".

This bill would establish a commission to assess the state-local revenue structure in Connecticut.

Although the bill does require one member to have had experience as a "local policy manager" it does not explicitly require that one of the members be a municipal chief elected official. Because of the importance of this issue to towns and cities throughout the state, we urge you to amend the bill to include such an appointment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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