



**Testimony
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Before the
Judiciary Committee
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**RE: OPPOSE - SB-962 - AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE OF PROCESS BY
CONSTABLES**

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) *opposes* SB-962 which expands the authority of municipal constables by allowing them to serve process within the judicial district in which they reside. Under current law, their authority is limited to serving process within the town. Expanding this authority may expose municipalities to additional liability costs because they typically insure the constables.

Under current law, constables are not required to maintain their own insurance nor are they required to attend relevant training in order to perform their job. This exposes a municipality to liability concerns if the constable performs work on behalf of the town improperly.

COST therefore opposes the bill.

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