



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYEE 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.

S.B. 798 "An Act Requiring Double Damages Be Awarded In Civil Actions To Collect Wages"

S.B. 798 would unnecessarily mandate that towns and cities automatically pay double the amount of an award as a result of a civil action decided in favor of an employee or labor union.

CCM **opposes** **S.B. 798** as new unfunded state mandate on municipalities – and is unaware of any statewide need for such costly, mandated policy on local governments. Lawmakers need to focus on means to reduce state mandates on local budgets -- and not push new ones that would, in the case of S.B. 798, double costs.

CCM urges the committee to oppose S.B. 798.

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