



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY 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 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

HB 6429 "An Act Concerning the Storage Stolen Property"

HB 6429 would amend the state-mandated threshold that requires local police officials seize and store (as evidence) stolen property -- from a current value of over \$250 to a proposed value of over \$500.

CCM supports HB 6429 as a reasonable proposal that would relieve local law enforcement personnel from certain administrative burdens (i.e. log, storage, and inventory of such items) – as well as permit rightful owners access to their property in a more timely manner. The threshold for this state mandate has not been adjusted since the mid-1980's and does not accommodate for increases in the values of personal properties during this time period. Therefore, HB 6429 would be a logical adjustment to current law, and a modest relief measure for municipalities from this state mandate.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report HB 6429.

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If you have any questions, please contact Bob Labanara of CCM at rlabanara@ccm-ct.org.