



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & ELECTIONS 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.

CCM supports the following bills:

- **Proposed Senate Bill 654** "*An Act Concerning Fiscal Notes for State Agencies,*" which would require that fiscal notes prepared by state agencies on proposed regulations include consideration of the fiscal impact on the state, municipalities and small business not only in the current fiscal year, but also for the following five fiscal years.
- **Proposed Senate Bill 655** "*An Act Concerning State Regulations that Exceed Federal Standards,*" which would require a "plain language" explanation as to why a proposed regulation exceeds federal standards.

Both of these bills would provide more comprehensive and pertinent information on proposed regulations, which would ensure that all affected parties and the Legislature fully understand the impact and rationale behind proposals.

CCM urges the committee to support these bills and favorably report them.

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