



CONNECTICUT

TESTIMONY OF  
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS (NFIB)  
BY  
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*SUPPORTING*  
**SB-305, AAC THE INCLUSION OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN THE PUBLIC  
SCHOOL CURRICULUM**  
&  
*CONCERNING*  
**SB-304, AAC THE INCLUSION OF LABOR HISTORY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
CURRICULUM**  
BEFORE THE  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
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*A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB is Connecticut's and the nation's leading small-business association. In Connecticut, NFIB represents thousands of members and their employees and membership is scattered across the state and ranges from sophisticated high technology enterprises to single-person "Mom & Pop" shops that operate in traditional ways. NFIB's mission is "To promote and protect the right of its members to own, operate, and grow their businesses." On behalf of those small- and independent- job-providers in Connecticut, I offer the following comments:*

**NFIB/Connecticut supports SB-305.** This common-sense legislation would help provide students with many essential life and business skills needed to maintain one of our nation's most significant competitive advantages: economic comprehension and management at the individual level. Small employers often comment on the lack of personal financial management among their new employees, and this lack of understanding finances at the personal level carries over and impacts business operations as well.

**NFIB/Connecticut has concerns with SB-304, and suggests revisions.** While this legislation calls for the inclusion of labor history in the public school curriculum, NFIB/Connecticut is concerned that this would portray history through only one of many lenses available. NFIB/Connecticut suggests that if such curriculum is to be included, *that equal time and attention be given to the history of entrepreneurship and the critical role of small businesses and the American free enterprise system, and suggests that the bill be amended accordingly.*

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.