



# CCM 2012 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (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 the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

CCM opposes SB 376 "*An Act Concerning the Coastal Management Act and Shoreline Flood and Erosion Control Structures.*"

This bill would essentially create an "automatic acceptance" of any proposed coastal site plan for a shoreline flood and erosion control structure if such plan includes (1) three alternative options and (2) certification of such alternative options by a structural engineer. In addition, the only method provided in the bill for a municipal zoning commission to raise issue with a proposed plan would be to propose an alternative option that would not have a total cost in excess of 15% of the assessed value of structures located on the property.

CCM is unaware of any other regulation that would require a local commission to come up with an alternative design plan for any proposed project, as a means to take issue with the proposal.

The implications of this bill could be far reaching and detrimental to the protection of certain sensitive lands along coastal boundaries.

CCM urges the committee to take no action on this bill.



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