



**Testimony
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The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce *opposes* SB-151, AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EMPLOYER'S NOTICE TO DISPUTE CERTAIN CARE DEEMED REASONABLE FOR AN EMPLOYEE UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

This legislation will increase workers' compensation costs for Connecticut employers and make it difficult for employers to appropriately manage claims. By requiring a hearing prior to denying any course of treatment or medical care, this bill will allow employees to be treated improperly or obtain treatment for issues unrelated to the workers' compensation claim and the employer will be on the hook for compensating for such care.

The bill also conflicts with guidelines developed in concert with the Workers' Compensation Commission and interested parties, undermining the ability to implement a fair system for delivering needed medical services.

The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce serves more than 650 member companies from the North Haven and Wallingford area. We are the largest non-metropolitan chamber in the state.

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