

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.

SB 188 *An Act Concerning Financial Assistance to Local Health Departments for Lead Poisoning Prevention*

This bill would detail the administration of the Department of Public Health lead prevention and control program, as well as provide financial assistance to towns and cities to administer such lead programs.

CCM **supports** SB 188 as a way to help reduce the effects of lead poisoning. This proposal would ensure that local health departments receive the necessary funding and resources to provide case management services, education materials, environmental health services in regards to lead poisoning, as well as access to DPH's system that collects and provides essential data on lead poisoning information.

This bill will provide essential services and funding that will advance important public health services at the local level.

CCM urges the committee to **favorably report** SB 188.



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