

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.

House Bill 5294 *"An Act Concerning Lateral Certification of Police Officers."*

This proposal would allow POST certified police officers who seek employment with another local police department to be exempt from having to take a physical fitness test. HB 5295 would not impact existing standards regarding required drug and alcohol screening and psychological testing.

Local officials know best the obstacles facing their public safety departments when it comes to recruiting adequately training police officers. To the extent that basic, critical testing standards are preserved – CCM supports HB 5294 as a reasonable means of meeting department needs while upholding the integrity of local public safety.

CCM urges the Committee to **favorably report HB 5294.**



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