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Testimony presented to the Public Safety and Security Committee

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The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) represents all municipal police departments in Connecticut as well as police departments at private and state universities.

CPCA supports S.B. 195, AAC The Storage of Stolen Property. Currently police must seize and hold as evidence stolen property valued at over \$250, though it is seldom needed as evidence by the court. Property of a lesser value may be returned to the owner. The proposed legislation would raise the property value to \$1,000. CPCA supports this change as police departments will be able to return such property to its rightful owner for their use and enjoyment thus lessening the impact of victimization and lessen the burden on local police departments to process and store certain pieces of property.

CPCA supports S.B. 196, AAC The Recording of Pistol and Revolver Sales in a Bound Book. CPCA agrees with the Committee's intention of streamlining the record keeping requirement by making the requirement fall in line with federal record keeping requirements. However, **CPCA recommends** that the proposed legislation be amended to require that any such record also be made available to any sworn member of the local police department. Local police chiefs in communities where they exist are the issuing authority for the sale of pistols and revolvers and as such, should have the authority to inspect sales records.

CPCA supports H.B. 5294, AAC Lateral Certification of Police Officers. However, CPCA wants to ensure that the hiring authority retains the right to require any candidate to meet certain physical fitness requirements as prescribed by the municipality.

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