



CCM 2013 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 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 6503 "An Act Concerning Public School Pool Safety"

The bill would establish a statewide uniform standard regarding pool safety at public schools – specific certifications for instructors and minimum supervision requirements.

CCM understands the importance and sensitivity of the issue. In recent years, local officials have been doing more with less, but in doing so they understand the imperative that the integrity of our public safety is not to be compromised.

Towns and cities are currently facing the potential for significant state aid reductions, based on the current proposed budget, not to mention the looming possibility of a greater than \$700 million loss in revenues if elimination of the car tax is indeed implemented.

As formal language is being developed on this subject, CCM urges that a balanced approach be taken to ensure public safety is properly protected while also being sensitive to the potential financial impact on towns and cities. CCM is concerned that if costs become too burdensome to sustain instructional, sporting or recreational activities at public schools these programs may need to be reduced or eliminated.

In that effort, CCM would like to work with interested parties and the General Assembly to achieve the desired goals.



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