



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.

CCM sees the following bills as supportive steps toward assisting our state in minimizing future effects storms on shoreline communities and acknowledging the impacts of sea level rise.

- SB 1010 "*An Act Concerning Sea Level Rise and the Funding of Projects by the Clean Water Fund*" - would provide increased priority ranking for funding through the Clean Water Fund for projects addressing sea level rise.
- SB 1012 "*An Act Concerning a Best Practices Guide for Coastal Structures and Permitting*" - would require the creation of a best practices guide for use by state and local officials for coastal structures and permitting.
- SB 1013 "*An Act Concerning Climate Change Adaptation and Data Collection*" - would require DEEP and UCONN to report to the General Assembly on their efforts to establish a Connecticut Center for Coasts, which would perform data collection and analysis to develop tools used for planning and development in response to rising sea levels.
- SB 1014 "*An Act Concerning the Definition of 'Rise in Sea Level'*" - would further clarify the definition of "rise in sea level".

Over the last several years, Connecticut has experienced back-to-back storms that have been devastating to shoreline communities and the state as a whole. Each of these bills would individually be beneficial to beginning to address the impacts of sea level rise, which in turn would hopefully mitigate the impact of future such storms.

CCM urges the committee to ***favorably report*** these bills.



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