

Good Morning my name is Pamela Booth and for the last 16 years I have had the pleasure of being the administrator for the Legislative Regulations Review committee and I am here to testify in favor of the Governor's bill 6362. For the last 14 years I have worked toward the objectives of this legislation. If you pass this bill I will have the pleasure of seeing my final goal as LRRC administrator be accomplished before I retire this June.

Access to the regulations has always been an issue, not everyone has access to a law library or even knows where to find regulations which effect everything from daycare & building codes to energy and pollution control. This streamlining of the system will provide our citizens with the information they need to make informed decisions on many issues.

There is, however, a flaw in this bill and that is that it no longer requires the agencies to submit a single hard copy with each e-filing. I see this as a problem.

Thanks to the work of our IT department we have been on line with e-filings from the agencies to the LRRC for the last year. In that time, we have had a number of problems, of instances where the hard copy and the e-copy did not match. Some of the errors were human and some were system problems. We continue to tweak the system even after a year. Without the hard copy we would not have known there were any problems.

Connecticut will finally join all of the other states across the country in posting regulations electronically, but this is a new adventure and I believe that it would be prudent to continue the hard copy until such time as the system is up and running and has been vetted and the bugs that can plague any new e-project are worked out.

As a side note a good portion of the states across the country have not gone completely electronic. In fact a majority of the states still require a hard copy which they archive in case of the worst possible disaster, while many may feel that redundancy is a waste, there are times when institutions have wished for such redundencies.

This information comes from the ACR a national organization that tracks rulemaking in all of its many forms across the country.

I hope you will take my suggestion to heart and make this change. We cannot afford to lose this information since like the statues, regulations are state law.

Thank you for your time.