



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 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

Raised Bill 5598 "An Act Concerning the Department of Administrative Services and the Disposition of Surplus State Property, Short Term Emergency Leases, the Definition of Executive Session and Duplicative Statements of Financial Interest".

Among other things, this bill would provide a streamlined approach for the disposition of state surplus properties. CCM has the following comments on the current draft:

Section 1(d) – Should provide that an informational public meeting in the municipality where the property is located shall, *not may*, occur to inform the public about the process. This will ensure that all affected parties have an opportunity to be well informed.

Section 1(f) – The language in line 132 "*or is deemed to have declined the transfer of property*" is vague and can leave much to interpretation, thus setting the stage for potential disputes. CCM encourages the committee to delete this language.

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