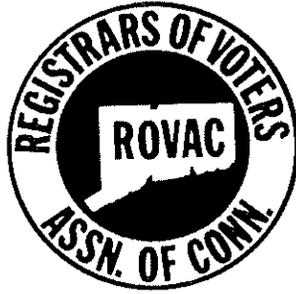


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Testimony on Raised Bill No. 729

An Act Concerning A Pilot Program to Allow Early Voting

Senator Musto, Representative Jutila and Members of the GAE Committee

My name is Sue W. Larsen. I am Chairman of the ROVAC Legislative Committee and here to speak on SB 729. A pilot program for early voting is a method of testing whether or not this is opportunity to increase voter participation in CT. ROVAC will work with the selected municipality to accomplish the task. The concern for ROVAC is the cost of early voting. If only one polling place is opened for early voting, the cost could range from as little as \$2,000 per day to \$10,000 per day. Municipalities are cutting costs in every way possible and even the Secretary of the State's Office has had to trim the budget. Registrars of Voters want voters to have multiple opportunities to vote but we believe that the financial implications need to be discussed along with the timing of the pilot program as HJ36 the Constitutional Amendment on Absentee Ballots goes forward.

Thank you for allowing this testimony.

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