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HB-5749, AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) **supports HB-5749** which will help municipalities save much-needed funds by providing for a more consistent State Building Code that still maintains national building standards.

Given the difficult budgetary pressures facing Connecticut's small towns, we are exploring opportunities to save money and resources wherever possible. Frequent building code changes necessitate additional training that is difficult to absorb in our budgets. We are interested in efforts to reduce costs associated with building codes in ways that will not compromise public health and safety.

COST is an advocacy organization committed to giving small towns a strong voice in the legislative process. Its members are Connecticut towns with populations of less than 30,000. COST champions the major policy needs and concerns of Connecticut's suburban and rural towns.