



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 has concerns with Sections 8 – 10 of SB 1019 “An Act Concerning Administrative Streamlining at the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection.”

Among other things, it appears that this bill (Sections 8 through 10) is transferring the responsibility for regulating noise nuisance from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) to local governments.

Current law designates DEEP as the agency to, among other things, (1) develop, maintain, and enforce noise regulations around the state; (2) provide technical assistance with implementing such regulations; and (3) disburse funds for such purpose.

CCM is concerned that the drafting of these sections shifts responsibility for a statewide program to towns and cities, leaving them without technical assistance and state funding for implementing.

CCM urges the Committee to **delete Sections 8-10** of this bill before taking any action.



If you have any questions, please contact Kachina Walsh-Weaver, State Relations Manager for CCM via email kwalsh-weaver@ccm-ct.org or via phone (203) 710-9525.