

CCM 2014 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.

HB 5573, An Act Concerning Brownfield Remediation And Development
HB 5576, An Act Concerning Funding For Brownfield Remediation And Development

CCM supports HB 5573 and HB 5576.

HB 5573 would implement the recommendations of the Connecticut Brownfields Working Group, and continue to improve and facilitate the process of remediating brownfield sites.

HB 5576 would appropriate \$10 million dollars for the FY15, for use within the Brownfield Remediation and Development Account.

Brownfields remain a serious obstacle for many towns and cities as they look to redevelop currently unusable but potentially valuable lands into usable space. These bills would provide needed funding to continue remediating these brownfields, allowing more of these sites to be redeveloped improving public health, creating jobs, and housing, adding to municipal tax bases and increasing property values for entire neighborhoods.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report HB 5573 and HB 5576 and looks forward to continuing to work with members of the Commerce Committee and representatives of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

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