



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.

SB 246 "An Act Concerning the Protection of State and Municipal Essential Records and the Preservation of Electronic records"

CCM has concerns SB 246, as could be another unfunded mandate on towns and cities. The bill would require, among other things, that municipalities maintain records in accordance with specific standards, as well develop a plan for the protection of essential records in the event of a disaster.

While CCM understands the intent of the proposal, there may be significant costs associated with implementing these requirements. There is a significant responsibility and cost associated with maintaining public records. Municipalities have invested in vaults and other protective mechanisms for the storage of these important records. CCM asks that if the State believes that this is an important issue, a State program should be developed explore the retention of such records. This will relieve the burden from the backs of local governments to finance these new requirements.

CCM asks the Committee to take no action SB 246.



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