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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 5586, "An Act Concerning Revisions to Various Statutes Concerning the Criminal Justice System"

The bill would, among other things, modify the procedure for forfeiture of items seized due to the violation of a criminal offense. In addition, when the property is money, the proposal adjusts the distribution of the funding.

CCM supports these provisions that are specifically detailed in Section 1 of HB 5586. They provide reasonable clarity to the process. Specifically, when such property is money, the proposal ensures that the law enforcement agency responsible for the investigation of the criminal violation receives a portion of those funds to advance future law enforcement activities.

For these reasons, CCM asks the Committee to **favorably report** HB 5586.



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