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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.

House Bill 5070 ***"An Act Concerning Volunteer Fire Departments and Ambulance Companies and the Definition of Employer Under the State Occupational Safety and Health Act"***

Identical to a proposal last year (HB 6434) – HB 5070 would, among other things, mandate that local volunteer fire departments are regulated under the State Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).

This proposal is unnecessary as local volunteer departments currently comply with federal OSHA laws and regulations. Furthermore, this proposed mandate would contradict a recent decision by the Connecticut Supreme Court which confirmed that such departments do not fall within the State's OSHA jurisdiction (see *Mayfield v. Goshen Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., 2011).*

CCM urges the Committee to **take no action on HB 5070**.

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