Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO

Before the Labor and Public Employees Committee

February 27th, 2014

Senator Osten, Representative Tercyak and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee,

We submit this testimony on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women from every city and town in our great state in support of the following:

H.B. No. 5281 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE DISABILITY RETIREMENT BOARD – We support this legislation to include a physician in the field of respiratory or pulmonary medicine on the disability board in order to address issues within their expertise when determining disability retirement application eligibility.

H.B. No. 5283 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE – We support this legislation. Circumstances within families are very different for many people and this legislation, by expanding the definition of certain extended family members, can create relief for those that are coping with the health needs of those family members.

H.B. No. 5280 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION. – We support this legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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