

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.

Senate Bill 61 "An Act Concerning Workers' Compensation and Liability for Hospital Services"

CCM supports SB 61 as it would address concerns regarding self insured employers' ability to negotiate directly with hospitals regarding fees charged for care provided to workers' compensation patients by establishing a fee schedule.

There are concerns however, regarding the bill's proposal to place uncompensated care costs within the proposed fee schedule – and what the potential impact could be on the workers' compensation system. CCM therefore, urges the Committee to first obtain a detailed analysis before acting on this particular proposal.

Additionally, CCM urges the Committee to ensure SB 61 would uphold previously negotiated agreements – and that prior negotiations would not be subject to a retrospective fee.

CCM supports SB 61 as a well-intended proposal, and is eager to work with members of the Committee and key stakeholders toward a favorable outcome.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report SB 61.

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