

**TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY  
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Testimony Regarding House Bill No. 5391

AN ACT CONCERNING OVERTIME AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR RESIDENT STATE  
TROOPERS

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Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and distinguished members of the Public Safety and Security Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill No. 5391, An Act Concerning Overtime and Fringe Benefits for Resident State Troopers.

This bill proposes to change the reimbursement amount from 100% to 70% for the overtime and fringe benefits that municipalities would pay when requesting resident state troopers to work overtime. As you know, the change to increase the reimbursement rate from 70% to 100% for overtime and the fringe benefits portion associated with that overtime was made as part of the FY 2012 - FY 2013 biennial budget in order to reduce state costs and to encourage municipalities to scrutinize the overtime they assign to their resident state troopers.

My testimony, therefore, is in opposition to this bill as this change would reduce the amount of reimbursement received by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to offset General Fund expenses. Additionally, the fringe benefits reimbursement would result in a loss to the General Fund.

I would like to again thank the Committee for the opportunity to present this testimony. I respectfully request that the Committee take no action on this bill.