



# 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.

CCM supports HB 5150 "*An Act Concerning Fire Safety Enforcement Officials*" which would require that fire safety enforcement officers have a particular set of standards and prerequisites. In addition, HB 5158 would allow the Fire Marshal Training Council, in conjunction with the State Fire Marshal to establish these requirements - and both certify certain fire safety officials and recognize particular private training programs.

This proposal would support existing practices, as these standards would be required in order to obtain employment. Furthermore, these standards would ensure that fire marshals and fire inspectors are better trained and equipped to serve the needs of the community.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report HB 5150.



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