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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.

HB 5289, "An Act Establishing the Connecticut Port Authority"

CCM asks the Committee to amend HB 5289.

CCM supports HB 5289 which would create a state wide quasi-public port authority that would have the ability to develop, expand infrastructure in and around the ports and the power to acquire, lease, hold and dispose of real and personal property.

CCM would ask the Committee to amend Section 1 of HB 5289 to designate that one member of the Board of Directors of the proposed Port Authority be a representative of one of the state's cities that contain a deep water port. This designated municipal seat could rotate among the three cities and additionally that a representative of the other cities be allowed to serve as a nonvoting, ex-offico member.

CCM asks the committee to amend HB 5289, ensuring that cities that are home to these deep water ports have adequate and continuous representation on the board of the proposed Port Authority.

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