



CCM 2014 Testimony

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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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 5563, "An Act Concerning the Technical High School System and Agricultural Science and Technology Education Centers"

CCM *opposes* this bill in that it reduces funds available to district schools.

While CCM appreciates the intent of this proposal, to allow technical high schools to apply for state education grants, HB 5563 would accordingly, reduce funds for district schools. K-12 public education is already underfunded by over \$700 million. HB 5563 would exacerbate this situation.

CCM urges the Committee to significantly increase education funds or *take no action* on HB 5563.



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