



# CCM 2015 Testimony

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## ***ENVIRONMENT 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 156 towns and cities and over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

### **SB 215 "An Act Concerning the Establishment of New State Parks"**

CCM supports SB 215, which would increase municipal input and participation in the process of establishing new state parks.

This bill would require the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to notify the chief elected official or board of selectman and hold a public hearing within the municipality prior to establishing a new state park. DEEP would also be required to provide detailed plans regarding funding, maintenance and operation of the proposed park.

SB 215 is a common sense proposal to ensure proper notification and cooperation between state and local government and provide local residents with the opportunity to comment on a proposal to establish a new park within a municipality.

CCM urges the Committee to support SB 215.



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