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### **Public Hearing – February 23, 2015 Transportation Committee**

#### **Testimony Submitted by Commissioner James Redeker Department of Transportation**

#### **SB 514 – An Act Concerning Department of Transportation Radio Traffic Transmission Signals.**

SB 514 seeks to increase the radio signal of the state's Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) for traffic updates to provide a stronger and larger coverage area.

Connecticut's HAR system is made up of transmitters on I-95, I-91, I-84 and the Merritt Parkway which provide notice of winter storm warnings, major accidents, traffic backups, breakdowns, lane closures, and road construction. Each transmitter has a range of about 3-5 miles.

The HAR stations are already operating at 10 watts, the maximum power output allowed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Like other low power AM stations, HAR are licensed by the FCC and must follow output power (10w) and antenna requirements (49 feet off the ground) and any increase would be a violation of FCC regulations.

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