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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, representing over 95 percent of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 6027, "An Act Concerning Microgrids"

HB 6027 would, among other things, encourage and improve the development of microgrids.

As defined in Public Act 12-148, a microgrid consists of a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid. It can also connect and disconnect from the overall grid to enable it to operate in both grid-connected or "Island Mode". Microgrids allow critical facilities and town centers to provide power, despite any large-scale outages.

CCM *supports* this bill and encourages the committee to favorably report HB 6027, to ensure more municipalities are able to take advantage of this technology and can modernize crucial infrastructure that allows for critical services to be delivered to our towns and cities, even when the power goes out.



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