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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 1068, "An Act Concerning Regional Blight"

CCM opposes SB 1068.

SB 1068 would require a municipality seeking to enter into an interlocal agreement to jointly perform blight enforcement activities to adopt uniform blight regulations with each municipality entering into the agreement.

SB 1068 would have a chilling effect and would discourage towns and cities from regionalizing blight enforcement efforts by requiring additional costs in order to adopt new and uniform regulations. Blight regulations cannot be a one size fits all model, and different municipalities may wish to and should be allowed to enact different standards that best address the needs of their community. Requiring the adoption of uniform regulations will discourage towns and cities from working together and realizing potential savings from utilizing combined resources.

CCM urges the Committee to take no action on SB 1068.



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