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The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) **supports HB-5911, AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD.**

HB-5911 would restructure and reduce the overall size of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (EMSAB). Over the years many discussions have taken place regarding the size and makeup of the current EMSAB. Most recently it has become apparent that the sheer size of the board has hindered its ability to meet statutory requirements. COST understands the need for input from many diverse stakeholders. However we realize that adjustments are necessary to ensure that the public health and safety needs of the state are met.

Therefore, COST asks that you review and provide modifications to the current makeup of the Emergency Medical Services Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.