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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 6888 "An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Public Swimming Pool Design Standards"

CCM opposes HB 688 as it would circumvent the standard regulatory process for the development of swimming pool design standards.

It is current practice that the Department of Public Health (DPH) follow the regulatory review process when amending the public swimming pool design standards. This bill would therefore, negatively impact municipally - operated pools by denying local officials the ability to provide valuable input on proposed pool design standards.

Regulations have the force and effect of law, therefore important matters, such as this, should be reviewed through a thorough regulatory review process. The regulatory review process is crucial to ensure accountability, thorough review of fiscal and legal impact of proposed regulations, as well provide for adequate public comment.

Agencies should provide information and follow the regulatory process for this important issue. In addition, DPH should conduct a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of the proposed regulations to ensure that potential fiscal impact would result in the desired and measurable improvements, at reasonable costs to local taxpayers.

CCM urges the committee to take no action on HB 6888.



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