



***COMMERCE COMMITTEE***  
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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 over 96% of Connecticut's population.

**SB 307**      **“An Act Concerning Knowledge Center Enterprise Zones”**

**CCM opposes SB 307.**

This bill would allow the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to establish a Knowledge Center Enterprise Zone surrounding any college, university or other institution of higher learning in the state. SB 307 would allow DECD to authorize the creation of such a Knowledge Center Enterprise Zone **if they feel the benefits “outweigh the anticipated costs to the state and the affected municipalities”**.

CCM strongly objects to the above language as it **would remove municipal control of planning and development within their community**. While CCM appreciates the intent of any legislation that would promote economic development and job growth, we cannot support legislation that seeks to achieve this at the expense of our towns and cities.

CCM urges the Committee to **oppose SB 307**.



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