



FINANCE REVENUE & BONDING 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. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 5492 “An Act Increasing Certain Municipal Filing Fees”

CCM **supports** HB 5492.

The bill would increase certain filing fees municipalities can charge. These fees established by statute have not been increased in years. HB 5492 is a common sense proposal to increase these fees by a reasonable amount and would assist town and cities to offset the costs incurred to provide these services and provide needed revenue.

Given the budgetary pressures that both State and local governments are facing, these modest increases would help to enable towns and cities to maintain essential local services. The additional revenue from the increased filing fees will reduce some of the pressure on towns and cities to increase local property taxes to in order to balance local budgets in light of recent reductions in municipal aid.

CCM urges the Committee to support HB 5492.

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