



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 5593 "An Act Concerning the Reapplication Procedure for Elderly Property Tax Relief"

CCM supports HB 5593.

The bill would adjust certain deadlines associated with the application for elderly property tax relief from March 15 to April 15 to better align with required Internal Revenue Service deadlines and would eliminate the requirement that a municipality provide notice of the filing deadline by certified mail.

Eliminating the requirement for a town or city to provide this notice via certified mail will provide a measure of mandate relief. The costs of providing the notice via certified mail at \$8.60 per mailing for example will save the town of Colchester \$600 per year, larger towns and cities could see savings in that exceed \$10,000 per year.

Given the difficult economic times faced at both the State and local government, any proposal that will allow municipalities to save taxpayer money even modest amounts is appreciated and needed.

CCM urges the Committee to support HB 5593.

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