



***GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION &
ELECTIONS 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.

SB 16 An Act Concerning Increasing Agency Efficiency in the Regulation Process

The bill would, among other things, make adjustments to the state agency regulation development process. Specifically, it would allow a state agency to circumvent the traditional review process if it is deemed sufficient to enforce the statutory provisions that would typically be subject to the regulations process.

The regulations review process is important balance to ensure (1) the intention of enacted legislation be implemented properly at the agency level, and (2) that changes in agency regulations such as rules, permits, and processes are appropriate in achieving the proper benefit for the municipalities, businesses and residents of Connecticut. The system in place ensures transparency and proper public input. CCM does not understand the full rationale for SB 16.

CCM asks the Committee to *take no action on* SB 16.

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