



***COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
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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 104 An Act Establishing the State Civic Network

The bill would establish a State Civic Network in Connecticut that provide television and Internet coverage of legislative, executive and judicial proceedings.

CCM supports the proposal as it would be an opportunity to provide greater transparency in the actions of the three branches of state government. In do so, it would engage the public in the activities that occur within the legislature, at the executive and agency level, as well as within our court system. As a network such as this is established, it could be beneficial to provide the public coverage even at the local level. CCM would like to work with the Committee and any efforts to create the openness that this network would provide.

CCM asks the Committee to *favorably report* SB 104.

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