



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**Joint Testimony Presented Before the Public Health Committee from the:**

**Connecticut Department of Public Health**

**Commissioner Raul Pino, M.D., M.P.H.**

**and**

**Public Utilities Regulatory Authority**

**John W. Betkoski III, Vice Chairman, Public Utilities Regulatory Authority**

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**Senate Bill #288 - An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations on the Expansion and Construction of Water Systems**

The Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) support Senate Bill #288 and offer the following information regarding this bill.

This proposal will expedite the review of an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN). A CPCN is required for the construction and expansion of public water systems. DPH's review of a CPCN involves an evaluation of the safety and adequacy of the source of water supply and that construction meets engineering guidelines. Under Senate Bill #288, the DPH will review CPCN applications and issue CPCNs for community (residential) water systems as is currently done for non-community (non-residential) water systems. For those systems that are regulated by the PURA or when ownership is not being assigned to an exclusive service area provider pursuant to C.G.S. section 25-33g, PURA will conduct the financial capacity review of the proposed system. Under the current statute, DPH and PURA jointly review CPCN applications and issue CPCNs for community water systems. The proposed changes in Senate Bill #288 will reduce redundancies in the CPCN process by ensuring there is no duplication of efforts between our agencies.

The Department of Public Health and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority would like to thank the committee for raising the DPH's bill.

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