



## ***PUBLIC HEALTH 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 355      "An Act Concerning Local Health Districts"**

The bill would require the Department of Public Health to audit local health departments and districts once every three years.

CCM has concerns with this proposal as similar state audits imposed on municipalities are costly and time consuming. While the goals of these audits may be well intended, given the fiscal climate of the State, this proposal may be problematic in being costly and administratively burden on local health officials.

CCM urges the Committee to obtain a fiscal note regarding its impact on towns and cities before taking any action on SB 355.

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