



**House Bill 5547, An Act Concerning The Training Curriculum and Education of Police Officers.**

Public Safety Committee Testimony  
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Chairman Dargan, Chairman Gomes and members of the Public Safety Committee, my name is David Orr. I am speaking for the municipal police officer locals of Council 4 AFSCME.

**We have concerns regarding House Bill 5547, An Act Concerning The Training Curriculum and Education of Police Officers.**

This bill says that researchers at Central Connecticut State University will study and recommend “best practices” for police training. Yet, there is no input from police officers who actually do the job. This begs the question as to “best practices” in whose opinion? Many of the world’s most successful institutions are ones that value front line workers’ opinion and experience.

Police officers, through their unions, should be represented in this bill and in conducting any such study. **If rank and file police officers are not included, then this is a seriously flawed bill that we would oppose.**

Thank you for your consideration.