



# Connecticut Fire Marshals Association

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Representative Dargan, Senator Larson and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. I am Kevin Kowalski , Fire Marshal of Simsbury and Legislative Committee chair for the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association. The CFMA represents over 300 members. I am here today to testify in support of the following bills:

SENATE BILL 388 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION PROCCES OF STATE BUILDING AND FIRE CODES

SENATE BILL 389 AAC FIRE MARSHALS

**House Bill 388 AAC the Adoption Process that of State Building and Fire Codes.**

Fire Marshals are in favor of streamlining the process of adopting the Fire Code. Currently the Fire safety and fire prevention code uses a national consensus code. This code is then vetted by in state subject matter experts. It is reviewed for any conflicts with other codes that are used in the state. This timeframe for this part of the process could take 6 to 12 months depending on resources available. A public hearing is then scheduled, followed by a process that could take approximately 18 months. Time is then added to the adoption date to insure that interested parties can obtain copies. This process takes about 3-4 years. During that time builders are unable to use technologies that would be available if it were a posted regulation. We would, however, like the governing body for the Fire Safety code be the same as the Fire Prevention Advisory Committee, not the Codes and Standards.

**SB 389 AAC Fire Marshals.** The CT Fire Marshals have no objection with allowing the State Fire Marshal to extend the period in between the inspection process of a kitchen hood system. This would be a change based on the frequency of use.