



JUDICIARY 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.

HB 5403 "An Act Increasing Penalties for Failure to Yield to Pedestrians in Crosswalks and Failure to Exercise Due Care to Avoid Hitting a Pedestrian or Cyclist"

CCM **supports** this bill.

The bill would, among other things, increase the fine for failure to yield to a pedestrian or exercise due care to avoid a pedestrian or cyclist. In addition, the bill would apportion \$15 to be remitted back to the municipality where the violation occurred.

HB 5403 is as a way to enhance safety measures for pedestrians and cyclists sharing our roadways, while providing a mechanism to assist local communities with needed additional revenue.

CCM asks the Committee to *favorably report* HB 5403.

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