



***PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT 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.

**HB 5478, “AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES”**

CCM opposes HB 5478.

The bill would prohibit a municipality from receiving a grant in lieu of taxes for real property owned by a private nonprofit institution of higher learning that is used primarily for primary and secondary education purposes.

This **would impose an unfunded mandate on towns and cities** and result in a shift of the property tax burden to local taxpayers. Given the current economic difficulties faced by towns, cities and the State any proposals that will limit or reduce needed local property tax revenues may result in the reduction of essential local services.

CCM urges the Committee to oppose HB 5478.

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