



Testimony to the Public Health Committee

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Opposing

House Bill 5264, An Act Concerning Accessibility of Medical Diagnostic Equipment

[LeadingAge Connecticut](#) is a membership association of 130 not-for-profit organizations representing the entire field of aging services and including not-for-profit nursing homes. On behalf of LeadingAge Connecticut, I respectfully submit the following testimony to the Public Health Committee in opposition to ***House Bill 5264, An Act Concerning Accessibility of Medical Diagnostic Equipment.***

The bill before you would require medical diagnostic equipment purchased by health care facilities, including nursing homes, to meet technical standards for accessibility and specifically those standards developed by the [Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board](#), also known as the U.S. Access Board.

While we do not object to standards for accessibility, we are not convinced that the U.S. Access Board's federal standards should be specifically and exclusively named in state statute. In fact, according to information printed on the U.S. Access Board's [website](#), the Board is currently developing accessibility standards for medical diagnostic equipment, but those standards have not yet been finalized. We cannot support this proposal that would mandate compliance to a specific set of standards that are not yet determined or established in final form.

While we do not support this proposal at this time, we would be more than willing to work with the Committee and the Department of Public Health on the issue of accessible medical diagnostic equipment.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on this issue. Please consider us to be a resource to you as you consider this and other issues related to aging services.

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