



# 2017 Testimony

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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.

- SB 977** "An Act Concerning Municipal Land Use."
- SB 1035** "An Act Requiring a Study of Municipal Utilities."
- HB 7242** "An Act Concerning Municipal Plans of Conservation and Development."
- HB 7269** "An Act Concerning Municipal Regulation."
- HB 7294** "An Act Concerning Municipal Finance."
- HB 7297** "An Act Establishing a Private Right of Action in the Duty to Promote Fair Housing and Requiring the Study of Connecticut's Housing Inventory and Current and Future Housing Needs." (Section 2)

CCM is unsure of the need to study these municipal functions. Are there issues that have prompted the need for such review within these specific areas?

In general, CCM is supportive of initiatives that provide opportunities for greater transparency as it relates to the functions of local governments, however, we are concerned that these efforts would impose a fiscal challenge for the state, draining already scarce resources, especially considering the looming budget deficit. CCM and its membership would welcome the opportunity to discuss these proposals in more detail, outside of legislation and statutorily mandated studies, to perhaps assist in resolving any issues or provide answers to questions that facilitate understanding and clarity for the proponents of these bills.

**CCM would urge the Committee to provide further clarity around the need and purpose of such studies before favorably reporting these proposals.**

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