



Insurance & Real Estate 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.

SB 376 An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage For Prosthetic Devices

CCM **opposes** SB 376.

Among other things, this proposal would create a new mandated expansion of health insurance coverage for prosthetic devices.

CCM is sympathetic to the intent of this proposal. However, **state-mandated expansions of health insurance coverage would increase insurance costs**. These increased costs would result in higher premiums for municipal employers.

The non-partisan Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) has identified similar mandated coverage proposals to be "STATE MANDATES" on municipalities. OFA has concluded that such "...coverage requirements may result in increased premium costs when municipalities enter into new health insurance contracts after January 1..."¹

CCM urges the Committee to (1) obtain a detailed fiscal analysis on the impact this proposal would have on our towns and cities – particularly on local programs and services and (2) **hold this proposal until further analysis is conducted.**

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¹ OFA Fiscal Notes SB Nos. 5, 186, 110; 2014.