



## *Housing 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 100% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

### **HB 5121 AAC Certain Protections for Group and Family Child Care Homes**

HB 5121 would among other things 1) amend section 8-3j of the general statutes to include license group child care homes and require municipalities to certify compliance to the Office of Policy and Management.

CCM opposes HB 5121 as it places restrictions on local zoning and is an unfunded mandate. Section 8-3j states "No zoning regulation shall treat any family child care home or group child care home, licensed by the Office of Early Childhood pursuant to chapter 368a, in a manner different from single or multifamily dwellings." HB 5121 would include licensed group child care homes thus restricting the ability of communities to locally zone and further places an unfunded mandate on towns and cities by requiring municipalities to certify compliance. Municipalities are not looking to prohibit these types of homes, but rather are advocating for our right to regulate them appropriately to benefit both the residents of these homes and the community at large.

CCM urges the committee to oppose HB 5121.



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