



# Legislative Update



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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY PUBLIC HEARINGS

*The following are bills affecting cities and towns up for Public Hearings as recently published in the General Assembly Bulletin. Please note the **Joint Rules of the General Assembly require only a five day public-notice** of hearings, CCM reports them to members the day they are published.*

CCM staff understands the difficulty posed by the short notice of these hearings and ***we are here to assist members in submitting testimony and/or signing up to testify for these hearings.*** Please contact the staff member listed below for the hearing in which you are interested.

*A complete list and texts of bills being heard can be found on the General Assembly's website at [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov)*

### COMMERCE COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 1:00 P.M.  
Legislative Office Building, Room 1B**

*The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, State Agency Heads, and Chief Municipal Elected Officials.*

- ⇒ **Sign up:** 12:00 P.M. in Room 1B
- ⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 40

## ## ##

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### ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 1:00 P.M.  
Legislative Office Building, Room 1D**

*The first hour of the hearing is reserved for the Public.*

- ⇒ **Sign up:** 11:00 A.M. in Room 3900
- ⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 20

## ## ##

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**HB 5074** *Would provide property tax exemptions to corporations that invest fifty million dollars to develop bio-manufacturing facilities in distressed municipalities.*

**HB 5436** *Would make changes in the brownfields statutes concerning liability.*

**HB 5437** *Would provide funding to Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development.*

**SB 415** *Would, among other things, (1) revise the make-up of the CRR board requiring one of the two municipal appointments granted to the President of the Senate be a municipal official from a municipality having a population of more than fifty thousand and have high-level experience in public health.*

## **ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

### **Continued**

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## **INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 1:00 P.M.  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2B**

*The first two hours of the hearing is reserved for the Public.*

- ⇒ **Sign up:** 11:00 A.M. in Room 2800  
⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 35

## ## ##

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**SB 417** *Would, among other things, require the DPUC to establish procedures each public service company shall follow when one of its utility poles is damaged in an accident. Such procedures shall include, but shall not be limited to, establishing a maximum amount of time between the accident and the repair.*

**HB 5457** *Would, among other things, (1) create an Energy Conservation Management Board (one representative being from a municipal electric energy cooperative), (2) require electric distribution companies to submit recommendations for energy conservation to the DPUC, (3) allow municipal energy cooperatives energy conservation loan funds to receive an amount required by law to be deposited into the fund and may receive federal or other funds for conservation, load management and renewable resources, (4) add additional reporting requirements for municipal energy cooperatives, (5) require electric distribution companies to submit a conservation plan to the Energy Conservation Management Board created by this bill as well as to the DPUC, and (6) require electric distribution companies to annually provide documentation and information for the consolidated report by the Energy Conservation and Management Board.*

**HB 5465** *Would allow municipalities to establish a sustainable energy loan program for the purpose of financing energy improvement to qualifying real property located within the municipality.*

**HB 5308** *Would establish a nonprofit workers' compensation insurance company to serve as the workers' compensation insurance carrier of last resort for employers in the state.*

## **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2010 at 1:00 P.M.  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2C**

*The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, State Agency Heads, and Chief Elected Municipal Officials.*

- ⇒ **Sign up:** 11:00 A.M. in Room 2500  
⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 40

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**SB 230** The Videotaping Of Custodial Interrogations.

**HB 5273** Eyewitness Identification.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 12:00 P.M.**  
**Legislative Office Building, Room 1E**

*The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads, and Chief Municipal Elected Officials.*

- ⇒ **Sign up:** 11:00 A.M. in Room 1A
- ⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 65

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**SB 409** *Would establish a pilot program in three municipalities chosen by the commissioner of DMV using civilian volunteers to assist in the enforcement of state and municipal laws concerning parking for persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk and persons with blindness. Each participating town receives 25% of the amount received from the violations.*

**SB 414** *Would, among other things, prohibit municipal assessors from sharing any information contained in any list provided to them by the DMV that is protected from disclosure under state or federal law.*

**HB 5455** *Would require that the master transportation plan and the existing transportation facilities assessment report incorporate regional long-range transportation plans prepared by regional planning organizations.*

**ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 1:00 P.M.**  
**Legislative Office Building, Room 1D**

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- ⇒ **Sign up:** 11:00 A.M. in Room 3900
- ⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 20

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**SB 419** *Would require public service companies making road cuts and repairs to provide notice to municipal public works departments and to give such municipalities an opportunity to inspect a photograph of the repairs.*

**SB 420** *Would require local police departments to transmit their routine calls over unencrypted radio channels.*

**HB5464** *Would allow municipalities, at local option, to exempt alternative energy projects from local building*

**LABOR AND PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 2:00 P.M.**  
**Legislative Office Building, Room 2A**

*The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads, and Chief Municipal Elected Officials.*

- ⇒ **Sign up:** 12:00 P.M. in Room 3800
- ⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 50

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**HB 5062** *Although as drafted, this bill would merely require the labor commissioner to file certain updates with the governor and general assembly -- this bill is expected to be a placeholder for pending proposals from the speaker's M.O.R.E. Commission, which could include such issues as; healthcare -prescription pooling, regional pooling, enhanced MEHIP, a statewide municipal pension system for new-hires, master contracts, and others.*

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 3:00 P.M.  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2C

⇒ *The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators and State Agency Heads. The order of speakers will be determined by a lottery.*

⇒ **Sign up:** 10:00 AM. in the First Floor Atrium

⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 60

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**SUBJECT MATTER: Governor's March 1, 2010  
Deficit Mitigation Plan**

This hearing is to hear comment on Governor Rell's most recent "deficit mitigation" plan, that includes \$45 million in unspecified cuts in municipal aid for next fiscal year, and smaller cuts for this year. For a description of the way in which the plan affects municipalities, go to [http://www.ccmlac.org/lac\\_detail\\_doc\\_frames.cgi?664](http://www.ccmlac.org/lac_detail_doc_frames.cgi?664)

**ENVIORNMENT COMMITTEE**  
Friday, March 12, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.  
Legislative Office Building, Room 1B

*The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Public Officials. Speaker order will be determined by a lottery.*

⇒ **Sign up:** 9:30 A.M. in Room 2B

⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 50

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**SB 383** *Would require DEP and DPH to develop a state-wide water use plan.*

**SB 384** *Would require DEP to reimburse municipalities for the costs associated with responding to emergencies in state parks.*

**SB 386** *Would require DEP to provide an opportunity for DPH to comment on any proposed regulations concerning the use, planning or protection of water.*

**SB 388** *Would increase bond funding for the Clean Water Fund.*

**SB 418** *Would require each municipality to adopt an integrated pest management plan for facilities under its control.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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**Municipal Action Day - MAD**

**Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

**9:30 A. M.**

**At The State Capitol in Hartford**

**\*\* REMINDER \*\***

**CCM Legislative Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Crowne Plaza, Cromwell**