



**Testimony
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The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) **supports HB-6462 AN ACT CONCERNING USE OF FORCE BY A PEACE OFFICER.**

HB-6462 extends the effective date of the “use of force” provisions included in Public Act 20-1 (July Special Session) to ensure that there is sufficient time for peace officers to obtain the necessary training.

Providing peace officers with sufficient time to obtain the necessary training in use of force policies will be beneficial for both officers and the public by ensuring that the provisions are fully understood and complied with. This is a modest change which is important to the safety of the public and our officers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of HB-6462.