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On Page 16, Calendar 387, Senate Bill Number  
132, AN ACT CONCERNING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,  
favorable report of the Committee on General Law.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak of the 109th, you have  
the floor. Good afternoon, sir.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Good afternoon, Madam Speaker. Thank you. I  
move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable  
report and passage of the bill in concurrence with  
the Senate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The question is acceptance of the joint  
committee's favorable report and passage of the  
bill in concurrence with the Senate. Will you  
remark? Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

I will. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam  
Speaker, this legislation would allow landscape  
architects to form professional practices with  
architects, professional engineers and land  
surveyors.

Under current law, architects, professional  
engineers and land surveyors may already jointly

practice and form these companies together. This Bill merely adds landscape architects to this group of professions allowing them to form these businesses with these other professions.

Madam Speaker, this bill came from the General Law Committee with full bipartisan support. It is further supported by the Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Connecticut Green Industries Coalition.

There was no opposition stated at the public hearing.

In summary, Madam Speaker, put simply, this bill is an opportunity for this Chamber to help these Connecticut small businesses. They have come to us asking to simply allow them to practice together, bringing their services under one roof and thus consolidating their overheads.

This is a consumer friendly and business friendly proposal, so I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the bill before us? Will you care to

remark further?

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, a question or two to the proponent of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Please proceed, sir.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I certainly understand the intent of the bill is to add landscape architects to the list of those professionals who could form an association together.

I guess my question is, am I to presume that without this, in other words, for any of these type of professionals, some that aren't mentioned here, is it necessary to have statutory approval to form these associations? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

To the Representative through you, Madam Speaker, yes, it is my understanding at least with respect to these professions that are governed by

the Department of Consumer Protection that they do require such legislation to enable them to practice together.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Thank you. Through you, Madam Speaker, is there, barring the passage, if this were not to pass, under current law is there a section of the statute that specifically, I guess, limits those joint associations to just what's approved that you could refer me to?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker. I'm not aware of a specific statute on point to the gentleman's point.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Through you, Madam Speaker, on Line 25 of the amendment that's before us, there's a reference to companies shall be licensed under Chapter 390.

Would that be the controlling chapter with regard to these matters? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, I would concur with my colleague that Chapter 390 and perhaps Chapter 396 I would also include as one of the controlling chapters.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Cafero.

REP. CAFERO (142nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank the gentleman for his answer.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, sir. Will you care to remark further on the bill? Representative Bacchiochi of the 52nd. You have the floor. Good afternoon, ma'am.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Good afternoon, Madam Speaker. Through you a question or two to the proponent of the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Please proceed, ma'am.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you. I'd like to ask the Vice-Chair if he could just outline for the Chamber a little bit of what is involved in getting a landscape architectural license currently. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, I apologize. Could you ask the good Representative to repeat her question. I had a little trouble hearing her.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Absolutely. I was asking about what is currently required by the State of Connecticut for one to hold a landscape architect license.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, the requirements, which are regulated by the Department of Consumer Protection and are referenced in this statute in Subsection C, I could point the Representative to those statutes, but I cannot recite what those requirements are at this time.

But they are in statute or regulation. Thank you. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd)

Through you, Madam Speaker, just for clarification. So anyone practicing landscape architecture currently in Connecticut is required to be licensed through the Department of Consumer Protection?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, that is correct,

and the Department of Consumer Protection has the authority to regulate on that point and decide what those requirements would be with some advice from the Board of Landscape Architects. Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd)

And that did lead to my second question. I see that we're adding the State Board of Landscape Architects but the State Board of Landscape Architects will now be involved in the collaboration of these professionals.

I was wondering if the good Chairman could explain a little bit about the State Board of Landscape Architects, what their role will be? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, my understanding is that the Board, and I've a very basic understanding of what the Board does, but it is comprised of landscape architects and they provide

the Department of Consumer Protection with insight into the profession and they also have some role in disciplining or providing information to the Department of Consumer Protection about those in the field that are not licensed, or are holding themselves out to be practicing in landscape architecture when they're not actually registered or authorized to do so.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Is it the Chair's position then that there are people practicing without a license and they should be licensed, that we do require everyone who's practicing landscape architecture to be licensed?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, yes. We do feel that there's a valid public policy goal behind having people licensed as landscape architects if

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they wish to practice in that field. Through you,  
Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd)

Thank you. And not to belabor the point, but  
where the Chairman mentioned he could not outline  
what's required to get a landscape architecture  
license, I just want to clarify that people doing  
yards and lawns and mowing and planting of shrubs,  
they are not required to be licensed?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, if I understand  
the Representative correctly, people just doing  
ordinary landscaping would not be required to have  
a landscape architect's license. Through you,  
Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you. And when did the State Board of

Landscape Architects start advising the Department of Consumer Protection on these matters?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, my understanding is that's been a requirement since the license was created. I couldn't give the Representative an exact date.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to talk a little bit too, please, about the LLCs and if all members of the LLC had to hold a professional license such as the landscape architectural license.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, no. The answer to

that question is no. Not all of the members or owners of the entity would have to have landscape architect licenses. The idea of the bill is, again, to let landscape architects form these organizations with architects, with land surveyors, and with professional engineers.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you. So the LLC that is being formed would be between one, two or more of these professionals, such as a landscape architect or an engineer. Is that current? Is my understanding correct? Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, yes. If the entity wanted to hold itself out as providing landscape architect services, yes, that is correct.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you. And I see that the initial registration fee for this is \$565. Now, is that the initial fee for a landscape architect or for a new LLC being formed by a landscape architect and other professionals?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

My understanding, through you, Madam Speaker, is that fee that the Representative is speaking to is a special fee, a specific fee for forming one of these joint disciplined organizations under the statute.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you. And now that fee of \$565, did we compare that to a similar type of LLC or collaboration? Is that how we came up with that number?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, we have not, as I can see through this legislation, altered the fee for these joint discipline businesses. So we are basically continuing the same fee going forward. If the business decides to bring in landscape architects the fee remains the same.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And in the analysis of the bill it states, and if I could just read this one section, through you, Madam Speaker. The Bill subjects landscape architects to the existing requirement that each professional member in the joint venture own at least 20 percent of the corporation's or LLC's voting stock or interest and requires one or more licenses to own at least two-thirds of its voting stock or interest.

If I could refer the good Chairman to that section of the analysis for some clarification.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, the provision that the good Representative is speaking to, it is accurate, what she has described from the bill analysis and basically what that gets to is the attempt by the bill, which I think is a good public policy goal to make sure that these companies, there are companies out there that really aren't in these businesses.

So there is a requirement that a certain.. threshold be met of these professional license holders in order for them to comply with the legislation.

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Bacchiochi.

REP. BACCHIOCHI (52nd):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do agree with the Chairman that it is a good public policy, and I will be supporting the bill, Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, ma'am. Will you care to remark

further on the bill? Will you care to remark  
further on the bill?

Representative Sawyer.

REP. SAWYER: (55th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker. A question, through  
you to Representative Taborsak.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Please proceed, ma'am.

REP. SAWYER (55th):

Would you describe how the amount of money was  
determined for what the fees were going to be for  
the different fees within the bill?

Through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Taborsak.

REP. TABORSAK (109th):

Through you, Madam Speaker, what I can say to  
the good Representative is that this bill does not  
change the fee that was in the preexisting statute.  
So as for this bill, we merely did not change the  
current fee. We kept it the same. Through you,  
Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Sawyer.

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REP. SAWYER (55th):

I want to thank him because I read that in confusion when I read the OFA note on that, so I appreciate that clarification. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, ma'am. Will you care to remark further on the bill? Will you care to remark further on the bill?

If not, staff and guests please come to the well of the House. Members take your seats. The machine will be opened..

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll call. Members to the chamber.

The House is voting by roll call. Members to the chamber.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Have all Members voted? Have all Members voted? Have all Members voted? Please check the board to determine if your vote has been properly cast.

If so, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take a tally. And will the Clerk please

announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Senate Bill 132 in concurrence with the  
Senate.

Total number Voting	148
Necessary for Passage	75
Those voting Yea	147
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not voting	3

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The bill passes in concurrence with the  
Senate.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number  
429.

THE CLERK:

On Page 23, Calendar 429, Substitute for  
Senate Bill Number 149, AN ACT CONCERNING THE  
GOVERNOR'S POWER TO MODIFY OR SUSPEND STATUTES,  
REGULATIONS OR OTHER REGULATIONS DURING A PUBLIC  
HEALTH EMERGENCY, favorable report of the Committee  
on Public Health.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Stevie Dargan of the 115th.  
You have the floor, sir.

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Continuing calendar page 5, Calendar 53 is marked go; Calendar 55 marked go; Calendar 56 marked go; Calendar 61 marked PR; Calendar 62, PR.

Moving to calendar page 6, Calendar 66 marked go; Calendar 69, PR; Calendar 71 marked go; Calendar 72 marked pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 74, Senate Bill Number 132, Mr.

President, move to place this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President.

Calendar 76 marked go.

Moving to calendar page 7, Calendar 78 is marked pass temporarily.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

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Mr. President, those items placed on the first consent calendar begin on calendar page 1, Calendar 405, House Joint Resolution Number 94; Calendar 406, House Joint Resolution Number 95.

Calendar page 2, Calendar 407, House Joint Resolution 96; Calendar 408, House Joint Resolution Number 97; Calendar 409, House Joint Resolution Number 98; Calendar 410, House Joint Resolution Number 99; Calendar 411, House Joint Resolution Number 100.

Calendar page 3, Calendar 412, House Joint Resolution 101; Calendar 391, Senate Resolution 15.

Calendar page 4, Calendar 392, Senate Joint Resolution 43.

Calendar page 5, Calendar 47, Senate Bill 137; Calendar 55, Senate Bill 148; Calendar 56, substitute for Senate Bill 150.

Calendar page 6, Calendar 66, Senate Bill 281; Calendar 71, Senate Bill 65; Calendar 74, Senate Bill 132.

Calendar page 7, Calendar 87, Senate Bill 184; Calendar 90, Senate Bill 255.

Calendar page 8, Calendar 94, substitute for Senate Bill 133; Calendar 97, substitute for Senate Bill 310; Calendar 103, substitute for Senate Bill 43.

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Calendar page 9, Calendar 117, Senate Bill 232.

Calendar page 10, Calendar 119, substitute for  
Senate Bill 261; Calendar 124, substitute for Senate  
Bill 251.

Calendar page 11, Calendar 149, Senate Bill 244.

Calendar page 12, Calendar 161, substitute for  
Senate Bill 258.

Calendar page 13, Calendar 180, substitute for  
Senate Bill 152.

Calendar page 14, Calendar 216, substitute for  
Senate Bill 256; Calendar 217, substitute for Senate  
Bill 201; Calendar 222, substitute for Senate Bill  
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Calendar page 15, Calendar Number 233, Senate  
Bill Number 97.

Calendar Number -- page 16, Calendar 239, Senate  
Bill 105.

Calendar page 17, Calendar 270, substitute for  
Senate Bill 234.

Calendar page 18, Calendar 296, substitute for  
House Bill 5138; Calendar 297, substitute for House  
Bill 5219; Calendar 298, House Bill 5250.

Calendar page 19, Calendar 301, House Bill 5263;  
Calendar 302, House Bill 5292; Calendar 303, House

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Bill 5265; Calendar 313, substitute for House Bill 5002.

Calendar page 20, Calendar 314, House Bill 5201.

Calendar page 24, Calendar 340, substitute for Senate Bill 175.

Calendar page 25, Calendar 346, substitute for Senate Bill 151; Calendar 350, Senate Bill 333; Calendar 371, substitute for House Bill 5014.

Calendar page 26, Calendar 375, House Bill 5320.

Calendar page 27, Calendar 379, substitute for House Bill 5278; Calendar 380, substitute for House Bill 5452; Calendar 381, substitute for House Bill 5006; Calendar 382, House Bill 5157.

Calendar page 28, Calendar 384, substitute for House Bill 5204.

Calendar page 29, Calendar 395, substitute for Senate Bill 127; Calendar 396, Senate Bill 147.

Calendar page 30, Calendar 413, House Bill 5024; Calendar 414, substitute for House Bill 5401.

Calendar page 31, Calendar 419, substitute for House Bill 5303.

Calendar 32 -- page 32, Calendar Number 421, substitute for House Bill 5388; and on calendar page 34, Calendar 46, substitute for Senate Bill 68;

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Calendar 50, substitute for Senate Bill 17.

Calendar page 35, Calendar 64, substitute for  
Senate Bill 187.

Calendar page 37, Calendar 109, substitute for  
Senate Bill 189.

Calendar page 39, Calendar Number 148, substitute  
for Senate Bill 226.

Calendar page 40, Calendar 182, substitute for  
Senate Bill 218.

Calendar page 41, Calendar 188, substitute for  
Senate Bill 200.

Mr. President, that completes those items placed  
on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

All right. If the Clerk has made an announcement  
that a roll call vote is in progress in the Senate on  
the first consent calendar, the machine will be open.  
Senators may cast their vote.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is now voting by roll call on the  
consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to  
the chamber. The Senate is now voting by roll call on  
the consent calendar. Will all Senators please return  
to the chamber.

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THE CHAIR:

Would all Senators please check the roll call board to make certain that your vote is properly recorded. If all Senators have voted and if all votes are properly recorded, the machine will be locked, and the Clerk may take a tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar Number 1.

Total Number Voting	35
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar Number 1 is passed.

Are there any announcements or points of personal privilege? Are there any announcements or points of personal privilege?

Senator LeBeau.

SENATOR LEBEAU:

Thank you, Mr. President, for a -- for an announcement.

THE CHAIR:

Please proceed.

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Thank you for your testimony.

Bob Dahn followed by Scott Basso.

ROBERT DAHN: Good afternoon committee chairs and committee members. My name is Robert Dahn, I'm on the Board of Directors of the National Society of Professional Surveyors. I'm the past President of the Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors and their current legislative liaison.

I'm here to speak in support of Raised Bill 132 as -- the 132 as presented. The language contained in this bill is language that representatives of the surveying community and the landscape architecture community worked in concert on last year and we support the language as presented. Just to be brief.

SENATOR COLAPIETRO: Any questions from the Committee?

Thank you, Bob, for your testimony. That was good. Short and sweet.

ROBERT DAHN: Do you like that?

SENATOR COLAPIETRO: Scott Basso followed by Scott Basso. We have you twice down here.

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SCOTT BASSO: Good afternoon. My name is Scott Basso. I'm actually here from -- I'm on the legislative committee of the Connecticut Heating and Cooling Contractors Association, a trade association whose objectives are to strengthen and further trade relations and attract and educate and train necessary man power and represent members at all levels of government and review and establish quality standards and procedures. The association represents a hundred -- over 125 heating and

*Testimony Submitted to the General Law Committee*

**In Support of: Raised Bill No. 132  
An Act Concerning Landscape Architects**

**Submitted By: Christopher J. Ferrero RLA, Legislative Committee Chair, Connecticut Chapter of The American Society of Landscape Architects**

**Public Hearing Date: February 17, 2010**

Senator Colapietro, Representative Shapiro and members of the General Law Committee, my name is Chris Ferrero. I am a licensed landscape architect, owner of Ferrero Hixon Associates in Simsbury, and chair my professional chapter's legislative committee.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify before you today on behalf of Connecticut's Landscape Architects. This would be our third year of attempting to pass the language contained in SB 132. These minor language changes will clarify an ownership structure issue that has come to our attention over the last number of years.

We have been worked collaboratively with the groups most affected by these modifications including Connecticut's Civil Engineers, Surveyors and Architects. We are proud to say we believe we have succeeded in garnering the support of all groups for this legislative modification.

The issue revolves around the Joint Practice of Civil Engineering, Surveying, and Landscape Architecture in a multi-discipline firm environment. Currently the chapter regulating such activities for civil engineers and surveyors, chapter 391, prescribes ownership requirements that must be met by the participating joint practice professionals in order to legally practice as a joint venture. The profession of landscape architecture is not included in any of this joint practice language. This chapter currently mandates that a minimum of two thirds of a joint practice company be owned by engineers, architects and surveyors, and that a minimum of twenty percent of the company must be owned by at least one member of each of the disciplines forming the company. Since the profession of landscape architecture is not included in this chapter, it precludes landscape architects in Connecticut from owning more than a thirty percent share in a multidisciplinary joint practice firm. Therefore if a firm contains landscape architects and civil engineers and or surveyors, where a landscape architect owns more than one third of the voting stock, this firm would be operating illegally according to chapter 391. There are examples of firms operating under this condition in the state that I know of, and whose attorney's have pointed out this situation to them as potentially problematic.

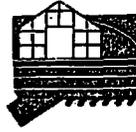
Our recommended modifications to section 306b include provisions which would allow landscape architects the ability to form joint practice companies under the same provisions that currently exist in the engineering and surveying professions. We have worked to achieve consensus with the Connecticut Engineers in Private Practice (CEPP), the Connecticut chapter of the American Institute of Architects (CTAIA), and Connecticut Association of Land

Surveyors (CALS) on this issue. Based on these discussions it has been made clear that it is not the intent of any group, or chapter 391, to prohibit a landscape architectural ownership joint practice configuration. A letter of support has been submitted along with this testimony from CEPP on the language currently proposed. These proposed changes will allow "one or more" of these professionals, including the profession of Landscape Architecture, to meet the minimum ownership requirements of a joint practice corporation or LLC. We at the Connecticut Chapter of The American Society of Landscape Architects look forward to your review and thank you for your time.

Thank you very much for allowing me to testify today.



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Statement of  
Bob Heffernan  
Executive Director  
Connecticut Green Industries Coalition  
to the  
General Law Committee  
on

S. B. No. 132 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

February 16, 2010

Connecticut's green industry supports SB 132, An Act Concerning Landscape Architects. The bill will allow landscape architects to form professional practices with architects, professional engineers and land surveyors.

Connecticut's green industry—the 3,000 companies that grow and sell flowers, plants, trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials,—is more than half of all of agriculture in the state. The green industry contributes over \$1.1 billion in annual sales to Connecticut's economy.

The Connecticut Green Industries includes the production, sale and installation of flowers, plants, trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, florists, greenhouses, garden centers, and landscapers. Hence, we support this proposal by the landscape architects.

The logo for the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut, featuring the acronym "ACEC" in a bold, serif font with a horizontal line above it.

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Senator Thomas Colapietro  
Representative Jim Shapiro  
General Law Committee  
Room 3500, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Subject: SB 132, AN ACT CONCERNING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut and the Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers, we support the effort to allow Landscape Architects to form joint practice corporations with Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors.

Many of our member firms have Landscape Architects on staff and as principals in their firms. This overdue update to the statutes will bring Connecticut up to current practice.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul W. Brady".

Paul W. Brady  
Executive Director