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The bill, as amended, passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 441?

THE CLERK:

On Page 19, Calendar 441, Favorable Report of the Joint Standing Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, Substitute Senate Bill 692, AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS OR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY BY MUNICIPALITIES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Representative Rojas.

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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 before is acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill, in concurrence with the Senate.

Will you remark, Representative Rojas?

REP. ROJAS (9th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The bill increase from 7,500 to 25,000 the maximum value of contracts or purchases that a

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municipality may exempt, by ordinance, from its sealed bidding requirements.

I urge passage.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Will you remark further on the bill before us?

Will you remark further?

Representative Aman of the 14th, the ranking member.

You have the floor, sir.

REP. AMAN (14th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Yes, the summary was correct. We just changed 7,500 to 25,000 for the amount of money a town may put in their regulations that they do not have to (inaudible) to competitive bidding. I would have personally have preferred to see a higher number than that, but 25,000 is what was negotiated through the Committee and I think it does do it.

The reason I would have liked a larger number is you can't buy a motor vehicle or much at this point for only 25,000, but the 7,500 putting out to competitive bidding became very difficult for towns, because of the sheer cost of putting out bidding

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documents for an item that small very often exceeded the cost.

So I do urge my colleagues to support this bill as presented.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, sir.

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

Representative Christopher Davis.

REP. DAVIS (57th):

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I stand in strong support of this bill. I want to thank the Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, as well as the ranking Member for their strong work in developing this -- this negotiated amount of 25,000 so that we can provide mandate relief for our towns so that we can try to keep property taxes lower in each and every one of our communities.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

Thank you, sir.

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

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

THE CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.

The House of Representatives is voting by roll. Will Members please return to the Chamber immediately?

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

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 announce the tally?

THE CLERK:

In concurrence with the Senate S, Senate Substitute Bill 692.

Total Number Voting	142
Necessary for Passage	72
Those voting Yea	142
Those voting Nay	0
Absent and not voting	8

DEPUTY SPEAKER ORANGE:

The bill passes, in concurrence with the Senate.

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March 18th, 2013

Senate Co-Chair Steve Cassano
 House Co-Chair Representative Jason Rojas
 Planning and Development Committee
 300 Capitol Avenue
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Dear Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members of the Planning and Development Committee:

Testimony in Support of: RAISED SB-692, AN ACT CONCERNING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES.

Good morning. I want to thank Co-Chairs Cassano and Rojas, Ranking Members Fasano and Aman, as well as distinguished members of the Planning and Development Committee for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Raised Senate Bill 692, An Act Concerning Competitive Bidding for Municipalities.

Competitive bidding is an important feature of the contracting process to ensure that municipalities achieve the necessary tasks at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayers. However, the process also entails expenses of time and funds through attorney fees, the publication of legal notices, and the preparation of bid documents.

This bill would maintain the essential aspects of competitive bidding for major projects while simultaneously providing towns with the flexibility to efficiently purchase items and services from \$7,500 to \$15,000, which are of relatively low value. Municipalities would be allowed the opportunity to move quickly and decisively, without wasting unnecessary funds and time going out to bid for these small purchases and services.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify before the Planning and Development Committee. I respectfully request that the Committee pass this legislation and help streamline the contracting process.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary LeBeau
 State Senator, 3rd District



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Senator Gary LeBeau
Capitol Office
State Capitol
Room 110
Hartford CT 06106-1591Re Proposed Bill No 692 -
An Act Concerning Competitive Bidding for Municipalities
Section 7-148v of General Statutes

Dear Senator LeBeau

I am writing in support of the Proposed Bill No 692-An Act Concerning Competitive Bidding for Municipalities

The main reason for this increase is due to the rise of the Consumer Price Index since 1989 (See attached chart) The purchasing power of \$7,500 at that time now equates to approximately \$15,000 today. In today's environment, we are constantly going out to bid for items that are not available under federal/state/regional bids. We are spending inordinate amount of time and money in preparing bid specifications, legal fees, publishing of legal notices and bid openings to be in compliance with State Statute 7-148v.

To reduce time and cost, I have encouraged our department heads to use Federal, State, Capitol Region Council of Government, and Capitol Region Education Council bids in purchasing equipment, materials, and services. For those instances when no bids are available, then we have to go out to bid. There are numerous examples that one can use. One such example was the Request for Proposal for Other Post Employment Benefit Study. The four quotes received were in the range of \$7,500 to \$10,900. Thus if the \$15,000 threshold was in effect, we would not have had to go out to bid.

As one can see by the above actual example, by increasing the threshold amount to \$15,000 from \$7,500 that would allow town's flexibility, efficiency, and expediency in carrying out our mission to serve the public.

Yes we support Proposed Bill Number 692

Thank you for your efforts in addressing this most important matter to municipalities. We appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr.
Finance Officer/Treasurer

cc Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman

Equal Opportunity Employer

Base Year for State Statue 7-148v is 1989 at \$7,500

Year	Annual Consumer Price Index Change %	Inflation Increase for Year	New Total
1989	4.80%		\$ 7,500
1990	5.40%	405	\$ 7,905
1991	4.20%	332	\$ 8,237
1992	3.00%	247	\$ 8,484
1993	3.00%	255	\$ 8,739
1994	2.60%	227	\$ 8,966
1995	2.80%	251	\$ 9,217
1996	3.00%	277	\$ 9,494
1997	2.30%	218	\$ 9,712
1998	1.60%	155	\$ 9,867
1999	2.20%	217	\$ 10,084
2000	3.40%	343	\$ 10,427
2001	2.80%	292	\$ 10,719
2001	1.60%	172	\$ 10,891
2003	2.30%	250	\$ 11,141
2004	2.70%	301	\$ 11,442
2005	3.40%	389	\$ 11,831
2006	3.20%	379	\$ 12,210
2007	2.80%	342	\$ 12,552
2008	3.90%	490	\$ 13,042
2009	-0.40%	-52	\$ 12,990
2010	1.70%	221	\$ 13,211
2011	3.10%	410	\$ 13,621
2012	2.10%	286	\$ 13,907

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SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Moving to Calendar page 30, top of the page, Calendar 259, Senate Bill Number 1088, Madam President, that item is marked go; the next item, Calendar 260, Senate Bill Number 1091, also, marked go.

Madam President, moving now to Calendar page 33, at the top of the page, Calendar 277, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 619 is marked go; continuing on that page, Calendar 280, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 929, Madam President, would move to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Moving to Calendar page 34, at the top of that page, Calendar 283, Senate Bill Number 963, Madam President, move to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

On the next page, Calendar page 35, the fourth item on that page, Calendar 292, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 692, Madam President, would move to place that item on our Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, for some changes to Calendar markings. First of all, Madam President, on Calendar page 10, top of page 10, Calendar 94 that was marked go, should now be marked passed retaining its place on the Calendar. --So that's Substitute for Senate Bill Number 861, should be marked "PR."

Madam President, also on Calendar page 14, item at the bottom of Calendar page 14, Calendar 145, Senate Bill Number 958, also, should be marked "PR" instead of go.

Also, Madam President, on Calendar -- Calendar page 26, Madam President, Calendar 230, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 235 that had previously been placed on the Consent Calendar, would move to remove that item from the Consent Calendar and to mark it passed retaining its place on the Calendar. That's Calendar 230 on page 26.

Also, Madam President, on Calendar page 29, Calendar 253, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 763, previously marked go, should now be marked "PR." The third item on that page, Calendar 255, Substitute for Senate Bill 852, previously marked go, should also be marked "PR."

In addition, Madam President, on Calendar page 35. Calendar 292, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 692, previously placed on the Consent Calendar, would move to remove that item from the Consent Calendar and mark it "PR."

And then, Madam President, on Calendar page 38, Calendar 308, Senate Bill Number 869 previously placed on the Consent Calendar, would move to remove that item from the Consent Calendar and also mark it passed retaining its place on the Calendar.

That's all of the -- the markings and changes of markings at this time, Madam President, we'll have

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Moving to Calendar Page 24, Madam President, the first item at the top of that page, Calendar 292, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 692, previously marked go; Madam President, would move to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, moving to Calendar Page 32, an item I believe not previously marked, but Calendar 369, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 901; Madam President, would move to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Right; as I said, Calendar 369, Substitute for Senate Bill 901, Calendar Page 32.

Moving now to Calendar Page 33, Madam President, the first two items at the top of that page -- PT'd? Okay.

A VOICE:

Or just say that.

SENATOR LOONEY:

No. No change in markings on those -- that item that I was going to mention.

But moving to Calendar Page 34, Madam President, Calendar Page 34, Calendar 382, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 466; Madam President, that item previously marked go, would move to place it now on the Consent Calendar.

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The amendment passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes. Yes; thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, would move that the bill as amended
be referred to the Committee on Planning and
Development.

THE CHAIR:

So ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, before calling for a vote on the Consent Calendar, there's one item that needs to be removed from the Consent Calendar, and that was Calendar, from Calendar Page 9, Calendar 1 -- 162, Senate Bill 318, placed on Consent earlier. That needs to be removed from -- from Consent at that point, and if the Clerk would then move to list the items on the Consent Calendar and call for a vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On Page 1, Calendar 401, Senate Joint Resolution Number 53, also Calendar 402, Senate Joint Resolution Number 54.

On Page 2, Calendar 415, House Joint Resolution Number 89; Calendar 416, House Joint Resolution Number 90; Calendar 417, House Joint Resolution Number 91; Calendar 418, House Joint Resolution Number 92; Calendar 419, House Joint Resolution Number 93.

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On Page 3, Calendar 420, House Joint Resolution Number 94; Calendar 426, Senate Resolution Number 26.

On Page 10, Calendar 166, Senate Bill Number 752.

Page 12, Calendar 190, Senate Bill Number 829.

On Page 13, Calendar 199, Senate Bill Number 11.

Page 15, Calendar 218, Senate Bill Number 996.

On Page 16, Calendar 220, Senate Bill Number 1001.

Page 24, Calendar 292, Senate Bill Number 692.

On Page 34, Calendar 382, Senate Bill 466.

On Page 43, Calendar 150, Senate Bill Number 815.

And on Page 45, Calendar 249, Senate Bill Number 806.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, will you call for a roll call vote, and the machine will be open on the Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered on -- in the Senate. Senators please return to the Chamber.
Immediate roll call, today's Consent Calendar, in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

Have all members voted; all members voted? The machine will be closed.

Mr. Clerk, will you please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar.

Total Number Voting	34
Those voting Yea	34

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Those voting Nay

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Absent and not voting

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THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar passes.

Senator Welch, do you have a -- a point of personal privilege?

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, Madam President.

I do rise for a point of personal privilege, and I'd just like to take a second to recognize a very special group, I think, to all of us here, and that is the Parent Leadership Training Institute. Today we have with --

THE CHAIR:

Excuse me.

SENATOR WELCH:

-- us --

THE CHAIR:

Excuse me a minute, sir.

Can I ask for a little bit of quiet in the, in the Circle, please? Senator Welch does have the floor.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you, madam.

THE CHAIR:

Please keep the voice down.

SENATOR WELCH:

Thank you.