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THE CLERK:

House Bill 5441.

Total number voting	143
Necessary for passage	72
Those voting Yea	143
Absent, not voting	6

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill passes.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 199.

THE CLERK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker.

On page 18, House Calendar 199, Favorable Report of the joint standing Committee on Public Health, House Bill 5149, AN ACT CONCERNING CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Distinguished Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, Representative Dargan; you have the floor, sir.

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

I move with acceptance of joint committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question is on acceptance of the joint committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

Will you remark, sir?

REP. DARGAN (115th):

Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

This bill just simply -- lifeguards that are employed need to be certified in CPR through the America Heart Association and the American Red Cross, and this simply allows our YMCAs that do also certification to be certified through the American Safety and Health Institute.

And I move adoption.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The question before the Chamber is adoption.

Do you care to remark?

Representative Giegler.

REP. GIEGLER (138th):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in support of the bill before us. This bill makes it easier for the YMCAs; it's also other organizations that use these standards, our United States Coast Guard, the Veterans Administration, U.S. Marshal Service. So this, I urge my colleague's support.

Thank you.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Thank you, madam.

Do you care to remark? Do you care to remark further on the bill as before us?

If not, staff and guests 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.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Have all the members voted?

VOICES:

No.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Have all the members voted?

Will members please check the board to make sure your vote is properly cast.

If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked.

Representative Molgano?

Mr. Clerk, please record Representative Molgano's

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vote in the affirmative and take a tally.

And will the Clerk please announce the tally.

THE CLERK:

Bill Number, House Bill 5149.

Total number voting 143

Necessary for passage 72

Those voting Yea 143

Those voting Nay 0

Absent, not voting 6

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

The bill passes; next bill.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 52.

THE CLERK:

Yes, Mr. Speaker.

On page 7, Calendar Number 52, Favorable Report of the, of the joint standing Committee on Judiciary, House Bill 5338, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSIBILITY OF RECORDS AND REPORTS OF CERTAIN EXPERT WITNESSES AS BUSINESS ENTRIES.

SPEAKER SHARKEY:

Representative Matt Ritter of the 1st District; you have the floor, sir.

REP. RITTER (1st):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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If all members have voted, all members have voted, the machine will be closed.

Mr. Clerk will you please call the tally?

THE CLERK:

House bill 5338.

Total number voting 35

Those voting Yea 28

Those voting Nay 7

Absent not voting 1

THE CHAIR:

The bill passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, for a couple of additional markings. First of all, Madam President, calendar page 11, Calendar 390, Senate Bill 80, previously marked go, should be marked pass retaining its place on the calendar and a couple of additional go's, Madam President, to be added to the -- the end of the queue of the list -- bills we've listed so far, calendar page 33, Calendar 97, Senate Bill 46 and calendar page 3, Calendar 187, Senate Bill 426. And Madam President, if the next item that might be called would be calendar page 7, Calendar 335, House Bill 5149, to be followed by calendar page 9, Calendar 348 and calendar page 10, Calendar 349.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

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On page 7, Calendar 335, House Bill Number 5149,

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AN ACT' CONCERNING CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION
CERTIFICATION, favorable report of the Committee
on Public Safety.

THE CHAIR:

Good evening, Senator Hartley.

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Good evening, Madam President. Madam President,
I move acceptance of the joint committee's
favorable report and passage of the bill.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance, passage. Will you
remark, ma'am?

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Yes. Yes, thank you, Madam President.

This is a very simple proposal which simply adds
to the identified accepted credentialing agencies
for lifeguard certification that of the American
Safety and Health Institute to be added also to
the American Red Cross and the Heart Association.
This will particularly help our not-for-profits,
an example would be our YMCAs, which use this
particular credentialing mechanism and agency so
as not to have the expense of having to recertify
and it should be noted that 40 other eight --
states use this agency as well as the Heart
Association and the Red Cross. I move passage,
madam.

THE CHAIR:

Will you remark? Will you remark?

Senator Hartley?

SENATOR HARTLEY:

Madam President, if there is no objection, I
would ask that this be moved to the Consent

Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Seeing no objection, so ordered, ma'am.

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On page 9, Calendar 348, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 248, AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AND THRESHOLD FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING, SUBCONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT-RISK PROJECT DELIVERY CONTRACTS, THE HIRING OF CONSULTANTS AND THE PURCHASING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY AND SERVICES, favorable report of the Committee on Government Administration and Elections and there are amendments.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Musto, good evening, sir.

SENATOR MUSTO:

Good evening, Madam President. Madam President, I move the joint committee's favorable report and passage -- adoption of the bill please.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on acceptance and passage. Will you remark please?

SENATOR MUSTO:

Yes, Madam President.

The underlying bill is the bill that passed the Senate unanimously last year. It is a bill from the Department of Administrative Services that allows a more streamlined process for the smaller contracts for administrative services that means up to \$1.5 million. Obviously, DAS handles some rather large contracts and for that reason, we're trying to change some thresholds so they've just

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THE CHAIR:

Senator McLachlan.

SENATOR MCLACHLAN:

Thank you, Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

Oops, I'm sorry, Senator McLachlan.

Senator Looney, why do you stand, sir?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Madam President.

If this item might be passed temporarily. We will return to it shortly but first would ask the Clerk to read the items on the Consent Calendar so that we might proceed to a vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

On today's Consent Calendar, page 4, Calendar 292, Senate Bill 438; on page 7, Calendar 335, House Bill 5149.

On page 12, Calendar 392, Senate Bill 261; Calendar 400, Senate Bill 155; Calendar 409, Senate Bill 491.

And on page 33, Calendar 45, Senate Bill 14.

On page 34, Calendar 130, Senate Bill 45; also on page 34, Calendar 133, Senate Bill 179; Calendar 100, Senate Bill 55.

On page 37, Calendar 195, Senate Bill 61; page 40, Calendar 271, Senate Bill 194; and on page 41, Calendar 285, Senate Bill 464.

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THE CHAIR:

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

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Immediate roll call on the first Consent Calendar for the day has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

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

Mr. Clerk, will you please call a tally on the first Consent Calendar?

THE CLERK:

On today's first Consent Calendar.

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	1

THE CHAIR:

The Consent Calendar passes.

Senator Looney, shall we return to page 42?

SENATOR LOONEY:

Madam President.

THE CHAIR:

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talking to you further. There are a couple that just came to us in the past couple of days. I'll reach out to you and get your input on that, but I thank you very much for your input on these bills today.

CHIEF ANTHONY SALVATORE: Thank you.

SENATOR HARTLEY: And if there are no further questions, thank you very much for being with us again, Chief.

CHIEF ANTHONY SALVATORE: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR HARTLEY: Okay. And we'd like to invite John Cattelan with the YMCA.

JOHN CATTELAN: Good afternoon, Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan, and representatives of the Public Safety and Security Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is John Cattelan. I am here -- I'm here today on behalf of the Connecticut Alliance of YMCAs. The Alliance represents 22 YMCAs across the State of Connecticut.

I am here today to urge members of the committee to support House Bill 5149, AN ACT CONCERNING CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION, CPR.

Currently the State of Connecticut does not recognize the American Health and Safety Institute or AHSI CPR standards, and this bill will -- would now recognize those CPR standards. Connecticut and Hawaii are the only two states that do not recognize this criteria.

Currently, potential Y lifeguards attend the AHSI classes for lifeguard certification, but then they have to attend a class with a different organization to receive their CPR certification, and obviously in order to be certified as a lifeguard in Connecticut, you must have lifeguard and CPR certification, and that's why we support this bill and the recognition of AHSI CPR classes.

Just to make note, there is also no differences in the standards offered in the CPR classes offered by AHSI and other organizations that are recognized by state statute.

I have included in my testimony a list of organizations that also use the AHSI CPR standards.

Thank you. I'd be happy to answer any questions the members of the committee may have.

SENATOR HARTLEY: Yes. Thank you for being with us today, John. Questions from committee members?

John, just as a point of information, YMCAs are a national entity throughout this country, and they are a very important part of every community on a lot of levels, pre-K to intergenerational programming, seniors, and informational programming as well. Is this an issue in any other state that you know of?

JOHN CATTELAN: No. This is the only state that --

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SENATOR HARTLEY: No, because it's only Hawaii and us.

JOHN CATTELAN: Hawaii and us, and actually I met with Senator Linares the other day and we brought up -
- I brought up this topic with him. He is a former Y lifeguard -- pardon me, a Y lifeguard, and at the Valley Shore Y, he asked me, he goes, "Now I know why I had to go to one class for AHSI for lifeguard certification, then had to take off time another time to go attend the class for the CPR certification with a different organization." It would really just make life easier for our Y lifeguards if they could take care of the training in one -- in one day instead of having to take two separate courses.

SENATOR HARTLEY: And I'm sure that without this recognition, it is going to be an expense that's incurred by the YMCAs to totally credential --

JOHN CATTELAN: Yeah, absolutely.

SENATOR HARTLEY: -- their personnel.

JOHN CATTELAN: It does add to our expenses.

SENATOR HARTLEY: Yeah.

If there are no other questions, I thank you for raising this issue, and we look forward to working together.

JOHN CATTELAN: Okay. Thank you everyone.

SENATOR HARTLEY: Okay. Thanks for being with us.



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Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

My name is John Cattelan and I am here today on behalf of the Connecticut Alliance of YMCAs. The Alliance represents 22 YMCAs across the state of Connecticut.

I'm here today to urge the members of this committee to support H.B. 5149 – An Act Concerning Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification.

Currently, the state of Connecticut doesn't recognize American Health and Safety Institute (ASHI) CPR standards. Connecticut and Hawaii are the only two states that do not recognize these criteria.

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Currently, potential Y lifeguards attend the ASHI classes for lifeguard certification, but then have to attend a class with a different organization to receive their CPR certification. In order to be certified as a lifeguard in Connecticut you must have lifeguard and CPR certification. That is why we support this bill and the recognition of the ASHI CPR classes.

There are also no differences in the standards offered in the CPR classes offered by ASHI, and other organizations that are recognized by state statute.

Here are some of the organizations that also use ASHI CPR standards –

- United States Coast Guard
- U.S. Veterans Administration
- Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Air Force
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Army National Guard
- U.S. Marshals Service
- Administration Office of the U.S. Courts
- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Internal Revenue Service

Thank you and I would be happy to answer any questions members of the Committee may have.