

# Government Administration and Elections Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SJ-57

RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE  
CONSTITUTION TO MAKE REFERENCES TO INDIVIDUALS GENDER-

**Title:** NEUTRAL.

**Vote Date:** 3/26/2025

**Vote Action:** JOINT FAVORABLE

**PH Date:** 3/21/2025

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration & Elections Committee

### CO-SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Gregory Haddad, 54<sup>th</sup> Dist.

### REASONS FOR BILL:

There are an increasing number of individuals who identify outside the traditional gender binary system. This resolution proposes amending the State Constitution to change gendered "he/him/his" references to gender-neutral language. While "he/him/his" language is legally inclusive of all genders, changing to be more gender neutral is more inclusive and representative of the citizens of Connecticut.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

No opinions expressed.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

#### **Jess Zaccagnino, Policy Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut**

The fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution of Connecticut are for all and should be represented in the language. While "he/him/his" language in law does not restrict the law to those who use "he/him/his" language, changing the language to be more inclusive is the right move.

**Alison Correia**

Supports updating the language to gender-neutral wording to be more representative of the population.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**Linda Dalessio**

Believes that gender neutrality is not real. Also believes the previous elections and all legislation from the general assembly to be invalid.

**Reported by: Aston Foley**

**Date: 4/02/2025**