

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5534 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE STATE AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA, THE STATE AMPHIBIAN, THE TOWN OF

Title: ENFIELD AS THE GATEWAY TO CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE ROCK.

Vote Date: 3/23/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/13/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

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REASONS FOR BILL:

To make several designations within the state, including designating Connecticut as the birthplace of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the spring peeper as the state amphibian, the town of Enfield as the gateway to Connecticut, and Housatonic marble as the state rock.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

Removes Enfield as the gateway to Connecticut and rephrases the Boys and Girls Club designation history.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Don Maletto, CEO, Connecticut Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs:](#)

The Connecticut Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs is in strong support of this bill and believes that this recognition is a meaningful way to honor the role the state played in the beginning of the movement. This designation also celebrates the vision and leadership of the beginning of this movement.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

[Anonymous 95:](#)

An anonymous individual submitted general comments, stating that there are too many items, and the number of bills should be decreased to 7.

Reported by: Abigail Lockwood

Date: March 26th, 2026