

Government Administration and Elections Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5304

Title: AN ACT DESIGNATING THE STATE DOG AND STATE CANDY.

Vote Date: 3/22/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/8/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To designate the Lollipop as the State Candy and the Siberian Husky as the State Dog.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Juliana Brien, Student:

Offers support for designating lollipops as the official state candy because they were invented in CT in 1908 and are a symbol of friendship and fun.

Laura Centanni, Jonathan XV Handler, University of Connecticut:

Supports the legislation on behalf of the University of Connecticut. Jonathan I was named after Connecticut's first Governor, Jonathan Trumbull. 14 huskies before Jonathan XV have presided over the University of Connecticut, which serves as a source of pride for many. Jonathan XV is excited to be the next iteration of a symbol that unites the state and energizes Nutmeggers nationwide.

Aaron Glick:

In support particularly of the designation of the lollipop as the state candy. Connecticut's identity must be celebrated, and the lollipop was invented in 1908 in New Haven. Having official state foods and treats increases commerce within the state and a sense of positive identity,

Jacqueline Glick, Student

Supports the designation of the lollipop as the state candy. Lollipops were invented in New Haven in 1908 by George Smith. No state currently has a state candy, and lollipops can be a source of inspiration and a way for people to sample our history. They are a safe treat that most people with allergies can enjoy. This delicious aspect of our heritage should be celebrated.

Griffin Greene, Student:

Lollipops should be the state candy because they were invented in New Haven by George Smith in 1908. The state can endorse the lollipop because it is not a brand.

Annie Hornish, CT State Director for Humane Society:

Supports the designation of the Siberian Husky as the State Dog on behalf of Connecticut-based supporters of the Humane Society of the United States. Suggests amending the bill to include the Shelter Pet as the State Pet to raise awareness for shelter and rescue animals.

Theodora Innes, Student

Supports designating the lollipop as the state candy because there is currently no state food or candy yet. Kids chose the state insect and bird, so it makes sense for kids to choose the state candy, and lollipops can be enjoyed by kids with allergies.

Laura Sheiman:

The lollipop should be the state candy because it originated in New Haven in 1908. Designating official state foods, candy, and other symbols like the state dog help breed a sense of identity. They can also generate interest in the state. Endorsing the lollipop does not result in an endorsement of any specific brand and are allergy safe.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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