

# Senate Ways and Means Committee

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**SB 513**, relative to permitting charity auctions by non-profit corporations.

**Hearing Date:** January 3, 2024

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Lang, D'Allesandro, Murphy, Innis and Rosenwald

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill permits non-profit corporations to conduct charity auctions.

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**Sponsors:**

Sen. Gannon	Sen. Avarad	Sen. Murphy
Sen. Watters	Sen. Perkins Kwoka	Sen. Bradley
Sen. Gendreau	Sen. Lang	Sen. Pearl
Sen. Ricciardi	Sen. Abbas	Rep. Weyler
Rep. Piemonte		

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**Who supports the bill:** Sen. Lang, Sen. Watters, Sen. Perkins Kwoka

**Who opposes the bill:** No one

**Who is neutral on the bill:** No one

**Summary of testimony presented:**

**Sen. Gannon**

- Sen. Gannon stated that he was asked to file this bill and since the subject matter was outside his wheelhouse, he sought counsel from former Sen. Harold French.
- The bill would permit charity auctions by nonprofit corporations.
- Sen. French volunteers for charitable organizations to conduct auctions.
- Sen. French explained to Sen. Gannon that he has no control over the items or the advertising, and no custody of the money or proceeds; he just does his job as an auctioneer.
- This bill would allow a nonprofit corporation to conduct an auction using an auctioneer, like Sen. French.
- This bill makes the code easier than it is presently.
- Sen. Gannon mentioned that Sen. Rosenwald has an amendment to clarify that there must be a charitable purpose, which he is fine with; it just clarifies what the bill is trying to do.