**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**January 25, 2023**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Municipal and County Government to which was referred HB 75,**

**AN ACT to increase the threshold of county owned personal property subject to competitive bidding.**

**Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. Richard Brown**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

# COMMITTEE REPORT

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| Committee: | **Municipal and County Government** |
| Bill Number: | **HB 75** |
| Title: | **to increase the threshold of county owned personal property subject to competitive bidding.** |
| Date: | **January 25, 2023** |
| Consent Calendar: | **CONSENT** |
| Recommendation: | **OUGHT TO PASS** |

## STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill increases the dollar threshold for competitive bidding from $300 to $3,000 dollars. The previous authority limit of $300 was established on April 12, 1959. With inflation considered, it is certainly reasonable to establish the new authority limit at $3,000.

Vote 19-0.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Municipal and County Government

**HB 75,** to increase the threshold of county owned personal property subject to competitive bidding. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Richard Brown for Municipal and County Government. This bill increases the dollar threshold for competitive bidding from $300 to $3,000 dollars. The previous authority limit of $300 was established on April 12, 1959. With inflation considered, it is certainly reasonable to establish the new authority limit at $3,000. **Vote 19-0.**

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 75**

**BILL TITLE:** to increase the threshold of county owned personal property subject to competitive bidding.

**DATE:** January 19, 2023

**LOB ROOM:** 301 - 303

**MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS**

Moved by Rep. R. Brown Seconded by Rep. D. Kelley Vote: 19-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

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Roll Call Committee Registers Report

2023 SESSION

## Municipal and County Government

Bill #: HB75 Motion: OTP AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 1/19/23

| Members | YEAS | Nays | NV |
|---|---|---|---|
| Turcotte, Len P. Chairman | 19 | | |
| Pauer, Diane Vice Chairman | 1 | | |
| Guthrie, Joseph A. | 2 | | |
| MacDonald, John T. Clerk | 3 | | |
| Lascelles, Richard W. | 4 | | |
| Yokela, Josh S. | | | |
| Kelley, Diane E. | 5 | | |
| Aylward, Deborah | 6 | | |
| Brown, Richard R | 7 | | |
| Cahill, Tim P | 8 | | |
| Stavis, Laurel | 9 | | |
| Tatro, Bruce L. | 10 | | |
| Treleaven, Susan GS | 11 | | |
| Gilman, Julie D. | 12 | | |
| ~~Maggiore, Jim V.~~ Rumb | 13 | | |
| Mangipudi, Latha D. | 14 | | |
| Gallager, Eric B. | 15 | | |
| Hicks, Matthew S | 16 | | |
| Howland, Allan | 17 | | |
| Preece, David John | 18 | | |
| **TOTAL VOTE:** | 19 | 0 | |

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 75**

**BILL TITLE:** **to increase the threshold of county owned personal property subject to competitive bidding.**

**DATE:** **January 11, 2023**

**LOB ROOM:** **301-303** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **2:25 p.m.**

**Time Adjourned:** **2:48 p.m.**

**Committee Members: Reps. L. Turcotte, Pauer, J. MacDonald, Guthrie, Lascelles, Yokela, D. Kelley, Aylward, T. Cahill, Stavis, Tatro, Treleaven, Gilman, Maggiore, Mangipudi, Gallager, Hicks, Howland and Preece**

**Bill Sponsors:**

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| **Rep. Aron** | **Rep. Rollins** | **Rep. Stapleton** |
| **Rep. Guthrie** | **Rep. Potucek** | **Rep. Cloutier** |

**TESTIMONY**

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

- Rep. Aron - inflation - update the current threshold - 1959 inflation calculation
- Chair - personal property - single item/combined
- Rep. Aron - I don't know
- Rep. Gallagher - HB148 is also about threshold of competitive bidding. Why are there two separate bills?
- Rep. Aron - I have no idea, I didn't know it existed
- Mr. Ferland - support - inflation calculation says it all.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative MacDonald, Clerk

# House Remote Testify

Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill HB75 on 2023-01-11

Support: 0 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 75 Date 1/11/23

Committee Municipal + County Gov.

** Please Print All Information **

| Name | Address | Phone | Representing | (check one) Pro | Con |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rep Walt Stapleton | | 603-995-1034 | Sulco 6 | ✓ | |
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# SUMMARY OF BILLS TO AMEND COUNTY RSAs

**Overview:** This document organizes the seven bills introduced to the Municipal & County Government Committee at a Public Hearing on 11 January 2023 into two general categories. The categories are dollar thresholds and clarity/consistency.

**DOLLAR THRESHOLDS:** Four bills are in this category.

**HB 148:** Amends RSA 28:8 to raise the threshold for competitive bidding on purchases from $5,000 to $10,000.

**HB 75:** Amends RSA 28:8-a to raise the threshold for competitive bidding for the sale of personal property from $300 to $3,000.

**HB 87:** Amends RSA 24:13, I to raise the threshold for erection, enlargement, or repair of buildings from $5,000 to $25,000. There is a forthcoming amendment to HB 87 to add clarity to the grammar and verbiage of this RSA.

**HB 83:** Amends RSA 28:5 and RSA 28:7-to delete the thresholds and add a cross-reference to RSA 24:13, I for clarity and to reduce the possibility of future errors when the threshold is changed. It also deletes RSA 30-B:2 which is entirely redundant.

**CLARITY / CONSISTENCY:** Three bills are in this category.

**HB 41:** Repeals RSA 24:9-d and replaces with language that cross-references RSA 91-A:2 for meeting notices. It also amends RSA 24:14-a to add a 7-day notice for public hearings pursuant to supplemental appropriations. This 7-day notice is consistent with language for public hearings relative to county bonds as described in RSA 33:10.

**HB 80:** Amends RSA 72:23, II to clarify the list of lands and buildings used by counties for governmental purposes that are exempt from taxation. It also includes a cross-reference to RSA 72:23, I(b) for land and buildings that are subject to taxation.

**HB 43:** Amends RSA 28:8-c and 28:8-d, I to clarify County Commissioner authority relative to property (both real property and personal property) and distinguish it from the county convention's authority relative to real estate. RSA 24:13 clearly enumerates specific authority to the county convention for all matters pertaining to real estate (acquisition, sale, use, and conveyance) as well as the erection, enlargement, or repair of buildings. All matters involving real or personal property—to include disposal-are the

Municipal and County Government Committee 1/11/23
HB 75 relative to county commissioners custody and care of all property

Dear Municipal and County Government Committee Members,

I am here today to introduce HB75.

This bill increases the threshold of county owned personal property subject to competitive bidding

RSA 28:8-a was adopted in 1959. Based on an inflation calculator, the current value of an item worth $300 in 1959 is $3,054. https://www.usinflationcalculator.com/

It makes sense, therefore, to update this statute to reflect the true value of property because of inflation.

I hope you will vote to update this RSA.

Thank you,

Judy Aron - NH State Representative -Sullivan County District 4 - Acworth, Goshen. Langdon, Lempster, Washington - 266 Forest Rd., South Acworth, NH 03607 - 603-843-5908

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January 9, 2023

Representative Len Turcotte
Chair
Municipal and County Government Committee
NH House of Representatives

Chairman Turcotte and Members of the House Municipal and County Government Committee,

The NH Association of Counties is currently undertaking a review of all legislative bills filed for 2023. HB 75, to increase the threshold of county owned personal property subject to competitive bidding, is a bill that the Association is closely monitoring but has not taken a formal position on. As the Association moves through its formal review process and establishes a position, the Association will provide an update to this Committee.

Thank you for your attention and please reach out to Kate Horgan at khorgan@dupontgroup.com with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Wendy Piper

Wendy Piper
President
NH Association of Counties

**HB 75 - AS INTRODUCED**

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***75***

AN ACT to increase the threshold of county owned personal property subject to competitive bidding.

SPONSORS: Rep. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Rollins, Sull. 3; Rep. Stapleton, Sull. 6; Rep. Guthrie, Rock. 15; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 13; Rep. Cloutier, Sull. 6

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill increases the minimum value threshold of county personal property subject to competitive bidding.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

**HB 75 - AS INTRODUCED**

23-0179
02/04

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

AN ACT to increase the threshold of county owned personal property subject to competitive bidding.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 County Commissioners; Competitive Bidding on Sales of Personal Property. Amend RSA 28:8-a to read as follows:

28:8-a Competitive Bidding on Sales of Personal Property. Any sale of personal property made by a county where the estimated value thereof is in excess of [~~$300~~] ***$3,000*** shall be by competitive bidding, provided that the county commissioners by unanimous vote may waive the provisions for such bidding. In case the commissioners so vote a copy of such action shall be recorded in their offices with a statement of the reasons therefor and such record shall be open to public inspection.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.