LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB37

Bill as Introduced

SB 37 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0911
04/08

SENATE BILL ***37***

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SPONSORS: Sen. Innis, Dist 7

COMMITTEE: Commerce

ANALYSIS

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

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

1 New Subdivision; Commission to Study Hospitality and Tourism Education in New Hampshire. Amend RSA 187-A by inserting after section 44 the following new subdivision:

Commission to Study Hospitality and Tourism Education in New Hampshire

187-A:45 Commission to Study Hospitality and Tourism Education in New Hampshire.

I. There is established a commission to study hospitality and tourism education in New Hampshire. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The president of the New Hampshire Restaurants and Lodging Association, appointed by that association.

(d) One owner or operator of a restaurant in New Hampshire, appointed by the governor.

(e) One owner or operator of a hotel or inn in New Hampshire, appointed by the governor.

II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

III. The commission shall:

(a) Examine existing hospitality and tourism programs and community colleges and universities statewide, including curriculum and enrollment trends.

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(c) Work with other state agencies, as needed.

IV. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

V. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2023.

2 Repeal. RSA 187-A:45, relative to a commission to study hospitality and tourism education in New Hampshire, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2023.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

SB 37 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

01/19/2023 0015s

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Amendments

Commerce
January 10, 2023
2023-0015s
04/08

Amendment to SB 37

Amend RSA 187-A:45, I(b) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(b) Five members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

Amend RSA 187-A:45, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (e) the following new subparagraphs:

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Amend RSA 187-A:45, IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Commerce

Sen Bill Gannon, Chair
Sen Denise Ricciardi, Vice Chair
Sen Daniel Innis, Member
Sen Donna Soucy, Member
Sen Shannon Chandley, Member

Date: January 6, 2023

HEARINGS

Tuesday	01/10/2023
(Day)	(Date)

Commerce	State House 100	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

9:00 a.m.	**SB 22**	establishing a study commission to study automobile insurance for newly acquired vehicles.
9:15 a.m.	**SB 31**	relative to technical changes to the laws administered by the insurance department.
9:30 a.m.	**SB 23**	establishing a study committee on meat processing.
9:45 a.m.	**SB 37**	establishing a commission to study hospitality and tourism education in New Hampshire.
10:00 a.m.	**SB 21**	relative to the due date and delivery of monthly reports and fees to the liquor commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 22
Sen. Gendreau
Sen. Watters
Sen. Prentiss
Sen. Carson
Sen. Lang
Sen. Perkins Kwoka
Sen. Gannon
Rep. Rochefort

SB 31
Sen. Soucy
Rep. Potucek

SB 23
Sen. Innis
Rep. Payeur
Sen. Ward
Rep. Wolf
Sen. Lang
Rep. S. Gould
Sen. Whitley

SB 37
Sen. Innis

SB 21
Sen. Gannon

Aaron Jones 271-4063

Bill M. Gannon
Chairman

Senate Commerce Committee

Aaron Jones 271-4063

SB 37, establishing a commission to study hospitality and tourism education in New Hampshire.

Hearing Date: January 10, 2023

Time Opened: 9:56 a.m. **Time Closed:** 10:05 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gannon, Ricciardi, Innis, Soucy and Chandley

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill establishes a commission to study hospitality and tourism education in New Hampshire.

Sponsors:
Sen. Innis

Who supports the bill: Senator Dan Innis, Mike Somers (NH Lodging & Restaurant Association)

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Dan Innis

- Employers in the hospitality industry have continued to struggle to get enough employees across all spectrums.
- This bill would establish a study commission to engage the industry and examine the supply and demand for hospitality employees. The objective would be to find out what is being offered by community colleges and universities, how they meet the needs of the industry, and what might alleviate existing problems.
- Over the last year, New England has had 16,491 hospitality and tourism management job postings. In New Hampshire, there were only 1,700 graduates.
- Unlike in the past, students are not as attracted to these industries; thus, it might be necessary to reach out to high schools to get ideas on how to improve the supply of employees.

- In New Hampshire, tourism and hospitality are among the largest industries, and they are critical to delivering services and keeping the meals and rooms tax flowing.
- **Senator Soucy** said she did not see any members from the university or community college systems.
    - **Senator Innis** replied that would be correct.
- **Senator Soucy** asked if they should be included because the commission is tasked with looking at enrollment and curriculum information.
    - **Senator Innis** responded that they could be brought to the table; however, that information is readily accessible.
- **Senator Chandley** asked if it would make sense to include all industries that are part of tourism.
    - **Senator Innis** had not considered it, but he was afraid that the commission might get too bogged down. He believed it made sense to broadly consider the industry, so the commission could narrowly focus on why there has been a decline in interest and a supply in graduates.
- **Senator Gannon** asked if there were a need for two senators.
    - **Senator Innis** replied it might make sense if the Committee added university members, but he did not want the commission to be too large.

Mike Somers, President & CEO, NH Lodging & Restaurant Association

- Their 1,300 hospitality and tourism industry members bring in roughly $300 million in meals and rooms taxes.
- The pandemic, energy prices, and inflationary pressures continue to make things challenging for the industry; however, the most significant issue has been finding staffing at every level to keep businesses operating. For example, many restaurants have had to adjust their hours or limit their menus.
- The workforce has been fundamentally changed by the pandemic and layoffs, yet there remains a need to identify what changes continue to occur and how employers can adapt to those changes.
- While the bill is primarily focused on post-secondary education, Mr. Somers urged the Committee to look at the hospitality workforce systemically. Mr. Somers said that college is not for everyone, so he felt there should be a focus on how to inform people about careers and potential pathways in these industries.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 11, 2023

Speakers

Senate Commerce Committee
SIGN-IN SHEET

Date: 01/10/2023 **Time:** 9:45 a.m.

SB 37 An ACT establishing a commission to study hospitality and tourism education in New Hampshire.

Name/Representing *(please print neatly)*

MIKE SOMERS NHLRA	Support ☒	Oppose ☐	Speaking?	Yes ☒ No ☐
Sen. Dan Innis (SD7) Prime	Support ☑	Oppose ☐	Speaking?	Yes ☑ No ☐
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Senate Remote Testify

Commerce Committee Testify List for Bill SB37 on 2023-01-10

Support: 0 Oppose: 0

Voting Sheets

Senate Commerce Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD
2023-2024 Session

Bill # SB 37

Hearing date: 1/10/23

Executive Session date: 1/10/23

Motion of: Amendment **Vote:** 5-0

Committee Member	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Gannon, Chair	☐	☐	☑	☐
Sen. Ricciardi, V-Chair	☐	☐	☑	☐
Sen. Innis	☑	☐	☑	☐
Sen. Soucy	☐	☑	☑	☐
Sen. Chandley	☐	☐	☑	☐

Motion of: OTP-A **Vote:** 5-0

Committee Member	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Gannon, Chair	☐	☑	☑	☐
Sen. Ricciardi, V-Chair	☑	☐	☑	☐
Sen. Innis	☐	☐	☑	☐
Sen. Soucy	☐	☐	☑	☐
Sen. Chandley	☐	☐	☑	☐

Motion of: Consent **Vote:** 5-0

Committee Member	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Gannon, Chair	☐	☐	☑	☐
Sen. Ricciardi, V-Chair	☐	☐	☑	☐
Sen. Innis	☐	☐	☑	☐
Sen. Soucy	☑	☐	☑	☐
Sen. Chandley	☐	☑	☑	☐

Reported out by: Sen. Innis

Notes:

Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

THE COMMITTEE ON Commerce

to which was referred **SB 37**

AN ACT establishing a commission to study hospitality and tourism education in New Hampshire.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 0015s

Senator Daniel Innis
For the Committee

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Aaron Jones 271-4063

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE

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Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.
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General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

Docket of SB37

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: establishing a commission to study hospitality and tourism education in New Hampshire.

Official Docket of **SB37.**:

Date	Body	Description
1/6/2023	S	**Introduced** 01/05/2023 and Referred to Commerce; **SJ 4**
1/6/2023	S	**Hearing:** 01/10/2023, Room 100, SH, 09:45 am; **SC 5**
1/11/2023	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment **#2023-0015s**, 01/19/2023; Vote 5-0; CC; **SC 6**
1/19/2023	S	Committee Amendment **#2023-0015s**, AA, VV; 01/19/2023; **SJ 4**
1/19/2023	S	**Ought to Pass with Amendment** 2023-0015s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 01/19/2023; **SJ 4**
3/20/2023	H	Introduced (in recess of) 03/16/2023 and referred to Commerce and Consumer Affairs
4/5/2023	H	Public Hearing: 04/12/2023 10:00 am LOB 302-304
4/12/2023	H	Subcommittee Work Session: 04/26/2023 01:15 pm LOB 302-304
5/3/2023	H	Executive Session: 05/10/2023 10:00 am LOB 302-304
5/12/2023	H	Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate 05/10/2023 (Vote 18-0; CC)
6/8/2023	H	Inexpedient to Legislate: MA VV 06/08/2023 **HJ 15**

NH House	NH Senate

Other Referrals

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

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X Final docket found on Bill Status

Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

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N/A Prepared testimony, presentations, & other submissions handed in at the public hearing

X Hearing Report

N/A Revised/Amended Fiscal Notes provided by the Senate Clerk's Office

Committee Action Documents: {Legislative Aides}

All amendments considered in committee (including those not adopted):

X - amendment # 0155 ___ - amendment #_____

___ - amendment #_____ ___ - amendment #_____

X Executive Session Sheet

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Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

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Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

___ Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):

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All available versions of the bill: {Clerk's Office}

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