

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Ben Mickens 271-1403

SB 426, repealing the permissible fireworks advisory committee.

Hearing Date: January 14, 2026

Time Opened: 9:41 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:44 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Reardon, Pearl, McGough and Gannon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Altschiller

Bill Analysis: This bill repeals the permissible fireworks advisory committee.

Sponsors:

Sen. Altschiller

Sen. Pearl

Rep. Balboni

Rep. Muns

Who supports the bill: Senator Howard Pearl, Shawn Toomey (Fire Marshall)

Who opposes the bill: No one.

Who is neutral on the bill: No one.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Howard Pearl

- I will be reading Senator Altschiller's testimony, as she is the prime sponsor.
- This bill would disband the Permissible Fireworks Review Committee. This request comes from the members of the committee.
- The committee has fulfilled its statutory requirements regarding consumer safety. The Fire Marshall has the tools needed to continue relevant work without the committee.

Shawn Toomey, State Fire Marshall (DOS)

- The committee was established in 1999 when the state was approving each firework device one by one.
- In 2011 New Hampshire switched to federal standards. If a firework device meets federal standards, it can be sold in New Hampshire.

- The committee has not had much substance come its way over the last few years. Usually, any injuries reported to the committee are because of misuse and they are few in number.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 19, 2026