

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Declan Donahue 271-3324

SB 510, ensuring state-operated, publicly accessible spaces have designated smoking areas undetectable to visitors.

Hearing Date: January 21, 2026

Time Opened: 1:56

Time Closed: 1:58

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

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator McGough

Bill Analysis: This bill requires that any designated smoking area on publicly-owned or publicly-operated property accessible to the public is constructed or maintained so that cigarette smoke is not detectable by sight or smell in any public or common area. It exempts properties or areas under state control that are not accessible to the visiting public.

Sponsors:

Sen. Murphy
Sen. Birdsell

Sen. Pearl

Sen. McGough

Who supports the bill: Senator Keith Murphy, Senator Tim McGough

Who opposes the bill: Daniel Richardson

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Grant Bosse (Deputy Chief of Staff, NH State Senate)

- Presented this bill because its prime sponsor, Senator Keith Murphy, was out of the country.
- This bill came as a constituent request, to ensure smoking areas of state properties not be out front as to create a more beautiful entrance.
- Mr. Bosse offered to relay any questions he received to Senator Murphy.
- Senator Altschiller asked if the back door of the State House, based on line 6, would be exempt, and why we would not include state buildings if so.

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 23, 2026