

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Ben Mickens 271-1403

HB 1511, relative to the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee.

Hearing Date: March 18, 2026

Time Opened: 10:04 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:09 a.m.

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

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Gannon

Bill Analysis: This bill removes a representative of the Granite State Dairy Promotion from the agriculture in the classroom committee.

Sponsors:

Rep. Barbour

Rep. J. Aron

Rep. Bixby

Rep. Comtois

Rep. N. Germana

Rep. Kenny

Rep. Scully

Sen. Pearl

Who supports the bill: Shawn Jasper (NHDA), Robert Johnson II (NHFB), Cory Stone, and Pamela Harders.

Who opposes the bill: No one.

Who is neutral on the bill: No one.

Senator Reardon introduced HB 1511 on behalf of Representative Barbour.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Shawn Jasper of the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture

- Commissioner Jasper asked that the committee hold this bill to address some technical fixes to the legislation.
- Commissioner Jasper explained that there was a typo regarding what the committee should report on which was fixed in the House of Representatives.
- Commissioner Jasper explained that the committee has trouble finding representatives from many of the relevant organizations that can consistently attend committee meetings.

- He added that he is confident they can find the right mix for membership.
- Commissioner Jasper explained that he will be bringing something to the committee for review and is more than willing to work with the legislation to make sure that fix is sound.

Robert Johnson of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau

- Mr. Johnson explained that the committee was established to provide teachers with the appropriate knowledge and resources to teach agriculture at the elementary school level.
- Mr. Johnson expressed the bureaus full support of the bill and the changes proposed by Mr. Jasper.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 20, 2026