

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee

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HB 1516-FN, allowing municipalities to vote to require that pie charts, bar charts, and QR codes be placed on property tax bills depicting where and how tax dollars are being allocated.

Hearing Date: April 7, 2026

Time Opened: 9:17 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:21 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gray, Lang, Rochefort, Perkins Kwoka and Long

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill requires municipalities to produce pie charts, bar charts, and QR codes on property tax bills depicting where and how tax dollars are being allocated.

Sponsors:

Rep. Labrie

Rep. Cole

Rep. Drago

Rep. Drew

Rep. Osborne

Rep. Pauer

Rep. Schneller

Rep. Sweeney

Sen. McGough

Sen. Sullivan

Who supports the bill: Rep. Robert Wherry, Brian Labrie, Julie Smith, Brad Louth, Eric Pauer, Rebekah Woodman, Susan Dunker

Who opposes the bill: Sarah Burke Cohen, Cory Stone, Francesca Heap, Erin Kerwin, Debra Merrick, Barbara Bryce, Abigail Mather, Janet Robertson, Kathy Spielman, Amy Erickson, Linda Burnap, Jenny Bourgeois, Kathleen Malsbenden, Karen Roach, Deborah Fexis, Nancy Brooks, Dana Seeley, Danielle Alley, Patricia Demeule, George Demeule, Diane Siegart, Jennifer Morrissey, Steven Zeimetz, Tami Lanzillo Zeimetz, Susan Fanburg, Robert Englund, Sarah Gentile, Stefanie Griffin, Gayle Henderson, Cynthia Rodenhauser Stewart, Anne Eiseman

Who is neutral on the bill: Jim Michaud

Summary of testimony presented:

Representative Brian Labrie, Hillsborough-District 2

- This increases transparency through pie charts, graphs, and QR codes on the tax bill.
- Municipalities would have to adopt this, so this is not a mandate.
- This is similar to an Eversource bill, where you can see graphs and more directly on the bill.
- This would modernize tax bills.

Jim Michaud, Chief Assessor, Hudson

- This information is already available through the Department of Revenue Administration.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 8, 2026