

Senate Education Committee

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HB 1448, prohibiting the use of the World Economic Forum materials within state curriculum.

Hearing Date: April 21, 2026

Time Opened: 10:18 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:32 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Ward, Sullivan, Abbas and Altschiller

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Prentiss

Bill Analysis: This bill prohibits the use of any materials created or provided by the World Economic Forum in the curriculum for New Hampshire public schools.

Sponsors:
Rep. Morse

Who supports the bill: 111 People signed in support of HB 1448. To see the full list of sign-ins, please email the committee aide (trevor.currier@gc.nh.gov).

Who opposes the bill: 62 People signed in opposition to HB 1448. To see the full list of sign-ins, please email the committee aide (trevor.currier@gc.nh.gov).

Who is neutral on the bill: No one.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Mike Belcher - *Carroll 4*

- Representative Belcher introduced House Bill 1448 on behalf of Representative Morse.
- Representative Belcher explained that this bill prohibits the use of teaching materials provided or created by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- He stated that the American Federation of Teachers has announced its partnership with the WEF to bring WEF materials into U.S. classrooms.
- Representative Belcher stated that he believes the WEF opposes the form of government practiced in the U.S. and in New Hampshire.

- He added that the WEF is “anti-sovereignty,” making it opposed to the oath taken by legislators to uphold the state and federal constitutions.
- Representative Belcher stated that the WEF is deeply engaged in the rise of China, which is an adversary to the United States, and gave examples of ways he believed China has operated against the United States.
- **Senator Altschiller asked whether Representative Belcher brought any curriculum materials proposed by the WEF.** Representative Belcher responded that he has not seen the latest report, but that there was a news article explaining that the AFT would be working with the WEF to introduce curriculum into U.S. classrooms. He added that the WEF has worked previously with UNESCO and NEA on global citizenship efforts.
- Senator Altschiller asked whether Representative Belcher had any physical examples of the curriculum being taught. Representative Belcher responded that he can look for these examples but has repeatedly seen New Hampshire schools promote the idea of “global citizenry.”
- **Senator Altschiller** asked whether Representative Belcher had confirmed that school districts' curricula are based on findings from the WEF and UNESCO. Representative Belcher responded that he has received multiple emails and has heard testimony about this type of curriculum being taught in New Hampshire.
- **Senator Altschiller** asked for paper records of this testimony. Representative Belcher responded that he would find those records for the committee.

Representative Yury Polozov – *Merrimack 10*

- Representative Polozov voiced his support for HB 1448.
- Representative Polozov explained that the values of the WEF do not align with those of New Hampshire education.
- He stated that the legislation should protect the school system from any future curriculum proposed by the WEF.
- **Senator Altschiller** asked how this ban would affect the Model U.N. program that operates statewide. Representative Polozov responded that this bill does not affect materials like Model U.N. that are not provided by the WEF.
- **Senator Altschiller** asked if Representative Polozov did not think that the two are related. Representative Polozov responded that the bill is specific to materials from the WEF and that, if other curricula are found to conflict with U.S. values, the legislation can address them as they arise.
- **Senator Sullivan** asked if Representative Polozov was aware of the passage on the American Federation of Teachers' website stating their partnership with the WEF. Representative Polozov responded that he understands that to be the case.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

Debrah Howes - *American Federation of Teachers New Hampshire*

- Ms. Howes stated that AFT has announced that it is working with industry leaders around the world to develop materials and curriculum that lead to employment after public education.
- Ms. Howes stated that if New Hampshire views that as a negative, it can be made illegal.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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