

HB 1588-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***1588-FN***

AN ACT establishing special assessment districts and expands the housing infrastructure grant program to allow for municipal upgrades linked to new housing and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSORS: Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25

COMMITTEE: Housing

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes special assessment districts and expands the housing infrastructure grant program to allow for municipal upgrades linked to new housing.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

1 III. Assessments shall constitute a lien on the property with the same priority and
2 enforcement as property taxes.

3 162-V:5 Procedure.

4 I. Establishment of a district requires:

5 (a) Adoption by 2/3 vote of the governing body after public notice and hearing; and

6 (b) Ratification by majority vote of the legislative body at the next regular municipal
7 election.

8 II. Notice of the proposed district shall be mailed to each affected property owner and
9 published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 14 days prior to the hearing.

10 162-V:6 Appeals. Any property owner subject to an assessment may appeal the apportionment
11 of costs to the governing body within 30 days of notice, and thereafter to the superior court pursuant
12 to RSA 677.

13 162-V:7 Dissolution. A district shall dissolve upon repayment of all obligations or earlier by vote
14 of the governing body, provided all costs have been satisfied.

15 2 Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Expansion of Housing Infrastructure
16 Municipal Grant Program. The department of business and economic affairs shall expand its
17 housing infrastructure municipal grant program to allow for sewer, water, and road upgrades for
18 new housing units.

19 3 Department of Business and Economic Affairs, Appropriation. The sum of \$1 for the fiscal
20 year ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the department of business and economic affairs
21 for the purpose of providing grants for sewer, water, and road upgrades for new housing units under
22 its housing infrastructure municipal grant program. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant
23 for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

24 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1588-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable Increase		
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			

*Expenditure = Cost of bill

*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
County Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable Increase less than \$10,000 per municipality		

METHODOLOGY:

This bill enables municipalities to establish special assessment districts by 2/3 vote of its governing body, requires the Department of Business and Economic Affairs (DBEA) to expand the housing infrastructure grant program to allow for sewer, water, and road upgrades for new housing units, and appropriates \$1 in fiscal year 2027 to the DBEA for this purpose.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association states that if a municipality chooses to establish one or more special assessment districts, it will incur startup and ongoing administrative, accounting, and legal costs estimated at under \$10,000 per municipality. However, the total impact is indeterminable, as it depends on how many municipalities decide to create such districts.

The Department of Business and Economic Affairs states since only \$1 is appropriated the Department will have to wait for additional funding for the purpose of providing grants for sewer, water, and road upgrades for new housing units under its housing infrastructure municipal grant program.

The overall fiscal impact is indeterminable as it is unknown how many municipalities will vote to establish special assessment districts.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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