

HB 1086-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

1086-FN

AN ACT

creating a committee to study neonicotinoid seed treatments.

SPONSORS:

Rep. J. MacDonald, Carr. 6; Rep. R. Brown, Carr. 8; Rep. Crawford, Carr. 3; Rep. Damon, Sull. 8; Rep. Ebel, Merr. 7; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 23; Rep. Peternel, Carr. 6; Rep. Rung, Hills. 12

COMMITTEE:

Environment and Agriculture

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill creates a committee to study neonicotinoid seed treatments.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT creating a committee to study neonicotinoid seed treatments.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study neonicotinoid seed
2 treatments.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
6 house of representatives.

7 (b) One members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
9 attending to the duties of the committee.

10 3 Duties. The committee shall study:

11 I. Data from Quebec on the results of that province's ban on neonicotinoid treated seeds,
12 including a breakdown of affected crop types and acreage of each, changes in crop yields using non-
13 treated and alternatively treated seed, availability and cost of seed alternatives in preferred hybrids
14 and with alternative coatings, observed environmental changes with the use of alternative coatings,
15 changes in pesticide application practices, interactions of cover cropping practices, pest load, and
16 seed coating use, and use of the waiver process.

17 II. Data from Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences on the use and effects of
18 neonicotinoid treated seeds and observed changes to yields and agricultural practices, including
19 cover cropping and pesticide use, when neonicotinoid seed treatments are discontinued.

20 III. The steps being taken by New York and Vermont to insure that farmers will have seed
21 available in preferred hybrids and preferred alternative treatments.

22 IV. The steps seed dealers producers and dealers are taking to meet the needs of markets in
23 New York, Vermont, and Quebec.

24 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
25 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
26 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 90 days of the effective date of this
27 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

28 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
29 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
30 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

31 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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**HB 1086-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT # 2026-0474h)**

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None