

HB 156 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **156**

AN ACT establishing a committee to review state procurement policies and make recommendations to encourage local food production and conservation.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. Caplan, Merr. 8; Rep. N. Germana, Ches. 15; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 37; Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19; Rep. Simpson, Rock. 33; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to review state procurement policies and make recommendations to encourage local food production and conservation.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to review state procurement policies and make recommendations to encourage local food production and conservation.

*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 local agricultural  
2 procurement and conservation practices.

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 member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

10          3    Duties. The committee shall:

11          I. Assess current practices for procuring locally produced food.

12          II. Evaluate economic and environmental impacts of supporting conservation-focused  
13 farming.

14          III. Develop recommendations for potential incentive mechanisms.

15          IV. Align findings with state food system planning goals.

16          4    Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from  
17 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house  
18 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 90 days of the effective date of this  
19 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

20          5    Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
21 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
22 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2025.

23          6    Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.