

Senate Commerce Committee

Aaron Jones 271-2609

HB 309-FN, relative to making electronic rent payments optional.

Hearing Date: April 10, 2025

Time Opened: 9:35 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:38 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Ricciardi, Murphy, McGough, Fenton and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Innis

Bill Analysis: This bill prohibits landlords from requiring a tenant or prospective tenant to pay by electronic funds transfers.

Sponsors:

Rep. Mooney
Sen. Innis

Rep. B. Boyd

Rep. Miles

Who supports the bill: Representative Maureen Mooney, Dawn McKinney (NH Legal Assistance)

Who opposes the bill: Simon Berrio, Curtis Howland, Timothy Finney, James Gardner, Sarahlynn Williams, Bill Alleman

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Maureen Mooney

- This bill would prohibit landlords from only taking electronic payments.
- The House Housing Committee unanimously recommended the bill Ought to Pass with Amendment, and it was passed on the consent calendar by a voice vote.
- Representative Mooney said she filed this bill at the request of a constituent.
- During a housing crisis, Representative Mooney said the Legislature should be mindful to not strain or further complicate the relationship between landlords and tenants.
- This bill would not limit options of payment from tenants to landlords. It would support accessibility and flexibility, which are essential for rental agreements.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 14, 2025