

Senate Transportation Committee

Vivian Hall 271-3091

SB 500, relative to restroom access for certain commercial motor vehicle operators.

Hearing Date: January 13, 2026

Time Opened: 1:15 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:20 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Prentiss, Fenton, Ricciardi and McConkey

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Ward

Bill Analysis: This bill requires that certain commercial drivers and drayage truck operators be provided with restroom access under defined circumstances.

Sponsors:

Sen. Birdsell

Sen. Ricciardi

Sen. Fenton

Rep. Hill

Rep. T. Walsh

Rep. Labrie

Rep. Leishman

Who supports the bill: Senator Donovan Fenton, Senate District 10; Bob Sculley, President, New Hampshire Motor Transport Association; and Sarah McCarthy.

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Birdsell, Senate District 19

- SB 500 would allow truck drivers to use restroom facilities at delivery locations.
- The bill does not require facilities to build or modify restrooms; it simply permits drivers to access existing facilities that are available to employees and customers.
- The issue is particularly significant for recruiting and retaining women truck drivers, with 39% citing lack of restroom access as a concern.

Bob Sculley, President, New Hampshire Motor Transport Association

- Mr. Sculley highlighted that the trucking industry's biggest challenge is a shortage of drivers, with women drivers identified as a key potential source to fill the gap.
- Lack of restroom access is a significant concern for women drivers.

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