

Senate Transportation Committee

Vivian Hall 271-3091

SB 154-FN, relative to authorized organizations issuing multi-use decal plates.

Hearing Date: February 11, 2025

Time Opened: 1:28 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:33 p.m.

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

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Prentiss

Bill Analysis: This bill adds Snow-Traveler Foundation to the list of authorized organizations permitted to issue multi-use decal plates.

Sponsors:

Sen. Rochefort

Sen. Rosenwald

Rep. Schamberg

Who supports the bill: Senators David Rochefort and Cindy Rosenwald; Representative Tom Schamberg; Captain Michael Eastman, New Hampshire Fish and Game Law Enforcement Division; Dan Gould, Executive Director, New Hampshire Snowmobile Association.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator David Rochefort, Senate District 1:

- This bill is at the request of the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association and would amend RSA 261-B:9 to include their association in offering snowmobile decals.
- The amendment would help improve the trail system and education without placing financial burden on the state.
- Senator Rochefort emphasized the current system lacks a way for individuals to make donations to support the trail system and other related initiatives.

Dan Gould, Executive Director, Snowmobile Association:

- Mr. Gould outlined the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association's efforts to address inquiries about supporting the state's fundraising network.
- Registration fees cover only 50% of the club's needs, necessitating additional fundraising to meet costs.
- Mr. Gould emphasized that the bill would boost contributions and raise awareness for trail system maintenance and public engagement.

- Senator McConkey asked about the primary funding source; Mr. Gould clarified it is registration fees, which were increased in 2020 to account for inflation.

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