

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee

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HB 1161, removing the requirement for municipalities to have an advisory board for development districts.

Hearing Date: March 24, 2026

Time Opened: 9:16 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:18 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gray, Lang and Long

Members of the Committee Absent: Senators Rochefort and Perkins Kwoka

Bill Analysis: This bill removes the requirement that legislative bodies of municipalities establish an advisory board for each development district and instead permits the creation of such boards.

Sponsors:

Rep. Hicks
Rep. Girard

Rep. Colby

Rep. Fracht

Who supports the bill: Eric Pauer, Brodie Deshaies, Cory Stone, Daniel Richardson

Who opposes the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented:

Senator Lang introduced the bill on behalf of the prime sponsor.

No one spoke or was signed up to speak, so Senator Gray explained that the bill changes “shall” to “may” in RSA 162:-K:14 and says “in the same manner as adopted pursuant to RSA 16-K:1”.