

Senate Judiciary Committee

Pete Mulvey 271-4063

AMENDMENT # 2025-0609s, to SB 143, relative to the impaired driver care management program.

Hearing Date: March 4, 2025

Time Opened: 1:44 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:47 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gannon, Carson and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Abbas and Altschiller

Bill Analysis: This bill modifies the requirements for the impaired driver care management program and when it is required.

This bill is a request of the department of health and human services.

Sponsors:

Sen. Prentiss

Sen. Fenton

Sen. Perkins Kwoka

Sen. Watters

Sen. Altschiller

Sen. Long

Sen. Rosenwald

Sen. Ricciardi

Sen. Reardon

Rep. Sykes

Rep. Proulx

Who supports the amendment: seven individuals signed in support. Contact peter.mulvey@gc.nh.gov for further details.

Who opposes the amendment: N/A

Who is neutral on the amendment: N/A

Summary of testimony:

Senator Suzanne Prentiss and Jenny O'Higgins

Senate District 5 / Department of Health and Human Services

- Senator Prentiss stated that she appeared at the request of the Department of Health and Human Services in order to amend the content of SB 143 in regard to the impaired driver management program.
 - DHHS had asked for a section eight to be added to SB 143.
- SB 143 was brought forward to tighten standards for driver care management programs.

- Sen. Prentiss found the effort important due to the number of incidents on the roadways recently regarding individuals under the influence. SB 143 made sure that they were held to the highest standards possible.
- Section eight cleaned up language within the bill to recognize national standards since there was more than one option for national standards.
- Sen. Prentiss stated that the amendment was at the request of the department.
 - Sen. Prentiss identified the amendment as number 2025-0609s.
- Ms. Higgins stated that she is a senior policy analyst at DHHS.
- Sen. Gannon asked why the amendment was not considered germane.
 - Sen. Prentiss stated she believed it was germane, and that it was presented to her otherwise, stating that legal council would have the ultimate ruling.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 7, 2025