

Senate Transportation Committee

Declan Donahue 271-3324

HB 513, allowing the department of transportation to execute a right-of-way use agreement, subject to Federal Highway Administration approval, for snowmobile operation along Interstate 89 in the town of Sutton, from NH Route 114, traveling south for one mile.

Hearing Date: March 25, 2025

Time Opened: 2:34 p.m.

Time Closed: 2:41 p.m.

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

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill allows the department of transportation to draft a right-of-way use agreement, subject to Federal Highway Administration approval, for snowmobile operation along Interstate 89 in the town of Sutton, from NH Route 114, traveling south for one mile.

Sponsors:

Rep. Schamberg

Rep. Cloutier

Sen. Rochefort

Who supports the bill: Rep. Tom Schamberg, Adam Schmidt, Alan Hanscom, Sen. David Rochefort, Dan Gould

Who opposes the bill: Julie Smith

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Rep. Tom Schaumberg

- This bill addresses a 10-year break in obtaining a bridge connection on primary trail 390. Sutton's Ridgerunner Snowmobile club sought relief, and with assistance from the Department of Transportation, came up with this bill.
- A map and picture were distributed to the Committee depicting the proposed bridge.
- There are twenty-five landowners who own property in this area.
- Only one has not approved anyone coming across; so there was an attempt to obtain a right-of-way along Route 89.
- The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association support this.

- Snow mobilers have a positive economic effect in the state, and this would create a connection for them to go both East-West and North-South.

Adam Schmidt

- The NH Snowmobile association is appreciative of Rep. Schaumberg's effort in working from the Department of Transportation and delivered a letter of their support to the Senators.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 28, 2025