

Senate Transportation Committee

Declan Donahue 271-3324

HB 745, naming a bridge in the city of Keene after Charles Redfern.

Hearing Date: March 28, 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 names a bridge in the city of Keene after Charles Redfern.

Sponsors:

Rep. Jones

Rep. N. Germana

Sen. Fenton

Who supports the bill: Rep. Philip Jones, John Hayes, Sen. Donovan Fenton, Chris Daley, Edward Haas, Jay Kahn

Who opposes the bill: Julie Smith, Daniel Richardson

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Philip Jones

- This bill would name a bridge in Keene crossing Route 101 after Charles Redfin, the founder of Pathways for Keene and the visionary behind the city's alternative trail network.
- Senator McConkey asked if the naming of this bill went through the Public Works Committee as a naming bill. Rep. Jones confirmed that. Senator McConkey also asked if a plaque would be erected. Rep. Jones stated that it would be paid for by the city of Keene and Pathways for Keene.

John Hayes

- Charles Redfern worked tirelessly to build trails in Keene. He founded Pathways for Keene, which is the number one fundraiser for the alternative trail network. Without Redfern, Keene would not have its comprehensive biking and walking trail system.

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