

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Kevin Condict 271-7875

HB 538-FN, reallocating positions in the liquor commission.

Hearing Date: April 23, 2025

Time Opened: 9:20 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:23 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Pearl, McGough, Gannon and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Altschiller

Bill Analysis: This bill adds the division of finance and audit as a fourth division of the liquor commission and adds the director of that division to the list of non-classified positions in statute. This bill also updates the title of "chief operating officer" to "director of administration" and removes "commissioner" from the statutory list of non-classified positions.

Sponsors:

Rep. Hunt

Sen. Innis

Who supports the bill: Rep. Carol McGuire (Merr. 27), Joseph Mollica (NHLC), and Tina Demers (NHLC).

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented:

Representative Carol McGuire, Merrimack 27

- Rep. McGuire introduced House Bill 538-FN.
- Rep. McGuire explained that this bill changes the name of one existing position in the Liquor Commission, adds the salary grade of the finance director that the last audit recommended they institute, and deletes the last commissioner which has been an unfilled position for the last five years.
- Rep. McGuire said they are deleting two positions and adding two positions, all the same labor grade. She said it is all Liquor Commission money that won't affect the general fund at all.

Joseph Mollica, Chairman of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission
Tina Demers, CFO of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission

- Comm'r. Mollica stated that this is a cleanup bill.
- Comm'r. Mollica said that years ago the Commission consisted of three commissioners. That was changed by the legislature to a chairman and a deputy commissioner.
- Comm'r. Mollica said that due to audits they were asked that the position of Director of Finance and Audit be added.
- Comm'r. Mollica said they waited to do this because they are in the transition of MAPPER, a forty-year-old legacy system, to their next generation system.
- Comm'r. Mollica said they wanted to ensure when they made this change that the person involved had some background in MAPPER.
- Comm'r. Mollica summarized what they want to do: eliminate two positions and swap them for two new positions.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 25, 2025