

SB 241-FN-A - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL

241-FN-A

AN ACT

relative to construction of a public pier on Hampton Beach and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. Rice, Hills. 38

COMMITTEE:

Finance

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes and makes an appropriation to the Hampton Beach State Park pier fund, a dedicated fund to be administered by the division of parks and recreation for the purpose of siting, permitting, designing, and constructing a public pier at Hampton Beach.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to construction of a public pier on Hampton Beach and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Hampton Beach State Park Pier Fund. Amend RSA 216-J by inserting after
2 section 5 the following new section:

3 216-J:6 Hampton Beach State Park Pier Fund. There is hereby established in the state
4 treasury a fund to be known as the Hampton Beach State Park pier fund, which shall be kept
5 separate and distinct from all other funds. The fund shall be continually appropriated to the
6 department of natural and cultural resources, division of parks and recreation, for the purpose of
7 obtaining engineering services, siting, permitting, final design, construction, and ongoing
8 maintenance of an accessible pier at Hampton Beach State Park. The division shall take into
9 consideration the recommendations and findings in the October 28, 2022, Hampton Beach New Pier
10 Feasibility Study, conducted by the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce and the department of
11 natural and cultural resources, and the needs of persons with disabilities when designing and
12 constructing the pier. The division may accept appropriations, gifts, grants, and bequests from
13 individuals, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and public and private organizations
14 and institutions for deposit into the fund. On July 1, 2035, the balance of fund shall be transferred to
15 the state park gifts and donations account established under RSA 216-A:3-o, and used by the
16 division for the purpose of expanding access to state parks for the disabled.

17 2 New Subparagraph; State Treasurer; Application of Receipts; Hampton Beach State Park Pier
18 Fund. Amend RSA 6:12, II(b) by inserting after subparagraph 399 the following new subparagraph:

19 (400) Moneys deposited in the Hampton Beach State Park pier fund as established
20 in RSA 216-J:6.

21 3 Division of Parks and Recreation; Hampton Beach State Park Pier; Appropriation. The sum of
22 \$1 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to division of parks and recreation
23 for deposit in the Hampton Beach State Park pier fund, established in RSA 216-J:6, for the purposes
24 of constructing an accessible public pier at Hampton Beach. The governor is authorized to draw a
25 warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

26 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

SB 241-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2025-0953s)

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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not authorize new positions.

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund, Hampton Beach State Park Pier Fund, State Park Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes and makes a \$1 appropriation to the Hampton Beach State Park pier fund, a dedicated fund to be administered by the Division of Parks and Recreation for the purpose of siting, permitting, designing, and constructing a public pier at Hampton Beach.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources indicates the bill directs the Department to consider the recommendations and findings of the Hampton Beach New Pier Feasibility Study, dated October 28, 2022. The bill authorizes the Division to accept appropriations, gifts, grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and public and private organizations and institutions for deposit into the fund. The Department states, depending on the type of pier constructed, the cost estimates for the pier ranged from \$21.7 million to \$27.4 million. This estimate from the October 2022 report included a 25% construction contingency based on the high-level stage of design and 40% inflation and assumed a 10-year time line for development, design, permitting, funding and construction. The estimate assumed a 25-50 year life cycle for the pier, depending on the type of pier constructed. Routine inspection and maintenance activities would be expected to occur at 5 to 10 year intervals throughout the life of the pier. The estimates did not include emergency repairs to the structure that may caused by unanticipated storm damage.

The Department assumes there would be additional indeterminable annual costs for project oversight, seasonal staff, and maintenance costs not covered by the pier fund. The Department expects such costs will be paid from the State Park Fund and would range from \$10,000-\$100,000. The proposed pier is intended to serve the general public, including recreational fishermen.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources