

Amendment to HB 1613-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT establishing a commission to study and develop solutions to funding for inclusive,  
4 community-based housing for people with disabilities in New Hampshire.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Section; Housing Finance Authority; Inclusive Housing Commission. Amend RSA 204-C  
9 by inserting after section 55 the following new section:

10 204-C:55-a Inclusive Housing Commission.

11 I. There is established a commission to study and develop solutions to funding for inclusive,  
12 community-based housing for people with disabilities in New Hampshire.

13 II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, II, the members of the commission shall be as follows:

14 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
15 house of representatives.

16 (b) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

17 (c) Two people with a disability, appointed by the governor.

18 (d) Two immediate family members or caregiver of a person with a disability, appointed  
19 by the governor.

20 (e) A representative of the Disability Rights Center - NH, appointed by that  
21 organization.

22 (f) A representative of the New Hampshire housing finance authority, appointed by that  
23 organization.

24 (g) A representative of Able NH, appointed by that organization.

25 (h) A representative of the department of business and economic affairs' office of  
26 planning and development, appointed by the governor.

27 (i) A representative of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, appointed by that  
28 organization.

29 (j) A representative of the department of health and human services, appointed by the  
30 commissioner.

31 (k) A representative of the economic and labor market information bureau, appointed by  
32 the commissioner of the department of employment security.

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1           III. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when  
2 attending to the duties of the commission.

3           IV.(a) The commission shall study:

4                   (1) State, federal, and local funding sources that can be leveraged or braided to  
5 support inclusive housing for people with disabilities.

6                   (2) Capital and operating funding models that can ensure long-term affordability for  
7 individuals relying on fixed or limited incomes.

8                   (3) Barriers within existing housing finance, zoning, and land use frameworks that  
9 limit the development of inclusive, accessible housing.

10                  (4) Incentives and policy mechanisms that encourage the development of  
11 community-based housing integrated into broader neighborhoods.

12                  (5) Models from other states that successfully fund and sustain inclusive housing for  
13 people with disabilities.

14                  (b) The commission shall identify sustainable and scalable funding models that support  
15 affordable, accessible, and integrated housing for people with disabilities. The commission shall  
16 focus on housing that is community-based and inclusive, and shall not include congregate care or  
17 group home models.

18           VI. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the  
19 members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member.  
20 The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.  
21 Nine members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The commission shall meet at least 3  
22 times. The commission may hold public sessions and gather input from stakeholders and the public.

23           VII. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
24 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the chair of the  
25 house housing committee, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or  
26 before November 1, 2027.

27           2 Repeal. RSA 204-C:55-a, relative to the inclusive housing commission, is repealed.

28           3 Effective Date.

29                   I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2027.

30                   II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study and develop solutions to funding for inclusive, community-based housing for people with disabilities in New Hampshire.