

**HR 30 - AS INTRODUCED**

2026 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION finding that planning, zoning, and related regulations have been and should continue to be the responsibility of municipal government.

SPONSORS: Rep. Turcotte, Straf. 4; Rep. Preece, Hills. 17; Rep. D. Kelley, Hills. 32; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 23; Rep. Cambrils, Merr. 4; Rep. Stavis, Graf. 13; Rep. Gilman, Rock. 11; Rep. Andrus, Merr. 5; Rep. DeRoy, Straf. 3; Rep. Mandelbaum, Rock. 21

COMMITTEE: Housing

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ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

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1       Whereas, the Standard Zoning Enabling Act was originally drafted at the federal level in 1924 as  
2 a model law for states to adopt and was clearly intended to be an “enabling act [that] is advisable in  
3 all cases” and intended to be modified “as little as possible”, thereby encouraging state legislation to  
4 empower municipalities and their residents to zone, if they choose; and

5       Whereas, there is a recent effort to chip away at the local zoning regulations of municipalities by  
6 implementation of state mandates under the guise of “property rights”; and

7       Whereas, any theoretical property rights gained for the benefit of a few are ultimately at the  
8 expense and property rights of the vast majority; and

9       Whereas, RSA 672:1, I and II, clearly and unambiguously states the declaration of purpose for  
10 planning, zoning, and related regulations is the purview of municipalities; now, therefore, be it

11       Resolved by the House of Representatives:

12       That the house reaffirms the unambiguous intent of RSA 672:1 "Declaration of Purpose" which  
13 states that the general court hereby finds and declares that planning, zoning and related regulations  
14 have been and should continue to be the responsibility of municipal government; and that zoning,  
15 subdivision regulations, and related regulations are a legislative tool that enables municipal  
16 government to meet more effectively the demands of evolving and growing communities.