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HOUSE BILL

1726-FN

AN ACT relative to the sale of surplus state-owned land and establishing a commission to study the sale of state-owned property.

SPONSORS: Rep. Muns, Rock. 29; Rep. Booras, Hills. 8; Rep. de Vries, Rock. 29; Rep. Hegner, Hills. 41; Rep. Howland, Straf. 20; Rep. Lane, Merr. 16; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 23; Rep. D. Paige, Carr. 1; Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Stavis, Graf. 13; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21

COMMITTEE: Housing

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires that proceeds from the sale or lease of surplus state-owned land be credited to the originating department's fund.

This bill also establishes a commission to study the sale of state-owned property.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to the sale of surplus state-owned land and establishing a commission to study the sale of state-owned property.

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Acquisition and Disposal of Real Estate. Amend RSA 4:40 by inserting after
2 paragraph III-a the following new paragraph:

3 III-b. Except as otherwise provided in RSA 4:39-c, RSA 228:31-b, and RSA 204-D, proceeds from
4 the sale, conveyance, transfer, or lease under this section shall be credited as restricted revenue to the
5 fund from which the property was originally purchased or that supported its acquisition.

6 2 Purpose Statement. The purpose of section 3 of this act is to strengthen fiscal responsibility and
7 improve the efficient management of state-owned assets. Outdated systems and untapped property
8 reduce the effectiveness of state operations and limit public benefit. By applying fiscal prudence and
9 common-sense stewardship to the disposition of surplus state land, the state can modernize its processes
10 and realize long-term gains. Modest, well-targeted reforms to the way surplus land is identified and sold
11 have the potential to stimulate economic activity, generate revenue for the state, and return valuable
12 property to local tax rolls. The commission established in this act seeks to study how state-owned
13 property may be best utilized, including examining opportunities to prioritize housing and the development
14 of related infrastructure such as water and wastewater systems.

15 3 New Section; Commission to Study the Sale of State-Owned Property. Amend RSA 4 by inserting
16 after section 39-g the following new section:

17 4:39-h Commission to Study the Sale of State-Owned Property.

18 I. There is established a commission to study the sale of state-owned property for the purpose of
19 building housing and infrastructure which supports such housing.

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

21 (a) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

22 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
23 representatives.

24 (c) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.

25 (d) The commissioner of the department of transportation, or designee.

26 (e) The commissioner of the department of administrative services, or designee.

27 (f) One member of the public, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

30 IV. The commission shall:

1 (a) Investigate the sale of state-owned property for the purpose of building housing and the
2 infrastructure that supports such housing.

3 (b) Request the assistance of any state department, commission, board, agency, or
4 institution if, in the course of conducting its study, the commission determines that such assistance would
5 further the goals of the investigation.

6 (c) Include in the report required under paragraph VI recommendations regarding the sale of
7 state-owned property for the purpose of building housing and supporting infrastructure, including
8 consideration of ways to expedite the return of such property to the tax base of the municipality in which it
9 is located.

10 V. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.
11 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member. The first meeting
12 of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four members of the
13 commission shall constitute a quorum.

14 VI. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to
15 the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the house clerk,
16 the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

17 4 Repeal. RSA 4:39-h, relative to commission to study the sale of state owned property, is repealed.

18 5 Effective Date.

19 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

20 II. Section 4 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2026.

21 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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HB 1726-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2026-1504s)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill has no fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None