

HB 334-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***334-FN***

AN ACT relative to the comprehensive state development plan.

SPONSORS: Rep. Lovett, Graf. 8; Rep. N. Germana, Ches. 15; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. Darby, Hills. 11; Rep. Rung, Hills. 12; Rep. Grote, Rock. 24; Rep. Bolton, Graf. 8; Rep. Lucas, Graf. 7; Rep. Baldwin, Graf. 4; Sen. Watters, Dist 4

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

 This bill adds provisions to the comprehensive state development plan concerning protecting natural resources and identifying environmental threats.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 the comprehensive state development plan.

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

1 1 Comprehensive State Development Plan; Natural Resources; Environmental Threats. Amend
2 RSA 9-A:1, III to read as follows:

3 III. The comprehensive development plan shall include:

4 (a) State policies to provide for the orderly growth and development of the state and to
5 maximize smart growth.

6 (b) Goals and policies which are relevant to the topical areas included in the plan,
7 including but not limited to:

8 (1) An overall vision section that serves as the direction for the other sections of the
9 plan. This section shall contain a set of statements which articulates the desires of the public
10 relative to the future. It shall contain a set of guiding principles and priorities to implement that
11 vision, with special emphasis on maximizing the smart growth principles in RSA 9-B.

12 (2) A land use section which examines the state's role in land development and in
13 funding projects and programs which affect land uses.

14 (3) A transportation section which considers all pertinent modes of transportation
15 and provides a framework of policies and actions which will provide for a safe and adequate
16 transportation system to serve the needs of the state.

17 (4) A public facilities section which examines the projected needs of state institutions
18 and coordinates with other governmental units, whether federal, county, local, special districts, or
19 school districts, as to their needs as well.

20 (5) A housing section which sets forth approaches to meeting the need for affordable
21 housing.

22 (6) An economic development section which proposes actions and policies to suit the
23 state's economic goals and needs, based on the current and projected economic strengths and
24 weaknesses. The section shall reference the economic development strategy and operating plan and
25 process developed by the division of economic development under RSA 12-O:24 through 12-O:28.

26 (7) A natural resources section which identifies trends in land protection, open
27 space, ***drinking water aquifer identification and protection, protection of our lakes, rivers,***
28 ***estuaries, forest, wetlands and shoreline uplands, coastal marshlands, wildlife habitat,***
29 ***and*** farm land preservation and protection, and proposes policies and actions necessary at the state
30 level to protect those resources which are perceived to be of statewide significance.

1 (8) A natural hazards section which identifies actions to improve the ability of the
2 state to minimize damages from future disasters that affect land and property subject to such
3 disasters.

4 (9) A recreation section which assesses current and future recreation needs within
5 the foreseeable future and identifies policies and a plan of action to support them at the state level.

6 (10) A utility and public service section which details state level policies and actions
7 necessary to assure adequate service to the citizens of the state.

8 (11) A regional concerns section which describes specific areas of the state with
9 potentially unique concerns and identifies policies and actions which may reasonably be undertaken
10 to assist in addressing those issues.

11 (12) A section which identifies state policies and actions necessary to protect cultural
12 and historic resources of statewide significance and assist in their rehabilitation or preservation, and
13 generally assure their availability for future generations of state citizens.

14 (13) An implementation section, which is a long range action program for assessing
15 the effectiveness of each section of the plan.

16 (14) *An environmental threats section which identifies environmental*
17 *threats from chemical and biological contamination, waste disposal, and inadequate*
18 *recycling opportunities, in order to address the cumulative effects of natural and man-*
19 *made contaminants on our air, waters, and land, and to anticipate possible future threats*
20 *to our natural environment.*

21 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 334-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: This bill does not provide funding, nor does it 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	\$500,000 up to \$1,000,000	\$500,000 up to \$1,000,000	\$500,000 up to \$1,000,000
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

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

METHODOLOGY:

This bill adds provisions to the comprehensive state development plan concerning protecting natural resources and identifying environmental threats.

The Department of Business and Economic Affairs states the additional requirements added to the Comprehensive State Development Plan (CSDP) will lead to an indeterminate increase in costs. The Department would issue a request for proposals (RFP) for a third-party vender to modify and write the CSDP and work with the office. The expertise, time, and overall work required from the project vendor would increase. The Department estimates the additional cost would range from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. This range is based upon similar projects/reports the Department has previously outsourced. The Department anticipates the work on the CSDP would be done over the span of two fiscal years; FY 2026 and FY 2027. The Department does not expect any fiscal impact on state, county or local revenue or on county and local expenditures.

It is assumed that any fiscal impact would occur after FY 2025.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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