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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 10 a.m. for Session.

During the week of February 24 - 28, 2025, which coincides with most New Hampshire schools' winter recess, we will have no House Session. Chairs may choose to limit meetings or keep their meetings to public hearings only.

Please plan for a House session on Thursday, March 6th.

Pursuant to House Rule 44(d), if any House business is canceled due to inclement weather, notice will be posted on the General Court website at gc.nh.gov. In addition, email notification will go out to affected Committees and Staff.

Some of you received notice that your legislative license plates are ready for pick up and have picked them up. We will continue to notify Members by email as they are ready for you. Please continue to watch for emails from House Communications (NHHouse@gc.nh.gov) throughout the term, as - in addition to our House Calendar - this email is an official notification tool of the Office of the Speaker for House Members and General Court Staff.

Legislators are also reminded to review testimony submissions from our online portal for bills being considered by your committees. Simply visit the General Court website at: https://gc.nh.gov/house/committees/remotetestimony/submitted_testimony.aspx, choose your Committee from the drop-down list, and choose the bills you wish to view submissions on.

State offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

Meetings of the chairs and vice chairs are scheduled for every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. in Rooms 306-308 of the Legislative Office Building. Please note that there will not be a meeting of the chairs and vice chairs on Tuesday, February 25th, which coincides during the week most New Hampshire schools' winter recess. Next week's meeting, on **February 18th** will be held as scheduled.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on **Thursday, February 20th at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.
Rep. Jason Osborne, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on **Thursday, February 20th at 9:00 a.m.** in the State House Cafeteria.
Rep. Alexis Simpson, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

ALL reports, scheduling and notices are due in the House Clerk's Office by **3:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS**. Reports and scheduling shall be turned in to House Committee Services for processing **no later than 1:00 p.m.** on Wednesday. Please be sure to complete that work in a timely fashion to meet the Calendar deadline.

CLOSES AT 3:00 p.m. ON:

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
 Wednesday, February 26, 2025
 Wednesday, March 5, 2025

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, February 21, 2025
 Friday, February 28, 2025
 Friday, March 7, 2025

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2025 HOUSE DEADLINES**First Year Session Deadlines**

Thursday, March 6, 2025	Last day to report HBs going to a second committee
Thursday, March 13, 2025	Last day to act on HBs going to a second committee
Thursday, March 20, 2025	Last day to report all HBs not in a second committee, except budget bills
Thursday, March 27, 2025	Last day to act on HBs not in a second committee, except budget bills
Thursday, April 3, 2025	Last day to report all remaining HBs
	Last day to report list of retained HBs
Thursday, April 10, 2025	CROSSOVER Last day to act on all bills
Thursday, May 8, 2025	Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, May 15, 2025	Last day to act on SBs going to a second committee
Thursday, May 29, 2025	Last day to report all remaining SBs
	Last day to report list of retained SBs
Thursday, June 5, 2025	Last day to act on SBs
Thursday, June 12, 2025	Last day to form Committees of Conference
Thursday, June 19, 2025	Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports (4 p.m.)
Thursday, June 26, 2025	Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports

NOTICE**LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on February 10, 2025, voted to formally issue the following advisory opinion, which is printed below in its entirety.

Advisory Opinion 2024-3**House Bill 1388**

(November 18, 2024)

On January 1, 2025, the provisions of House Bill 1388 become effective, requiring members of the General Court to recuse themselves from participating in legislative activities in certain circumstances. While the Ethics Committee has found in the past that recusal is warranted when some conflicts of interest exist, this is the first time that a formal requirement has been imposed by statute.

When the Ethics Guidelines were initially adopted in 1991, there was substantial uncertainty as to how they would be applied. At that time, the Ethics Committee issued an Advisory Opinion recognizing that legislators may require a period of time to review and become familiar with the Guidelines. The Committee acknowledged that there would be violations, but the focus was on correction, not on punitive measures. Over time, the Committee has come to expect strict compliance with the Guidelines because they have become defined by application of factual circumstances brought before the Committee in the form of complaints or requests for advisory opinions.

The new provisions of HB 1388 are subject to interpretation and may cause some uncertainty among members of the General Court. Like the initial Guidelines, it is expected that specific cases will be brought before the Committee which will give more definition to the new statutory provisions. Until that happens, legislators should do their best to comply with HB 1388 according to their understanding and interpretation of the statutory language. In any event, at a minimum, they are required to comply with existing disclosure requirements.

It is the intention of the Committee that there be education of and compliance with the Guidelines, including the provisions of HB 1388. As long as a legislator acts in good faith in attempting to comply with the provisions of HB 1388, violations may be recognized but the Committee intends to focus on correction and not on punitive measures. This will remain the intention until the recusal provisions are better defined and understood.

Legislators are encouraged to bring questions about their specific circumstances to the Ethics Committee by requesting an advisory opinion or interpretive ruling.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

BILLS LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 306, establishing a commission to study the short and long-term impacts of pending national and regional carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire's citizens, businesses, institutions, and environment. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 526-FN, establishing a climate change and damage division in the department of environmental services. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 77-FN, prohibiting businesses from scanning individuals' licenses when selling alcohol or tobacco products. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. John Potucek for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill, as amended, amends RSA 179:8, and prohibits any person selling alcohol or tobacco products from scanning, recording, retaining, or storing any information obtained from any license as defined in RSA 260:14. **Vote 16-0.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 91, relative to the presence of a fire department at a fireworks display. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Mark Proulx for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill changes the law that requires that a fire department detail be on site from the moment the fireworks company arrives on site to set up the fireworks, until they have all been used and the area has been checked and is safe. This bill gives the local fire chief the ability to determine when it is necessary for the detail to be there, based upon the individual needs of each event. This bill was requested by fire services to assist them in being able to both provide for event safety and balance the best use of their resources. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 103, relative to fugitives from justice. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Mark Proulx for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill tries to change the extradition of a criminally accused person who is sought by another state. The manner in which it proposes to do so, the majority of the committee believes to be unconstitutional. Per House Rules, state representatives are not allowed to pass unconstitutional bills. See United States Constitution Article IV, Section 2, Clause 2. The proposed bill would also be a violation of federal law. See 18 U.S. Code 3182 - Fugitives from State or Territory to State, District, or Territory. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 196-FN, relative to annulling, resentencing, or discontinuing prosecution of certain cannabis offenses. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill as amended would allow for older convictions for simple marijuana possession to be annulled and removed from people's records. Given the change in society's attitude towards cannabis, it makes no sense to allow our fellow citizens to be denied access to housing, jobs, or military service because of something that would likely not be a crime if they did it today. It further reflects society's will to allow people to learn from their mistakes and not be held back by them, when they have since led lawful lives avoiding criminal activity. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 338, relative to the authority of fish and game officers. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill would require our fish and game officers to have established probable cause to stop and inspect a boat at sea or a hunter in the woods. The committee heard testimony from New Hampshire fishermen who this bill would ostensibly protect. They urged the committee to not pass it. They testified that they were unaware of any incidents of New Hampshire fish and game officers abusing their authority. To the contrary, they testified that they work well together to protect our environment and fishing grounds for future generations. From a law enforcement perspective, the bill is extremely problematic. Fish and Game would be unable to inspect lobster boats to ensure compliance with the law unless they had probable cause to believe that the law had been broken. Establishing probable cause to establish the law had been broken would require actually seeing the catch. It is this circular logic

that infects all aspects of the bill. A fish and game officer could not ask a hunter to see the contents of his backpack even if it appeared to be loaded with freshly harvested game animals, because it is always some type of hunting season and simply possessing a dead animal is not probable cause of a crime. Only by looking could an officer determine that the particular animal is not a lawfully harvested game animal and instead an endangered species. This change would do two things. It would require fish and game officers to actually witness every crime in order to enforce the law, and it would decimate our wildlife populations within several years. It would take only years as few as a couple dozen egg bearing female lobsters to be poached to cause the population to fall below sustainable levels and put our lobster industry out of business. The same could be said of our moose population and many other animals. There are very specific reasons that we grant our fish and game officers greater law enforcement authority than our other officers. If they cannot enforce the laws they are tasked with enforcing, our environment could be changed forever. They are often alone and in very remote locations dealing with both people and evidence that can quickly disappear. Their authority has been examined for constitutionality by the highest courts in our country, and it has been upheld. When and if an actual case of their abusing their authority is brought before us, we would be happy to look at it again. Until then, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 468-FN, establishing the crime of and penalties for unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill provides New Hampshire law enforcement the ability to enforce laws related to the criminal use of unmanned aircraft. Currently only the federal government can enforce any use of these craft, leaving our law enforcement powerless to stop or apprehend people using them in restricted areas, such as around power stations or water supplies. This technology is now inexpensive enough to be enjoyed by all citizens and that is a good thing. Unfortunately, the technology can also easily be used for nefarious purposes, and when it is, our local law enforcement is our first line of defense. Establishing local laws allows us to ensure the rights of our citizens and press to use the technology is protected as well. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 506-FN, relative to background checks during motions to return firearms and ammunition. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The bill will require the court to issue an order to return seized property when a protective order is denied, not pursued, or allowed to expire. Currently citizens are required to initiate a new and separate case in the court to request the return of the property. This leads to both unnecessary cost on the citizen and use of court time. When a citizen is no longer prohibited from possessing property because of an order of the court, it only follows that the court write one more sentence saying to give it back. The bill also allows a person to get a hard copy of the order from the court and deliver it to the local law enforcement agency holding their property, in order to expedite its return. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 698-FN, criminalizing the act of a person claiming to be a member of law enforcement when the person is not in uniform and cannot produce identification proving the claim. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Alissandra Murray for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This legislation was drafted to address one individual situation and does not take into account the full scope of the impact of the bill, creating unnecessary barriers that hinder law enforcement's ability to complete their duties. As written, any law enforcement official could be charged with a class B felony if they attempt to exercise their duly-vested powers while not in uniform and without other identification. As we know, law enforcement numbers are down and sometimes individual officers have to step in while off-duty for the sake of public safety. These officers would then be subject to potential felony charges. Therefore, this bill is unjustifiable and unnecessary. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 777, codifying the law enforcement accreditation commission. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. In 2023 Governor Chris Sununu issued an executive order creating the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. The commission was tasked with creating a set of standards for New Hampshire law enforcement agencies to adhere to if they wished to have their agency accredited. The commission developed and implemented these standards and created the necessary infrastructure to conduct ongoing audits of all agencies who apply. The Town of Derry recently had the honor of being the first of many New Hampshire communities to be able to claim that their police department is accredited. Given the time and expense required to set up the commission, and the wish for more localities to join, the current governor as well as the commission members believe it best to codify the commission in statute. Municipalities will be quicker to join and thus raise their standards, if they believe that it is a permanent wish of the legislature that their departments hold themselves to the highest professional standards. **Vote 16-0.**

EDUCATION FUNDING

HB 747-FN, establishing a program for enrichment scholarships for gifted students and making an appropriation therefor. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education Funding. This bill would create an enrichment scholarship program for gifted students to pay for qualifying education expenses to enrich their education. Established within the Department of Education, the program would be designed to provide eligible students between the ages of 5 and 18 whose aptitude or competencies, abilities, talents, and potential would allow them to access \$1,000 annually for qualifying, enrichment activity expenses. The department would approve scholarship service providers on its own initiatives, at the requests of parents, or by notice to the department by prospective scholarship providers. Further, the enrichment scholarship program would require a new position at the department to administer the program. A complete fiscal note was not received by the committee; however, the department estimated financial impact due this new program would require an administrative position and eligibility determination contractor along with general scholarship funding totaling \$1,190,000 for FY26 and \$1,000,000 for FY27. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 750-FN, relative to making incentive grants for school districts that improve in certain assessment scores. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Raymond Peeples for Education Funding. This bill would transfer \$1 million from the Education Trust Fund to the Department of Education (DOE) for the Commissioner of Education to award to school districts that improve on mathematics test scores in statewide assessments. Awards to districts demonstrating improvement would not exceed \$50,000 and be prorated should more than 20 districts qualify. Although it is well known that statewide pupil math proficiency needs to improve, the financial impact regarding one new temporary part-time position at DOE and the additional \$1 million in grant award revenue is questioned. Other programs such as the Math Learning Communities Program in working with the Community College System of NH and local high schools along with curriculum and instructional emphasis at the local level to improve math achievement are currently in place. **Vote 18-0.**

EDUCATION POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 283, relative to the list of subjects that comprise an adequate education. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Brian Nadeau for Education Policy and Administration. This bill is not the road to address the problem. It does not focus on adequate education. We understand the focus of the bill is to concentrate on basics and to keep it under local control. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 388, requiring local school boards to issue public reports on special education in their district. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for Education Policy and Administration. The committee felt that although well intentioned, the bill went too far in some of the data requested to be made available. There are concerns about student confidentiality in small districts, reporting on out-of-district placements, and the quarterly reporting requirement. Some requested information is already available or the subject of other legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 415-FN, removing requirements that schools provide menstrual products in restrooms. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Melissa Litchfield for Education Policy and Administration. The intent of the bill is to repeal the requirement that public schools offer menstrual hygiene products. The concern is the statute is an unfunded mandate. That being said, this has been on the books since 2019, and no school districts testified in favor of this bill. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 671-FN-A, establishing a kindergarten literacy readiness program. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Lisa Freeman for Education Policy and Administration. Having a positive educational foundation for our youngest learners is of the utmost importance. This bill accomplishes this objective. Additionally, it demonstrates our willingness to pull out “all the stops” to ensure literary readiness, much like the play-based kindergarten law passed several years ago sets out children on the most appropriate path possible. **Vote 18-0.**

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 179-FN, relative to hazardous waste accident fees. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Barbara Comtois for Environment and Agriculture. This bill as amended strikes a balance to encourage payment of an invoice or bill for hazardous waste accident fees. The committee heard testimony that fire suits, hoses, and other safety equipment need to be replaced any time hazardous materials get on them, as once contaminated they are unable to be used again because they can pose a fire risk. This bill was brought forward because some fire departments are having difficulty collecting associated fees for replacement of equipment. We want to encourage more timely payment of those fees. Anytime the equipment replacement cost is not recovered it is a burden to the taxpayer. This bill as amended gives the claimant leeway in the penalty amount but not to exceed the cost of the clean-up bill. It also encourages a payment plan to alleviate any penalties. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 279, establishing a committee to study recipe and process approval for homestead foods. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Catherine Sofikitis for Environment and Agriculture. This bill would establish a committee to study recipe and process approval for homestead foods. The current process is cumbersome and costly for our producers. This study committee would look at current requirements under statute and rules for determining what recipes and processes are approved for production and sale by non-exempt homestead food producers. The study committee would also look at current procedures for allowing alterations to recipes, what alterations are allowable without process review, and what alterations require process review. The committee expects that recommendations of potential amendments to statute will be the result of this committee that would provide a balance between flexibility for producers and protection of consumers. We expect that the results of the work of this study committee will encourage farm to table activities and encourage homestead farmers to increase production of food for the public. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 304, relative to labeling requirements for food produced in homestead kitchens. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Molly Howard for Environment and Agriculture. This bill updates RSA 143-A, specifying information that must be included on labels and on physical signs where the food prepared in homestead kitchens is displayed. Labels for food sold on site must include the name of the product, name, address and phone number of the producer, the producer's licensing status (Exempt or Licensed), and all ingredients are listed in descending order by weight as well as allergen information. Labels may now include a QR code leading to a site where all ingredients are listed. The bill also adds email addresses to the allowed address required on the label. It specifies that prepared foods sold at retail establishments, including at restaurants, farmers markets, over the internet, by mail order or to distributors must be labeled individually with the producer information, the ingredients, and allergen information. The bill also amends RSA 143-A:5, VII with some clean-up of no longer valid language in the definitions of Food Service Licensure; Exemptions; and Homestead Operations. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 371, relative to the definition of occasional food service establishment. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Judy Aron for Environment and Agriculture. This bill changes the definition in RSA 143-A:3, V so that the statute defines occasional food service as 4 days during a 28-day period rather than 4 days during a 30-day period. The bill also allows food to be served, and/or sold, and either consumed on premises or taken away. We want our food producers to be able to offer clear messaging about when their product will be available and this change to statute allows for a more consistent offering of product on an occasional basis. It allows for a product to be sold once a week. When selling a product is limited to 4 days in a 30-day period, it can be difficult for producers to say to customers that they are open once a week for four weeks and then closed the fifth week, and then open again. Changing this definition does not change any food safety regulations and does not allow for unsafe or unsanitary practices. DHHS would retain their current ability to "inspect when the department has reason to suspect an imminent health hazard" as laid out in RSA 143-A:5. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 658-FN, raising the cap on certain reimbursements from the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. The oil discharge and disposal fund was established to address costs related to preventing and cleaning up oil discharges to protect groundwater and to prevent or remediate contamination of property from oil discharges. The program is funded by licensing fees on oil imports into the state and has a sunset of July 2025. The bill reauthorizes the fund for 10 years, readjusts the licensing fees, and increases the cap on some reimbursements to owners of on-premises-use facilities who show financial need for necessary equipment and safety upgrades. **Vote 13-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 469, relative to membership of the public deposit investment pool advisory committee. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill properly adjusts the membership to this advisory board by reducing the appointment from two to one by the New Hampshire Banking Association and adding a member of the Municipal Managers Association. It was noted in the hearing that since the bankers are also vying for similar investment potentials, their presence could be in conflict with the mission of the committee justifying the reduction of their membership. Adding a member to represent the interest of municipal managers is prudent. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 534-FN, relative to the calculation of average final compensation under the retirement system. **INEX-PEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Stephen Pearson for Executive Departments and Administration. The sponsors of this bill requested that the bill be killed due to a technical error and additional information that has come to light as to the process. There was a misunderstanding as to how the NH Retirement System processes people on worker's compensation. This misunderstanding makes the bill impossible to implement. **Vote 13-0.**

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

HB 211-FN, relative to the use of air rifles for hunting game. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael Murphy for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. As amended, this bill would allow the taking of game animals with air rifles. Current hunting laws would be followed and the Executive Director of Fish and Game would set the minimal foot-pounds of kinetic energy required for each type of animal under RSA 541-A. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 404, relative to information on the hike safe card. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Michael Murphy for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. As amended, this bill would change the definition of “family” to include domestic partner, and any minor children involved. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 579, requiring applicants for a fish and game guide license to take and pass a standardized test provided by the fish and game department before receiving their license. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jonathan Smith for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. Standardized testing works in an environment that has consistency and normalcy. A licensed guide professional is anything but consistent and normal. The guide will face dangers and unknowns far beyond what any standardized test could simulate. The guide is responsible for the life and safety of his clients. The bill also removed the requirement that a licensed guide be part of the oral examination of the prospective guide candidate and be substituted with a fish and game officer. Almost every profession that has an oral board component will include an expert in that field. Substituting a fish and game officer for a licensed guide is a mistake. Fish and game officers are not licensed guides and not experts in guiding. Removing the licensed guide from the oral board is removing the expert from the process. The committee understands that testing sometimes does not appear to be fair, but you cannot legislate away perceived unfairness. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 647-FN, relative to the fee for a newborn lifetime hunting and fishing license. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Paul Tudor for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. This bill removes the \$300 fee for the license and allows the director of fish and game department to set the rate for lifetime hunting and fishing licenses. Removing the fee from the legislation is consistent with other licenses that are issued though fish and game that are set though the commission. **Vote 15-0.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 51, relative to hemp-derived cannabinoids and the definition of cannabis in therapeutic cannabis. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Yury Polozov for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The committee believes this bill will enable patients to access a wider variety of non-intoxicating and less-intoxicating therapeutic cannabis products at lower prices. By allowing Alternative Treatment Centers (ATCs) to acquire non-intoxicating cannabinoids such as cannabidiol (CBD) from affordable hemp-derived sources, it will make it possible for them to produce more products that have less tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or no THC. Any hemp-derived cannabinoids used in products by an ATC would have to be tested by a licensed, independent lab in New Hampshire to ensure safety. The bill also removes seeds from the definition of therapeutic cannabis, because seeds are considered to be hemp under federal law. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 126, relative to prescriptions for certain controlled drugs. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Linda McGrath for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This is a common sense bill that will help people who take injectable androgen, so that after 12 months of filling their prescription each month, they would be able to fill a three month supply at a time. The amendment revises RSA 318-B:9, IV(d) so it states that the prescriber must indicate on the prescription that the patient has indeed received 12 monthly prescriptions and also indicate the diagnosis of chronic low testosterone. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 576-FN, relative to tracking the number of ALS diagnoses in the state. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Matt Drew for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill aimed to create a Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) registry of ALS patients in New Hampshire. Given that the number of cases was projected to be around 26, the majority of the committee found that the cost associated with this registry was excessive. DHHS quoted more than a million dollars over the next three years in the fiscal note. We believe there must be a way to maintain this registry at a much lower cost. **Vote 15-2.**

HOUSING

HB 309-FN, relative to making electronic rent payments optional. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Julie Miles for Housing. The majority of the committee supports this bill and its amendment: Protecting Property Owners Rights While Expanding Payment Options. This bill with amendment 2025-0342h strikes a balanced approach to property rights by allowing landlords to maintain control over payment methods while ensuring tenants have at least one alternative option beyond electronic payments. This protects the

autonomy of property owners in managing their rental agreements while providing flexibility for tenants who may face banking limitations. Our state's constitutional plank upholds the fundamental rights of property owners, including their ability to set fair and reasonable terms for payment. This bill respects those rights while fostering a stable rental market by reducing payment disputes and ensuring reliable transactions. The majority of the committee believes a vote for this bill as amended is a vote for property owners rights, market stability, and fair access to housing. **Vote 17-0.**

JUDICIARY

HB 265, requiring that a public body's meeting minutes include start and end times of the meeting and the printed name and signature of the recording secretary **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Katelyn Kuttub for Judiciary. This bill requires that a public body's meeting minutes include the start and end times of the meeting and the printed name and signature of the recording secretary. This provides more transparency for the public, so they can see if, for example, a meeting went on for two hours and only has one sentence of minutes, they may be able to question if that's reasonable. Requiring the name and signature of the recording secretary makes it easy to identify whether they are official minutes or not. It was previously argued by a public body in a right to know case that the minutes may not be the official minutes. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 376, specifying that library user information exempted from disclosure in the right-to-know law includes information regarding library cards and library membership status. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Joe Alexander for Judiciary. The majority of the Judiciary Committee believes libraries serve as vital community resources, providing access to information in a safe and private environment. However, under current interpretations of RSA 91-A, library cardholder information, including whether one has a library card and library membership status, could be made publicly accessible, which raises serious privacy concerns. Library cards are personal tools, used to borrow books and access services—details that should not be subject to public scrutiny. The language in this bill is clarifying language so that the release of library card user status is clearly a violation of RSA 91-A. Releasing such information undermines an individual's right to privacy and could discourage people from using libraries altogether. Moreover, libraries are trusted to safeguard personal data, and releasing this information would be a violation of that trust. Exempting library card records and membership status from public access aligns with privacy protections found in other sectors, ensuring libraries remain spaces where individuals can explore knowledge without fear of exposure. **Vote 16-1.**

HR 6, condemning the judicial doctrine of "disparate impact". **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Zoe Manos for Judiciary. This resolution proposes to condemn the judicial doctrine of "disparate impact." Although members of the committee have different views about this doctrine, and a number of committee members believe that the courts have improperly applied it in many circumstances, the majority believes that the language of this resolution paints with too broad a brush in condemning the doctrine's application in all circumstances. **Vote 15-2.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 92, prohibiting an individual from simultaneously serving on the local zoning board and planning board. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Deborah Aylward for Municipal and County Government. Current law allows one planning board member to also sit on a Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). This bill sought to prohibit an individual from simultaneously serving on the ZBA and planning board in order to avoid conflicts of interest that can cause unnecessary and costly appeals. However, there are some towns that have trouble populating their land use and other boards, with members simultaneously serving on both boards. The committee felt it was prudent to continue this practice, but to assure to applicants and appellants that boards remain neutral and detached, the committee voted to approve amendment 2025-0317h. This amendment mandates that a member simultaneously sitting on both boards recuse themselves in the event there is a hearing on a matter that was previously decided in a quasi-judicial manner by either board, when they were a voting member. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 272, exempting certain agricultural practices from municipal noise regulation. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jim Maggiore for Municipal and County Government. The committee unanimously agreed that agricultural activities should be exempt from the imposition of "quiet hours" due to the fact that agricultural activities must be scheduled by weather conditions and not necessarily by a clock. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 339, relative to municipal master plans. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. David Fracht for Municipal and County Government. This bill would add two new chapters to the list of optional Municipal Master Plan chapters. The first would add a chapter on Agriculture and Food Production. The second was a catch-all "anything else" chapter. The committee determined that Agriculture and Food Production could be included in any number of existing chapters including Land Use, Economic Development and Natural Resources. The committee determined that an "anything else" chapter was too vague. **Vote 17-1.**

HB 407, setting a minimum threshold for the adoption of town and school budget and spending items for towns using a ballot to select such methods during town meeting. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Tom Dolan for Municipal and County Government. This bill was determined to be Inexpedient to Legislate for several reasons. The bill language restricts warrants from passing without at least 15% of registered voters voting for the warrant plus a simple majority of those voting. It was unclear when the determination of 15% would be determined or if it would be the majority of voters at the town meeting since the attendance varies throughout the meeting. It would be difficult and arbitrary to determine the majority. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 447, relative to property tax exemptions for disabled veterans. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for Municipal and County Government. This bill proposes expanding eligibility criterion under RSA 72:36-a "Certain Disabled Veterans" to exempt certain veterans' properties from all property taxation by adding eligibility criterion, reversing the important clarifications to this law made by 2024 HB 1154. HB 1154 was filed at the joint request of the Deputy Adjutant General of the New Hampshire National Guard and the Director of the New Hampshire Department of Military Affairs and Veteran's Services and was signed into law by the governor effective 07/13/2024, importantly clarifying RSA 72:36-a to more precisely define eligibility criterion. The intent of RSA 72:36-a is to provide a 100% tax exemption for a service-connected permanently and totally disabled veteran who has obtained a Veterans Administration Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) or Special Home Adaptation (SHA) grant. A veteran qualifies for a SAH or SHA grant if they have the loss of more than one limb, loss of use of a lower leg, inability to balance or walk without medical devices, blindness in both eyes, certain severe burns, or certain respiratory injuries. In short, SAH and SHA grants are for our most severely injured veterans. Before 2024 and HB 1154 became law, RSA 72:36-a had been proven to be confusing in its interpretation and application in towns and cities. Undoubtedly, this bill HB 447 would reinstate the ambiguity in qualifying for this 100% property tax exemption by also including veterans who own a home that is ADA compliant for their disability or have a home modification of any kind through the VA Hospital System. Notably, the expanded criterion proposed in this bill is not specific enough to be verifiable. This would unnecessarily reintroduce confusion for veterans as well as local assessors and governing bodies as to who rightly qualifies for this exemption. It is important to point out that permanently and totally disabled veterans, with injuries not severe enough to qualify for SAH or SHA grants, are currently eligible to receive up to a \$4,000 property tax exemption under RSA 72:35 "Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability." Relatedly, 2025 HB 99, which passed the House, proposes increasing this maximum to \$5,000. Therefore, the committee unanimously recommends this bill as Inexpedient to Legislate to uphold the important clarifications to RSA 72:36-a made by 2024 HB 1154. **Vote 18-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 135, relative to the collection of sales taxes of foreign jurisdictions by New Hampshire businesses. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jordan Ulery for Ways and Means. This bill seeks to create a basis for New Hampshire to prevent other states from collecting sales taxes on products sold from New Hampshire, but delivered to addresses in other states. This is in response to the referenced *Wayfair* decision of the US Supreme Court several years ago. The Ways and Means Committee held extensive hearings over several years working with the Attorney General's office to craft a law that would give New Hampshire legal standing to intervene. Several, including this author, advocated for this type of direct intervention, but learned the State of New Hampshire has no standing under the interstate commerce clause. This bill attempts to insert the New Hampshire Constitution into a business transaction that is consummated in a jurisdiction that imposes a sales tax and is subject to interstate commerce governed by the United States Constitution. No argument was made by any party that state laws could impede collection of taxes at the point of delivery when South Dakota defended its tax position before the US Supreme Court and won. Rather, the argument made was that there must be a nexus of contact within the taxing state. The decision by the US Supreme Court generated a consensus of a gross sales amount of \$100,000 per tax year was eventually broadly agreed upon as a transactional nexus by most of the sales tax states siding with South Dakota. The committee also learned that under the existing law, there have been essentially no complaints of an attempt by a foreign state to collect a tax from a New Hampshire resident business or private citizen selling in interstate commerce. This bill posed federal constitutional conflict questions; and a methodology exists in current law, should a New Hampshire business or resident be harmed, for the state to achieve standing to defend one of its businesses or residents. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 650-FN, removing references to repealed funds and relative to state park and robotics education funds. **ought to PASS.**

Rep. Susan Almy for Ways and Means. RSA 6:12 is the compendium of all dedicated funds held by the Treasury, whether passed in law, or delivered to the Treasury to hold by court orders or on behalf of trusts. They do not appear in the General Fund, Education Trust Fund, Fish and Game Fund, or other accounts that are overseen by the legislature and produce their own annual audits. The Joint Committee on Dedicated Funds

hears the results of every department's dedicated funds every 5 years, in a 5-year rotation, suggests modifications to correct growing balances or pending deficits and inability to carry out the planned work, corrects errors and repeals references to funds that no longer exist. This bill makes two substantive modifications approved by the agencies. The existing state park fund includes both the state-owned Cannon Mountain Ski Area and Tramway, and the rest of the state parks (excluding historic buildings). The Ski Area generates considerable revenue, which is segregated to a separate sub-fund. The other state parks generate very little, and mostly as gifts to a specific site visited, so no system-wide planning is possible. The committee and the agency agreed to create a separate Cannon Mountain fund. Second, the committee read the robotics fund financials and realized that for the last several years, only a fraction of the robotics fund, which helps schools set up robotics programs, has been used. It is funded by an annual \$750,000 grant from general funds and has been very successful, but seems to have gotten to most of the schools capable of setting up a program, and is increasing its surpluses. Rather than delete it, the committee chose to change it from non-lapsing and cap it at \$1 million, lapsing any excess every biennium. The amendment fixes a bad link in the original description of the different forms of dedicated funds. **Vote 16-0.**

TO BE WITHDRAWN

HB 678-FN, prohibiting the sale of over-the-counter weight loss and muscle building supplements to minors.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 REGULAR CALENDAR

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 169-FN, relative to a quorum of the public utilities commission. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Douglas Thomas for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill would define a quorum of the public utilities commission as being a 2/3 majority regardless of any vacancies. It further defines the commission as a regulatory agency. The majority had concerns with the quorum definition because it could affect hearings conducted by PUC staff and thus delay proceedings unnecessarily. Rules are already in place to ensure a 2/3 majority is required for all meetings requiring binding votes. Additionally, changing the commission to a regulatory agency would place it outside the bounds of its mission and would invoke regulatory rules that would hinder its efficient operation. Only the prime sponsor and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) had requested and spoke on this bill, indicating it had little public support. **Vote 10-7.** Rep. Thomas Cormen for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. RSA 363:1 constitutes the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) as comprising three commissioners, one of whom chairs the commission. This statute also gives the chair of the commission the powers in RSA 21-G:9, which includes rulemaking. That is, the chair of the PUC has the power to make rules, independent of the wishes of the other two commissioners. The minority of our committee believes that one commissioner does not a commission make. This bill attempts to clarify that rules adopted by the PUC need to be approved by at least two of the commissioners. The bill as introduced can be interpreted as requiring at least two commissioners to conduct a hearing. During testimony, the committee heard that the PUC needs to be able to hold hearings with one commissioner or even just staff members present. The minority supports the bill with an amendment 20250249h.

HB 504, relative to the state energy policy. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lex Berezchny for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. New Hampshire Energy Policy has been in statute since 1990 and provides high level guidance to the NH Department of Energy and the Public Utilities Commission on how to balance opposing demands in meeting the state's energy needs. This bill updates the existing one sentence policy definition with a more detailed and prescriptive policy plan, including: promoting an all-of-the-above technology solutions approach with emphasis on affordability, reliability and security; ensuring the state's energy independence by removing regulatory barriers to innovation; allowing for market forces and market-based mechanisms to drive prudent use of energy resources; pursuing energy conservation and efficiency according to market principles, focusing on market transformation; maintaining an environment that allows for accurate market signals and protecting state's various interests from bureaucratic overreach by encouraging expedited review and action. The majority of the committee felt that having a detailed, prescriptive, energy policy would provide state energy policy with clearer goals to allow for more efficient implementation. The amendment added references to energy resource diversity, public health and safety, and references to important statutory declarations of energy policy principles. **Vote 10-8.**

Rep. Dale Swanson for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. The bill provides a substantive step forward elaborating on the statement of New Hampshire Energy Policy in RSA 378:37. In particular, it supports a range of technology types. However, in so doing it asserts that they must be "on demand," which if strictly interpreted, excludes the valuable contribution that renewable resources offer in providing New Hampshire with low-greenhouse gas emitting energy sources that are not vulnerable to outside supply fluctuations.

HB 508-FN, relative to decreasing assessment rates for entities providing VoIP and IP-enabled services, as well as certain local exchange carriers and their affiliates. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michael Harrington for Science, Technology and Energy. This bill reduces the regulatory assessment on entities providing VoIP and IP enabled services (i.e. land line phones). The amount of regulation applied to them by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) was drastically reduced a few years ago when these entities were almost completely deregulated. However, the PUC assessment against them was not reduced. This bill corrects that omission by reducing the assessment from 33% to 10% of gross revenues. The committee unanimously voted Ought to Pass on this bill and it would have gone on the Consent Calendar if not for a slight drafting error. A floor amendment will be offered to correct that error. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 682, relative to the office of offshore wind industry, the offshore and port development commission, and the office of energy innovation. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. James Summers for the **Majority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill removes the office of offshore wind industry development from the office of energy innovation. It repeals the offshore wind industry workforce training center committee and the offshore and port development commission and moves the grid

modernization advisory council and the hydrogen advisory council to the office of energy innovation. After the President's executive order to eliminate offshore wind and turbines this bill seeks to avoid the destruction of nearby fisheries, lobster, shellfish, and whales. Offshore wind is more expensive and destructive than any other renewable energy source. The committee received experienced, expert, peer-reviewed research in testimony from the fisheries associations on the chlorination and chemicals added to the ocean water by offshore wind transmission cables, along with information about how the churning of ocean water by turbine activity removes the plankton from the surface, destroying the local sea life cycle. **Vote 9-6.** Rep. Wendy Thomas for the **Minority** of Science, Technology and Energy. This bill would harm New Hampshire's energy independence by removing key provisions that support offshore wind development, cutting the state out of future discussions on this crucial renewable energy source. Eliminating the office of offshore wind industry development and related initiatives weakens New Hampshire's ability to influence regional energy planning and limits its access to economic and environmental benefits from offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine. Without participation in these discussions, New Hampshire risks increased reliance on imported energy, higher electricity costs, and lost opportunities for job creation in a growing clean energy sector. This approach jeopardizes long-term sustainability in New Hampshire.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 260-FN, creating a commemorative license plate celebrating the 250th anniversary of Bunker Hill. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Daniel Veilleux for Transportation. As amended, this bill authorizes the New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles to design, sell, and distribute a commemorative license plate celebrating the 250th anniversary of American Independence. The commemorative plate may be displayed in place of the front license plate on vehicles for up to one year during the anniversary celebration. The revenue generated from the sale of these plates will be deposited into the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program administrative fund. The bill has a minimal fiscal impact. **Vote 12-4.**

HB 287-A, requiring police departments to provide fire departments with certain motorist personal and insurance information following a motor vehicle incident. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Ted Gorski for Transportation. The intent of this bill is to require police departments to share motorist information with fire departments following an accident. RSA 260:14, VII-a(c) states that law enforcement does have the ability to share this information but sometimes they do not comply. The committee sought the reasons why but suggestions of conflicts with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and ongoing investigations could not be confirmed. The majority of the committee believes that we should have all the facts before we make exceptions to the protection of privacy of motor vehicle information. **Vote 9-7.**

HB 368, prohibiting smoking and e-cigarettes in motor vehicles when a passenger is under 16 years of age. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Matthew Pitaro for the **Majority** of Transportation. As this bill is written, it cannot work. It presents itself as a secondary action if a police officer detains a motor vehicle driver suspected of a violation. A police officer cannot pull over a motorist for smoking in the presence of a person under the age of 16 and this bill would not change that. There is also the question of how a police officer can determine the age of passengers or even the extent of someone's use of tobacco products while driving. While the committee agrees that adults should not smoke in the presence of young people, the committee also feels that this issue does not necessitate the need to invade on privacy rights, property rights, and otherwise lawful adult behavior. **Vote 9-7.** Rep. Daniel Veilleux for the **Minority** of Transportation. This bill proposes prohibiting smoking and e-cigarette use in motor vehicles when a passenger under the age of 16 is present. The bill establishes a \$100 fine for violations but specifies that enforcement can only occur as a secondary offense—meaning a police officer may issue a citation only if they stop the driver for another violation. Law enforcement officers cannot stop a driver solely for violating this law. Exposure to secondhand smoke, including e-cigarette vapor, is linked to respiratory problems, asthma, and other health risks in children. Many states have implemented similar bans, including California, New York, and Louisiana, recognizing the dangers of confined secondhand smoke exposure. Since the law is a secondary offense, it minimizes concerns about excessive policing or unnecessary traffic stops.

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 255-FN, increasing the percentage of revenue deposited in the education trust fund from the business profits tax. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Julius Soti for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill increases the percentage of revenue from the Business Profits Tax deposited into the Education Trust Fund from 41% to 59%. This bill does not increase state revenue, it just moves funds from one place to another. Although it would increase the amount of money deposited into the Education Trust Fund, it would substantially reduce the amount of money deposited

into the General Fund which could then cause several underfunding issues. **Vote 16-4.** Rep. Thomas Schamberg for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. The intent of this bill is to increase the amount of the Business Profits Tax (BPT) that would be deposited in the Education Trust Fund. The present percentage amount that goes into the Education Trust Fund from the BPT per RSA 77-A:20-a, Distribution of Funds, is 41% of the total taxable business profits. The new percentage would be 59%, for an estimated addition of \$158 million. This 43.9% increase would provide an option for the legislature to address adequate funding issues. This bill does not increase any tax rates.

HB 318-FN, relative to the percentage of revenue from the business enterprise tax deposited in the education trust fund. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Julius Soti for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill increases the percentage of revenue from the Business Enterprise Tax deposited into the Education Trust Fund from 41% to 59%. This bill does not increase state revenue, it just moves funds from one place to another. Although it would increase the amount of money deposited into the Education Trust Fund, it would substantially reduce the amount of money deposited into the General Fund which could then cause several underfunding issues. **Vote 16-4.** Rep. Thomas Schamberg for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. The intent of this bill is to increase the amount of the Business Enterprise Tax (BET) that would be deposited in the Education Trust Fund. The present percentage amount that goes into the Education Trust Fund from the BET per RSA 77-E:14, Distribution of Funds, is 41% of the total taxable business enterprise profits. The new percentage would be 59%, for an estimated addition of \$68 million. The 43.9% increase would provide an option for the legislature to address adequate funding issues. This bill does not increase any tax rates.

HB 502-FN, relative to complete corporate reporting for unitary businesses under the business profits tax and revenues from the state education property tax. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jordan Ulery for the **Majority** of Ways and Means. This bill is a repeat reentry of an approximately 40-year-old former national taxation system whose repeal all those many years ago led to the massive growth of individual wealth and freedom the world has never seen before. The content of this bill was the subject of a comprehensive study commission which reported the concept as Inexpedient to Legislate 7-1, the one being the bill's sponsor. No other state in the nation uses this system in its entirety. Alaska uses a limited and heavily modified system only for oil firms operating in Alaska. The Department of Revenue Administration stated that they did not have the manpower, knowledge of foreign accounting systems, or language skills to visit and review the worldwide accounting of the corporations that pay taxes in New Hampshire, but are part of a larger corporate structure. Some such corporations have bases of operations on six continents and their products can be found on all seven. Such accounting would require extensive supervised outsourcing and costs reducing any potential revenue received. The majority of the committee reported the bill Inexpedient to Legislate, as have previous committees, because of the costs to implement, the unreliability of information received, and the strong potential of losing tax revenue if implemented. **Vote 11-9.**

Rep. Thomas Oppel for the **Minority** of Ways and Means. This bill seeks to end the competitive advantage for foreign multi-nationals over New Hampshire companies by requiring complete corporate reporting for anyone doing business in the Granite State. Current NH law shields activities beyond the "water's edge," allowing foreign companies to shift profits and reduce or eliminate their tax bill. Even the New Hampshire Supreme Court found "the water's edge method was adopted for the benefit of foreign businesses." Tax policy, our constitution, and the rule of law dictate that all should be treated equally, which is what this bill would achieve. It is not a new tax, and no solely domestic business would pay more. Any additional revenue would be applied to property tax relief.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 243-FN, relative to the penalty for false reports of suspected abuse and neglect made to the division for children, youth, and families. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Peter Petrigno for the **Majority** of Children and Family Law. The purpose of this legislation is to provide a penalty for false reports of abuse and neglect made to the Division for Children, Youth, and Families. The legislation states that "reports made to the department may include the name" and other related information from the complainant; however, it does not require that such information be provided. As such, individuals filing a false report would continue to be anonymous, thus making the intent of this legislation completely moot. More so, we believe that the provision which informs the complainant that they may be subject to criminal and civil penalties for malicious reports would have chilling effects and may discourage individuals from making good faith reports. Should one child be put in harm's way a result, that would be one child too many. **Vote 10-6.** Rep. Jodi Nelson for the **Minority** of Children and Family Law. Penalties for false reporting of child abuse are essential to ensure the integrity of child protection systems. False reports damage the reputation and well-being of innocent people but also divert resources and attention away from actual cases of abuse,

putting vulnerable children at greater risk. Several US states have laws in place that penalize individuals who falsely report child abuse. These penalties range from fines to imprisonment. We heard during testimony that should NH create a law penalizing false reporting, people would be less inclined to and afraid to report actual cases of abuse. No data was presented by people testifying to support this claim.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 56-FN, requiring a background check and mandatory waiting period during certain firearm transfers.

MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Jennifer Rhodes for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill if enacted will require a mandatory waiting period for the purchase of a firearm after the federally required criminal background check is successfully completed. Current law requires an FFL dealer to perform a criminal background check and when the background check is returned with no criminal findings that would prohibit the purchaser from purchasing a firearm, to transfer the firearm to the purchaser. The sponsor of this bill is adamant this bill is about suicide prevention, however, has not included any exceptions to the 72 hour waiting period. It should also be noted, recent federal law now mandates all individuals under the age of 21 years of age be given a “delayed” status for three days, during the three days NICS will notify the FFL that there will be an additional 10 day window for further research on a background check. In the past when this legislation was heard there were exceptions for a resident in possession of a hunting license or an individual who is the plaintiff in an ex parte protective order would not have to comply. Considering there are no exceptions in this legislation, the majority believes this is not about suicide prevention, rather simply gun control. **Vote 8-7.** Rep. David Meuse for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill would expand the firearms background check process in our state to include sales and transfers that do not involve a licensed firearms dealer and would establish a minimum 72 hour waiting period before a transferee could take delivery of a firearm. Currently, a firearms background check is only required when the seller is a federally licensed firearms dealer. While it’s a felony in New Hampshire to sell or transfer a firearm to a convicted felon, state law does not require background checks for private sales that don’t involve a licensed dealer. This loophole creates a dangerous gap that not only makes it easier for a convicted felon to obtain a firearm, but also for domestic abusers, protective order violators, and others our laws have already determined pose a high enough public safety risk to prohibit them from owning a firearm. This bill would close this gap by requiring most transfers taking place between parties where neither is a licensed dealer to be facilitated by a licensed dealer, who would then facilitate the transfer process and initiate the background check process. The bill also would establish a minimum 72 hour waiting period between the time a background check is initiated and the transfer of the firearm to the new owner. During testimony of the bill, we heard from a mother whose 21 year old son purchased a firearm, drove home, and committed suicide with a firearm during a moment of crisis that could have had a very different ending had a waiting period been in effect. A psychiatrist from New Hampshire Hospital told us that for people in crisis, a waiting period can mean the difference between life and death because suicide attempts are often impulsive, singular tragedies that involve little planning. Studies have also shown that some of the factors that incite violence against others, such as anger and rage, can also be short lived and can dissipate if given time. Expanded background checks and waiting periods clearly save lives. These sensible provisions are already in place in many other states and have repeatedly passed constitutional challenges in state and federal courts.

HB 75-FN, legalizing cannabis for persons 21 years of age or older. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jennifer Rhodes for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. If enacted, this bill will legalize cannabis for anybody over the age of 21. The sponsor was not present for the public hearing, and we were not able to hear the merits of this bill. Because the Governor has publicly stated she had no intentions of making cannabis legal in the State of NH and we were not able to hear the bill’s merits the majority decided to recommend this bill as inexpedient to legislate. **Vote 9-7.** Rep. Alissandra Murray for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill is a simple legalization bill that doesn’t get into the weeds of regulating recreational sales of cannabis. To ensure equal application of the law, any person convicted or sentenced to imprisonment for a cannabis-related offense, or who is serving a sentence for a cannabis-related offense will have their conviction or sentence of imprisonment annulled when this law takes effect. Additionally, any person who has been arrested for a cannabis-related offense as of the effective date will have their criminal charges dismissed. The citizens of New Hampshire have made it clear that they will continue to consume and possess cannabis whether we legalize it or not, and without this legislation, we will continue to criminalize and incarcerate individuals who are partaking in an activity the surrounding states have legalized and are profiting off of.

HB 207-FN, relative to repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles except by or to minors. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jennifer Rhodes for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee has heard the testimony of this bill’s language in recent House sessions. It is the opinion of the majority that the recent

expansion of the understanding of the 2nd amendment in the US Supreme Court makes the current ban on these weapons unconstitutional. Furthermore, these weapons have become more of a novelty than something once regularly carried. The advent of chemical, other kinetic, and electrical weapons, which are all legal, make these almost antique. That being said, they are still useful for self-defense and should not be banned while other more lethal weapons are not. New Hampshire RSA 159:17, makes an exception of ownership to a persons holding a fishing or hunting license, when lawfully engaged in fishing or hunting, to employees of express companies while on duty, to watchmen while on duty, emergency medical technicians, firefighters, military personnel while in the course of their duties, or duly authorized military or civic organizations when parading or to the members thereof when at or going to or from their customary places of assembly. Wrongful use of these currently banned articles would still be a felony. Under New Hampshire law, any item that could cause serious bodily injury or death can be considered a deadly weapon; a rock, a knife, a shovel, a baseball bat, or a golf club and they are all legal to possess. For these reasons, the majority recommends, this bill as ought to pass. **Vote 8-7.** Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathright for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Contrary to testimony that these weapons are collector's items that pose a less lethal alternative to firearms, these weapons continue to be used by aggressors to intimidate, terrorize, and brutally assault their victims. Unlike hammers and other tools that have a productive use, metallic knuckles, blackjacks, and slungshots are specifically designed to be used to assault other human beings. Use of these weapons can lead to catastrophic injuries, including broken bones, severe wounds, and brain damage. Additionally, they are often associated with criminal activities, such as gang fights or robberies, and their very presence typically leads to more violent confrontations than would have occurred without them. The minority believes that the current law is in place for a good reason and that lifting the prohibition on possession and sale of weapons intended to maim and inspire fear is in not in best the interest of public safety.

HB 257-FN, establishing the crime of criminal neglect of a child. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Terry Roy for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill was brought at the request of our county prosecutors. They have expressed their extreme frustration with their inability to hold criminally responsible those who hurt our children. The effort to decriminalize our criminal justice system has resulted in parents and others responsible for the care of children, walking free after causing, or allowing some of the most horrific injuries to children who relied on them for their safety and wellbeing. We have tried the social services alone response and found it wanting. Sometimes justice demands that the people in our society who harm children be tried and if found guilty, punished for their behavior. This is necessary for both deterrence and for the children themselves to learn that their abusers will be held responsible for what they did to them. This is key for the future generations to grow up with some level of confidence in our system of justice. **Vote 11-5.** Rep. Buzz Scherr for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill creates the entirely new crime of child neglect rather than of a less expansive and much less vague amendment to the existing child endangerment statute. This bill empowers state prosecutors to raise their judgment about what is proper parenting to the level of a criminal investigation. A simpler and clearer amendment to the child endangerment statute would reach the egregious cases without bringing parents into a criminal justice system ill equipped to provide the necessary services.

HB 352-FN, prohibiting possession of a firearm at a polling place. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Terry Roy for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill is another solution to a nonexistent problem. It claims to make polling places safe, but there is not one report that they are not safe. It purports to make polling places free of intimidation, but there is not one report of a voter complaining that they were intimidated. The minority suggests that if citizens feel as though that they must exercise their 2nd amendment right to carry a firearm, they should be forced to vote absentee, instead of exercising their right to vote as intended. The majority believes that if a citizen is so intimidated at the mere thought of a firearm being present in our society that they are afraid to vote, a society where firearms have been both common and legal since our inception, it is they and not the rest of society who must adapt. The majority believes the true goal of the bill is to fill the map with enough places where firearms are prohibited, that it becomes so difficult for the average citizen to travel with a firearm that they simply don't. **Vote 8-7.** Rep. David Meuse for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. Voter intimidation, including intimidation by armed civilians, has long been a tool that some have used to prevent full participation in US democracy. This bill is a proactive attempt to make our elections safer for voters, election workers, and law enforcement officers. Under our current law, state and local authorities can't prevent people from bringing guns into polling places, even school buildings. This bill would correct this by prohibiting the carrying of a deadly weapon, out in the open or concealed, within 100 feet of a polling place on the days where federal, state, and/or municipal elections are taking place. 21 states and the District of Columbia already explicitly prohibit guns at polling places in some way. It is past time for New Hampshire to join them.

HB 381-FN, exempting firearms and firearm accessories manufactured for in-state use only from the National Firearm Act. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Matt Sabourin dit Choinière for the **Majority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. While on the surface a simple bill asserting the state's right to regulate firearms internally, this legislation takes aim at the federal interpretation of the Commerce Clause with respect to *Wickard v. Filburn*. Presently, the federal judiciary holds that the federal government may prohibit a landowner from growing a garden for their personal use, as it means the landowner will not have to purchase some vegetables, which, ostensibly, affects the vegetable market nationally. This legislation provides a tailored opportunity for the courts to narrow this decision, and return to federalism. Further, nothing in this legislation compels any action, it is wholly enabling only. **Vote 8-7.** Rep. Buzz Scherr for the **Minority** of Criminal Justice and Public Safety. As stated by the sponsor of the bill, the apparent sole purpose of this bill is to set up a constitutional challenge to the application of the federal Commerce Clause. The general court's power to legislate should not be used to create litigation obligations for the state Attorney General's office when other means are available for individuals to engage in litigation without cost to the state.

HB 778-FN, authorizing the director of the police standards and training council to detail law enforcement training specialists employed by the council for law enforcement and crowd control services. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill simply allows the sworn law enforcement professionals who are part of the staff at the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Center to perform and be paid for detail work like their state and municipal counterparts. Not allowing this is detrimental to our efforts to attract the best officers to train our new recruits when it means an automatic pay cut because they cannot take extra detail work. If this becomes law, municipalities could call Police Standards and Training to offer details that they are unable to fill. **Vote 16-0.**

EDUCATION FUNDING

HB 494-FN, relative to the math learning communities program, and making an appropriation therefor. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education Funding. This bill makes changes to the Math Learning Communities program in public schools pursuant to RSA 193-I. Math preparedness of students graduating from high school and entering college or the workforce has been a long standing challenge. Prior to the start of the Math Learning Communities Program, weak mathematical preparedness routinely resulted in large numbers of student placement in remedial or developmental math courses in the Community College System of NH (CCSNH) which functioned more as a barrier than a bridge to post-secondary success. While colleges have evolved instructional practices to better address under-prepared student learning deficiencies, the gap from secondary to post-secondary still exists, but among students who participated in the Math Learning Communities Program in high schools, the gap is less. This bill does the following: 1) directs CCSNH to administer the program rather than NH Department of Education, 2) adjusts the description of the target student population to include all students, not just those desiring to pursue STEM or post-secondary education, 3) replaces language to allow high schools to consider all students who may benefit from program participation, 4) provides a general description of the program's courses to include dual-enrollment math courses, and 5) strengthens the annual reporting-accountability process. The appropriation request for FY26 and FY27 has been amended to reflect the same appropriation level as approved in the last session, \$200,000 per year. The committee as a whole recognizes the value and efforts made by CCSNH to strengthen math understandings among our secondary students, and if revenue projections enable, the committee does support the initial budget request as presented by CCSNH. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 716-FN, making an appropriation for the dual and concurrent enrollment program. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education Funding. As amended, this bill provides \$2.5 million in FY26 and \$2.5 million in FY27 to the Community College System of New Hampshire for administration and appropriating funds to sustain the dual and concurrent enrollment program. The bill as introduced requested \$3 million per year of the biennium; however, the purpose of the amendment is to level fund this very successful program in keeping with revenue projections. All committee members agree that if revenues allow, the full amount of \$3 million per year will better prepare NH's workforce. The program is designed to provide students in grades 10, 11, and 12 the opportunity to acquire college course level credit while enrolled as secondary students. The cost per course is \$150, and through this program, it is estimated that a student can earn a semester or more of college credit in high school before graduation. This results in students/parents not having to pay increased costs for the same courses later after high school graduation. That savings is projected to be more than \$10 million annually for those adults seeking a 2- or 4-year degree or required course work in the trades. This program addresses a number of needs identified in the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education Alignment such as student: affordability, access, and transferability of course work from college to university. **Vote 18-0.**

EDUCATION POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 76-FN, relative to tracking special education complaints. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Lisa Freeman for the **Majority** of Education Policy and Administration. Seeing as we all strive to increase transparency while ensuring privacy and seeing as the Department of Education currently amasses this very information, the majority of the committee recommends ought to pass for this common sense legislation. **Vote 10-8.** Rep. Peggy Balboni for the **Minority** of Education Policy and Administration. This bill requires the New Hampshire Department of Education to duplicate work that is already done and available on the department's website. Some of the required types of data listed in the bill lack context and could easily be misinterpreted. Moreover, it raises serious student privacy concerns by revealing certain additional identifiable information which could lead to reputational harm for any or all parties, and potentially damage the trust between special education families and the school communities in which they live.

ELECTION LAW

HB 107, relative to political advertising printed in newspapers, periodicals, or billboards. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Robert Wherry for the **Majority** of Election Law. This bill removes the requirement to mark political advertising printed in newspapers, periodicals, or billboards as "political advertising." The compliance burden for ensuring the placement of the "political advertising" notification was being borne by the publishers and printers rather than any political candidate or PAC, and this enforcement approach seems improper and unfair. Furthermore, the notification provided little, if any, information to the savvy voters of New Hampshire. **Vote 10-7.** Rep. Russell Muirhead for the **Minority** of Election Law. This bill would remove the legal requirement that political advertisement printed in newspapers, periodicals, and on billboards be marked at the beginning or end as "political advertising." The purpose of this long-standing legal requirement is to help citizens identify printed material that is aimed to persuade their political views, as opposed to reporting that has an informational rather than persuasive purpose. This is especially important because some political advertisers will be predictably tempted to publish material that masquerades as impartial reporting when in fact it is an advertisement. The requirement that political advertisements identify themselves as such protects citizens from such acts of manipulation and deception. In an age of AI-generated deepfakes, the minority believes that the existing law be extended to cover digital advertising, rather than eliminated.

HB 327-FN, relative to filing for office and witnessing affidavits. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Ross Berry for Election Law. As amended, this bill allows candidates for State Representative to file their candidacy either at their local town clerk's office, as is current law, or at the Secretary of State's office. This change addresses concerns that some towns have irregular office hours, which can create barriers for candidates. The committee believes that most State Representative candidates will continue to file with their local town clerk due to the nature of the office and the political optics of the process. Additionally, the bill removes the notarization requirement for candidates filing directly with a town clerk or deputy town clerk. In all other instances, the notarization requirement remains unchanged. **Vote 17-0.**

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

HB 61, creating a committee to study the laws relative to oyster harvesting. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jonathan Smith for the **Majority** of Fish and Game and Marine Resources. The majority of the committee determined that a study committee relative to oyster harvesting was unnecessary and redundant. Currently, the rules surrounding oyster harvesting are administered by the fish and game department in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) utilizing state of the art water quality assessment. Neither the fish and game department, or DES testified in support of the bill. **Vote 10-5.** Rep. Cathryn Harvey for the **Minority** of Fish and Game and Marine Resources. This bill would create a committee to study the laws relative to oyster harvesting. The committee heard testimony concerning the importance of oysters in filtering the waters of Great Bay. Each oyster can daily filter between 30 and 50 gallons of water. Before the 1990's, there were 25 million oysters but that number has decreased by 95% currently. The minority believes that for this reason it is important to expand the industry; however, it is a complicated issue involving oyster farmers, property owners, land abutters, law enforcement of poachers, access points, community education, and DES. This bill is too complicated for the NH Fish and Game Commission to tackle on its own. This simple study committee consisting of one Senator and 2 Representatives is more suitable for the problem.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 53, permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jim Kofalt for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill as amended allows therapeutic cannabis patients or their caregivers to grow cannabis for personal use, with certain restrictions. This bill addresses several problems for patients: access, cost, and safety. Patients in some areas of the state live far away from the closest dispensary, forcing them to travel long distances to obtain medically approved cannabis. Prices at New Hampshire alternative treatment centers (ATCs) tend to be relatively high, and home cultivation is a more cost-effective alternative for many. In an attempt to save money, some patients may resort to purchasing black-market cannabis, which has the potential to be hazardous. **Vote 13-4.**

JUDICIARY

HB 66-FN, relative to material subject to disclosure under the right to know law. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Bob Lynn for the **Majority** of Judiciary. This bill makes several important changes to the right to know law. First, it replaces the undefined term “citizen” in current law with the word “person,” so that anyone can make a right to know request regardless of where they live. Second, to prevent abuse of the law, the amendment places limitations on out of state persons who make such requests. If the requester is not a media representative and has no connection to New Hampshire, i.e., is not a domiciliary, a NH taxpayer, someone who owns property here or does business here, then the government body can require the person to physically come to its offices to make the request and to get the records. Those who do have a New Hampshire connection or are members of the media can make requests remotely and request that the records be provided electronically, which the governmental body must honor if it keeps the records in the format requested and the request is not unduly burdensome. Third, the bill also specifically provides that covered records include preliminary drafts of reports and other documents that are circulated to a quorum of the body. **Vote 13-4.**

Rep. Zoe Manos for the **Minority** of Judiciary. This bill makes changes to the right to know law (RSA 91-A). It changes references to “citizen(s)” to “person(s)” thereby broadening who can request access to and inspect the records of public bodies. The minority is concerned that this will permit individuals and business entities having no relationship to New Hampshire to access and inspect records. This will potentially open the flood gates further to overwhelm and overtax those governmental agents who are responsible for producing records and making them available for inspection. The bill adds a new paragraph to 91-A which clarifies who may request the production of copies of governmental records. It makes clear that there must be a nexus between the person requesting the documents and New Hampshire or that the person “...is a member of the media regardless of where located.” The minority supports this clarification. However, the bill further states that the request for the production of copies of governmental records may be made electronically or by mail without physically appearing at the regular business premises of the public body. The minority is concerned that this creates two different classes of requesters: those who must physically appear at the regular business premises of the public body to access and inspect records, and those who can request the production of documents electronically or by mail without physically appearing at the regular business premises of the public body. The minority is also concerned that records will be produced, using the time, energy and resources of government agents, only to not be picked up by the requestor. Finally, the minority believes that the House should allow time to evaluate the recent amendments made to 91-A (2024).

HB 80, allowing a public body member’s presence at a meeting by electronic or other means of communication only if physical presence is unavoidable and providing that physical presence is necessary for voting. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Marjorie Smith for the **Majority** of Judiciary. While the committee was sympathetic to the sponsors’ concerns to have voting take place only in person, the bill applied to every public body, and it created ambiguity because the remote presence of the member would count towards a quorum even though the member could not then vote. The term “unavoidable” was not defined. Also, the bill undermined the principle of local control by not permitting any body governed by RSA-91 A to establish its own rules. **Vote 13-4.** Rep. Joe Alexander for the **Minority** of Judiciary. As originally drafted, this bill contains two proposed changes to the right to know law. The first part would continue the practice of allowing remote participation by a member of a public body, but require a higher hurdle needed for such remote attendance. Currently, the attendance bar is set at “not being reasonably practical.” This legislation would amend the standard to be “unavoidable.” Physical attendance at any public meeting should be paramount except under the most difficult of circumstances. The chairman of the body would still render the decision on what is “unavoidable.” The second change would only permit voting by those public body members physically in attendance. Testimony and executive committee discussion indicated the potential for problems with this second part in the case of very small public bodies. The minority acknowledges this problem and will attempt to address it with the proposed amendment, that hopefully will persuade the House to approve the bill with such amendment.

HB 111-FN, extending the position of right-to-know ombudsman for 2 years. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Katelyn Kuttub for Judiciary. This bill extends the right-to-know ombudsman (RKO) position for two years. The RKO is an independent executive branch state agency which provides an alternative to the Superior Court for right to know (RTK) disputes. The office is tasked with determining whether the facts of a contested RTK request violate the provisions of 91-A. As amended, the bill exempts an individual who assists a petitioner with the preparation of a RTK complaint, and doesn't receive any compensation for such, from being considered as engaging in the unauthorized practice of law. The amendment also prohibits the RKO from awarding reimbursement of attorney fees, as there was concern that in certain cases, governmental bodies were using attorneys, and motioning for the awarding of attorney fees from citizens, as a method to discourage citizens from appealing to the RKO. **Vote 15-2.**

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

HB 282-FN, increasing the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Mark Warden for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill seeks to double the limit on total compensation payments paid to all claimants to \$1,000,000 per biennium. The majority believes that the current cap of \$500,000 is sufficient based on testimony that the cap has not been reached in past years. The most that has been used in previous years is \$350,000. For this reason the majority recommendation is ITL. **Vote 11-9.** Rep. Timothy Soucy for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The minority of the committee believes that increasing the fund from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 is the right thing to do for first responders. Firefighting, law enforcement, and corrections are inherently dangerous professions. In 2023, over 63,000 firefighters were injured in the line of duty. Severe injuries can require extensive medical treatment, rehabilitation, and long term care. Many of these folks are unable to return to work, leading to financial hardship for their families. By passing this bill, we affirm our commitment to protecting those who protect us.

HB 299-FN, relative to the award of attorneys' fees and costs in workers' compensation claims. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Brian Labrie for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill advocates for attorneys to be able to capture a range of fees and costs from insurance companies upon a level one hearing at the Department of Labor. Currently, attorneys are able to collect fees & costs at a level two (appeal hearings). The committee felt enabling attorneys to capture fees and costs at the level one hearing would drive insurance rates up for employers and potentially inspire more workers' compensation claims. For this reason, the committee voted Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 11-9.**

Rep. Mark MacKenzie for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The minority members of the committee support the passage of this bill. This bill is a crucial step in ensuring that injured workers in our state are provided with the necessary legal representation to claim their rightful benefits under the law. Under the current law, injured workers who prevail at the Compensation Board appeals level or in the Courts are awarded reasonable counsel fees. Additionally, they are awarded reasonable fees at the department level when medical bills are in dispute. This bill seeks to extend this language to the Department hearing level, entitling injured workers to recover reasonable fees as approved by the Commissioner of Labor. The determination of reasonable fees is based on various factors that reflect the amount of work required, and generally, the fee is 20 percent of the award. This bill addresses the existing disparity by leveling the playing field for injured workers who face the complexities of the workers' compensation system. Many cases at the Department level involve attorneys representing the interests of insurance carriers, making it imperative that injured workers have access to legal representation to ensure fair treatment. The committee was provided with data indicating that, on average, in 2023 and 2024, claimants with legal representation prevailed in 45 percent of hearing requests. This statistic underscores the importance of providing injured workers with the best possible representation to navigate the intricate legal landscape of workers' compensation. Therefore, it is the position of the minority members of the committee that this bill should be recommended as Ought to Pass. By supporting this bill, we advocate for a fairer system that upholds the rights of injured workers and ensures they receive the representation they deserve.

HB 586-FN, establishing an employee assistance program for small town first responders and making an appropriation therefor. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Steven Kesselring for the **Majority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The bill presents several challenges that were highlighted during the hearing. There was a lack of clarity regarding how the funds would be implemented to ensure success. Additionally, many of the services outlined in the bill are already covered under workers' compensation. While the committee recognizes the need for increased support for first responders, we do not believe this bill, as written, is the best path forward particularly given this

year's budget constraints. For these reasons, the majority of the Labor Committee recommends Inexpedient to Legislate on this bill. **Vote 11-9.** Rep. Brian Sullivan for the **Minority** of Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The minority of the committee believes that an amended version of this bill may have provided a valuable benefit to volunteer firefighters to address work related PTSD. This bill would provide access to the employee assistance program through the Department of Health and Human Services. Larger firefighting departments have the resources to provide services to first responders who develop PTSD through work related trauma. Providing access to the employee assistance program would assist these first responders prior to them engaging with workers' compensation. In some instances interaction with a counselor through the employee assistance program might save the individual from a workers' compensation claim. This is a second committee bill that would have to also clear the Finance Committee. It is unfortunate that the committee voted on this bill before receiving the fiscal note that would have allowed an amendment to be prepared and considered.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Training Room, Department of Revenue Administration, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

12:00 p.m. Equalization subcommittee work session.

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (RSA 126-A:79-a),

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting. This meeting will take place by remote conference. To listen in please follow the instructions below: Please register for the Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals meeting on February 14, 2025, 2:00 PM EST at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5671215450474413150>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You also may join the meeting by phone: 1 (562) 247-8422

Access Code: 115-413-777 Webinar ID: 392-210-715 The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can assist with and alert the committee to any technical issues: Amy.E.Rousseau@des.nh.gov. You may also call Amy Rousseau at 603-271-8801.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-e), NH Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Classroom 1, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

ELECTION LAW, Room 306-308, LOB

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 217**, relative to absentee ballots; **HB 289**, regarding domicile qualifications for voting; **HB 323**, requiring the presentation of a government-issued photographic means of identification in order to vote; **HB 365-FN**, relative to proof of United States citizenship for indigent voters; **HB 385-FN**, reestablishing voter identification exceptions; **HB 418**, relative to eligibility for absentee voting; **HB 472**, requiring voters to prove domicile; **HB 618-FN**, enables election officials to verify the single use of an out-of-state driver's license presented when a person votes by using the centralized voter registration database; **HB 684**, preventing the use of student identification cards as a means to obtain a ballot; **HB 686-FN**, requiring a voter to provide identification when requesting an absentee ballot.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 301-303, LOB

9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 153-FN**, requiring that two or more law enforcement officers in each county receive training regarding animal cruelty.

FINANCE, Room 210-211, LOB

2:30 p.m. Governor's Budget presentation.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Room 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Division work session on **HB 71-FN**, prohibiting the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States; **HB 519-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the department of health and human services to fund and support the Waypoint youth and young adult shelter.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION (RSA 14:14-C), Room 104, LOB

1:00 p.m. Organizational meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE-IRELAND TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22-a), Department of Business and Economic Affairs, 100 North Main Street, Suite 100, Concord

1:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73-a)

3:00 p.m. Presentation meeting.

Join Zoom: Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803 Passcode: 669915

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206-208, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 285-FN**, relative to determination of parental rights and responsibilities.

10:20 a.m. **HB 177**, relative to children in placement pursuant to an episode of treatment for which the department of health and human services has a financial responsibility.

10:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 320-FN**, relative to enforcement of marital property settlements; **HB 335-FN**, requiring courts to order a minor and their family have psychological evaluations and, if necessary, counseling, where parental rights and responsibilities are contested in a family court matter; **HB 350-FN**, requiring that all family division hearings be video and audio recorded and broadcast live; **HB 433-FN**, making 17 the age of consent for marriage if either party is active duty military and removing language regarding age waivers for marriage registration records, since age waivers are no longer issued in New Hampshire; **HB 486-FN**, relative to grandparents' visitation rights.

1:00 p.m. **HB 10-FN**, establishing the parental bill of rights.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 104, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 302**, relative to enabling the state treasury to invest in precious metals and digital assets; **HB 639-FN**, relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies; **HB 451-FN**, establishing the paint product stewardship program.

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 186-FN-A**, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor; **HB 276**, removing the requirement that on-premises beverage licensees serve food.

EDUCATION FUNDING , Room 205-207, LOB

10:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 112-FN**, requiring students in the university and community college systems of New Hampshire to pass the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services civics naturalization test; **HB 510-FN**, relative to establishing certain due process rights for students, student organizations, and faculty members facing disciplinary actions by state institutions of higher learning; **HB 659-FN**, establishing the New Hampshire college graduate retention incentive program; **HB 770-FN**, relative to establishing a program to earn tuition credits for state of New Hampshire higher education institutions through community service; **HB 583-FN-L**, relative to state participation in the Medicaid direct certification program for free and reduced price school meals; **HB 646-FN-L**, requiring school districts to establish an online application for participation in the free and reduced price meal program; **HB 665-FN-A**, relative to eligibility for free school meals; **HB 703-FN-A-L**, relative to prohibiting school districts from denying meals to students with unpaid meal balances, and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 656**, relative to the authority of local school districts to accept federal grants; **HB 771-FN**, relative to funding for open enrollment schools; **HB 718**, requiring the state board of education to report the unfunded financial impact to school districts for rules adopted by the board which exceed state or federal minimum standards.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EDUCATION POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION , Room 202-204, LOB

9:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 738-FN**, requiring certain non-public schools or education service providers that accept public funds to perform background checks on all employees and volunteers; **HB 222**, repealing the requirement for a memorandum of understanding between a chartered public school and school district regarding how students with disabilities will receive special

education services; **HB 440**, relative to educator licensing; **HB 719-FN**, repealing the use of unused district facilities by chartered public schools; **HB 662-FN**, requiring the discussion of abortion procedures and viewing of certain videos during health education in public schools; **HR 9**, urging the department of education to emphasize STEM education in public schools.

1:00 p.m. Full committee work session on **HB 108**, relative to bullying and cyberbullying across multiple school districts; **HB 384-FN**, prohibiting bullying in schools; **HB 673-FN**, relative to school bullying and discrimination plans.

2:30 p.m. **HB 709-FN**, allowing parents or guardians to admit their children into any school district where they pay any property or school district taxes.

3:15 p.m. **HB 741-FN**, allowing parents to send their children to any school district they choose.

ELECTION LAW, Room 306-308, LOB

10:00 a.m. **HB 711-FN**, relative to voting machine contractors.

10:10 a.m. Executive session on **HB 141**, relative to campaign disclosures for limited liability companies; **HB 158**, relative to public inspection of absentee ballot lists; **HB 172**, restricting undeclared voters from same-day voting in a presidential or state primary; **HB 175**, relative to defined coordinated expenditures; **HB 311-FN**, relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions; **HB 423**, requiring the consent of property owners for the placement of political advertisements on public property abutting their land; **HB 684**, preventing the use of student identification cards as a means to obtain a ballot.

10:20 a.m. **HB 270**, requiring the preservation of electronic ballot counting device memory chips.

10:40 a.m. **HB 341-FN**, requiring the secretary of state to check voter records prior to every election.

11:00 a.m. **HB 281**, requiring electronic voter checklists to be supplied in a sortable format.

11:20 a.m. **HB 308-FN**, requiring the election checklist to have a column to annotate if a non-New Hampshire issued form of identification is provided to vote.

11:40 a.m. **HB 130-FN**, relative to the arrangement of candidates on primary election ballots

1:00 p.m. **HB 714-FN**, creating a single primary ballot.

1:40 p.m. **HB 154**, enabling voters to request to have their ballots hand-counted.

2:30 p.m. **HB 693-FN**, relative to ballot counting procedures and permitting the hand counting of ballots.

2:50 p.m. **HB 274**, relative to the verification of voter rolls annually.

3:20 p.m. **HB 317**, preventing a supervisor of the checklist from verifying a person's identity without identification, even if they personally know that person.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 301-303, LOB

9:30 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 150**, enabling homestead operations to use commercial kitchen equipment in preparing food for sale; **HB 307**, relative to the food production area for homestead food; **HB 479**, establishing a committee to study the use and problems associated with regulating the distribution and disposal of certain solid waste within landfills and transfer centers; **HB 707**, requiring the department of environmental services to establish a site-specific setback distance for proposed new landfills; **HR 10**, recognizing the fundamental right to have clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment; **HB 215-FN**, requiring a landfill permit applicant to submit a report listing potential harms and benefits of the project; **HB 566-FN**, requiring permit applications for new landfills to contain a detailed plan for leachate management; **HB 153-FN**, requiring that two or more law enforcement officers in each county receive training regarding animal cruelty; **HB 171**, establishing a moratorium on the issuance of permits for new landfills; **HR 13**, opposing the permitting of a landfill next to Forest Lake State Park in Dalton, New Hampshire.

10:45 a.m. Executive session on **HB 479**, establishing a committee to study the use and problems associated with regulating the distribution and disposal of certain solid waste within landfills and transfer centers; **HR 10**, recognizing the fundamental right to have clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment; **HB 215-FN**, requiring a landfill permit applicant to submit a report listing potential harms and benefits of the project; **HB 566-FN**, requiring permit applications for new landfills to contain a detailed plan for leachate management; **HB 153-FN**, requiring that two or more law enforcement officers in each county receive training regarding animal cruelty; **HB 171**, establishing a moratorium on the issuance of permits for new landfills; **HR 13**, opposing the permitting of a landfill next to Forest Lake State Park in Dalton, New Hampshire; **HB 150**, enabling homestead operations to use commercial kitchen equipment in preparing food for sale; **HB 307**, relative to the food production area for homestead food.

1:00 p.m. **HB 505-FN**, allowing the sale of freeze dried foods produced in homestead food operations.

1:30 p.m. **HB 642**, allowing the sale of dehydrated meat without a homestead food license.

- 2:00 p.m. **HB 396**, exempting meat and meat food products slaughtered and prepared in state for sale in state from certain inspections.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE, Room 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 97-FN**, making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for wastewater infrastructure projects; **HB 197-FN**, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers; **HB 246-FN-A**, directing the state conservation committee to implement the conservation district climate resilience grant program and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 519-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the department of health and human services to fund and support the Waypoint youth and young adult shelter.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Room 210-211, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Budget work session - DHHS Commissioner's overview; budget trailer bill (if available).

HOUSING , Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 383**, relative to the authority of condominium boards and unit owners to create and amend condominium instruments.
10:30 a.m. **HB 410-FN**, relative to adding conditions to zoning boards of adjustment imposing restrictions on the building and development of residential properties.
1:00 p.m. **HB 457**, relative to zoning restrictions on dwelling units.
2:00 p.m. **HB 465**, relative to the housing opportunity zone program.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 542-FN**, relative to weekly benefit amounts for unemployment compensation.
11:00 a.m. **HB 744-FN**, relative to workers' compensation indemnity benefits percentage.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 248**, relative to notice and update requirements regarding state employee investigations; **HB 280**, relative to wage payments; **HB 379**, relative to youth employment during the school year and at night; **HB 386-FN**, prohibiting nursing agencies from including non-compete clauses in contracts with health care entities; **HB 487**, relative to providing employees with advance notice of the work schedule; **HB 542-FN**, relative to weekly benefit amounts for unemployment compensation; **HB 735-FN**, relative to elections in collective bargaining; **HB 744-FN**, relative to workers' compensation indemnity benefits percentage; **HB 757**, relative to tip pooling and sharing and automatic service charges.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 201, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 554**, enabling municipalities to choose whether or not to place political advertising on municipal property.
9:20 a.m. **HB 512-FN**, relative to preventing municipal employees from being paid under multiple municipal contracts simultaneously.
9:35 a.m. **HB 562**, relative to the filling of vacant positions on elected municipal boards and school boards.
9:50 a.m. Public hearing on proposed non-germane Amendment #2025-0153h to HB 123, enabling municipalities to tax standing wood and timber on land used for carbon sequestration. This amendment prohibits the placement of land owned by the county or state and land in trusts that receive public funding from being enrolled in carbon sequestration programs. Copies of the amendment are available on the General Court website.
10:20 a.m. **HB 490**, relative to indemnification for municipalities adopting policies to address homelessness.
11:00 a.m. **HB 668-FN-L**, authorizing municipalities to hold a referendum to rescind the licenses of historic horse racing facilities.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 230-L**, relative to the adoption of public health ordinances by municipalities; **HB 689**, enabling municipalities to adopt a volunteer incentive property tax credit; **HB 766**, enabling municipalities to adopt an exemption from the local education property tax for certain elderly residents; **HB 625**, relative to enabling municipalities to levy payments against non-profits at a percentage of their assessed property values; **HB 147**, relative to clarifying tax exemptions for properties used by religious, educational, and charitable organizations; **HB 426**, relative to property tax exemptions for charitable organizations for the prior tax year; **HB 617**, relative to the homestead

right; **HB 425**, allowing tax-exempt entities to keep their tax-exempt status while renting facilities or property to entities that share their mission; **HB 421-FN**, relative to notice of tax exempt-status filing procedures by town officials or offices; **HB 458-FN**, limiting local assistance to U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents; **HB 782-FN**, expanding property tax exemptions for certain elderly and disabled persons; raising public awareness regarding tax credits and exemptions; and requiring an annual report regarding the efficacy of the low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief program; **HB 547-FN**, relative to county reimbursement of funds.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 302-304, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 692**, relative to utility companies adopting advanced meters.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 755-FN**, relative to the state's electric utility market.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 761-FN**, relative to customer energy storage.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 723-FN**, repealing the multi-use energy data platform; **HB 690-FN**, directing the department of energy to investigate the state's withdrawal from ISO-New England and other strategy decisions that impact ratepayers in relation to New England's environmental policy; **HB 681-FN**, establishing a statewide online energy data platform; **HB 674-FN**, relative to non-wire alternatives, time-of-use tariffs, and multi-year rate settings; **HCR 2**, declaring the development of advanced nuclear energy technology to be in the best interest of the state of New Hampshire and the United States.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 759-FN**, relative to community energy generators.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 760-FN**, relative to utility default service.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 203, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 758**, establishing a committee to study airport operation hours.
- 9:50 a.m. **HB 489**, allowing volunteer emergency workers to use a rear facing blue light on their private vehicles when involved in emergency service.
- 10:10 a.m. **HB 533**, relative to the use of civilian employees in commercial truck inspections.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 594**, relative to the definition of a way.
- 10:50 a.m. **HB 632**, permitting health care providers affiliated with the Veterans Administration to certify medical accommodations on behalf of veterans residing in New Hampshire.
- 11:10 p.m. **HB 452-FN**, relative to the issuance of drivers' licenses for aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 2:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 209-FN**, allowing a new vehicle purchased in the model year or before to be inspected in the second year after purchase; **HB 439-FN**, relative to non-driving related violations and driver's license suspension; **HB 452-FN**, relative to the issuance of drivers' licenses for aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire; **HB 649-FN**, removing the requirement for physical safety inspections and on-board diagnostic tests for passenger vehicles and eliminating funding for the motor vehicle air pollution abatement fund; **HB 715-FN**, relative to personal electric vehicles; **HB 305**, relative to speed and red-light cameras for traffic enforcement; **HB 390-FN**, relative to adding retired fire apparatus (fire trucks) to antique vehicle exemptions; **HB 419**, requiring vehicle headlights to be on when windshield wipers are also on.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302-304, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 437**, providing specific curative measures for undischarged mortgages.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 721-FN**, relative to establishing gold and silver as legal tender.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 454**, requiring that retailers of fuel blends with 15% ethanol also offer fuel blends with 10% or lower ethanol content.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 517-FN**, repealing the Granite State paid family leave plan.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 556**, relative to the sale of products labeled as biodegradable or compostable.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 774-FN**, requiring Medicare supplemental policies to cover pre-existing conditions.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 706-FN**, relative to prohibiting insurance companies from conducting an audit of providers services after services have been delivered but before payment has been made to such provider.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 565**, allowing persons under 21 into veterans' clubs, private clubs, and social clubs under certain conditions.
- 2:45 p.m. **HB 467**, defining "social districts" and enabling municipalities to create social districts.
- 3:15 p.m. **HB 496-FN**, requiring the liquor commission to distribute certain information in liquor stores.

EDUCATION POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION , Room 205-207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 235**, relative to amending the educator code of ethics and code of conduct to include responsibility to parents; **HB 738-FN**, requiring certain non-public schools or education service providers that accept public funds to perform background checks on all employees and volunteers; **HB 184**, establishing a committee to study changing school start times; **HB 532**, relative to alternative dispute resolution and individualized education plan team meeting facilitation; **HB 394**, relative to the powers and duties of cooperative school district budget committees and the role of cooperative school district board member representatives on such committees; **HB 362**, granting the department of education rulemaking authority to require candidates to obtain passing scores on professional education assessments; **HB 676**, relative to the composition and responsibilities of the parent and education service provider advisory commission, and establishing education freedom account impact and parent satisfaction surveys.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 653-FN**, establishing a pilot program within the department of education to implement alternatives to restraint and seclusion of students.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 361**, prohibiting mandatory mask policies in schools.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 360**, prohibiting public schools from performing diagnostic tests or surgical procedures, or prescribing pharmaceutical drugs.
- 3:15 p.m. **HB 50**, relative to teaching discrimination in public schools and discrimination in public workplaces.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 301-303, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 505-FN**, allowing the sale of freeze dried foods produced in homestead food operations; **HB 642**, allowing the sale of dehydrated meat without a homestead food license; **HB 396**, exempting meat and meat food products slaughtered and prepared in state for sale in state from certain inspections; **HB 707**, requiring the department of environmental services to establish a site-specific setback distance for proposed new landfills.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 277**, relative to the use of the term “foal” and “colt.”
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 779-FN**, allowing the sale of rabbit meat in intrastate commerce.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 251-FN**, allowing the ownership of certain squirrels and raccoons.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 263**, relative to applications to the cost of care fund for livestock care.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 152-FN**, prohibiting the sale and use of adhesive-based rodent traps.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306-308, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 581-FN**, establishing a state retirement plan group for new state employee members of the retirement system; **HB 702-FN**, relative to defining extra duty pay hours for a retired part-time police officer’s hour limit for yearly calculations.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 694-FN**, requiring leases of land, buildings, or space by state agencies to be at fair market value.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 780**, relative to the director of the division of archives and records management of the department of state.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 525-FN**, transferring administration of the program for the deaf and hard of hearing and the board of licensure of interpreters for the deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing to the office of professional licensure and certification.
- Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 2:00 p.m. Executive session on **HB 536-FN**, relative to a cost of living adjustment in the state retirement system; **HB 438-FN**, relative to immigration detention facilities; **HB 570-FN**, relative to membership of the prescription drug affordability board and the definition of public payor for purposes of board administration; **HB 581-FN**, establishing a state retirement plan group for new state employee members of the retirement system; **HB 702-FN**, relative to defining extra duty pay hours for a retired part-time police officer’s hour limit for yearly calculations.

FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Budget Work Session - NH Retirement System.
- 10:30 a.m. Budget Work Session - Community Development Finance Authority.
- 11:00 a.m. Budget Work Session - Liquor Commission.
- 1:15 p.m. Budget Work Session - Office of Professional Licensure and Certification.
- 1:45 p.m. Budget Work Session - Board of Tax and Land Appeals.
- 2:15 p.m. Budget Work Session - Housing Appeals Board.

- 2:45 p.m. Budget Work Session - Executive Council.
- 3:15 p.m. Budget Work Session - Right-to-Know Ombudsman.
- 3:45 p.m. Budget Work Session - Public Employees Labor Relations Board.

FINANCE - DIVISION II, Room 209, LOB

- 10:30 a.m. Division work session on **HB 129-FN**, relative to the definition of the term “evidence-based” within public education; **HB 133-FN**, modifying the new resident drivers’ license transfer requirements, specifying when the division of motor vehicles shall send violation notices, and appropriating funds to the division for technological upgrades required for legal compliance.
- 1:00 p.m. Budget Work Session with LBA - Process Overview and Review of Governor’s Recommended Budget.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Room 210-211, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Budget work session - Office of the Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 202-204, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 70-FN**, relative to the use of electronic medical records.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 731-FN**, relative to supportive housing options for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 117**, relative to the substitution of biological products.
- 1:00 p.m. **HCR 7**, recognizing abortion as a critical component of comprehensive reproductive health care. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 148**, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain circumstances.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 520**, relative to authorizing hearing officers of the department of education to issue subpoenas.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 584-FN**, relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 580-FN**, relative to retaliatory defamation in domestic violence and sexual violence cases.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 641-FN**, establishing a private right of action for civil rights violations.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 620-FN**, relative to the exercise of the freedom of religion.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 633-FN**, relative to housing investment trusts.
- 3:15 p.m. **HB 611-FN**, abolishing recoupment procedures regarding appointed counsel for indigent criminal defendants.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 203, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 142**, relative to the Honor and Remember Flag.
- 9:15 a.m. **HB 157**, establishing a study committee to examine ways to improve the usefulness of fiscal notes.
- 9:30 a.m. **HB 331**, relative to the secretary of state’s procedures for enrolled bills.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 477**, establishing a commission to study safety and security procedures in the New Hampshire state house.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 314-FN**, prohibiting the use of federal, state, or local funds for lobbying activities.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 546-FN**, relative to financial disclosures to legislative ethics committee.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 605**, relative to employment protections for members of the general court.
- 2:00 p.m. **HR 8**, resolving that the practice of suspending a constitutional officer to be outside the authority designated to the judiciary and appropriately delegated to the general court.
- 2:15 p.m. Public hearing on proposed non-germane Amendment #2025-0357h to HB 118, establishing required breaks during legislative proceedings. This amendment repeals various committees and commissions. Copies of the amendment are available on the General Court website. Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 305, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 432**, relative to recovery houses.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 201, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Revenue estimates work session.
- 10:15 a.m. Executive session on **HB 669-FN-A**, relative to requiring all revenue raised under the statewide education property tax to be deposited in the education trust fund, and setting an equalized statewide tax rate; **HB 290-FN**, increasing the taxes on cigarettes and electronic cigarettes and establishing a committee to study taxes on tobacco and other nicotine products; **HB 402**, relative to liability as taxable income of education freedom account payments; **HB 483-FN**, relative to the definition of a scholarship organization for purposes of the education tax credit; **HB 503-FN**, amending how revenues from taxes are allocated to the education trust fund;

HB 531-FN, setting annual limits on the amount of charitable gaming revenue which may be distributed to one charitable organization; **HB 540**, relative to historic horse racing licenses for large facilities; **HB 588-FN**, relative to the distribution of revenues generated from historic horse racing pari-mutuel pools.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Room 306-308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73-a),

3:00 p.m. Presentation meeting. Join Zoom: Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803 Passcode: 669915
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdGwQnQvc2ZRbkNOBhGc3M0dz09>
 By Phone: +13126266799,86117818803#,*669915# US (Chicago)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 202-204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 59-FN**, relative to the assault of a firefighter, emergency medical care provider, or law enforcement officer; **HB 62-FN**, relative to protection of persons from domestic violence and military protective orders; **HB 87-FN**, prohibiting the posting of land not owned by the poster; **HB 159-FN**, authorizing the state to report mental health data for firearms background check purposes and providing for processes for confiscation of firearms following certain mental health-related court proceedings and for relief from mental health-related firearms disabilities; **HB 245-FN**, establishing the speed enforcement and awareness fund and providing for grants to municipal law enforcement for speed enforcement and speed awareness traffic equipment; **HB 500-FN**, establishing enhanced enforcement zones for motor vehicle speed enforcement, increasing penalties for speeding in those zones by 50 percent, and establishing the enhanced enforcement zone fund to assist with funding enhanced enforcement; **HB 592-FN**, relative to magistrates and the standards applicable to and the administration of bail; **HB 109-FN**, relative to false reports to law enforcement; **HB 143**, relative to the issuance of no trespass orders on municipal or school district property; **HB 146-FN**, relative to the use of body-worn cameras; **HB 162-FN**, relative to informed consent for law enforcement searches of houses or other property; **HB 640-FN**, relative to the transparency of federal agency operations within New Hampshire.

1:00 p.m. Continued public hearing on **HB 776-FN**, relative to the crime of aggravated driving while intoxicated.
 Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB

1:15 p.m. Budget Work Session - Insurance Department.
 2:15 p.m. Budget Work Session - Department of Employment Security.
 2:45 p.m. Budget Work Session - Judicial Council.
 3:15 p.m. Budget Work Session - Judicial Branch.

FINANCE - DIVISION II, Room 209, LOB

1:30 p.m. Budget Work Session - Lottery Commission.
 2:30 p.m. Budget Work Session - Police Standards and Training Council.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Room 210-211, LOB

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY (RSA 12-J:1), State House, Executive Council Chambers, Room 207, 107 N. Main Street, Concord

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13), Room 302-304, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC) (RSA 21-P:48, IV), New Hampshire Fire Academy, Auditorium, 98 Smokey Bear Boulevard, Concord,

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 203, LOB

10:00 a.m. Revenue estimates work session.

10:15 a.m. Executive session on **HB 669-FN-A**, relative to requiring all revenue raised under the statewide education property tax to be deposited in the education trust fund, and setting an equalized statewide tax rate; **HB 290-FN**, increasing the taxes on cigarettes and electronic cigarettes and establishing a committee to study taxes on tobacco and other nicotine products; **HB 402**, relative to liability as taxable income of education freedom account payments; **HB 483-FN**, relative to the definition of a scholarship organization for purposes of the education tax credit; **HB 503-FN**, amending how revenues from taxes are allocated to the education trust fund; **HB 531-FN**, setting annual limits on the amount of charitable gaming revenue which may be distributed to one charitable organization; **HB 540**, relative to historic horse racing licenses for large facilities; **HB 588-FN**, relative to the distribution of revenues generated from historic horse racing pari-mutuel pools.

Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 201, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Organizational and regular meeting.

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1), Room 201, LOB

9:30 a.m. Organizational and regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD (RSA 126-BB:2), DHHS Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a), New Hampshire Veterans Home, NHVH Town Hall, 139 Winter Street, Tilton

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:30 a.m. Legislative Budget Assistant.

11:00 a.m. State Treasurer.

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1), NH Hospital Association, 125 Airport Road, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting. In addition to the physical location, access is also available need be remotely via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVucDBYYW9SZThLUT09>

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord**

8:30 a.m. Subcommittee work session.

MONDAY, MARCH 3**CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206-208, LOB**

11:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **HB 553-FN**, relative to the definition of abuse and neglect and conditions triggering a rebuttable presumption of harm in abuse and neglect cases.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2), National Guard Edward Cross Training Center, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRUG OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW COMMISSION (RSA 126-DD:1), Executive Council Chamber, State House, Rm 207, Concord

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a), Room 100, SH

1:00 p.m. Organizational meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206-208, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 493**, requiring education on child abuse and neglect for certain healthcare providers as a condition for licensure.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 543**, establishing a committee to study how the family division customarily treats accusations of domestic violence and to study current family division practices relative to the right to testify and right to submit evidence.
- 11:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 10-FN**, establishing the parental bill of rights; **HB 285-FN**, relative to determination of parental rights and responsibilities; **HB 430**, reducing the retention period for records of unfounded abuse and neglect reports by the department of health and human services; **HB 493**, requiring education on child abuse and neglect for certain healthcare providers as a condition for licensure; **HB 560**, relative to parental access to a minor child's medical records; **HB 652-FN**, abolishing the family division, creating the office of family mediation, and reassigning the jurisdiction of the family division; **HB 661-FN**, relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments, supplemental security income payments, and veterans benefits for children in foster care.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), Edward Cross Training Center Facility, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke

- 5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 188-FN**, relative to contempt of the general court.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 195-FN**, relative to the expectation of privacy in the collection and use of personal information.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 522-FN**, relative to the expectation of privacy in personal information maintained by the state.
- 1:00 p.m. **HCR 11**, declaring the directives of the judicial branch in the Claremont cases that the legislative and executive branches define an "adequate education," adopt "standards of accountability," and "guarantee adequate funding" of a public education are not binding on the legislative and executive branches.
- 1:45 p.m. **HR 7**, instructing the house of representatives to investigate whether grounds exist to impeach Judge David Ruoff.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 132-FN**, repealing liability for familial support under chapter 165, aid to assisted persons.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b), 25 Hall Street, Concord

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2), University System of New Hampshire, 5 Chenell Drive, Suite 301, Concord

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1), NH Hospital Association- 125 Airport Road, Concord

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB 85, HB 86, HB 378, HB 498, HB 502, HB 505, HB 506, HB 508, HB 509, HB 514, HB 518, HB 521, HB 523, HB 525, HB 526, HB 528, HB 534, HB 536, HB 538, HB 542, HB 546, HB 547, HB 553, HB 572, HB 575, HB 581, HB 583, HB 586, HB 608, HB 609, HB 615, HB 616, HB 619, HB 622, HB 630, HB 633, HB 635, HB 637, HB 639, HB 646, HB 648, HB 651, HB 653, HB 654, HB 657, HB 658, HB 659, HB 662, HB 665, HB 669, HB 671, HB 672, HB 674, HB 677, HB 680, HB 681, HB 683, HB 686, HB 687, HB 688, HB 690, HB 691, HB 696, HB 702, HB 708, HB 710, HB 711, HB 712, HB 719, HB 721, HB 725, HB 726, HB 729, HB 730, HB 731, HB 736, HB 738, HB 739, HB 741, HB 743, HB 750, HB 753, HB 755, HB 756, HB 759, HB 760, HB 761, HB 762, HB 763, HB 767, HB 769, HB 770, HB 771, HB 775, HB 782.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The **Hillsborough** County Legislative Delegation will meet in convention on **Wednesday March 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Hillsborough County Complex, Bouchard Building, 329 Mast Road, Goffstown, NH 03045 for the following purpose: Consistent with RSA 661:9 to elect a Sheriff and to fill the unexpired term of the resigned incumbent. Any other Business

Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathright, Clerk

The Executive Committee of the **Merrimack** County Delegation will meet on **Friday, February 21, 2025** in the 2nd floor conference room at **10:00 a.m.** of the Old Courthouse, 163 N. Main Street, Concord. The purpose of the meeting is as follows: 1. 4th Quarter Financial Review/Approval 2. 2025 Budget Review/Approval 3. Adoption of Grant Resolution 4. Any other business

Rep. James MacKay, Chairman

Friday, February 14, 2025, the **Strafford** Delegation Subcommittees meet individually to discuss, review and make recommendations on their respective portions of the budget. All work and reports must be completed by Friday, February 21, 2025. Chairmen are encouraged to set up meeting dates with Janet Hilber, Administrative Assistant, as soon as possible. Please attempt to avoid overlapping subcommittee meetings in order that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and County Administrator can attend all the meetings, if possible. After the Subcommittees meet, the Chairs present their recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Full Delegation at their respective public meetings.

Rep. Cassandra Levesque, Clerk

Friday, March 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m. (snow date: Friday March 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m.) The **Strafford** Executive Committee meets to receive reports and review the subcommittees' recommendations and any other business that may legally come before the committee at that time. Location: Cafeteria Conference Room, Lower Level, Justice and Administration Building. Public access via Zoom: Meeting ID: 864 4166 1218 Passcode: 661356 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86441661218?pwd=GmFTZoj2dnCYjeHw9b3NHThLTtQjdP.1> or By Phone: +1 305 224 1968 US

Rep. Cassandra Levesque, Clerk

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. (snow date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.) The full **Strafford** Delegation meets to review Executive Committee recommendations and to adopt final budget for 2025, and to discuss any other business with may legally come before the Delegation. Jury Assembly Room, Justice and Administration Building. The budget must be approved by April 1st, or the Commissioners' Proposed Budget will be in effect. Public access via Zoom: Meeting ID: 886 9655 0988 Passcode: 608382 <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88696550988?pwd=szE0WQMlvw0tJJpP1aLv8cG065quYx.1> or By Phone: +1 646 931 3860 US

Rep. Cassandra Levesque, Clerk

MEMBERS' NOTICES

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All Representatives are invited to a Bible study and prayer during the lunch break on Session Days. We will meet in the Upham Walker House with Pastor Peter Chamberland for this time together. Come and be refreshed both physically and spiritually during our lunch hour. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Rep. Vanessa Sheehan

The spate of measures in front of this body that have dire consequences for New Hampshire renters proves that the perspective of those who rent their homes is needed to ensure fairness for us as well as property owners. We representatives who rent must join together to make sure our voices are heard. If any of my colleagues are interested in forming a bipartisan renters' caucus, please see me in person or email me.

Rep. Lily Foss

Pocket-Size Copies of the NH Constitution are available. The passage of HB 1323 (2024), RSA 5:5-b, allowed for copies of State Constitution to be furnished. These pocket-size copies of the NH Constitution are now available in the Secretary of State's office for \$1 each.

Reps. Peternel, Drye and Dan McGuire

Delta Dental Plan of New Hampshire cordially invites all House Members to their Twenty-Fourth Annual Northeast Delta Dental Legislative Reception on **Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 4:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.** at their corporate headquarters at One Delta Drive in Concord, New Hampshire. Please RSVP to Siobhan Baron at 603-223-1244 or email legreception@nedelta.com.

Reps. Jason Osborne and Alexis Simpson

The Housing Caucus cordially invites all House members and staff to their third annual legislative luncheon on **Tuesday, February 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 1 :00 p.m.** in the State House cafeteria for a discussion of housing issues facing New Hampshire.

Rep. Joe Alexander

NH Life Sciences will offer free lunch at their inaugural Legislative Day on **Thursday, February 20th at 12:00 p.m. in the State House Cafeteria.** Meet their members and your constituents and hear about their impressive economic impact in communities throughout NH. They will showcase the breadth and reach of life sciences companies in NH statewide through our state's life sciences association.

Rep. Joe Sweeney

All members and staff are cordially invited to attend the NH Association of Counties Annual Legislative Conference, to be held on Monday, **February 24th** at the Grappone Center in Concord from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Guests are invited to join the NHAC for the breakfast reception or for the entire day. The breakfast reception will run from 8am-9am. In addition to networking with elected and appointed county officials from all ten of NH's counties, panel presentations will be held throughout the event with a focus on federal updates from the National Association of Counties, a NH budget update and so much more. The event is complimentary but advanced registration is requested. Please rsvp to Kate Horgan at khorgan@dupontgroup.com

Reps. Mary Jane Wallner and Keith Erf

Legislative Breakfast – The annual Water’s Worth It! legislative breakfast is set for **Thursday, March 6, 2025** at the Hotel Concord (11 S. Main Street). Check in for the event begins at **7:00 a.m.** with a buffet breakfast. Water quality professionals will present information on drinking water and wastewater treatment challenges in New Hampshire. This year Alyssa C. Rosenzweig, Deputy Director, The Overwatch Foundation will be speaking about the importance of cybersecurity to the water community, and why Water’s Worth It. In addition, Water Division staff for NH-DES will also address the audience. All legislators and staff are invited to enjoy a hearty breakfast and learn more about New Hampshire’s water infrastructure. This event is free. Please RSVP to info.nhwpca@gmail.com by February 25th to reserve your seat at this important breakfast. The breakfast is sponsored by the NH Water Pollution Control Association in conjunction with New Hampshire Water Works Association, Granite State Rural Water Association, and a wide-ranging coalition of other NH non-profit water organizations. There is no cost for enjoying breakfast with your legislative peers and attending this event.

Rep. Tom Buco

AARP New Hampshire has rescheduled its Legislative Lunch for **Thursday, March 13th, 2024, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** at the State House Cafeteria. Lunch will feature a variety of sandwiches, salad, chips, cookies, and beverages along with vegetarian options to choose from. Lawmakers will have an opportunity to meet AARP NH volunteers who are advocates for supporting family caregivers, protecting consumers against fraud, expanding access to affordable housing, and more. AARP NH is excited to talk with lawmakers about these issues and understand how we can work together moving forward. Please RSVP or note any dietary restrictions to Mike Padmore at mpadmore@aarp.org.

Rep. Alexis Simpson

Please join the Community College System of New Hampshire for a meet and greet in the State House cafeteria **Wednesday, April 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Legislators and staff are invited to join college and system leaders and discuss issues of importance to your region and the state. Refreshments, prepared by culinary students from Lakes Region Community College and White Mountains Community College, will be proudly served by students and faculty. The committee that leaves us the most business cards will win a delicious cake made by the colleges’ culinary students.

Reps. Steven Smith and Alexis Simpson

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to HB 53 (2025- 0272h)

Proposed by the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs–r

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 126-X:4, XIII(a) as inserted by section 13 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

XIII.(a) No later than December 1, 2025, the department shall allow existing and new qualifying patients and designated caregivers to report a cultivation location provided that:

Amendment to HB 66-FN (2025- 0110h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Judiciary–r

Amend RSA 91-A:4, V-a(a)-(b) as inserted by section 4 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V-a.(a) Any person who is domiciled in New Hampshire, owns property in New Hampshire, pays New Hampshire taxes, maintains a place of business or is registered to do business in New Hampshire, or is a member of the media regardless of where located may request governmental records electronically or by mail without physically appearing at the regular business premises of public bodies or agencies to request governmental records.

(b) At the election of such person requesting the records, the public body or agency shall provide such records electronically or by mail without requiring the person’s physical appearance at its business premises to receive delivery of the records. If the person requests that the records be provided by mail, the public body or agency may charge the person the cost of postage. No charge shall be made for records delivered electronically. This subparagraph does not preclude a public body from imposing charges authorized under paragraph VIII.

2025-0110h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill describes who may invoke the right to know law and in what manner, includes preliminary drafts of documents that are distributed to a quorum of a body among the materials that must be disclosed, allows certain persons to request documents in either paper or electronic form, and modifies the manner in which the right to know ombudsman's ruling may be appealed to superior court.

**Amendment to HB 77-FN
 (2025-0080h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs-c

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

AN ACT prohibiting certain licensees from electronically recording or storing personal information obtained from an identification card.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Alcoholic Beverages; Enforcement, Requirements and Penalties; Statement From Purchaser as to Age. Amend RSA 179:8 by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

III. Notwithstanding any other law, nothing shall prohibit a licensee from scanning any of the approved forms of identification outlined in paragraph I for the purposes of verifying the age of a person purchasing alcohol or tobacco products. Nothing in this paragraph shall authorize the licensee to record, retain, or store, in any electronic form or format, information in motor vehicle records that identifies a person, including a person's photograph or computerized image, social security number, driver identification number, name, address (but not the 5-digit zip code), telephone number, and medical or disability information obtained from any of the approved forms of identification.

2025-0080h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits certain licensees from electronically recording or storing personal information obtained from an identification card.

**Amendment to HB 80
 (2025-0312h)**

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Judiciary-r

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

AN ACT allowing a public body member's presence at a meeting by electronic or other means of communication only if physical presence is unavoidable.

Amend the bill by deleting section 2 and renumbering the original section 3 to read as 2.

2025-0312h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a public body's member to be physically present at a meeting unless physical presence is unavoidable.

**Floor Amendment to HB 80
 (2025-0227h)**

Proposed by Rep. Len Turcotte -r

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

AN ACT allowing a public body member's presence at a meeting by electronic or other means of communication only if physical presence is unavoidable.

Amend the bill by deleting section 2 and renumbering the original section 3 to read as 2.

2025-0227h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires a public body's member to be physically present at a meeting unless physical presence is unavoidable.

**Amendment to HB 92
 (2025-0317h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government-c

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

AN ACT requiring recusal of members of zoning boards of adjustment and planning boards in certain circumstances.

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

1 New Paragraph; Zoning Board of Adjustment Membership. Amend RSA 673:3 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

V. When a member also serves on a planning board, the individual shall recuse herself or himself from voting on matters previously decided by the planning board in a quasi-judicial capacity in which the member participated as a voting member.

2 Planning Board Members Serving on Other Boards. Amend RSA 673:7, I to read as follows:

I. Any 2 appointed or elected members of the planning board in a city or town may also serve together on any other municipal board or commission, except that no more than one appointed or elected member of the planning board shall serve on the conservation commission, the local governing body, or a local land use board as defined in RSA 672:7. ***When a member also serves on a zoning board of adjustment, the individual shall recuse herself or himself from voting on matters previously decided by the zoning board of adjustment in a quasi-judicial capacity in which the member participated as a voting member.***

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

2025-0317h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires individuals serving on both the planning board and zoning board of adjustment to recuse themselves from voting on matters previously decided by the other board on which they serve.

Amendment to HB 111-FN

(2025-0170h)

Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary-r

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

AN ACT extending the position of right-to-know ombudsman for 2 years and exempting individuals who assist in the preparation of a right-to-know complaint at no charge from the unauthorized practice of law.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 4:

2 New Paragraph; Complaint Process; Assistance. Amend RSA 91-A:7-b by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

I-a. A person who, for no compensation of any kind, assists a petitioner with the preparation of a complaint shall not be acting in violation of RSA 311:7, and shall not be subject to a petition for injunctive relief pursuant to RSA 311:7-a or an investigation pursuant to RSA 311:7-b.

3 Ombudsman; Fee Awards. Amend RSA 91-A:7-b, III(f) to read as follows:

(f) Make any finding and order any other remedy to the same extent as provided by the court under RSA 91-A:8, ***except that the ombudsman is prohibited from awarding or ordering reimbursement for attorney's fees.***

2025-0170h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends the office of the right-to-know ombudsman, complaint process, appeal and enforcement, and rulemaking for 2 years, and exempts a person who assists a petitioner with a right-to-know complaint at no charge from the unauthorized practice of law.

Amendment to HB 126

(2025-0184h)

Proposed by the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs-c

Amend RSA 318-B:9, IV(d) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(d) Prescriptions for an injectable androgen prescribed for the treatment of chronic low testosterone may be filled for up to a 92-day supply; provided that the prescription includes a statement by the prescriber that the medication is to treat chronic low testosterone and the patient has previously filled 12 prescriptions from the same medical practice for a monthly supply of the medication.

Amendment to HB 169-FN

(2025- 0249h)

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy-r

Amend RSA 363:1 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

363:1 Commission; Term. There shall be a public utilities commission, which shall be an independent ***regulatory*** agency administratively attached to the department of energy pursuant to RSA 21-G:10. The

chair of the commission shall have the powers and duties set forth in RSA 21-G:9, ***except for the adoption of rules, which requires a majority of the commission***. The commission shall be composed of 3 commissioners who shall be full-time employees and who shall engage in no other gainful employment during their terms as members. Their term of office shall be for 6 years. Of the 3 commissioners, one shall be an attorney and a member of the New Hampshire Bar and one shall have either background or experience or both in one or more of the following: engineering, economics, accounting or finance.

Amend RSA 363:16 as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

363:16 Quorum. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum to issue orders, ***and establish rules***, and any hearing may be held or conducted by 2 commissioners or by a single commissioner. ***In this chapter, "majority" means at least 2 commissioners, regardless of any vacancies.***

2025-0249h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill defines "majority" of the public utilities commission as 2, regardless of any vacancies, and provides that a majority of the commissioners shall be required for the adoption of rules.

The bill further defines the commission as a regulatory agency.

Amendment to HB 179-FN

(2025-0339h)

Proposed by the Committee on Environment and Agriculture—c

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Nonpayment Fees for Hazardous Materials Accidents. RSA 154:8-a, II-a(h) is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(h) A penalty of no greater than \$1,000 per day shall be paid to the claimant for each day of nonpayment beyond 90 days. The cumulative penalty imposed shall not exceed 100 percent of the cost established under subparagraph (a). As long as the responsible party adheres to a payment plan that has been established between the claimant and the responsible party, no additional daily penalty shall be imposed.

Amendment to HB 196-FN

(2025-0192h)

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety—c

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

AN ACT relative to annulling certain cannabis possession offenses.

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

1 New Section; Criminal Code; Sentences; General Provisions; Cannabis Convictions and Sentences. Amend RSA 651 by inserting after section 5-b the following new section:

651:5-c Annulment of Certain Arrests and Convictions for Cannabis Possession.

I. Convictions and arrests for misdemeanor or violation-level offenses for possession of cannabis prior to January 1, 2025 shall be annulled by the department of safety and the courts upon petition by a person who has been convicted of such an offense.

II. Any person who believes that he or she is eligible for annulment pursuant to this section may request that the department of safety examine his or her arrest or conviction to determine whether it should be annulled. Should the department of safety fail to annul a qualified record, any person so aggrieved may petition the court without fee for further review of eligibility.

III. Eligible annulments of convictions and violations pursuant to this section shall be granted notwithstanding the existence of outstanding court-imposed or court-related fees, fines, costs, assessments, or charges. Annulments shall not be granted until any sentence of incarceration or probation has been completed except for financial obligations.

IV. By January 16, 2026, and every year thereafter, the department of safety shall publish a report on its website on the number of qualified records removed from its records pursuant to this section. The department of safety shall deliver a copy of the reports to the chairs of the New Hampshire house of representatives criminal justice and public safety committee and the New Hampshire senate judiciary committee.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

2025-0192h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the annulment of misdemeanor or violation-level offenses for possession of cannabis prior to January 1, 2025 upon petition.

**Amendment to HB 211-FN
(2025-0073h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Fish and Game and Marine Resources-c

Amend RSA 207:3, I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. Wildlife shall be taken in the daytime between 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset with a gun, firearm, muzzleloader, or *an* air rifle *which produces a quantity of foot-pounds of kinetic energy at the muzzle set by the executive director in rules adopted under RSA 541-A*, fired at arm's length, bow and arrow or crossbow, or a rifle chambered in a straight-walled pistol cartridge of .357 caliber or greater in any area where hunting is restricted to handgun or pistol, unless otherwise specifically permitted. An air rifle may be used to take small game. ~~[-but shall not be used to take]~~ *An air rifle may be used to take* moose, bear, ~~[turkey,]~~ or deer, *however, the foot-pounds of kinetic energy at the muzzle required for each type of animal shall be set by the executive director in rules adopted under RSA 541-A*. The executive director shall specify the method and manner of taking small game, *moose, bear, or deer* with an air rifle in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A.

**Amendment to HB 260-FN
(2025- 0139h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Transportation-r

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

AN ACT creating a commemorative license plate celebrating the 250th anniversary of American Independence.

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

1 New Section; 250th Anniversary of American Independence Commemorative License Plates. Amend RSA 261 by inserting after section 91-a the following new section:

261:91-b 250th Anniversary of American Independence Commemorative License Plates. The director is authorized to adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A for the design, sale, and distribution by the department of safety celebrating the 250th anniversary of American Independence, and the display of said plates in place of the front license plate on vehicles, during which the celebration is taking place. The funds and revenues raised under this section shall be deposited in the land and community heritage investment program administrative fund under RSA 227-M:7-a. The price for the plates shall be \$25, and they shall be furnished by the department of safety.

2 Repeal. RSA 261:91-b, relative to the 250th anniversary of American Independence commemorative license plates, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 4, 2027.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2025-0139h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the director of the department of safety to adopt rules related to creating commemorative license plates celebrating the 250th anniversary of American Independence.

**Amendment to HB 309-FN
(2025-0342h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Housing-c

Amend RSA 540-A:3, X as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

X. A landlord shall not require a tenant or prospective tenant to pay any amount due under a residential lease, renewal, or extension agreement solely via electronic funds transfer, including, but not limited to, any automatic, recurring electronic funds transfers. The landlord shall allow at least one other non-electronic form of payment for the purposes of this section.

**Amendment to HB 327-FN
(2025-0237h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Election Law-r

Amend RSA 655:15, II and III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. For state representative in a representative district containing one town or ward and for delegate to a state party convention, the clerk of the town or city in which the officer is to be chosen *or the secretary of state*.

III. For state representative in a representative district containing more than one town or ward, the clerk of the city or town in which the person who is filing is domiciled; or, if the person is domiciled in an unincorporated place, the town clerk of the town designated by the secretary of state for such filing as provided in RSA 668 *or the secretary of state*.

2025-0237h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Allows the secretary of state to serve as a filing official.
- II. Allows town clerks to witness affidavits regardless of whether they are a notary public.

**Amendment to HB 404
(2025-0150h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Fish and Game and Marine Resources–c

Amend RSA 206:26-bb, I(c) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c) A voluntary hike safe card. The executive director shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A for the issuance to purchasers on the department's Internet site, and subsequent annual renewals, of a hike safe card prior to a person's need for a search and rescue response. The executive director shall establish the fee for an individual hike safe card and a family hike safe card in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A. A "family" shall consist of the purchaser, the purchaser's spouse *or domestic partner*, and the purchaser's minor children, [or] stepchildren, *or the minor children of the purchaser's domestic partner*. In addition, if the purchaser or the purchaser's spouse *or domestic partner* has been appointed as a family guardian for an individual under RSA 464-A, that individual shall be considered part of the purchaser's family. A transaction fee determined by the department shall be for the Internet license agent as provided in RSA 214-A:2. The executive director shall forward to the state treasurer the sum collected from each individual hike safe card purchased and each family hike safe card purchased, less the amount of such transaction fee, for deposit in the fish and game search and rescue fund under RSA 206:42. *For purposes of this subparagraph, "domestic partner" means someone who shares the same address as the purchaser.*

**Amendment to HB 468-FN
(2025-0290h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety–c

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Section; Unlawful Operation or Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Amend RSA 644 by inserting after section 22 the following new section:

644:23 Unlawful Operation or Use of Small Unmanned Aircraft System.

I. As used in this section:

(a) "Aircraft" shall mean "aircraft" as it is defined in RSA 422:3, VI.

(b) "Operation" or "operate" shall mean "operation of aircraft" or "operate aircraft" as those terms are defined in RSA 422:3, XXII.

(c) "Small unmanned aircraft" shall mean "small unmanned aircraft" as it is defined in RSA 422:3, XXVII-a.

(d) "Small unmanned aircraft system" shall mean "small unmanned aircraft system" as it is defined in RSA 422:3, XXVII-b.

II. A person is guilty of a violation for a first offense, and a misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense, if such person operates a small unmanned aircraft system in violation of laws and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), including but not limited to 14 C.F.R. part 107.

III. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if such a person operates a small unmanned aircraft system that interferes with law enforcement, firefighting, or other emergency response operations, or violates any provisions of RSA 644:9. News media personnel are exempt from this provision as long as they:

(a) Comply with FAA Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Rule, 14 C.F.R. part 107;

(b) Possess a valid FAA-issued certificate of waiver or authorization (COA) for the operation of a drone for news gathering purposes;

(c) Do not operate the drone in any way that jeopardizes the safety of law enforcement, other emergency response personnel in the performance of their duties, or others on the ground; and

(d) Follow directives from the agency in charge of the scene, including requests to alter or cease operations.

IV. A person is guilty of:

(a) A class A misdemeanor if such person negligently operates a small unmanned aircraft system in a manner so as to interfere with or disrupt the flight of a human-occupied aircraft, or otherwise impede the normal course of operations of any international, regional, municipal, or general aviation airport.

(b) A class B felony if such operation results in damage to a human-occupied aircraft in flight.

(c) A class A felony if such operation causes said aircraft to crash and such crash results in death or serious bodily injury.

V. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if such a person operates a small unmanned aircraft system in FAA-restricted airspace over the property of a federal, state, or county correctional, penal, or detention facility, and a class B felony if such operation is done with the purpose of delivering contraband into the facility or to aid in the escape of a prisoner.

VI. A person is guilty of a class B felony if such person is knowingly in possession of or operates a small unmanned aircraft system equipped with a device capable of causing serious bodily injury, death, or property damage or is otherwise capable of firing or releasing a projectile. Federal, state, and municipal public safety bomb squad personnel are exempted from this provision for the limited purpose of use of a small unmanned aircraft system for the disposal of explosives, bombs, and hazardous devices. Law enforcement's use of a small unmanned aircraft system to deploy distraction or disorientation devices is exempt from this provision.

VII. This provision shall not apply to any law enforcement officer acting pursuant to his or her lawful authority.

**Amendment to HB 494-FN
(2025-0172h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Education Funding-r

Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

2 Appropriation; Community College System of New Hampshire; Math Learning Communities. The sum of \$200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the sum of \$200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and each fiscal year thereafter are hereby appropriated to the community college system of New Hampshire for the purpose of continuing the math learning communities program in partnership with New Hampshire high schools. This appropriation shall not lapse. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

**Amendment to HB 504
(2025- 0215h)**

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Science, Technology and Energy-r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Hampshire Energy Policy. RSA 378:37 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows: 378:37 New Hampshire Energy Policy.

It is the policy of the sovereign state of New Hampshire and purpose of this chapter, to promote affordable, reliable, diverse, and secure energy resources for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

I. New Hampshire shall promote the development of resources to achieve the purpose of this chapter, fostering a range of technology types, including reliable, on-demand, and firm resources, while allowing for customer choice.

II. New Hampshire shall promote the development of resources, tools, and infrastructure to enhance the state's ability to ensure the state's energy independence by removing regulatory barriers to innovation to ensure that the state can procure affordable, reliable, and secure energy resources, consistent with RSA 362-F.

III. New Hampshire shall allow market forces and market-based mechanisms to drive prudent use of energy resources. Government intervention to economically advantage one technology over another shall be time-limited, narrow, and necessary to achieve a specific policy goal.

IV. New Hampshire shall pursue energy conservation and efficiency according to market principles, focusing on market transformation, and in accordance with cost-effective fiscal strategies as authorized by the legislature, and consistent with RSA 374-F.

V. New Hampshire shall maintain an environment that allows for accurate market signals while balancing affordable consumer prices, price stability, energy reliability, public health and safety, and the financial stability of utilities and energy suppliers.

VI. State regulatory processes shall balance economic costs with the level of review necessary to ensure protection of the state's various interests, and where federal action is required, New Hampshire will collaborate to encourage expedited federal review and action.

2025-0215h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill revises the state energy policy to promote affordable, reliable, diverse, and secure energy resources for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

**Amendment to HB 506-FN
(2025-0182h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety-c

Amend RSA 159-D:4, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (e) the following new subparagraph:

(f) Upon receipt of a "proceed" response from the department of safety, the court shall immediately issue an order to return the property. The order shall be mailed to the law enforcement agency and the petitioner. The court shall telephonically notify the petitioner that he or she may pick up the order at the court. The law enforcement agency shall accept an original of the order from the petitioner and return the property.

**Floor Amendment to HB 508
(2025-0269h)**

Proposed by Rep. Harrington –c

Amend RSA 363-A:2, I(c) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(c) [33] **10** percent of the gross utility revenue of all excepted local exchange carriers as defined in RSA 362:7, I(c), and [33] **10** percent of the gross revenue of any affiliate of such a carrier received from New Hampshire retail customers for a VoIP service as defined in RSA 362:7, I(d) or an IP-enabled service as defined in RSA 362:7, I(e) that provides the voice capabilities described in RSA 362:7, I(d)(1) and (3), other than a cellular mobile radio communications service provider;

**Amendment to HB 716-FN
(2025-0168h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Education Funding–r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program; Appropriation. The sums of \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are hereby appropriated to the community college system of New Hampshire for the purpose of providing scholarships and program support for the dual and concurrent enrollment program under RSA 188- E:26. These appropriations shall be in addition to any other funds appropriated to the community college system of New Hampshire. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. This appropriation shall not lapse.

**Amendment to HB 778-FN
(2025- 0329h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety–r

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Paragraph; Police Standards and Training Council. Amend RSA 106-L:5 by inserting after paragraph XX the following new paragraph:

XX-a. The director may, at the request of the state, county, or local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction, detail any law enforcement training specialist employed by the council for law enforcement and crowd control services for public and private events and for extra duty functions to be performed outside regular business hours and for which the council shall be reimbursed. While performing such services, the officers may enforce all criminal and motor vehicle laws of the state in which the services are being performed. The council shall establish a detail rate that includes compensation for the officers and reimbursement for the use of vehicles, employee benefits, and other incurred expenses.

2025-0329h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the director of the police standards and training council to detail law enforcement training specialists employed by the council for law enforcement and crowd control services, upon request of the state, county, or local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction.

This bill is a request of the police standards and training council.