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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet Thursday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. in Representatives Hall. Our next session day will be Thursday, May 14, which is our deadline to act on all remaining Senate Bills.

In addition to items on the Consent and Regular Calendars, the House may consider Senate messages regarding House bills amended by the Senate,

Any House member with official business at the State House on a non-session day may use the legislative parking garage on Storrs Street. Those needing parking accommodations closer due to mobility or health challenges may contact the Speaker's Office at 603-271-3661.

Please remember that when filing amendments, you should not add a cosponsor without their prior approval. As a reminder, floor amendments are due to the Clerk by 4:30 the day prior to session.

As a reminder, lobbying/advocacy materials are not permitted on the anteroom tables. Food and beverages are not permitted within Representatives Hall, aside from water. Please leave other beverages and snacks in the anteroom, and keep our historic chamber clean.

House members with inquiries about statutory or study commissions/committee appointments may send an email to houseappointments@gc.nh.gov or call the Speaker's Office at 603-271-3661.

When travelling out-of-state, and throughout your service in the House, please remember that your state-issued EZ-Pass devices will not work outside of New Hampshire.

Members are reminded to utilize our Visitor's Center staff if you wish to bring family and friends on a tour of our historic State House.

As always, please make every effort to be civil, kind and professional with your colleagues, staff, and constituents. Our principles of conduct (paragraph IV), appropriately require us to "...treat each other, legislative employees, and the public with dignity and respect." As elected officials we should hold ourselves to high standards even in the most contentious of times.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on **Thursday, May 7th at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.
Rep. Jason Osborne, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on **Thursday, May 7th 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, May 6, 2026

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, May 8, 2026

Friday, May 15, 2026

Friday, May 22, 2026

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION

At 6:20 p.m. on April 23, Representative Jennifer Rhodes, having voted on the prevailing side, served notice of reconsideration on the motion of Ought to Pass on SB 482, an act establishing consumer protections for digital access transaction kiosks, which was adopted on a roll call vote of 214-140.

Paul C. Smith
Clerk of the House

2026 HOUSE DEADLINES

Second Year Session Deadlines

Thursday, May 7, 2026	Last day to report all Senate Bills
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Last day to act on all Senate Bills
Thursday, May 21, 2026	Last day to form committee of conference
Thursday, May 28, 2026	Last day to sign committee of conference reports (4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 4, 2026	Last day to act on committee of conference reports
Tuesday, September 1, 2026	First day for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information
Friday, September 11, 2026	Last day prior to the General Election for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information
Friday, October 23, 2026	Last day to file 2026 Interim Study reports
Wednesday, November 4, 2026	First day for all Representatives to file LSRs with complete information
Wednesday, November 18, 2026	Last day to file LSRs with complete information (4:00 p.m.)
	Ten-day signoff begins
Tuesday, January 5, 2027	Last day to sign-off on all LSRs (4:00 p.m.)
Friday, January 15, 2027	Last day to introduce House Bills
	Last day to amend House Rules by majority vote

BILLS LAID ON TABLE

CACR 22, relating to the compensation of the legislature. Providing that the present compensation per elected term for legislators is hereby abolished. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 414-FN, prohibiting the division of motor vehicles from suspending a license on the basis of debt owed to a private entity related to the towing or storing of a motor vehicle. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 652-FN, abolishing the family division, creating the office of family mediation, and reassigning the jurisdiction of the family division. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 748-FN, establishing a local education freedom account program. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1002-FN, repealing the solar energy systems tax exemption. Pending question: Ought to Pass

HB 1046, enabling a person to carry a firearm on a snowmobile being operated on private property. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1067-FN, relative to the mental health courts. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1063-FN, reducing the amount of meals and rooms taxes operators can retain. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1098-FN, relative to municipalities denying building or occupancy permits for property adjacent to class VI roads under certain circumstances. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1105-FN, making the term of office for certain Belknap county elected officials 4 years. Pending question: Ought to Pass

HB 1114, relative to the documentation and preservation of public comment reports by standing legislative committees. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1176-FN, relative to the display of license plates on vehicles. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1264, increasing the requirements of the education freedom savings account oversight committee and modifying the purpose of the committee. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1317, relative to patient privacy protections. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1322-FN, reestablishing the judicial conduct commission. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1367, establishing a criminal offense of doxing. Pending question: Ought to Pass.

HB1387, repealing limiting liability for certain design features of firearms. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1393, relative to the definition of public servant and the offense of official oppression. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1396, relative to vacancies in state offices. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1402, relative to credentials for the position of superintendent of schools. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1403, relative to credentials for the position of school business administrator. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1409-FN, modifying the deposit of revenues collected from video lottery terminals. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1418, setting a minimum affirmative vote for new or expanded spending for SB 2 towns. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1436-FN, relative to the classification and protection of personal digital information and cloud-stored files. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1446, providing that an individual's use of therapeutic cannabis shall not disqualify the individual from the purchase, ownership, or possession of a firearm. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1451, relative to protecting workers from extreme temperature-related injuries and fatalities in the workplace. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1454-FN, relative to the possession of firearms following a court order requiring surrender of firearms and ammunition. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1484, establishing a state minimum wage and providing for incremental increases. Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1500, establishing a commission to study and propose procedures in the event of a state government shutdown. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1572-FN, relative to licensure as a master licensed alcohol and drug counselor. Pending question: committee amendment.

HB 1578, adds definitions and reporting requirements relative to education freedom accounts. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1607-FN, relative to the use and storage of road salt. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1612 -FN, relative to the use of price-fixing websites, algorithms, or other software by landlords. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1616-FN, prohibiting state agencies and political subdivisions from advertising or expending funds to advertise vaccines in the state of New Hampshire. Pending question: committee amendment.

HB 1640, relative to consent for school billing purposes. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1641-FN, relative to petitions for certain orders of protection where the subject of the order is either released on bail or on probation. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1653, relative to emergency medical care provided at freestanding hospital emergency facilities. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1655-FN, establishing a funding source for maintaining state owned dams. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 1675, establishing a commission to investigate the New Hampshire Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and requiring funding only be provided for the direct services materially benefitting survivors of sexual and domestic assault. Pending question: committee amendment.

HB 1701 -FN, reestablishing the New Hampshire college graduate retention incentive partnership program and making an appropriation therefore. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1720-FN, relative to notice to child day care providers of child care scholarships. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 1721-FN, relative to limiting new system enrollment and adjusting compliance payments under the renewable portfolio standard program. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1741-FN, relative to the enrollment and use of distributed energy resource aggregations by electric utilities. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1752-FN, requiring the creation of a ticket to follow timber through the harvesting and production process to establish a chain of custody. Pending question: majority committee amendment.

HB 1777-FN, relative to the enhanced 911 system fund. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1786-FN, relative to creating a state assessment on non-homestead luxury second homes to fund state-wide housing development programs and address housing shortages and making appropriations therefor. No pending question.

HB 1798-FN, relative to the coverage of diapers under the state Medicaid plan. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1814-FN, establishing a 10-year strategic housing and infrastructure plan. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1820-FN, requiring the department of education to administer the education freedom account program. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1822-FN, relative to reporting of civil immigration detentions by state, county, and local law enforcement and correctional facilities. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 1831-FN, repealing the education trust fund targeted aid cap. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 1834-FN, relative to the education freedom account enrollment cap. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

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. Pending question: Refer for Interim Study.

HCR 13, requesting Congress to call a constitutional convention relative to implementing term limits for elected members of both houses of Congress. Pending question: Ought to Pass

HR 38, authorizing and directing the house judiciary committee to investigate whether cause exists for the impeachment of any justice of the New Hampshire supreme court. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

SB 101-FN, authorizing parents to enroll their children in any public school in the state. No pending question.

2026 HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HB 59-FN, relative to the assault of a firefighter, emergency medical care provider, or law enforcement officer. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 109-FN, relative to false reports to law enforcement. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 126, relative to prescriptions for certain controlled drugs. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 131, (New Title) relative to bullying and cyberbullying prevention. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 158, (New Title) requiring the secretary of state to review absentee ballot data biennially, forward certain requests to the election law unit for review, and make a report to the general court. (SJ 3/26/2026)

HB 191-FN, (Second New Title) providing criminal penalties for the transporting of an unemancipated minor in order to obtain a surgical procedure or a termination of the minor’s pregnancy without parental permission. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 221, (New Title) enabling electric utilities to own, operate, and offer advanced nuclear resources, and relative to purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities and limitations on community customer generators. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 222, (New Title) 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 and updating the organizational structure of the department of corrections. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 244, updating and recodifying the municipal enforcement of the building and fire code. (SJ 3/12/2026)

HB 266, (New Title) relative to structural changes to the department of energy and creating a limited exemption from parental consent required for certain recordings under the parental bill of rights and relative to the effect of murder on a decedent’s estate. (House Concurs, 2/19/2026)

HB 281, requiring electronic voter checklists to be supplied in a sortable format. (SJ 3/12/2026)

HB 292, (New Title) establishing a revolving loan fund for school districts. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 317, preventing a supervisor of the checklist from verifying a person’s identity without identification, even if they personally know that person. (SJ 3/12/2026)

HB 340-FN, relative to electioneering by public employees. (SJ 1/7/2026)

HB 348, relative to eligibility for local assistance. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 481, (New Title) relative to the state primary date. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 510-FN, (New Title) establishing a commission to study due process in higher education disciplinary proceedings. (SJ 3/5/2026)

HB 524-FN, (Second New Title) relative to disbursement of funds by the New Hampshire vaccine association. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 564, relative to the adoption of school administrative unit budgets. (SJ 4/23/2026)

HB 610-FN, (New Title) relative to the residential ratepayers advisory board. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 639-FN, relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies. (SJ 3/12/2026)

HB 649-FN, (Second New Title) relative to the maintenance obligations of motor vehicle operators. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 751-FN, (Second New Title) establishing a committee to study licensure of outpatient substance use disorder treatment facilities, authorizing parents to enroll their children in any public school in the state, and creating a limited exemption from parental consent required for certain recordings under the parental bill of rights. (House Req CofC, 2/19/2026)

HB 1013, (New Title) relative to games wherein the object is to capture a pig. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1030, relative to licensed practical nurse scope of practice. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 1031, enabling candidates for state office to use campaign funds to pay for security measures. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1040, establishing a committee to study the laws and procedures governing the filing and registering of quitclaim deeds in the state. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1042, (New Title) raising the unified contingent credit limit and relative to the cap on outstanding obligations for which the housing finance authority is allowed. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1044, relative to the filling of vacancies in the office of a county commissioner. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 1159, relative to updating the state building code. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 1062, authorizing the secretary of state to conduct random audits of the citizenship qualification of registered voters. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1168, relative to employer documentation requirements. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 1088-FN-A, transferring funding for the water well board from the general fund to a special nonlapsing fund. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1190-FN, (New Title) enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21 and relative to fleet vehicle registration requirements. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 1091, (New Title) relative to unauthorized camping on private property. (SJ 4/23/2026)

HB 1099, (New Title) establishing a committee to study the cost and liability of providing educational services to students placed in residential facilities. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1130-FN, (New Title) establishing a committee to study the procedure for judicial performance evaluations. (SJ 4/23/2026)

HB 1153-FN-Local, (New Title) establishing a committee to study New Hampshire statutes relative to cats and dogs. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1199, (New Title) enabling the fish and game department to create a permit and fee for the use of fish and game staff by other state agencies and departments. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1205, (New Title) prohibiting state and county owned lands from participating in timber carbon sequestration projects. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 1215, (New Title) relative to supporting the preferred method of communication of an individual with a communication disability. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1228, (New Title) relative to the enforcement of alimony orders and relative to waivers of alimony. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1253, (New Title) exempting dogs guarding livestock or crops from nuisance dog statutes when engaged in such work. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1260-FN, (New Title) relative to marriage registration forms and delayed certificates of marriage and relative to the confidentiality of divorce records. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1266, allowing election moderators access to the area designated for counting votes during the performance of their duties. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1298, relative to the disposal of electronic ballot counting device external memory devices. (SJ 4/23/2026)

HB 1306, relative to the counting of absentee ballots. (SJ 4/23/2026)

HB 1308-FN, relative to increasing the penalty for passing a stopped school bus. (SJ 4/23/2026)

HB 1310, relative to state licensed or certified real estate appraisers. (House Concurs, 4/9/2026)

HB 1318, renewing the committee to study non-pharmacological treatment options for patients with chronic pain. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1348, relative to possession of human remains for law enforcement training purposes. (SJ 4/23/2026)

HB 1363, relative to possession of human remains for law enforcement training purposes. (SJ 4/23/2026)

HB 1369, (New Title) relative to the manner of posting the warrant for town meetings. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1381, extending the time of the party filing period. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1442-FN, (New Title) permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1449, (New Title) limiting times vaccine clinics may operate at schools, with certain exceptions. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1460-FN, (New Title) prohibiting the sale of a child's personal data. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1468, (New Title) relative to a flood resilience section in municipal master plans. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1514, (New Title) requiring the department of education and the department of revenue administration to send school monitoring and financial reports to relevant school and school board authorities. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1535, relative to clarifying eligible renewable energy classes under the renewable portfolio standard. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1541-FN, requiring the secretary of state to provide all voting precincts with secure containers for storing ballots. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1603-FN, requiring state agencies to provide current and verifiable evidence of a species presence before imposing any land use restriction related to that species' habitat. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1685, (Second New Title) establishing a committee to study aiding the growth of assistive technology businesses and adoption of assistive technologies in New Hampshire. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1689, (New Title) relative to the term of office for county officers in Belknap and Merrimack counties. (House Non-Concurs 4/9/2026)

HB 1726-FN, (Second New Title) relative to the sale of surplus state-owned land and establishing a commission to study the sale of state-owned property. (SJ 4/23/2026)

HB 1733, (New Title) relative to the reconciliation of default electric service rates. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1742, (New Title) relative to customer-generators inadvertently enrolled in a municipal or county aggregation program. (SJ 4/9/2026)

HB 1758, relative to school bus drivers' certificates. (SJ 4/23/2026)

HB 1763-FN, (New Title) establishing a committee to study siting and maintenance rules regarding certain intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) and acquired brain disorder (ABD) community residences. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1766-FN, relative to cruelty to livestock. (SJ 4/23/2026)

HB 1780, (New Title) relative to seed laws. (SJ 4/16/2026)

HB 1807-FN, (New Title) relative to mandatory reports to voters. (SJ 4/23/2026)

THURSDAY, MAY 7 CONSENT CALENDAR

EDUCATION FUNDING

SB 491-FN, enabling students to utilize education freedom account funds to pay for certain career and technical education funding. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education Funding. As introduced, this bill requires the scholarship organization, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE), to make available to Education Freedom Account (EFA) students in grades 9-12 information about enrolling in career and technical education classes and programs. This bill was also amended with several new sections. First, the DOE shall, in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A, develop a formula for determining separately the transportation and tuition costs for approved career and technical education programs with established procedures for disbursement of said funds. This financial accounting practice will better provide the department and legislature the actual costs required for sending school students to attend at regional career and technical centers. The second amended change provides clarity to the academic standards identified for each substantive content learning area of education. The term "curriculum frameworks" which serves as a guideline, has been deleted and replaced with "academic standards," that identify what a student should know and be able to do in a course, program, or at grade level. This needed change was recommended by both the Legislative Oversight Committee and the DOE. Statute as proposed in this bill, clearly states that the General Court requires every 10 years the State Board of Education and the DOE to institute procedures for maintaining, updating, improving, and refining the minimum standards for public school approval and the academic standards for each substantive content area of education. Successful student learning will occur when curriculum, instruction, and assessment are aligned with well-developed, challenging state board approved academic standards. **Vote 17-0.**

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

SB 445, relative to adjudicative proceedings where there is a council or board with jurisdiction. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Molly Howard for Environment and Agriculture. This bill was requested by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to mitigate the burdensome and redundant hearings, rehearings, and appeals required by RSA 541-A. It recognizes the fact that within NHDES, existing statutes already provide hearings before the Environmental Council for the same matters and eliminates internal hearing procedures as well as the need for "firewalls" between decision-makers and appeal-reviewers. It also aligns the process for fines and licensing, which are routed to one of four independent environmental councils rather than through an internal appeal process. Additionally, it allows the NH Department of Justice to hire a hearing officer with only a juris doctor, which expands the pool of candidates by not requiring passage of the bar exam. This bill provides an improved pathway for appeals of fines and licensing by making them more fair because appeals are heard by subject matter experts instead of agencies that issued the decisions. It also makes the process more efficient by reducing need for internal separation of staff and attorneys and also makes the hearing process more transparent by ensuring impartial review. The bill also includes a number of housekeeping changes, such as giving the Water Well Board sole discretion for hearings related to licensing actions, eliminates antiquated references to defunct divisions, clarifies the dates on wastewater operator certificates and eliminates unneeded committees. The committee amendment corrects a typographical error in section 45 of the bill. **Vote 13-0.**

SB 535, (New Title) defining residential breeder and imported animal for the purposes of animal transfers and removing references to commercial kennels. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Liz Barbour for Environment and Agriculture. This bill defines "residential breeder" and "imported animal" for the purposes of animal transfers and removes references to commercial kennels. The bill

balances responsible animal welfare by defining that dogs or cats can be raised in a home environment rather than a commercial kennel producing well-adjusted pets ready for a happy life in their forever homes. The bill raises the annual transfer threshold for residential breeders from 30 to 50 dogs or cats. This change is expected to increase compliance, as more breeders will obtain a pet vendor license and pay the required fee. It will also encourage greater in-state breeding and reduce New Hampshire's reliance on out-of-state imported animals. In addition, the bill clarifies that animals brought into the state while pregnant are considered "imported animals," and that their offspring are also classified as imported animals. As such, the offspring must comply with the same regulations and requirements that apply to any other imported animal. Finally, the bill reduces the burden on residential breeders and the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food by not requiring routine home inspections. Residential breeders still must obtain a pet vendor license and follow record-keeping/transfer rules protecting homeowner privacy. The amendment updates the cross-reference from the outdated "commercial kennel" definition still appearing in RSA 466:4, III to the current pet vendor definition in RSA 437:1, IV and corrects an incorrect RSA citing as well. **Vote 13-0.**

SB 644-FN, requiring background checks for solid waste and hazardous waste facility owners. **OUGHT TO PASS.** Rep. Judy Aron for Environment and Agriculture. This bill was requested by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). It amends the language of the state's solid and hazardous waste management statutes to correct deficiencies in the law related to the performance of background investigations of permit applicants. The department testified that without these required changes, the state is unable to conduct the required national criminal records checks. NHDES worked with the NH Department of Justice, who has worked closely with the NH Department of Safety in an effort to craft the correct language and processes to accomplish these background checks for solid and hazardous waste facility owners. The provisions of the two statutes that required further refinement included the following: 1) clarifying and making explicit which persons/company officials are subject to the records check; 2) clearly identifying the NHDES officials who are authorized recipients of the records; and 3) simplifying the process by removing the NH Department of Justice's involvement, so that applicants submit the required authorization forms to NHDES, who in turn submits them directly to the Division of State Police for processing. This bill makes those necessary changes and will make possible these important records checks. **Vote 13-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 56, relative to consolidating the New Hampshire health and education facilities authority within the business finance authority. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Erica Layon for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill consolidates the New Hampshire Health and Education Facilities Authority with the Business Finance Authority at the request of these two entities. Both perform similar functions including providing access to lower cost financing by reducing the risk of the loan. As amended, the bill provides a mechanism for unused land held by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to be requested by the business finance authority, approved by the DOT, the governor and the executive council in order to lease or sell the land. While there is a current process for the DOT to sell surplus land, this is not a focus of the department and would require additional staffing focused on land disposal to effectively sell surplus land. This bill as amended provides a framework to transfer the sale or lease of land to a more appropriate entity and provides a five year sunset on the transfer process to ensure that the program proves valuable enough to extend by a future legislature. This bill supplements and does not replace the current process for surplus land, including certain time-bound rights of first refusal for the prior owner of the land. **Vote 16-0.**

SB 423, reestablishing the commission to study the incidence of post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Stephen Pearson for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill reauthorizes the post-traumatic stress disorder commission. This is a very active commission that meets monthly and always has well over a quorum. This commission has successfully brought forward legislation over multiple terms. It was interesting to note that the average citizen experiences around 6 incidents in their lifetime that could lead to PTSD. The average first responder averages 900. As amended, the bill to swap the sheriffs to the list of agencies that are on the commission removing the community health center addition. This was done at the request of the sheriffs association and is a logical move. **Vote 14-0.**

SB 470-FN, relative to the expungement of certain disciplinary matters. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Paul Dargie for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill allows licensees subject to certain disciplinary matters that did not involve criminal acts, fraud, deceit, patient safety, public safety, or acts impacting the integrity of the profession, and that did not include suspension or permanent revocation of license, to petition to have the disciplinary records considered expunged for reporting purposes, provided that several requirements are satisfied. **Vote 16-0.**

SB 486, relative to the administrative procedure act. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Erica Layon for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill clarifies existing policies regarding rulemaking, and increases transparency through earlier and more robust fiscal impact statements. It streamlines the petition process for rulemaking, expedites repeals, provides an expedited process to update rules and forms with statutorily set fees and fines, and allows agencies to get ahead of the effective date of legislation by permitting rules to become effective on the effective date of the statute rather than trying to line up timelines and effective date windows. As amended, income eligibility limits for “in and Out Medical Assistance” will be permitted to have expedited treatment to reflect cost of living adjustments as defined in 2024’s HB 1236. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 516, relative to certain unclassified positions in the department of health and human services. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Erica Layon for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill corrects the spelling of counsel for unclassified position titles in the department of health and human services attorneys for the division for children youth and families, and changes the supervising staff attorney to a lead attorney. **Vote 16-0.**

SB 572, relative to New Hampshire hospital real estate. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill is not necessary, as another bill passed by this body, HB 1569, repeals the sale of the Anna Philbrook Center. **Vote 14-0.**

FINANCE

SB 600-FN, requiring the governor to submit and present a quarterly fiscal year budget report about the general and education trust funds to the general court fiscal committee. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Gerald Griffin for Finance. This bill would require the Governor to consolidate important financial information and provide reports to the legislature, on a quarterly bases, for their use in the budgeting process. Having periodic consolidated reports, from a single source, will provide an informative record of not only the trend and accuracy of the historical data, but more importantly, over time it will provide a measure of the quality of projected information and the extent that the legislature can rely on such information in its fiscal work. **Vote 24-0.**

SB 663-FN-A, (New Title) creating a Medicaid methodology working group within the department of health and human services. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jerry Stringham for Finance. This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a working group to study the nursing home rate methodology. In the current biennium, some nursing homes are under great financial stress with one nursing home closing and another nursing home declaring bankruptcy. Nursing homes represent a critical component of the system of care to provide care at the most efficient, least costly location for granite staters in need. The Finance Committee amended the Senate bill to add an administrator at a private or publicly funded nursing home and increase the House representation to the working group. **Vote 24-0.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

SB 453, authorizing advanced practice registered nurses and physician associates to make certain certifications. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Yury Polozov for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The committee believes this bill will expand access to medical exemptions and promote greater medical freedom for families in New Hampshire. By allowing advanced practice registered nurses and physician associates to issue medical exemptions from required childhood immunizations when they determine that the immunization may be detrimental to the child’s health, the bill aligns their authority with that of other licensed medical professionals based on their level of qualification. It also permits these providers to document a lasting medical necessity, which would qualify patients for a vehicle equipment waiver. The bill does not create any new exemptions or new categories of medical necessity. Instead, it makes targeted adjustments that enable more timely and cost-effective access to care. **Vote 18-0.**

SB 468, relative to enabling alternative treatment centers to operate a greenhouse cultivation location. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Yury Polozov for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The committee believes this bill will improve access and lower the cost of medical marijuana for registered patients in New Hampshire. By allowing alternative treatment centers (ATCs) that provide medical marijuana to registered patients to operate a greenhouse cultivation location, the bill addresses high energy costs associated with indoor-only growing. Currently, these centers are limited to indoor cultivation, which drives up expenses and keeps prices higher for patients, often pushing them to purchase in neighboring states. Permitting greenhouse cultivation will reduce energy costs and help make medicine more affordable for patients. The bill includes added security measures and maintains strict oversight. Any cultivation must comply with all state regulations to ensure safety and security. **Vote 18-0.**

HOUSING

SB 415, relative to a certain exemption in interest in condominium units. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Joe Alexander for Housing. The Housing Committee believes this bill should be found Ought to Pass with Amendment 2026-1576h. This bill would raise the exemption of additional Attorney General review on a condominium association approval. The committee believes this extra agency review from the Department of Justice is unnecessary given existing regulations in statute covering fraud. Many on the committee believe the entire section of this law should be repealed as it's duplicative, so the amendment adds a committee to study the repeal of this chapter and includes stakeholder input including from the Attorney General's Office. **Vote 14-0.**

SB 490, establishing a task force to assess the development of housing at Great Bay community college and authorizing the college the right to use vacant property for the purpose of developing housing. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. David Paige for Housing. The committee supports this bill establishing a task force to evaluate the feasibility of developing housing on Pease Development Authority land in partnership with Great Bay Community College. With housing costs straining both students and service members assigned to Pease, testimony highlighted a clear need to explore creative, collaborative solutions. The task force will examine existing legal constraints, funding options, and development models and will coordinate as needed with federal authorities. This is a practical first step to determine whether housing at Pease could help relieve pressure in the Seacoast region and is particularly important for active-duty members who are being pushed to live further and further away due to lack of adequate local housing supply. **Vote 14-0.**

SB 523-FN, (New Title) establishing a commission to study the implementation of a residential builder registration system. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Brian Cole for Housing. This bill establishes a formal study committee to evaluate the feasibility and necessity of a statewide registration system for residential builders and contractors. While the primary goal of such a system is to enhance consumer protection and mitigate instances of fraud and financial exploitation, the committee is specifically charged with performing a rigorous cost-benefit analysis. Key considerations for this study should include the points made by the committee. Market accessibility: ensuring that any potential regulations do not create undue barriers to entry that could stifle competition or prevent new small businesses from entering the industry. Housing affordability: assessing the risk that increased compliance costs could be passed on to consumers, further impacting the cost of housing. Administrative efficiency: avoiding the creation of redundant bureaucratic 'red tape' that could delay critical housing development projects. Enforcement efficacy: determining whether a formal registration system provides a meaningful deterrent to bad actors, or if existing criminal statutes remain the most effective tool for prosecution. By soliciting testimony from public stakeholders, industry representatives, and consumer advocates, this committee aims to determine if a registration framework truly serves the public interest without compromising the economic vitality of the state's construction industry. **Vote 14-0.**

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

SB 655, (New Title) relative to employee leasing companies, workers' compensation coverage options, and a minimum wage exemption for minor league baseball players. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Brian Seaworth for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. As this bill came to the House, it addresses two separate topics. In the first part, it deals with an entity called an employee leasing company. This is a co-employment arrangement where a leasing company provides HR-like functions to multiple small employers. Under current law, the leasing company must provide workers' compensation insurance coverage. The committee found that this bill would provide the flexibility for either employing entity to provide coverage without removing protections afforded the workers. The second section clarifies that NH state law does not interfere with the collectively-bargained contract signed by minor league baseball players. This portion of the bill is requested and supported by both management and player union representation. **Vote 20-0.**

TRANSPORTATION

SB 499, (New Title) relative to the membership, duties, and reporting requirements of the traffic safety commission. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Charles Foote for Transportation. This bill improves New Hampshire traffic safety efforts by requiring the traffic safety commission to analyze and report on the causes of motor vehicle crashes. By adding an additional member from the trauma medical review committee, The goal is to establish better preventative measures by utilizing aggregated data. It poses no new mandates or obligations on drivers and focuses on transparency, prevention, and better use of information to reduce crashes and save lives. **Vote 14-0.**

SB 500, relative to restroom access for certain commercial motor vehicle operators. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Henry Giasson for Transportation. This bill states that commercial drivers shall be authorized access to restrooms at points of pick up and delivery provided such a facility exists. This bill does not mandate renovation nor the creation of facilities, but rather states that should such facilities exist, that commercial drivers shall be allowed access when in their scope of operation they are servicing such facility. There is a shortage of commercial drivers in the state, and lack of access to restrooms has been identified as a reason for drivers, specifically female drivers, to leave the industry or leave the state. Stating that drivers contracted by the covered establishments shall have access to restrooms while in their scope of duty delivering or picking up cargo is a step to mitigate this issue which is effecting our employment, business and commercial logistical support, and driver quality of life. **Vote 14-0.**

THURSDAY, MAY 7 REGULAR CALENDAR

EDUCATION FUNDING

SB 513-FN, requiring schools to engage an owner's project manager for construction of school building aid projects at the time of application. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education Funding. As amended, this bill provides a school district or chartered public school that accepts school building aid for construction shall engage the services of an owner's project manager (OPM) for construction or reconstruction/renovation projects of \$2 million or more, unless the commissioner waives such requirement as unnecessary. An OPM may be hired before entering into a contract for design services in order to represent the best interests of the school throughout the design process, including assisting the superintendent of schools or charter school director with hiring the architect, analyzing the project feasibility, and selecting a project delivery system. The OPM shall have no contractual ties to the architect, design team, or general contractor to avoid conflicts of interest. In summary, it is reasonable that a school district may benefit by engaging the services of an OPM prior to applying for school building aid when proposing highly complex or complicated projects. The value of an OPM lies in providing objective, expert advice that protects the owner's vision and investment throughout the entire process including pre application work; however, mandating the hiring of an OPM before accepting building aid from the state, should remain a decision made at the local district level. **Vote 17-0.**

SB 531-FN, establishing a task force to study the feasibility of the creation of cosmetology related programming in Coos County. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Daniel Popovici-Muller for the **Majority** of Education Funding. This bill is a bipartisan Senate Bill that had no testimony in opposition during its Senate hearing and was adopted by the Senate on the consent calendar. This bill merely creates a task force to report on the feasibility of cosmetology related programming in Coos county; no mandate or obligation would be imposed on our higher education system as a result of this bill becoming law. On a 16-1 vote, the committee also amended the bill to establish that career technical education programs may be located on both University System of New Hampshire and Community College System of New Hampshire campuses. Lastly, the committee amendment includes a non-germane amendment that requires school districts to report the aggregate debt arising solely from meals provided to students through the USDA Food and Nutrition Service programs. Currently, there is no good data that the Department of Education or the legislature can use to assess the burden that school meals aggregate debt places on the school districts and local taxpayers. The legislature has been asking for such data for years. Lacking this legal mandate, the Department of Education cannot obtain this necessary information; however, this bill as amended provides the department authority to collect the data. **Vote 9-8.** Rep. David Luneau for the **Minority** of Education Funding. This bill creates a task force to study the feasibility of establishing a cosmetology program at White Mountain Community College. It also expands the scope of career and technical education (CTE) to include regional partnerships between CTE centers and state colleges and universities and directs the Department of Education to collect data from school districts with respect to student meal debt. The expansion of CTE and collection of student meal debt makes sense, but forcing a college and school district to create a task force to study the feasibility to implement a specific program at a specific location is legislative overreach. Every community college has an advisory board to advise on strategic directions, workforce needs, and educational programs. The advisory boards ensure programs meet the state's economic and job market needs and keep educational programs relevant to the changing job market. The minority amendment keeps the CTE expansion and meal debt reporting provisions and eliminates the cosmetology task force.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

SB 442, relative to pet transfers. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. In 2021 in HB 2, we established a database to track pet animal transfers for dogs, cats, and ferrets. When we created the database system, we also changed the term "health certificate" to "official certificate of transfer." The new term is used correctly in the body of RSA 437:8, but the term "Health Certificate" remains in the section heading and this bill changes it to be the correct term. There is also one location in a subsequent section where the term "certificate of transfer" is used instead of "official certificate of transfer" and this bill corrects that as well. **Vote 13-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 669-FN, relative to on-premises licenses for licensed barbershops and salons. **MAJORITY: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jeremy Slottje for the **Majority** of Executive Departments and Administration. This bill proposes a structural change to the current liquor licensing framework for barbershops and salons by establishing a two-tier licensing system. While the committee acknowledges the intent to clarify and regulate the service of alcohol in these establishments, the proposal introduces complex regulatory, enforcement, and public safety considerations. The committee has determined that a deeper examination is required to address regulatory implementation, enforcement feasibility and public safety by evaluating the administrative burden on the liquor commission regarding the oversight of two distinct licensing tiers, assessing the practical challenges of monitoring “sale” vs. “service without charge” models in a salon environment, and ensuring that the proposed reporting requirements and limitations effectively mitigate risks associated with alcohol consumption in non-traditional venues. Given the complexities inherent in modifying existing licensing statutes and the need for further stakeholder input, the committee believes an interim study is the most appropriate course of action to ensure a comprehensive and well-considered legislative approach. **Vote 13-3.** Rep. Erica de Vries for the **Minority** of Executive Departments and Administration. This bill, as amended, would create a narrowly tailored, two-tiered on-premises license for professional licensed barbershops and salons, allowing the sale of a single drink per appointment as an incidental complement to professional service. It is a modest extension of the kind of license flexibility the legislature has already granted to cigar bars, athletic clubs, alpine slides, and rail cars. The parity concerns raised by the Lodging and Restaurant Association and Brewers Association were heard and addressed through the amendment, which raised the Tier 2 fee to \$720, placing salon licensees above the \$480 manufacturer rate in recognition of the different commercial context. The structural safeguards, including the professional license prerequisite, one-drink-per-appointment cap, prohibition on standalone bar operation, record keeping requirements, and the additional deterrent of professional license exposure for violations are stronger than those governing many existing license categories.

FINANCE

SB 481-FN-A, (New Title) relative to the sale of the Sununu youth services center property. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Brian Seaworth for the **Majority** of Finance. This bill, as it came to us, is a housekeeping bill to address duplication and conflict in two sections of HB 2. The budget’s conflict is that it puts proceeds from the sale of the Sununu Center into the general fund (in one section) and the youth development center settlement fund (in another). The unamended bill resolves this conflict by making the destination of the funds conditional. The majority amendment simplifies by directing the proceeds of the sale into the general fund in all cases. Because neither the timing nor the amounts for the sale nor for the settlements are known at this time, this solution provides needed flexibility. As settlements are reached, general fund money will be allocated to pay for them. The initial disposition of the Sununu Center sale money does not negatively impact the victims or their compensation. **Vote 13-11.** Rep. David Preece for the **Minority** of Finance. The State of New Hampshire has acknowledged its responsibility for the abuse that occurred at the Sununu Youth Development Center. That is no longer in question. What remains is whether we will meet that responsibility with clarity and integrity. Claims are ongoing, liabilities are significant, and the obligation to compensate victims is real. The minority amendment ensures any financial benefit from that property’s sale is directly applied to the state’s liability. That is the right policy—and a responsible fiscal choice. Dedicated funding reduces long-term exposure, enables timely claim resolution, and demonstrates New Hampshire’s intent to meet its obligations. Just as importantly, it aligns a state asset with the consequences of state action—acknowledging both benefit and burden. This amendment provides what this moment demands: clarity, accountability, responsibility. When the state assumes a responsibility, it cannot look away—it must pay it forward and make it right. The minority urges the House to adopt its amendment and pass SB 481.

SB 592-FN, enabling regional, conservation, and energy resource planning for habitat strongholds and wild-life corridors and creating a commission to study transferring ownership of the Winnepesaukee River Basin program to an alternative authority. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Carol McGuire for Finance. This bill has three separate parts. First, it reminded conservation districts, regional planning organizations and energy resource planning groups to consider wildlife corridors and habitat strongholds. It doesn’t cost anything, and timberland owners have reported that it respects private property. The second section added a technical director for the Winnepesaukee River Basin waste water district, a person employed by the state – since the state owns the facilities and operates the district – but requested and paid by the municipalities in the district. The third part of the bill creates a study commission on this system and its ownership, also requested by the towns in the district. **Vote 24-0.**

SB 603-FN, relative to the funding of the SNAP program by the department of health and human services. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Samuel Farrington for the **Majority** of Finance. This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer funds within and among accounting units as necessary to address any budget reduction

for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) incurred by the state as a result of a reduction in federal funding. In the committee hearing, Finance Division 3 heard from the department that this is already their current practice. Therefore, this bill is not necessary. **Vote 13-11.**

Rep. Jerry Stringham for the **Minority** of Finance. This bill passed on a unanimous basis in the Senate and was sent to the House for consideration. SB 603, with the minority amendment would restore funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that was eliminated by the federal government in HR1. HR1 passed on July 4, three days after New Hampshire's biennium budget went into effect. One provision of HR1 was to increase the percentage of SNAP program administration costs that the state is responsible for from the current 50% to 75% beginning October 1, 2026. This unexpected and unforeseen change results in an additional expenditure of approximately \$4.4 million in state funds this biennium due to the downshifting of administrative burden from the federal government to the state. The SNAP program is valuable for those in need and for New Hampshire's businesses. About 75,000 Granite Staters receive \$154 million in nutritional benefits provided through personal electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards that can be used in over 1,000 New Hampshire stores, including small businesses. The \$154 million is 100% provided by the federal government. New Hampshire pays only a share of the administrative costs. Another element of the federal HR1 bill was to require an administrative error rate of below 6%. If the rate is above this amount, the state becomes responsible for a portion of the SNAP benefits, potentially increasing the state's budget by \$20 million per year. The minority believes that failure to pass SB 603 with the minority amendment, eliminates substantial administration management and oversight funds for this valuable program, increasing the risk of future financial penalties. This bill without the amendment indicates the Department of Health and Human Services should find other funds, but the department is already struggling to find \$51 million in back-of-the-budget cuts from funded programs. For these reasons, the minority supports the appropriation with the minority amendment and an OTPA motion.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

SB 421, (New Title) relative to the membership and duties of the trauma medical review committee and establishing a study committee to review the membership and duties of other boards and an appointment related to emergency medical services. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Lisa Mazur for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The committee majority finds that this legislation alters the composition of the trauma medical review committee in a way that may dilute essential clinical expertise. Testimony raised concerns that the changes appear to be a bureaucratic maneuver driven by dissatisfaction with the commissioner's current appointments, despite the existing flexibility to include trauma center representatives. Notably, the removal of a clear physician requirement could result in a committee lacking surgeons altogether, as trauma program managers and registrars, while valuable, are not typically physicians, potentially undermining the quality of medical oversight. For these reasons, the committee majority recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 10-8.** Rep. Gary Woods for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill will create an appropriate, timely, and well-crafted review with recommendations to improve the current status of statewide emergency services. Especially with the intrusion of private equity into this arena, this review will help modernize guidelines aimed at avoiding duplicity yet expanding scope of services to ensure all of New Hampshire residents have timely access to appropriate emergency health care going forward. It also revises the membership of the trauma medical review committee to reflect the changes in trauma treatment over time. For these reasons, the minority recommend Ought to Pass.

SB 422, relative to membership of the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Matt Drew for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This is the Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention. The Governor did not request these additions and changes, so the majority of the committee found that these changes were unnecessary. **Vote 10-8.**

Rep. Lucy Weber for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This simple, common-sense bill makes two small changes to the membership of the Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment and Prevention. Because gaming addiction has been added to the charge of the commission, the bill adds one new member with expertise in gaming addiction. In addition, another member in long-term recovery has been added to the commission so that it would include a member with that lived experience.

SB 454-FN, requiring the department of health and human services to update existing relevant public health outreach programs by incorporating information to aid public understanding and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Wayne MacDonald for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to engage in certain public health outreach regarding Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia. The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this initiative will cost less than \$10,000.00 per year in each of the fiscal years of 2026 through 2029. This is a tremendous cost

savings, when considering the millions of dollars that have been spent on dementia-related diseases over the years. One estimate predicts as much as \$63,000.00 per dementia victim could be saved by the early detection of such a disease. In view of the fact that New Hampshire has an aging population and that dementia usually affects older citizens, this effort makes perfect sense. Further, the success of this legislation will be realized without the creation of any new services or benefits created by DHHS. For these reasons, a majority of the committee recommends ought to pass. **Vote 14-4.**

SB 501, relative to authorization of seclusion or restraint during a personal safety emergency by a physician, physician associate, or advanced practice registered nurse. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Matt Drew for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. Physical restraint, seclusion (isolation), and chemical restraint are some of those most serious impositions on patient rights. Current law already permits emergency restraint of out-of-control patients to protect both them and the workers and patients around them, with a doctor's approval required after the fact. The majority of the committee finds that expanding this authority is unnecessary. **Vote 10-8.** Rep. Tim Hartnett for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This common-sense bill simply allows advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and physician associates (PAs), both of which are considered licensed practitioners under the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in addition to physicians, to issue seclusion and restraint orders when necessary for safety at New Hampshire Hospital or the regional receiving hospitals when a patient is a danger to themselves or others while in a mental health crisis. The use of seclusion and restraint are last-resort interventions. They are used in personal safety emergencies to ensure the physical safety of the patient and the medical staff who are treating them. These interventions are routinely implemented in time frames where seconds matter to prevent injury to the patient or the treatment team. At New Hampshire Hospital and the other hospitals, the PA and/or APRN may be the primary treatment provider for a patient in crisis. Under current law, the APRN or PA may issue a seclusion or restraint order, but a physician must be contacted within 15 minutes to continue the order, or the seclusion or restraint must cease entirely. This puts the providers, other patients, and the patient in crisis at extreme risk of harm. Every case is currently reviewed to ensure that the decision to use restraint or seclusion was made correctly and procedures were followed to ensure the civil rights of the patient were preserved, while also protecting the civil rights of all other persons who might be endangered. This practice would not change. In addition, passage of the bill will bring state mental health law into alignment with federal law, as CMS and accrediting bodies already authorize physicians, APRNs and PAs to make these orders during a safety emergency. There is no meaningful reason to oppose this bill, only callous disregard for the care and treatment of patients and the safety of medical staff who treat them.

SB 520, relative to breast surgeries for minors. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Lisa Mazur for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. HB 712 was signed by Governor Ayotte in 2025 and established a comprehensive framework regulating breast surgeries for minors, prohibiting transgender chest surgeries while allowing clearly defined medical exceptions, including treatment for cancer, injury, congenital conditions, gynecomastia, and symptomatic macromastia, along with enforcement provisions. As amended, SB 520 makes a narrow amendment to the existing law by adding an additional exception for elective breast reduction based on physical discomfort. However, such conditions are already addressed under the current law as amended by HB 712. As a result, SB 520 is redundant and does not meaningfully change the existing statutory framework. For these reasons, the committee majority recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 10-8.** Rep. Jessica LaMontagne for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill would make changes to the prohibition on breast surgeries for minors passed last year (HB 712, Ch. 287, Laws of 2025). As currently written, a surgery that does not meet strict definitions of qualifying exceptions opens the provider to disciplinary action and lawsuits. Elective breast reduction surgery may be an option for minors who experience trauma related to unwanted sexual attention, harassment, or abuse, physical discomfort, or diminished ability to participate in sports. These conditions would not meet the strict definition of macromastia currently in statute. This bill would allow for more nuanced, individualized decisions to take place in these situations, decisions made between the provider, parent, and minor as with every other medical practice. Elective surgeries for minors are common in NH: oral surgeries as part of orthodontic care and plastic surgery, as examples, are likewise not for strictly medical reasons but sometimes psychological ones. This bill would allow similar wellness concerns to be considered for breasts, surely a body part with significant societal, physiologic, and emotional ramifications.

SB 615-FN, (New Title) establishing a commission to study the use and regulation of SNAP in New Hampshire. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Lisa Mazur for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. As amended by the Senate, the majority of the committee believes this bill establishes a large and unbalanced commission to study the

use and regulation of SNAP despite the legislature already having sufficient information to act. The proposal adds unnecessary bureaucracy, delays meaningful reform, and risks stacking the commission with stakeholders who may oppose needed changes. At a time when program integrity, work requirements, and responsible use of taxpayer dollars require decisive action, creating a study commission is redundant and inefficient as there are several House bills addressing this issue as well. For these reasons, the committee majority recommends Inexpedient to Legislate. **Vote 10-8.**

Rep. Trinidad Tellez for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill, as amended by the Senate, addresses an important need to have real data from New Hampshire about what is currently going on in New Hampshire, to understand where we are at in light of federal policies, and to gain clarity on the impacts from changing state policies related to keeping people fed, healthy, and alive. This would give us an opportunity to be better prepared to deal with impending changes to the SNAP program coming to us from the federal government. The study commission would: (a) research the practicality and feasibility of changing SNAP, (b) study how to prioritize SNAP dollars going to healthy food, including the feasibility of healthy eating educational campaigns, (c) study the economic impacts of SNAP changes to various industries (including stores and food banks), (d) work with the department of health and human services to examine the prevalence of fraud, waste, and abuse within the SNAP program, and determine what the department would require to identify fraud, waste, and abuse in the SNAP program, and (e) study the impacts of a waiver on New Hampshire retailers. In changing this bill to establishing a commission to study the use and regulation of SNAP in New Hampshire, the Senate deemed this topic worthy of study to inform better decision-making, before we make more policy changes. A study commission would have appropriate representation from the various known stakeholders who are engaged in the work, and would provide a process for any additional stakeholders to be heard so that good policy recommendations can be made going forward.

SB 670-FN-A, (New Title) establishing a developmental services oversight commission; relative to reporting requirements regarding the death of a child in residential care; and relative to the registry of founded reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults. **MAJORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. MINORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jim Kofalt for the **Majority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill establishes some initial safeguards against abuse in developmental services. This includes a dedicated oversight commission, increased reporting requirements, and a confidential registry of individuals with founded reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. The committee amendment makes minor changes to membership and chairmanship duties, requires the commission to solicit input from the Developmental Services Quality Council, and requires DHHS to comply with all reasonable data requests. **Vote 13-5.**

Rep. Mark McLean for the **Minority** of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. This bill as amended establishes a developmental services oversight commission and a registry of perpetrators against whom reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an individual have been founded. Any person whose name is listed in the registry shall be prohibited from being employed to care for a vulnerable individual. While the minority of the committee had no problem with the oversight commission, they found the due process surrounding the registry to be inadequate. Under the bill, a report is determined to be founded following an investigation which may or may not include input from the accused perpetrator, and the right to contest any accusation with counsel is only available upon appeal. Given the severe consequences of being placed on the list as a perpetrator, the minority felt that the accused should have the right to address the charges before a finding is made, and not just during the appeals phase.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, MAY 1

TEMPORARY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO STUDY, MONITOR, AND SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF CORRECTIVE MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT AUDIT (HB 2, Chapter 141:369, Laws of 2025), Room 234, GP

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MAY 4

COMMISSION TO STUDY STABLE TOKENS, TOKENIZED REAL-WORLD ASSETS, AND BLOCK-CHAIN-BASED TRUSTS FRAMEWORKS (RSA 383:26), NH Banking Department, 53 Regional Drive, Suite 200, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

EDUCATION POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 232, GP

10:00 a.m. Public hearing on proposed non-germane amendment #2026-1708h to **SB 575**, establishing a study committee to study the issue of school bullying. This amendment creates a study commit-

tee to study the issue of school bullying and modifies the assignment of personnel authorized to perform superintendent services for school administrative units by requiring assignment by the school board instead of by the superintendent. Copies of the amendment are available on the General Court website.

10:15 a.m. Public hearing on proposed non-germane amendment #2026-1715h to **SB 575**, establishing a study committee to study the issue of school bullying. This amendment creates a study committee to study the issue of school bullying and modifies the exemption of teacher certification records under RSA 91-A by replacing the term “teacher” with “educator”. Copies of the amendment are available on the General Court website.

10:30 a.m. Executive session on **SB 430**, relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents and legal guardians; **SB 431**, relative to violations of the prohibition on teaching discrimination; **SB 432-FN**, authorizing the application of sunscreen in schools and camps without a licensed health care provider’s note or prescription and establishing a skin cancer prevention education program; **SB 433-FN**, establishing the seizure safe schools act; **SB 434**, relative to regulation of public school materials; **SB 507**, establishing a committee to study violence in schools directed at staff members and the obstacles to disciplining or expelling students in such circumstances; **SB 574**, establishing a commission to study the efficiency and structure of school administrative units; **SB 575**, establishing a study committee to study the issue of school bullying; **SB 577-FN**, prohibiting the use of specific color additives in meals offered or made available by public schools; **SB 578**, relative to play-based curriculum and physical education curriculum.

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 230, GP

10:00 a.m. Division work session on **SB 408-FN**, relative to health insurance coverage for prosthetics; **SB 534-FN**, relative to compliance with certain political expenditures and contribution statutes; **SB 538-FN**, extending net metering eligibility terms for municipal energy projects; **SB 541-FN-A**, relative to capital appropriations for regional drinking water infrastructure; **SB 557-FN**, making it illegal for liquor commission licensees to sell, distribute, furnish, offer for sale, advertise, manufacture, possess, or allow the ingestion, inhalation, smoking, or vaping of certain kratom products; **SB 625-FN**, establishing a committee to study options for family members of intentional homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges in a case; **SB 657-FN**, relative to the use of information technology and artificial intelligence systems by state agencies.

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Room 100, SH

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN’S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10), Room 103, SH

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 159, GP

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **SB 492-FN**, authorizing the department of military affairs and veterans services to license and lease property in which the department holds a property interest; **SB 627-FN**, relative to toll rate adjustments and periodic inflation-based toll reviews for the New Hampshire turnpike system to support the 2027-2036 ten-year transportation plan.

11:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 492-FN**, authorizing the department of military affairs and veterans services to license and lease property in which the department holds a property interest; **SB 627-FN**, relative to toll rate adjustments and periodic inflation-based toll reviews for the New Hampshire turnpike system to support the 2027-2036 ten-year transportation plan.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 231, GP

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 624-FN**, restricting access to certain hemp-derived products.
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 232, GP

10:00 a.m. Continued executive session on any remaining bills from May 4, 2026.

ELECTION LAW, Room 158, GP

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **SB 223-FN**, prohibiting student identification cards from being used as photo identification for purposes of obtaining a ballot; **SB 405**, relative to amounts reported by

political committees; **SB 438**, relative to the sharing of data between the department of safety and the secretary of state for the purposes of verifying the accuracy of information in the centralized voter registration database; **SB 660**, relative to photo identification cards issued solely for the purpose of voting.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 153, GP

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **SB 418**, prohibiting municipalities from requiring licenses for the production and sale of homestead food products; **SB 475**, including a determination of the best interest of the animal in the definition of foster home.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.

FINANCE, Room 230, GP

- 10:30 a.m. Executive session on **SB 408-FN**, relative to health insurance coverage for prosthetics; **SB 534-FN**, relative to compliance with certain political expenditures and contribution statutes; **SB 538-FN**, extending net metering eligibility terms for municipal energy projects; **SB 541-FN-A**, relative to capital appropriations for regional drinking water infrastructure; **SB 557-FN**, making it illegal for liquor commission licensees to sell, distribute, furnish, offer for sale, advertise, manufacture, possess, or allow the ingestion, inhalation, smoking, or vaping of certain kratom products; **SB 625-FN**, establishing a committee to study options for family members of intentional homicide victims where the department of justice does not file charges in a case; **SB 657-FN**, relative to the use of information technology and artificial intelligence systems by state agencies.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 159, GP

- 10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **SB 416**, relative to the pooling and sharing of tips among tipped employees.
Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day, time permitting, from the time the committee is initially convened.
- 11:00 a.m. Continued executive session on **SB 416**, relative to the pooling and sharing of tips among tipped employees.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 154, GP

- 10:30 a.m. Executive session on **SB 435**, relative to the zoning board of adjustment variance criteria; **SB 508**, relative to the zoning board of adjustments appeal period; **SB 495**, increasing the limit for transfers of appropriations in Carroll County; **SB 585-FN**, relative to audits for communications districts; **SB 440**, relative to the adoption of energy efficient and clean energy districts by municipalities; **SB 439**, relative to municipal data center zoning; **SB 653**, enabling counties to change the dates of their biennial budgets; **SB 643-FN**, requiring municipalities to hold a public hearing and conduct a roll call vote when seeking to override a tax or spending cap.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 229, GP

- 9:30 a.m. Presentation by StarCube on micro-nuclear technology.
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation on NH Life Sciences Association.

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

- 5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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

- 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 229, GP

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on **SB 498-FN**, relative to children's mental health services for persons 18 years of age and younger; **SB 614-FN**, establishing multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage arrangements for nonprofit and for-profit providers and servicers; **SB 661-FN**, relative to pooled risk management programs.
- 10:30 a.m. Continued executive session on **SB 498-FN**, relative to children's mental health services for persons 18 years of age and younger; **SB 614-FN**, establishing multiple-caregiver self-insured risk coverage arrangements for nonprofit and for-profit providers and servicers; **SB 661-FN**, relative to pooled risk management programs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 231, GP

11:00 a.m. Continued executive session on **SB 298-FN**, relative to sober living house certification and operational standards; **SB 488**, enabling the governor to declare a state of emergency due to the failure of the legislature to pass a budget or continuing resolution to fund the New Hampshire state government by July 1 of the first year of a biennium; **SB 569**, relative to the qualifications for hearings officers within the department of labor.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 234, GP

1:00 p.m. Executive session on **SB 570**, relative to legislative ethics.
1:15 p.m. Executive Session on the matter of Representative Travis Corcoran.

FRIDAY, MAY 8**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a), DNRC, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Join Microsoft Teams:
Meeting ID: 218 299 554 481 60 Passcode: em2nw222
By phone: +1 603-931-4944,840445040#

JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1), Room 234, GP

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MAY 11**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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**COMMISSION TO STUDY STABLE TOKENS, TOKENIZED REAL-WORLD ASSETS, AND BLOCK-CHAIN-BASED TRUSTS FRAMEWORKS (RSA 383:26), NH Banking Department, 53 Regional Drive, Suite 200, Concord**

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MAY 15**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Room 100, SH**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Room 230, GP

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

LONG-TERM SEACOAST COMMISSION ON DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:6), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), Portsmouth Regional Office in Room A, Pease International Tradeport, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3), White Mountain National Forest Headquarters, Weeks Conference Room, 71 White Mountain Drive, Campton

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MAY 18**COMMISSION TO STUDY COSTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (RSA 186-C:1-a), Room 232, GP**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115>
Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115

TUESDAY, MAY 19

COMMISSION TO STUDY REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO THE ROAD TOLL, ROAD TOLL REGISTRATION CHARGES, AND REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, INCLUDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES AND THEIR RESULTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT (RSA 21-J:49), Room 228, GP

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13), Room 158, GP

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 228, GP

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1), Room 228, GP

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

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

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROGRAMS STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 79:32), Room 154, GP

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

EDUCATION FREEDOM SAVINGS ACCOUNT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 194-F:12), Room 232, GP

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2), Granite Edvance, 3 Barrell Court, Concord

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB 112, HB 215, HB 219, HB 224, HB 241, HB 518, HB 547, HB 563, HB 570, HB 572, HB 595, HB 607, HB 609, HB 611, HB 619, HB 621, HB 624, HB 629, HB 630, HB 635, HB 648, HB 649, HB 651, HB 652, HB 665, HB 671, HB 675, HB 686, HB 716, HB 721, HB 725, HB 727, HB 729, HB 734, HB 751, HB 767, HB 772, HB 773, HB 1013, HB 1029, HB 1088, HB 1130, HB 1170, HB 1176, HB 1197, HB 1199, HB 1301, HB 1420, HB 1426, HB 1433, HB 1442, HB 1457, HB 1466, HB 1469, HB 1471, HB 1477, HB 1483, HB 1492, HB 1499, HB 1542, HB 1555, HB 1566, HB 1576, HB 1594, HB 1600, HB 1602, HB 1603, HB 1622, HB 1655, HB 1705, HB 1708, HB 1718, HB 1727, HB 1739, HB 1740, HB 1747, HB 1748, HB 1751, HB 1752, HB 1753, HB 1754, HB 1760, HB 1761, HB 1764, HB 1765, HB 1767, HB 1768, HB 1769, HB 1770, HB 1771, HB 1772, HB 1773, HB 1775, HB 1776, HB 1777, HB 1778, HB 1781, HB 1782, HB 1783, HB 1784, HB 1786, HB 1787, HB 1788, HB 1789, HB 1790, HB 1793, HB 1794, HB 1796, HB 1797, HB 1798, HB 1799, HB 1802, HB 1803, HB 1807, HB 1808, HB 1810, HB 1812, HB 1815, HB 1818, HB 1819, HB 1820, HB 1822, HB 1823, HB 1824, HB 1825, HB 1826, HB 1827, HB 1830, HB 1831, HB 1832, HB 1833, HB 1834, HB 1837. SB 36, SB 49, SB 71, SB 101, SB 103, SB 112, SB 134, SB 223, SB 247, SB 256, SB 408, SB 425, SB 448, SB 449, SB 450, SB 454, SB 457, SB 465, SB 470, SB 480, SB 482, SB 491, SB 492, SB 502, SB 505, SB 510, SB 511, SB 512, SB 515, SB 519, SB 534, SB 540, SB 543, SB 545, SB 548, SB 549, SB 557, SB 559, SB 567, SB 580, SB 589, SB 591, SB 592, SB 593, SB 600, SB 606, SB 608, SB 619, SB 620, SB 624, SB 625, SB 627, SB 632, SB 640, SB 642, SB 643, SB 652, SB 656, SB 657, SB 663, SB 665, SB 669, SB 670.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The Executive Committee of the **Merrimack** County Delegation will meet on **Monday, May 18, 2026** in the 2nd floor conference room of the Old Courthouse, 163 N. Main Street, Concord, New Hampshire at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is as follows: 1. 1st Quarter Financial Review. 2. Hear a report from the Salary Study Committee Chairman. 3. Any other Business.

Rep. James MacKay, Chair

Pursuant to RSA 23:7, the **Merrimack** County Delegation will meet immediately following the Executive Committee Meeting on **Monday, May 18, 2026**, in the 2nd floor conference room of the Old Courthouse, 163 N. Main Street, Concord, New Hampshire at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is: 1. Act on the Elected Officials Salaries. 2. To consider any other business that may appropriately come before them.

Rep. Dave Luneau, Chair

Rockingham County Executive Committee Meeting, **Friday, May 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Norman L. Major Auditorium, Rockingham County Municipal Building, 94 North Road, Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the FY-2026 Third Quarter Budget review. A quorum is required.

Zoom Access is available: <https://zoom.us/j/5713255541?pwd=TkV4NnM5OHp5SnZzVEcxaFlrL0VYZz09>

By Phone: Dial 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 571-325-5541, No Participant ID - Press # to continue,

Meeting Password: 312900

Rep. John Potucek, Clerk

Rockingham County Convention Meeting, **Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Norman L. Major Auditorium, Rockingham County Municipal Building, 94 North Road, Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting is to Vote Elected Officials Salaries and Benefits for the term commencing January 2027 (RSA 23:7, 655:14). A quorum is required.

Zoom Access is available: <https://zoom.us/j/5713255541?pwd=TkV4NnM5OHp5SnZzVEcxaFlrL0VYZz09>

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Rep. John Potucek, Clerk

Rockingham County Executive Committee Meeting, **Friday, May 22, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Norman L. Major Auditorium, Rockingham County Municipal Building, 94 North Road, Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting is for Subcommittee Chairs to present their subcommittee recommendations. The Executive Committee votes on the budget to be presented at the Executive Committee Public Hearing on June 3, 2026.

Zoom Access is available: <https://zoom.us/j/5713255541?pwd=TkV4NnM5OHp5SnZzVEcxaFlrL0VYZz09>

By Phone: Dial 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 571-325-5541, No Participant ID - Press # to continue,

Meeting Password: 312900

Rep. John Potucek, Clerk

Rockingham County Executive Committee Public Hearing on Proposed FY-2027 Budget, **Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Norman L. Major Auditorium, Rockingham County Municipal Building, 94 North Road, Brentwood, NH. Executive Committee votes to consider any changes (RSA 24:13-c). A quorum is required. By Phone: Dial 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 571-325-5541, No Participant ID - Press # to continue, Meeting Password: 312900

Zoom Access is available: <https://zoom.us/j/5713255541?pwd=TkV4NnM5OHp5SnZzVEcxaFlrL0VYZz09>

Rep. John Potucek, Clerk

Rockingham County Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Norman L. Major Auditorium, Rockingham County Municipal Building, 94 North Road, Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize any unfinished business prior to Convention Meeting at 6:00 p.m. A quorum is required. By Phone: Dial 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 571-325-5541, No Participant ID - Press # to continue, Meeting Password: 312900

Zoom Access is available: <https://zoom.us/j/5713255541?pwd=TkV4NnM5OHp5SnZzVEcxaFlrL0VYZz09>

Rep. John Potucek, Clerk

Rockingham County Convention Meeting, Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Norman L. Major Auditorium, Rockingham County Municipal Building, 94 North Road, Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting is to Adopt the FY-2027 County Budget (RSA 24:13-c). A quorum is required. There will be an additional County Convention Meeting on **Friday, June 19, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., if necessary.** You will be notified. By Phone: Dial 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 571-325-5541, No Participant ID - Press # to continue, Meeting Password: 312900 Zoom Access is available: <https://zoom.us/j/5713255541?pwd=TkV4NnM5OHp5SnZzVEcxaFlrL0VYZz09>

Rep. John Potucek, Clerk

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting of the **Strafford County Delegation Executive Committee** is scheduled to be held **Friday, May 8, 2026, 9:00 a.m.** This meeting will require a physical quorum but will provide remote access for the public and will be held as noted above in the Café Conference Room, Lower Level of the William A. Grimes Justice and Administration Building, 259 County Farm Road, Dover, New Hampshire, to conduct the following business: Approve Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of February 20, 2026, Approve 2nd Round of Tax Anticipation Note Borrowing of up to \$16,000,000 for 2026, Review and Approve First Quarter 2026 Budget Report, Approve Distribution of Previously Approved Salary Schedules for the Union Contracts and Non-Union Agreement to the Appropriate Budgetary Line-Item as Per Document Entitled "Strafford County 2026 Line-Item Transfers", Any Other Business Which May Legally Come Before the Committee. Zoom Access is available:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89027331395?pwd=JB3q2etbqapK06qk1KsWJprOCDwb0x.1>

Meeting ID: 890 2733 1395 Passcode: 747288 By Phone: +13052241968, 89027331395#, *747288#

Information and directions may be obtained in advance of the meeting by contacting the Strafford County Commissioners office at 603-742-1458.

Rep. Cassandra Levesque, Clerk

MEMBERS' NOTICES

The following notices are published in the House Record as a courtesy to the member(s) requesting publication. These are not official public notices and will be limited to legislative policy or legislative social activities and political meetings or events. Publication should not be construed as support for either the events listed or the views espoused by the individual or organization sponsoring the event.

All Representatives are invited to a Bible Study and prayer during the Lunch Break on Session Day. 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

On behalf of the New Hampshire Farm, Forest & Garden Expo Board of Directors, the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food (NHDAMF) invites all New Hampshire legislators to attend the Farm, Forest, and Garden Expo. The 2026 Expo will take place on **May 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** and on **May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** This year's theme, From Soil to Sawdust: How New Hampshire Makes Ag Happen, highlights the people on the front lines transforming the Granite State's natural resources into the food we eat, the tools we use, and the products that support everyday life. This event provides an excellent opportunity to connect with the individuals and practices that keep New Hampshire thriving. For tickets, stop by NHDAMF at 1 Granite Place, Suite 211, in Concord, or email Rebecca.W.Ross@agr.nh.gov. More information is available at <https://www.nhfarmandforestexpo.org/>.

Rep. Steven Smith

Need a coffee? Want to learn about child care? Representative Rice and New Futures invite legislators to stop by Revelstoke on **May 7**, anytime between **7:30–10:00 a.m.** to grab a coffee with a special code, and learn how child care challenges are impacting New Hampshire families across the state.

Rep. Kim Rice

All Representatives and Staff are cordially invited to attend a free “MEET THE LAMBS” event hosted by Five Sisters Farm at 986 Route 12A, Plainfield, NH on **Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** (rain date Saturday, May 10, 2026) This family owned farm raises pure-bred Shetlands- small short-tailed sheep that originated in the remote Shetland Islands off Scotland’s coast where they were brought by the Vikings. The 5 Sisters flock boasts 50-60 sheep and this year 20 lambs were born in late March and early April! The 5 Sisters name is based on the 5 daughters of the Falcone family who have all been actively involved in the NH 4H Program and help manage the flock! 5 Sisters Farm Supports NH4H and often hosts 4H events. This small farm helps promote Agriculture in NH as well as small business. The free annual event also includes educational exhibits, shearing and spinning demonstrations, raffle baskets and sheep- themed gifts for sale. A lamb snuggle area is guaranteed to make “ewe” smile! A great Family oriented event!

Reps. Rich Nalevanko and Margaret Drye

Please join us for the 16th Annual Campaign for Legal Services Kickoff Breakfast, celebrating a legacy of bipartisan public and private support for access to justice in New Hampshire. Chief Justice MacDonald will be speaking, and Justice Hicks will be recognized. **Tuesday, May 12, 2026**, at Southern New Hampshire University (75 South Commercial Street in Manchester). Registration and networking will begin at 7:15 a.m. The program starts at 8:00 a.m. sharp and we’ll have you on your way by 9:00 a.m.! RSVP to dmckinney@nhla.org by May 5th.

Reps. Bob Lynn and Paul Berch

Legislators & staff are cordially invited to the annual Walmart lunch and health screening in the State House cafeteria on **Thursday, May 14th starting at 11:30 a.m.**

Rep. Jason Osborne

The NH Oral Health Coalition invites you to our Legislative Reception “Speaking Tooth to Power” on **May 14th** at St. Paul’s Church’s Ordway Room from **12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Light lunch and desserts will be served. This is your opportunity to meet the oral health and dental providers bringing lower cost, accessible care into communities. RSVP to Christina Wellbeloved at cwellbeloved@NHOralHealth.org or 603-415-5550. See you there! All and Representatives are welcome.

Rep. Tom Buco

The Dartmouth Health lunch for May 21st from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. has been **postponed** and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Reps. Lucy Webber and Wayne MacDonald

NH/VT Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) are part of a national construction industry trade association representing more than 23,000 members. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC helps New Hampshire contractors develop people, win work, and deliver that work safely, ethically and profitably for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work. Please join local contractors on the State House Plaza on **Thursday, May 21, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** for hands on demonstrations of the trades, craft training, safety equipment and technology used every day to literally build New Hampshire. Lunch will be served!

Rep. Jason Osborne

The New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Association cordially invites you to attend the 34th Annual New Hampshire Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony. This Ceremony is being held to honor the Law Enforcement Officers throughout the State of New Hampshire who have made the ultimate sacrifice and died in the line of duty while protecting the citizens of the State. The Ceremony will be held on **Friday, May 22, 2026**, beginning promptly at **10:00 a.m.**, at the Memorial Site in front of the Legislative Office Building. The Ceremony will proceed rain or shine. Please do not hesitate to contact Colonel Kevin Jordan at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 603-271-3128, should you have any questions.

Speaker Packard

The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association invites all House Members to join them on **Thursday, June 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in front of the State House for donuts, coffee, and conversations about the wonderful snowmobile season experienced by our local snowmobile clubs and what the future holds for the sport. Please stop by to meet the people, and the machines, that support the sport of snowmobiling and 7,000 miles of trails which are enjoyed by residents and tourists alike.

Rep. Brian Labrie and Leader Alexis Simpson

AMENDMENTS

(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to SB 56

(2026-1494h)

Proposed by the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration—c

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

AN ACT relative to consolidating the New Hampshire health and education facilities authority within the business finance authority and establishing a surplus land revitalization program.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 19 with the following:

20 Powers Of The Governor And Council In Certain Cases; Acquisition And Disposal Of Real Estate; Disposal of Highway, Federal, or Turnpike Funded Real Estate. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 4:39-c to read as follows:

[Disposal] ***Except as provided in RSA 204-D, RSA 162-V, and RSA 228:31-b, disposal*** of real estate purchased with state or federal highway funds, or both, or with turnpike funds shall occur as follows:

21 Powers Of The Governor And Council In Certain Cases; Acquisition And Disposal Of Real Estate; Disposal of Real Estate. Amend RSA 4:40, I to read as follows:

I. Except as provided in RSA 4:39-c, ***RSA 162-V***, RSA 228:31-b, and RSA 204-D, upon recommendation of the head of any state department having jurisdiction over the same, all requests for the disposal or leasing of state-owned properties shall be reviewed and approved by the long range capital planning and utilization committee, with advice from the council on resources and development, prior to submission to the governor and council for approval. Upon determination that the property is no longer needed by the state, the governor and council shall first offer it to the town, city, or county in which the property is located. If the town, city, or county refuses the offer, the governor and council may sell, convey, transfer, or lease the real property.

22 New Chapter; Surplus Land Revitalization Program. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 162-U the following new chapter:

CHAPTER 162-V

SURPLUS LAND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

162-V:1 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

I. "Authority" means the business finance authority established under RSA 162-A.

II. "Department" means the department of transportation established under 21-L:2.

III. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of transportation.

IV. "Committee" means the long range capital planning and utilization committee established under RSA 17-M.

V. "State owned property" means real property held by the department of transportation.

162-V:2 Transfer of Property. The provisions of RSA 4:40 and 4:39-c notwithstanding, the governor and council may transfer surplus state owned property to the authority for certain uses consistent with the authority's purpose under the following procedure:

I. The authority shall petition the department to acquire property the authority determines to be suitable for purposes authorized by RSA 162-A:6, V, VI, VII, VIII, XIV, and XXIII, and such petition shall include a certification of the authority's intention to use the property for such authorized purposes. The petition shall also state whether the authority desires to lease or purchase the property from the department.

II. The department shall, in response to such petition, notify the authority in writing whether the department considers the property surplus and whether it agrees with the authority's determination that the property is suitable for use or uses authorized by RSA 162-A:6, V, VI, VII, VIII, XIV, and XXIII. This determination shall be at the department's sole discretion.

III. If the department considers the property surplus and suitable for the authority's intended use or uses, the department may decide to lease or sell the property to the authority. Upon making such determination, the department shall include in its written notice any terms and conditions of such transfer, including the price as provided for by RSA 162-V:3.

IV. If the department and the authority reach an agreement on the transfer of the property, the department may submit the proposed transfer to the committee for review of whether the property is no longer needed by the state.

V. If the committee has already determined that the property is surplus under the processes set forth in RSA 4:39-c or RSA 4:40, then the committee's review shall be limited to whether any circumstances have changed that would affect its original determination. If the committee determines the property is surplus, it shall notify the authority and the department. The department may then request that the governor and council approve the agreement to transfer, and the same shall be effective upon approval.

VI. The department may, at any time prior to approval of the governor and council, rescind any agreement with the authority. Nothing herein shall require the department to transfer property to the authority.

162-V:3 Compensation. Transfer of property under this chapter shall be for such price and subject to said further terms and conditions as in the opinion of the commissioner, are reasonable and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, provided, however, that:

I. All proceeds from sales of surplus property owned by the department shall be deposited in the fund from which they originated.

II. Surplus property held by the department which was acquired, in whole or in part, with highway funds shall be transferred to the authority for not less than the minimum compensation required to replenish the highway fund in the amount for which the property was originally acquired.

III. Surplus property held by the department which was acquired, in whole or in part, with federal or turnpike funds shall be transferred to the authority for no less than the minimum compensation required by federal law or controlling turnpike revenue bond resolution.

162-V:4 Uses of Property So Acquired.

I. After acquiring state owned property through the procedure set forth in this chapter, the authority may develop such land and take any actions it deems necessary to further use or uses authorized by RSA 162-A:6, V, VI, VII, VIII, XIV, and XXIII.

II. The authority may lease, sell, or otherwise transfer property it acquires under this chapter if the tenant, purchaser, or transferee enters into a written agreement with the authority that the property will be used in a manner authorized by RSA 162-A:6, V, VI, VII, VIII, XIV, and XXIII. If any property so leased, sold, or transferred ceases to be used in such a manner, ownership and/or control of the property shall revert to the authority.

III. If the authority seeks to transfer the property to any third party for use or uses not authorized by RSA 162-A:6, V, VI, VII, VIII, XIV, and XXIII, the authority shall first offer to sell the property to the State of New Hampshire for an amount of compensation equal to that which the authority paid to acquire the property under RSA 162-V:3.

23 Administration of Transportation Laws; Commissioner, Deputy and Assistant Commissioners; Disposal of Highway or Turnpike Funded Real Estate. Amend RSA 228:31-b, VIII to read as follows:

VIII. [AH] ***Subject to the specific processes set forth more fully in RSA 4:39-c, RSA 4:40, RSA 162-V, and RSA 204-D, all*** requests for disposal of surplus property owned by the department of transportation shall be reviewed and approved by the long range capital planning and utilization committee prior to submission to the governor and council for approval.

24 Prospective Repeal. RSA 162-V:2, relative to the transfer of property under the surplus land revitalization program, is repealed.

25 Effective Date.

I. Section 24 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2031.

II. The remainder of this act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

2026-1494h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Provides for the consolidation of the New Hampshire health and education facilities authority with and into the New Hampshire business finance authority, including the transfer of all assets, assumption of all debts and obligations, transfer of all employees, and the establishment of the New Hampshire Business finance authority as the successor in interest for all rights and obligations of the New Hampshire health and education facilities authority.

- II. Makes changes to provisions of statute governing the business finance authority's issuance of bonds.
- III. Establishes a surplus land revitalization program.

**Amendment to SB 415
(2026-1576h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Housing-c

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

AN ACT relative to a certain exemption in interest in condominium units and abbreviated registrations.

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

1 Trade and Commerce; Condominium Act; Exemptions. Amend RSA 356-B:49, I(a) to read as follows:

(a) If not more than ~~[10]~~ **25** units are included in the condominium; provided, however, this exemption shall not apply to a condominium involving time sharing interests;

2 Condominium Act; General Principles; Application. Amend RSA 356-B:2, III to read as follows:

III. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph I, if any condominium instrument recorded under RSA 479-A prior to September 10, 1977, shall be amended after September 10, 1977, for the purpose of creating 10 or more additional units in any such condominium project, this subdivision, General Principles, and subdivision IV, Administration and Enforcement, shall apply to said additional units. If said amendment creates 10 or more, but less than 26, additional units, the applicant shall be permitted to make an abbreviated registration ~~[pursuant to RSA 356-B:51, H,]~~ and shall not be required to prepare a public offering statement pursuant to RSA 356-B:52; provided, however, this sentence shall not apply if time sharing interests are offered with respect to such additional units.

3 Condominium Act; Administration and Enforcement; Application for Registration; Fee. Amend RSA 356-B:51, I(u) to read as follows:

(u) Any other information including any current financial statement, which the attorney general by rules reasonably requires for the protection of purchasers. If the declarant is a corporation, limited liability company, or other entity, ~~[personal financial statements from all principals holding more than a 25 percent ownership interest in the declarant, certified as true and complete by the individual principals, accompanied by federal income tax returns for the 2 most recent full calendar years, may be submitted in lieu of financial statements for the declarant]~~ ***the attorney general may require documentation demonstrating the financial capacity to finance and complete the project.*** Financial information filed with the attorney general shall not be disclosed publicly except in connection with a hearing, civil action, or criminal action involving the party who submitted the information.

4 Condominium Act; Administration and Enforcement; Public Offering Statement. Amend RSA 356-B:52, IV to read as follows:

IV. Any declarant permitted to make an abbreviated registration ~~[pursuant to RSA 356-B:51, H,]~~ and any declarant of a condominium which has been registered under the federal Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act, is not required to prepare a public offering statement to be used in connection with the offer or disposition of any unit of the condominium.

5 New Subdivision; Commission to Study the New Hampshire Condominium Act. Amend RSA 356-B by inserting after section 70 the following new subdivision:

Commission to Study the New Hampshire Condominium Act

356-B:71 Commission to Study the New Hampshire Condominium Act.

I. There is established a commission to study RSA 356-B (condominium act), including, but not limited to, the condominium registration process administered by the department of justice.

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

(a) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(c) One individual with experience developing condominium projects in New Hampshire, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(d) One representative of the department of justice, appointed by the attorney general.

(e) One New Hampshire-licensed real estate attorney with experience in condominium law, appointed by the president of the senate.

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

IV. The commission shall:

(a) Review existing statutory and regulatory requirements governing condominium development in New Hampshire;

(b) Identify opportunities to modernize the law, reduce unnecessary administrative burdens, and support the creation of quality homeownership opportunities;

(c) Make recommendations that make it easier to develop condominiums and expand access to attainable ownership opportunities for Granite Staters;

(d) Review the condominium registration process under RSA 356-B, including timelines, costs, and administrative requirements;

(e) Evaluate whether the current registration process appropriately balances consumer protection with the need to facilitate condominium development;

(f) Identify barriers within the condominium act that may discourage or delay the construction of new condominium units;

(g) Compare New Hampshire's condominium laws and registration requirements with those of other states, including states that do not require developer registration;

(h) Assess whether existing statutory provisions reflect current market conditions, construction practices, and housing needs;

(i) Examine opportunities to streamline, modernize, or eliminate outdated or duplicative requirements;

(j) Consider recommendations to expand attainable homeownership opportunities through condominium development, including for first-time homebuyers and workforce households;

(k) Recommend legislative or regulatory changes that would reduce unnecessary red tape; and

(l) Study any other related provisions of RSA 356-B that the commission deems relevant to increasing the supply of ownership housing in New Hampshire.

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

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

6 Repeal. RSA 356-B:51, II, relative to abbreviated condominium registrations, is repealed.

7 Prospective Repeal. RSA 356-B:71, and the subdivision heading preceding it, relative to the commission to study the New Hampshire condominium act, is repealed.

8 Effective Date.

I. Section 7 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2027.

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

2026-1576h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Expands the scope of the exemption from the condominium act governing offers or disposition of interests in a condominium unit.

II. Repeals abbreviated condominium registrations.

III. Establishes a commission to study condominium statutes.

Amendment to SB 423

(2026-1310h)

Proposed by the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration—c

Amend RSA 281-A:17-e, I(a)(19) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(19) One member appointed by the New Hampshire Sheriffs Association.

Amendment to SB 445

(2026-1661h)

Proposed by the Committee on Environment and Agriculture—c

Amend RSA 541-A:30, IV as inserted by section 45 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. An agency shall be exempt from the requirements in this chapter to provide for an adjudicative proceeding prior to making a final decision, if such final decision is subject to appeal to a council or board with jurisdiction over such agency, or divisions thereof, that provides for notice and an opportunity to be heard. Unless based on an immediate risk to human health or the environment, the agency decision under this paragraph shall not become effective for 30 days following the date of the decision or, if an appeal is filed to a council or board with jurisdiction, until the council or board issues a decision.

Amendment to SB 481-FN-A

(2026-1503h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Finance—r

Amend 2023, 2:4, V as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. All proceeds and revenue from the sale of the SYSC shall be deposited in the general fund.

2026-1503h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Directs the department of administrative services to take possession of the Sununu youth services center (SYSC) property, to negotiate any contracts necessary for the sale of the property, subject to approval by the governor and council, and authorizes the department to request an additional appropriation to maintain the property, subject to approval of the fiscal committee and governor and council.

II. Provides that proceeds from the sale of the SYSC property shall be deposited in the general fund.

**Amendment to SB 481-FN-A
(2026-1511h)**

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Finance-r

Amend 2023, 2:4, V as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. All proceeds and revenue from the sale of the SYSC shall be deposited in the youth development center claims administration and settlement fund, established in RSA 21-M:11-a.

2026-1511h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Directs the department of administrative services to take possession of the Sununu youth services center (SYSC) property, to negotiate any contracts necessary for the sale of the property, subject to approval by the governor and council, and authorizes the department to request an additional appropriation to maintain the property, subject to approval of the fiscal committee and governor and council.

II. Provides that proceeds from the sale of the SYSC property shall be deposited in the youth development center settlement fund.

**Amendment to SB 486
(2026-1747h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration-c

Amend the bill by inserting after section 31 the following and renumbering the original section 32 to read as 33:

32 New Paragraph; Administrative Procedure Act; Exceptions. Amend RSA 541-A:21 by inserting after paragraph III-b the following new paragraph:

III-c. Rules adopted pursuant to RSA 167:3-c, I relative to the income eligibility requirement for “in and out medical assistance”, defined in section 625 of the department of health and human services’ medical assistance manual, adjustments in accordance with the federal Social Security Administration’s annual cost of living adjustment in effect on January 1 of the respective calendar year shall be exempt from the provisions of RSA 541-A:5 through RSA 541-A:14.

**Amendment to SB 490
(2026-1573h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Housing-c

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

1 New Subdivision; Great Bay Community College Housing Development. Amend RSA 12-G by inserting after section 13 the following new subdivision:

Great Bay Community College Housing Development

12G:13a Great Bay Community College Housing Development; Task Force.

I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including RSA 188F and RSA 674, the authority may, in consultation with the community college system of New Hampshire and the department of military affairs and veterans services, authorize, lease, or otherwise facilitate the construction and operation of housing on the Great Bay community college property within the Pease development area. Such housing may be designed to accommodate Great Bay community college students, faculty, and staff, and active or reserve military personnel assigned to duties in the New Hampshire national guard.

II. Notwithstanding RSA 14:49, there is established a task force on housing at Great Bay community college to study and make recommendations concerning the feasibility of developing such housing facilities. The task force shall:

(a) Review the permissibility of military and student housing on Pease Development Authority property pursuant to federal and state law, as well as applicable property conveyance documents and agreements with federal agencies, and review possible avenues for amending such laws, conveyance documents, and agreements to make such military and student housing permissible.

(b) Consider community college system residence hall models, leased apartment models, and military dormitory or housing models.

(c) Review potential construction and operation funding sources, including subsidies, grants, lowincome housing programs, or state or federal appropriations.

(d) Determine ownership and leasing models, construction financing mechanisms, and revenue sources sufficient to operate and maintain the facility.

(e) Evaluate staffing options for residential life, maintenance, and security.

(f) Compile data on cost, occupancy, resident demographics, student outcomes, affordability and sustainability.

III. The task force shall include the following members:

(a) One senator appointed by the president of the senate.

(b) One representative appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) The commissioner of the department of military affairs and veterans services, or designee.

(d) The chancellor of the community college system of New Hampshire, or designee.

(e) The executive director of the Pease development authority, or designee.

(f) The president of Great Bay community college, or designee.

IV. The task force shall submit a report with findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the city of Portsmouth no later than December 30, 2026.

V. Legislative members of the task force shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the task force.

2 Repeal. RSA 12-G:13-a, relative to the Great Bay Community College Housing Development task force, is repealed.

3 Effective Date.

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2029.

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

**Amendment to SB 491-FN
(2026-1707h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Education Funding-c

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

AN ACT enabling students to utilize education freedom account funds to pay for certain career and technical education funding and removing references to “curriculum frameworks” as they relate to the substantive educational content of an adequate education.

Amend RSA 188-E:6, IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

IV. ~~[In consultation with the house and senate committees responsible for education policy and financial matters, the state board]~~ **The department** of education shall, in rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A, develop a formula for determining *separately* the tuition and transportation costs for approved career technical education programs and procedures for disbursement of funds.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 3 with the following:

4 Adequate Public Education; Substantive Educational Content of an Adequate Education. Amend RSA 193-E:2-a, V and VI to read as follows:

V.(a) The general court requires every 10 years the state board of education and the department of education to institute procedures for maintaining, updating, improving, and refining the minimum standards for public school approval and the ~~[curriculum frameworks]~~ **academic standards** for each area of education identified in paragraph I. Each school district shall be responsible for maintaining, updating, improving, and refining curriculum. The curriculum shall present educational goals, broad pedagogical approaches, and strategies for assisting students in the development of the skills, competencies, and knowledge called for by the minimum standards for public school approval and academic standards for each area of education identified in paragraph I. ~~[The curriculum frameworks shall serve as a guide and reference to what New Hampshire students should know and be able to do in each area of education identified in paragraph I. Curriculum frameworks do not establish a statewide curriculum.]~~ It is the responsibility of local teachers, administrators, and school boards to identify and implement approaches best suited for the students in their communities to acquire the skills and knowledge included in the curriculum, to determine the scope, organization, and sequence of course offerings, and to choose the methods of instruction, the activities, and the materials to be used.

(b) The state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the approval of alternative programs for granting credit leading to graduation.

VI. In this section:

(a) “Minimum standards for public school approval” mean the applicable criteria that public schools and public academies shall meet in order to be an approved school, as adopted by the state board of education through administrative rules.

(b) “Academic standards” means what a student should know and be able to do in a course, **program**, or at each grade level.

(c) “Curriculum” means the lessons and academic content taught in school or in a specific course or program.

~~[(d)]~~ “Curriculum framework” means an organized plan of study that serves as a guide and reference to what New Hampshire students should know and be able to do in a learning area and identifies the academic standards aligned with each learning area pursuant to RSA 193-E:2-a, I(a).]

~~[(e)]~~ **(d)** “Applied learning” means an educational approach whereby students have the opportunity to directly engage in learning activities using knowledge and skills.

~~[(f)]~~ **(e)** “Logic” means a reasoning skill that better enables a student to analyze problems in learning areas such as mathematics and to develop problem solutions; to better understand the principle of cause and effect; and to develop critical thinking skills to better identify fact from unverified information or data.

~~[(g)]~~ **(f)** “Rhetoric” means the skill of speaking and writing as a means of communication or persuasion.
5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

2026-1707h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill enables students to utilize education freedom account funds to pay for certain career and technical education funding and removes references to “curriculum frameworks” as they relate to the substantive educational content of an adequate education.

**Amendment to SB 513-FN
(2026-1586h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Education Funding-r

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

AN ACT relative to the hiring of an owner’s project manager (OPM) for construction or renovation projects which utilize school building aid.

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 School Building Aid; Approval of Plans; Specifications, and Costs of Construction or Purchase; Owner’s Project Manager Requirements Modified. Amend RSA 198:15-c, III to read as follows:

III. A school district or chartered public school that accepts school building aid for construction shall engage the services of an owner’s project manager (**OPM**) for construction or reconstruction/renovation projects of ~~[\$1,250,000]~~ **\$2,000,000** or more, unless the commissioner waives such requirement as unnecessary. ***An OPM may be hired before entering into a contract for design services in order to represent the best interests of the school throughout the design process, including assisting the superintendent of schools or charter school director with hiring the architect, analyzing the project feasibility, and selecting a project delivery system. The OPM shall have no contractual ties to the architect, design team, or general contractor to avoid conflicts of interest.*** The ~~[owner’s project manager]~~ **OPM** shall have his or her own comprehensive liability and auto insurance, workers’ compensation coverage, and professional liability coverage. The state board of education shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A relative to the required services, responsibilities, and qualifications for the ~~[owner’s project manager]~~ **OPM** to ensure the project owner’s best interests are carried out.

2026-1586h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Permits schools to hire an owner’s project manager (OPM) before entering into a contract for design services in order for an OPM to represent a school throughout the design process.

II. Requires that a hired OPM maintain no contractual conflicts of interest with any architect, design team member, or general contractor hired by a school for a construction or reconstruction/renovation project.

III. Increases the threshold cost for projects where a school district or chartered public school is required to hire an OPM.

**Amendment to SB 523
(2026-1589h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Housing-c

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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study the implementation of a residential builder registration system.

Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

2 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the implementation of a statewide registration system for residential builders and contractors. For the purposes of this act, “residential builder” shall mean a person or business entity whose primary source of income is derived from the construction, reconstruction, or substantial renovation of residential properties consisting of 4 or fewer dwelling units in a single building.

3 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

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

(b) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the committee.

4 Duties. The committee shall:

I. Examine the viability, process, and necessity of implementing a statewide registration for residential builders.

II. Assess whether a registration system would enhance consumer protection and address instances of fraud, misrepresentation, exploitation, and miscommunication.

III. Evaluate the scope and structure of a registration system, including eligibility requirements, renewal standards, complaint procedures, fee structures, oversight, and disciplinary mechanisms.

IV. Identify which, if any, existing state agency or department would be best suited to oversee and administer a registration system, including but not limited to the department of labor, the office of professional licensure and certification, or the department of justice.

V. Solicit testimony from members of the public, representatives of the residential building industry, municipal officials, consumer protection advocates, and other interested stakeholders.

VI. Recommend a fee structure sufficient to fully fund administration without reliance on general funds.

5 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

6 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.

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

2026-1589h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study the implementation of a residential builder registration system.

Amendment to SB 531-FN

(2026-1704h)

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Education Funding-r

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

AN ACT establishing a task force to study the feasibility of the creation of cosmetology related programming in Coos County and requiring the reporting of student meal debt by school districts and public chartered schools to the department of education.

Amend RSA 188-E:1 as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

188-E:1 Designation of Regional Centers and Programs. The commissioner, department of education, is hereby authorized and directed to designate high schools, and public academies as defined in RSA 194:23, II, offering career and technical education programs as career and technical education centers. In instances where it is educationally and economically feasible to do so, the commissioner may designate individual career and technical education programs in other than the career and technical education centers as regional programs. ***This may include programs located on university system of New Hampshire and community college system of New Hampshire (CCSNH) campuses and programs jointly established by career and technical education centers and the university system of New Hampshire or CCSNH.*** An out-of-state school or program may be designated, when it is in the best interest of the state, as a part of the New Hampshire regional career and technical education plan.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following and renumbering the original section 4 to read as 5:

4 Food and Nutrition Programs; School Lunch Meal Payments; Debt Reporting Requirement Added. Amend RSA 189:11-a, VIII to read as follows:

VIII.(a) A school lunch meal payment policy which is implemented by a school board either before or after the effective date of this section shall ensure that all students have access to a healthy school lunch, that the school district will make every reasonable effort to inform parents of the policy, and that no student will be subject to different treatment from the standard school lunch meal or school cafeteria procedures. The department of education or the state board of education, upon request of the local school board, may provide communication assistance to school districts and parents of school children regarding the school lunch meal payment policy.

(b) Each school district and chartered public school shall maintain accurate annual records of all student meal debt accrued within the district or chartered public school and shall submit such records to the department of education in the manner and form prescribed by the department. For purposes of this subparagraph:

(1) "Student meal debt" means aggregate debt arising solely from meals provided to students through the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service program or meals served pursuant to this section.

(2) "Student meal debt" shall not include debt resulting from a la carte purchases, snacks, beverages, or any other non-meal items. Such non-meal items shall not be included in the aggregate student meal debt reported to the department of education; provided, however, that such debt shall still be recorded and maintained by each school district and chartered public school.

2026-1704h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Establishes a task force to report on the feasibility of creating cosmetology related programming within Coos County.

II. Extends programming on university system of New Hampshire and community college system of New Hampshire campuses to qualify as career and technical education programs as determined by the commissioner of the department of education.

III. Requires school districts and public chartered schools to maintain accurate annual records of student meal debt and to submit such records to the department of education.

The bill is a request of the department of education.

**Amendment to SB 531-FN
(2026-1762h)**

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Education Funding-r

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

AN ACT extending programs which may qualify as career and technical education programs and requiring the reporting of student food service debt by school districts and public chartered schools to the department of education.

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

1 Designation of Regional Centers and Program. Amend RSA 188-E:1 to read as follows:

188-E:1 Designation of Regional Centers and Programs. The commissioner, department of education, is hereby authorized and directed to designate high schools, and public academies as defined in RSA 194:23, II, offering career and technical education programs as career and technical education centers. In instances where it is educationally and economically feasible to do so, the commissioner may designate individual career and technical education programs in other than the career and technical education centers as regional programs. ***This may include programs located on university system of New Hampshire and community college system of New Hampshire (CCSNH) campuses and programs jointly established by career and technical education centers and the university system of New Hampshire or CCSNH.*** An out-of-state school or program may be designated, when it is in the best interest of the state, as a part of the New Hampshire regional career and technical education plan.

2 Food and Nutrition Programs; School Lunch Meal Payments; Debt Reporting Requirement Added. Amend RSA 189:11-a, VIII to read as follows:

VIII.(a) A school lunch meal payment policy which is implemented by a school board either before or after the effective date of this section shall ensure that all students have access to a healthy school lunch, that the school district will make every reasonable effort to inform parents of the policy, and that no student will be subject to different treatment from the standard school lunch meal or school cafeteria procedures. The department of education or the state board of education, upon request of the local school board, may provide communication assistance to school districts and parents of school children regarding the school lunch meal payment policy.

(b) Each school district and chartered public school shall maintain accurate annual records of all student food service debt accrued within the district or chartered public school and shall submit such records to the department of education in the manner and form prescribed by the department. Records shall include:

(1) Aggregate student food service debt arising solely from meals provided to students through the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service program or meals served pursuant to this section.

(2) Aggregate student food service debt resulting from a la carte purchases, snacks, beverages, or any other non-meal items.

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

2026-1762h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Extends programming on university system of New Hampshire and community college system of New Hampshire campuses to qualify as career and technical education programs as determined by the commissioner of the department of education.

II. Requires school districts and public chartered schools to maintain accurate annual records of student food service debt and to submit such records to the department of education.

**Amendment to SB 535
(2026-1740h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Environment and Agriculture–c

Amend RSA 466:6, I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. The owner or keeper of 5 or more dogs shall annually by April 30 pay the required fee and obtain a license authorizing the owner or keeper to keep the dogs upon the premises described in the license, or off the premises while under such owner's or keeper's control. Such owner or keeper shall not be required to obtain a [~~“commercial kennel”~~] **“pet vendor”** license under RSA 466:4, III unless such person [~~has a commercial kennel~~] **is a pet vendor** as defined under [~~RSA 466:4, III~~] **RSA 437:1, IV**.

Amend RSA 466:4, III as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. Fees for dogs licensed [~~in a commercial kennel~~] **as a pet vendor** shall be based on the numbers of dogs licensed, as in RSA 466:6 for group licenses. For purposes of this paragraph, [~~“commercial kennel”~~] **“pet vendor” shall have the same meaning as RSA 437:1, IV** [~~means the establishment or domicile of any person who sells dogs at wholesale or retail; and, if retail, who sells or transfers 10 or more litters per year; or sells or transfers 50 or more puppies per year; or who derives 40 percent or more of gross annual income from the sale or transfer of dogs~~]. The owner or keeper of any dog licensed under this paragraph shall not be assessed a companion animal population control fee.

**Amendment to SB 603-FN
(2026-1515h)**

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Finance–r

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

1 Department of Health and Human Services; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of \$4,400,000 for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of supporting the administrative cost impacts resulting from federal legislative cost-share changes to SNAP. The department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2 Effective Date. This act shall be effective July 1, 2026.

2026-1515h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purpose of supporting administrative costs to SNAP resulting from federal cost-share changes to the program.

**Amendment to SB 663-FN-A
(2026-1528h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Finance–c

Amend paragraph I as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. The department of health and human services shall convene a working group for the study of nursing home rate Medicaid methodology. The working group, which shall be exempt from RSA 14:49, shall consist of the following members:

- (a) Three members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be from the majority party and one of whom shall be from the minority party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (b) A member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate;
- (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee;
- (d) A member of the New Hampshire Association of Counties, appointed by that organization;
- (e) A member of the New Hampshire Health Care Association, appointed by that organization;
- (f) A member of the New Hampshire Hospital Association, appointed by that organization;
- (g) A certified public accountant specializing in nursing home cost reporting, appointed by the governor; and
- (h) An administrator at a private or publicly funded nursing home, appointed by the governor.

**Amendment to SB 669-FN
(2026-1563h)**

Proposed by the Minority of the Committee on Executive Departments and Administration—r
Amend RSA 178:21, III(b)(2) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(2) The fee for a tier 2 license shall be \$720.

**Amendment to SB 670-FN-A
(2026-1516h)**

Proposed by the Majority of the Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs—r
Amend RSA 171-A:35, III(h) as inserted by section 1 of this act by replacing it with the following:

(h) One member representing the area agency system, appointed by the governor.

Amend RSA 171-A:35, IV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by inserting after subparagraph (f) the following new subparagraph:

(g) Solicit input from the developmental services quality council, established in RSA 171-A:33.

Amend RSA 171-A:35, V as inserted by section 1 of this act by replacing it with the following:

V. The first meeting of the oversight commission shall be called by the first-named senate member, who shall serve as the chairperson. Thereafter, the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members every 3 years, or when a vacancy occurs in that position. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Eleven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

Amend RSA 171-A:35, VII as inserted by section 1 of this act by replacing it with the following:

VII. The department shall provide consultative and administrative support to the commission and comply with all reasonable data requests.