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Contains: Bills Laid on the Table; House Deadlines; Interpretive Ruling 2025-1 and Interpretive Ruling 2025-2; Meetings and Notices; Revised Fiscal Notes.

HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet again on Thursday, April 10th. We will keep you updated as we progress through the remaining bills and deadlines. Please continue to hold Thursdays as possible House Session days.

Pursuant to Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure Sec. 575 (m) and the State House Public Conduct Policy, access to the anteroom, House Gallery, and Representatives Hall will be limited to majority party Members anytime a majority caucus is taking place in the Chamber.

Please continue to be attentive to when bills you have sponsored, or other bills of interest have scheduled public hearings.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

Please note that there will not be a meeting of the chairs and vice chairs on Tuesday, April 1st. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8th.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

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, April 2, 2025

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, April 4, 2025

Friday, April 11, 2025

Friday, April 18, 2025

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2025 HOUSE DEADLINES

First Year Session Deadlines

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Thursday, June 5, 2025

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Last day to report all remaining HBs

Last day to report list of retained HBs

CROSSOVER Last day to act on all bills

Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee

Last day to act on SBs going to a second committee

Last day to report all remaining SBs

Last day to report list of retained SBs

Last day to act on SBs

Last day to form Committees of Conference

Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports (4 p.m.)

Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on March 10, 2025, voted to formally issue the following interpretive rulings, which are printed below in their entirety.

INTERPRETIVE RULING 2025-1

Application of Recent Changes to RSA 14-C

as a Result of HB 1388 (2024)

(March 10, 2025)

The Legislative Ethics Committee has received a request for an interpretive ruling from the Clerk of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. He asserts that members of the General Court have raised numerous questions regarding their responsibilities under the recusal provisions in the newly enacted HB 1388.

More specifically, he asks that the Committee address the following questions:

1. When and under what circumstances is a member required to recuse themselves from consideration of a piece of legislation? If a recusal is required, please describe the steps a member should take depending on the setting, i.e. floor session, committee meeting.
2. If recusal is not required, under what circumstances is it sufficient to file a conflict of interest?
3. If neither recusal nor a filing of a conflict of interest is necessary, when is verbal disclosure appropriate?

In response, the Committee issues the following interpretive rulings:

1. Prior to the enactment of HB 1388, there was no statutory authority or written provision in the Ethics Guidelines requiring recusal in legislative matters. For the most part, when a conflict of interest existed, upon filing a Declaration of Intent form, recusal was contemplated as an option, but it was exercised at the discretion of the legislator. This was consistent with one of the primary objectives of the Ethics Guidelines, which is public disclosure.

One exception was identified in prior rulings of the Committee. It found that recusal was required in circumstances where a legislator, or a member of the legislator's household, is being compensated by an organization, holds a position in which they are able to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the organization, and the organization is attempting to influence the outcome of the legislative activity. This exception was incorporated in HB 1388 and was enacted as RSA 14-C:4-a, II. For guidance on its application, see *Informal Resolution 2013-5*, *Informal Resolution 2019-2*, *Advisory Opinion 2018-1*, and *Advisory Opinion 2023-3*, available on the Committee's website.

The major change brought about by HB 1388 is the required recusal found in RSA 14-C:4-a, I. This is a requirement for recusal when a legislator has a conflict of interest as defined in RSA 14-B:1, I, and the legislator or a member of the legislator's household could "be expected to incur a direct and substantial financial benefit or detriment as an outcome of the legislative activity." The terms "direct and substantial" have yet to be defined in the context of this legislation and the Ethics Guidelines as a whole. The Committee has previously indicated its intent to create an understanding of how the definitions would be applied as factual cases are brought before the Committee. That is why it previously issued an Advisory Opinion in which it advised legislators that, until the statute is better understood, they would not be subject to the imposition of sanctions provided the legislator was acting in good faith.

However, the Committee understands that there has been confusion regarding the implementation of the recusal requirement, resulting in many questions and inconsistent behavior. Therefore, some general guidance might be beneficial pending a more in-depth application of the law. This is particularly true, as guidance previously issued by the Committee may be obsolete or, worse yet, conflict with the new recusal law.

For example, previously, the Committee advised that it was sufficient to disclose a conflict when a legislator held title to property subject to current use taxation. Under the new law, if a bill would change the formula for taxation, increasing or decreasing the amount of taxes to be paid, it may be expected to have a "direct and substantial" financial impact on the legislator, making recusal mandatory. At the same time, not all current use bills would necessarily require recusal. For example, a change in property classifications, type of vegetation, or method for filing current use liens would probably not have a direct or substantial financial impact. Recusal might not be required in those circumstances, although the legislator would still have a duty to disclose.

Many legislators are members of the New Hampshire Retirement System. It is the Committee's understanding that in the past, legislators have been inconsistent in the matter of disclosure. Many have filed Declaration of Intent forms, with some electing to participate and some opting for recusal. In some cases, legislators have filed no Declaration of Intent form but may have simply made disclosure on the Financial Disclosure Form filed at the beginning of the session. Under the new law, if a bill is introduced that changes the retirement benefit or member contribution rate, it is expected to have a direct and substantial financial impact on the legislator or a member of the legislator's household, and recusal would be required. Again, just because someone belongs to the Retirement System, does not require recusal in all cases, only if there is expected to be a direct and substantial benefit. If a bill was dealing with the structure of the Retirement System, its investment strategy, its operating procedures or its staffing, it would be unlikely that recusal would be required, although disclosure would still be appropriate.

Recusal is required when a legislator recognizes that a legislative activity could reasonably be expected to have a direct and substantial financial impact upon them or a member of their household. That could be at a committee meeting or at any time in the legislative process. At that point, the legislator should refrain from any further legislative involvement on the legislative activity and file a Declaration of Intent form with the Clerk of their respective body, noting their recusal. They should refrain from participation in any further legislative involvement with that legislative activity. Because of the way bills are heard, the Committee recognizes that legislators may not recognize conflicts before they appear at the floor session. A Declaration of Intent form with recusal should be filed immediately upon discovery of the conflict.

It should be noted that recusal is not required from participation in any official legislative activity relating to the state budget or general revenue bills.

2. When recusal is not required, conflicts which are not "direct and substantial" may still exist. In such circumstances, the emphasis remains on public disclosure. There are three forms that are used for disclosing conflicts. These are the Financial Disclosure Form, the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form and the Declaration of Intent Form. There is also the requirement to make a verbal disclosure.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM

Every legislator has a duty to complete a Financial Disclosure Form at the beginning of their term. At that point they are to disclose any business, profession, occupation, group or matter in which they or a household member may have a financial interest. If a legislator discloses having a financial interest on the form, the legislator is required to make a verbal disclosure of that financial interest in certain situations. The legislator could also be required to file a Declaration of Intent Form as provided below.

GENERAL DISCLOSURE OF NON-FINANCIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS FORM

When a legislator or a legislator's household member has a non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter that is the subject of official activity, which is distinct from and greater than the interests of the public at large, the legislator has a duty to complete a Declaration of Intent form if the legislator has not made that disclosure on the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form. This may occur in circumstances when a legislator is an uncompensated member of a board, officer or agent of a non-profit organization. If a legislator discloses having a non-financial personal interest on the form, the legislator is required to make a verbal disclosure of that non-financial personal interest in certain situations.

DECLARATION OF INTENT

When a legislator has a financial interest that could reasonably be expected to produce greater benefit or detriment to the legislator or the legislator's household member than would accrue to any other member of a business, profession, occupation, or other group the legislator listed in the financial disclosure form, the legislator has a duty to complete a Declaration of Intent form. On the form, the legislator must declare his or her decision to either participate in or not participate in the particular official activity described on the form. If a legislator elects to declare an intention to participate in the activity, the legislator is required to detail the nature of the conflict of interest on the form.

The requirement for filing a Declaration of Intent is triggered immediately when a legislator becomes aware that a conflict of interest exists or may exist with respect to any official activity the legislator is about to undertake. An "official activity" is defined as any activity which relates to official responsibilities, including the introduction of legislation, testifying before any legislative committee or state agency, voting in committee or in house or senate session or otherwise participating in, influencing, or attempting to influence any decision of the legislature, county delegation or any state agency.

For purposes of introducing a bill, the declaration must be made prior to signing off as a sponsor or co-sponsor of a particular piece of legislation. The Declaration of Intent form must be filed with the clerk of the member's respective body prior to the time of the official action.

If there is any question in the legislator's mind as to whether a Declaration of Intent would be required, the better practice would be to file one.

3. Verbal disclosure is required when a legislator becomes aware of having a financial interest or a non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter. It is to be made prior to engaging in verbal advocacy at any meeting of the general court or county delegation. "Verbal advocacy" means an attempt by a legislator to influence his or her colleagues on a matter that is the subject of official activity in a meeting of the general court or county delegation through public verbal communication. Verbal advocacy does not include casting a vote in executive session of a committee or in a full session of the House or Senate. The verbal disclosure shall consist of a short statement that identifies the financial interest or non-financial personal interest.

Verbal disclosures must be made in the following circumstances and manner:

- (a) When **testifying** before a legislative committee regarding a bill or other matter in which the legislator has a special interest, the legislator shall make the disclosure prior to testifying.
- (b) When **appointed to a subcommittee** working on a bill in which the legislator has a special interest, the disclosure shall be made upon appointment to the subcommittee and at the initial subcommittee work session.
- (c) When **serving as a member of a committee** considering a bill in which the legislator has a special interest, the disclosure shall be made prior to engaging in verbal advocacy.
- (d) When **addressing the full House or Senate** on a bill in which the legislator has a special interest, the disclosure shall be made prior to engaging in verbal advocacy. **If the legislator does not speak on the bill, the legislator is not required to make a verbal disclosure.**
- (e) When **appointed as a member of a Committee of Conference** on a bill in which the legislator has a special interest, the disclosure shall be made at the initial meeting of the Committee of Conference.
- (f) When **serving as a member of a county delegation** considering a matter in which the legislator has a special interest, the disclosure shall be made to all participants prior to engaging in verbal advocacy.

The Committee recognizes that the application of any law or guideline to individual circumstances may pose questions not easily addressed in an interpretive ruling, which is general in nature. Legislators are encouraged to bring questions about their specific circumstances to the Ethics Committee by requesting an advisory opinion or interpretive ruling.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

[Vote: 7-0]

Legislative Ethics Committee

INTERPRETIVE RULING 2025-2

Voting on the Consent Calendar

(March 10, 2025)

Senate Legal Counsel Richard J. Lehmann asked for guidance regarding the effect of the new recusal law (2025 HB 1388) when a conflict exists with a bill included on the Consent Calendar. Specifically, he asked if a member determines that they are required to recuse themselves from voting on a bill listed on the Consent Calendar, but wants to vote on all the other bills, does the bill have to be removed from the Consent Calendar and voted on separately.

While the current statutes provide an exception for the budget and general revenue bills, no exception is made for consent calendars. While it may not have been clear in the past, absent an exception, a strict application of the new recusal law would preclude a member from voting on the Consent Calendar if it contains a bill for which the member is required to recuse. The Committee recognizes that currently the Senate and the House have different requirements in their procedural rules for removing a bill from the Consent Calendar. In the Senate, a single member may request the removal, whereas in the House 10 members are required to make the request. In either case, if the bill is removed from the Consent Calendar, the member may file a Declara-

tion of Intent, recuse from voting on the bill, and then vote on the balance of the calendar. But if the bill is not removed from the Consent Calendar, the member is required to file a Declaration of Intent and recuse from voting on the entire Consent Calendar.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

[Vote: 7-0]

NOTICE

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on March 24, 2025, voted to formally issue the following interpretive ruling and advisory opinions, which are printed below in their entirety.

Advisory Opinion 2025-1

Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion

from Senate Legal Counsel Richard J. Lehmann

on Behalf of Senator Donovan Fenton

(March 24, 2025)

Senate Legal Counsel Richard J. Lehmann has requested an advisory opinion on behalf of Senator Donovan Fenton, addressing whether he is required to recuse himself from participating in HB 649-FN, a bill removing the requirement for physical safety inspections and on-board diagnostic tests for passenger vehicles and eliminating funding for the motor vehicle air pollution abatement fund

Attorney Lehmann provided the Committee with the following facts. Sen. Fenton's family owns car dealerships in the Keene area that conduct annual physical safety inspections and on-board diagnostic tests that are required under current law. Sen. Fenton owns an equity stake of these businesses, and he is an active participant in them. Sen. Fenton does not believe that revenue derived from inspections at his families' dealerships represent a greater or lesser percentage of revenue than other similar businesses.

The relevant statutes can be found in RSA Chapter 14-C. RSA 14-C:4-a provides as follows:

I. A legislator shall recuse themselves from participation in any official legislative activity pertaining to legislation when:

- (a) The legislator has a conflict of interest with the subject of the legislation as defined in RSA 14-B:1, I; and
- (b) The legislator or a member of the legislator's household could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and substantial financial benefit or detriment as a result of the outcome of the legislative activity.

A conflict of interest, as defined in RSA 14-B:1, I, means the condition in which a legislator has a special interest in any matter which could directly or indirectly affect or influence the performance of the legislator's official activities. A special interest is defined as any financial or non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter that is the subject of official activity, distinct from and greater than the interests of the public at large.

Having considered the facts as presented, it is the opinion of the Committee that Senator Fenton has a conflict of interest which requires his recusal from participating in legislative activities involving HB 649-FN. Although his interest in the subject may be no greater than other businesses which perform inspections and diagnostic tests, he does have a personal interest which is greater than the public at large. Given his participation in the family business, he could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and substantial financial benefit or detriment as a result of the outcome of HB 649-FN.

Because the Committee has found that recusal is required pursuant to RSA 14-C:4-a, I, it has not found it necessary to consider whether recusal would be required under the provisions of RSA 14-C:4-a, II.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

[Vote: 6-1]

Advisory Opinion 2025-2
Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion
from Senate Legal Counsel Richard J. Lehmann
on Behalf of Senator Victoria Sullivan
(March 24, 2025)

Senate Legal Counsel Richard J. Lehmann has requested an advisory opinion on behalf of Senator Victoria Sullivan, addressing whether she is required to recuse herself from participation in any official activities involving RSA Chapter 194-F, the statutes entitled “Education Freedom Accounts.”

Attorney Lehmann provided the Committee with the following facts. Senator Sullivan has two children who are a present and a former participant in the Education Freedom Account program. Her youngest child will be graduating in May, and no member of her family will be participating in the program after May 30, 2025. She holds no position of authority in the administration or management of the program itself.

Applying the facts as presented, the relevant statutes are:

I. A legislator shall recuse themselves from participation in any official legislative activity pertaining to legislation when:

- (a) The legislator has a conflict of interest with the subject of the legislation as defined in RSA 14-B:1, I; and
- (b) The legislator or a member of the legislator’s household could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and substantial financial benefit or detriment as a result of the outcome of the legislative activity.

As defined in RSA 14-B:1, I, “Conflict of interest” means the condition in which a legislator has a special interest in any matter which could directly or indirectly affect or influence the performance of the legislator’s official activities.

A special interest, in turn, is now defined as: V. “Special interest” means any financial or non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter that is the subject of official activity, distinct from and greater than the interests of the public at large.

(a) A financial interest exists where a legislator or household member could stand to gain or lose anything of material value as a result of the official activity.

In applying the statutory authority, it is highly improbable that recusal would be required. If there was current legislation to increase or reduce the financial benefit applicable to existing students, or if there was future legislation that provided a retroactive benefit to former students, Senator Sullivan could incur a direct and substantial financial benefit or detriment, and recusal would be required. But it is more likely that any legislation relating to RSA Chapter 194-F will apply only to students after May 30, 2025, in which case, Senator Sullivan will incur no direct or substantial financial benefit or detriment and recusal will not be required.

Although recusal is unlikely, given her participation in the program, Senator Sullivan may still have a special interest in Education Freedom Accounts, and she may wish to disclose a conflict before participating in legislative activities.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

[Vote: 7-0]

INTERPRETIVE RULING 2025-3
(March 24, 2025)

Representative Gregory G. Hill has asked the Legislative Ethics Committee to provide an interpretive ruling, addressing whether members of the General Court, who are themselves or have a household member who is a retired member of the New Hampshire Retirement System (“NHRS”), are required to recuse themselves from participation in official legislative activity pertaining to 2025 House Bill 536-FN, an act relative to a cost of living adjustment in the state retirement system.

The following facts were provided by Representative Hill. HB 536-FN would provide a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) as a supplemental allowance to the retired members of the NHRS, or any of its predecessor

systems, or a member's beneficiary, who have been retired for at least 60 months as of July 1, 2025. The supplemental allowance would be 1-1/2% of the first \$50,000.00 of the retired member's or beneficiaries' annual retirement allowance.

Applying the facts as presented, the relevant statutes are:

- I. A legislator shall recuse themselves from participation in any official legislative activity pertaining to legislation when:
 - (a) The legislator has a conflict of interest with the subject of the legislation as defined in RSA 14-B:1, I; and
 - (b) The legislator or a member of the legislator's household could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and substantial financial benefit or detriment as a result of the outcome of the legislative activity.

RSA 14-B:1, I, defines "Conflict of interest" to mean "the condition in which a legislator has a special interest in any matter which could directly or indirectly affect or influence the performance of the legislator's official activities."

A special interest, in turn, is now defined as any financial or non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter that is the subject of official activity, distinct from and greater than the interests of the public at large. A financial interest exists where a legislator or household member could stand to gain or lose anything of material value as a result of the official activity.

In applying the facts as provided, the Committee interprets the statutory authority to provide that a legislator who is a retired member, or who has a household member, who is a retired member of the New Hampshire Retirement System, has a financial interest which should have been disclosed on the Financial Disclosure Form filed at the beginning of the legislative session.

If the retired legislator or family member would qualify for the proposed COLA, then the legislator could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and substantial financial benefit. Recusal would be required by RSA 14-C:4-a, I, and the legislator is required to refrain from participating in any legislative activities involving HB 536-FN.

If, however, the retired legislator or family member does not qualify for the COLA because of the length of their retirement, they would not be required to recuse as they would not be receiving a "direct and substantial financial benefit or detriment." Although not required to recuse in those circumstances, verbal disclosure might still be required if the member intends to participate in verbal advocacy involving HB 536-FN.

The committee also notes that legislation is subject to amendment as it progresses through the legislative bodies. The above analysis is based upon the current proposal as presented to the Committee.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman

[Vote: 6-1]

BILLS LAID ON THE TABLE

HB 96, requiring New Hampshire builders to use the 2021 Energy Building codes or a similar code that achieves equivalent or greater energy savings. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 145-FN, relative to background checks for licensed dietitians and adopting the dietitian licensure compact. Pending question: Ought to Pass with Amendment.

HB 147, relative to clarifying tax exemptions for properties used by religious, educational, and charitable organizations. Pending question: Ought to Pass.

HB 157, establishing a study committee to examine ways to improve the usefulness of fiscal notes. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 159-FN, authorizing the state to report mental health data for firearms background check purposes and providing for processes for confiscation of firearms following certain mental health-related court proceedings and for relief from mental health-related firearms disabilities. Pending question: Ought to Pass with Amended.

HB 199, extending the statute of limitations on civil actions relative to damage caused by per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Pending question: Ought to Pass.

HB 251-FN, allowing the ownership of certain squirrels and raccoons. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 254, relative to options for end of life care. Pending question: Ought to Pass.

HB 264-FN, relative to delegates to an Article V convention. Pending question: Ought to Pass.

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

HB 347, relative to protection of employment for members of the general court. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 351, requiring landlords to give tenants of at-will tenancies at least 60-days notice to evict. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 372-L, relative to lease agreements of equipment for building or facility improvements. Pending question: Ought to Pass.

HB 386-FN, prohibiting nursing agencies from including non-compete clauses in contracts with health care entities. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 402, relative to liability as taxable income of education freedom account payments. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 408, moving the date of the state primary to the fourth Tuesday in August. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 425, allowing tax-exempt entities to keep their tax-exempt status while renting facilities or property to entities that share their mission. Pending question: Ought to Pass.

HB 432, relative to recovery houses. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 442, relative to prohibiting payment of subminimum wages. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 460-FN, relative to utility investments in distributed energy resources. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 483-FN, relative to the definition of a scholarship organization for purposes of the education tax credit. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

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

HB 530-FN, increasing the amount of revenue transferred from the real estate transfer tax to the affordable housing fund. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 535-FN, relative to defining the role of the public utilities commission. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 536-FN, relative to a cost of living adjustment in the state retirement system. Pending question: Ought to Pass.

HB 537, relative to electric rates approved by the public utilities commission for residential condominium property. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 542-FN, relative to weekly benefit amounts for unemployment compensation. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 553-FN, relative to the definition of abuse and neglect and conditions triggering a rebuttable presumption of harm in abuse and neglect cases. Pending question: Ought to Pass with Amendment.

HB 568, allowing subdivision regulations concerning water supply. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 581-FN, establishing a state retirement plan group for new state employee members of the retirement system. Pending question: No pending question.

HB 583-FN-L, relative to state participation in the Medicaid direct certification program for free and reduced price school meals. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 586-FN, establishing an employee assistance program for small town first responders and making an appropriation therefor. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 587-FN, allowing admission of one-party audio and video recordings in certain circumstances. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 599, establishing a committee to examine weatherization initiatives for homes in New Hampshire. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 614-FN, relative to litigation alleging constitutional rights violations. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 615-FN, relative to drug forfeiture proceedings. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 620-FN, relative to the exercise of the freedom of religion. Pending question: Ought to Pass.

HB 637-FN, relative to the reduction in the calculation of state retirement annuities at age 65 for certain group I retirement system members. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 645-FN, relative to data collection and reporting requirements of the prescription drug affordability board. Pending question: Ought to Pass with Amended.

HB 654-FN, relative to allowing small customer-generators the ability to participate in group-net metering. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 674-FN, relative to non-wire alternatives, time-of-use tariffs, and multi-year rate settings. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.

HB 692, relative to utility companies adopting advanced meters. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 714-FN, creating a single primary ballot. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 726-FN, relative to the state minimum hourly wage. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 744-FN, relative to workers' compensation indemnity benefits percentage. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 755-FN, relative to the state's electric utility market. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 757, relative to tip pooling and sharing and automatic service charges. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 759-FN, relative to community energy generators. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 760-FN, relative to utility default service. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 761-FN, relative to customer energy storage. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 762-FN-A, appropriating \$30,000 to the judicial branch for the purpose of hiring a contractor to conduct a manual review of domestic violence and stalking cases and related criminal cases. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 764-FN, prohibiting the intentional release of polluting emissions, including cloud seeding, weather modification, excessive electromagnetic radio frequency, and microwave radiation and making penalties for violation of such prohibition. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HB 775-FN, directing the department of health and human services to issue a request for proposals for supervised visitation centers. Pending question: Ought to Pass.
HCR 3, applying for a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States. Pending question: Ought to Pass.
HCR 5, rescinding House Concurrent Resolution No. 40 passed by the 2012 New Hampshire General Court asking that Congress call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HCR 7, recognizing abortion as a critical component of comprehensive reproductive health care. Pending question: Inexpedient to Legislate.
HJR 1, affirming the natural right of persons and affirming that the state and federal government are established for the purpose of upholding, protecting, and securing these rights. Pending question: Ought to Pass.
HR 17, affirming revenue estimates for fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027. Pending question: No Pending question.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

FINANCE - DIVISION II, Room 209, LOB

1:00 p.m. Budget work session.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Room 210-211, LOB

1:00 p.m. Budget work session.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13), Room 205-207, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:5), Room 100, SH

9:45 a.m. or directly following the Joint Committee meeting. Regular meeting.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:1), Room 100, SH

9:15 a.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION (RSA 198:15-z), Department of Education, Room 302, 25 Hall Street, Concord

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61), NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Room 208 C, Concord, NH

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

EDUCATION FUNDING, Room 205-207, LOB

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee work session on retained **HB 742-FN-A**, requiring catastrophic special education state aid funding to be drawn from the education trust fund.

FINANCE, Room 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 1-A**, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027; **HB 2-FN-A-L**, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206-208, LOB

10:00 a.m. Family court subcommittee work session.

FINANCE, Room 210-211, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 66-FN**, relative to material subject to disclosure under the right to know law; **HB 187-FN**, relative to restraining orders sought by a parent on behalf of a minor child; **HB 215-FN**, requiring a landfill permit applicant to submit a report listing potential harms and benefits of the project; **HB 219-FN**, relative to changes to the minimum electric renewable portfolio standards; **HB 365-FN**, relative to proof of United States citizenship for indigent voters; **HB 511-FN**, relative to cooperation with federal immigration authorities; **HB 552-FN**, relative to coverage of children under the state retiree insurance plan; **HB 566-FN**, requiring permit applications for new landfills to contain a detailed plan for leachate management; **HB 572-FN**, establishing the “partners in housing” program, an initiative under the housing champions fund to assist municipalities, counties, and developers in building workforce housing, and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 607-FN**, relative to funding the Hampton Beach area commission and making appropriations therefor; **HB 611-FN**, relative to repayment regarding appointed counsel for indigent criminal defendants; **HB 624-FN-A**, establishing a local river management advisory committee grant program and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 639-FN**, relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies; **HB 640-FN**, relative to the transparency of federal agency operations within New Hampshire; **HB 723-FN**, repealing the multi-use energy data platform; **HB 733-FN**, relative to reporting requirements for persons or entities financing lawsuits; **HB 115-FN**, relative to universal eligibility for the education freedom account program; **HB 563-FN**, relative to the cost of an opportunity for an adequate education, extraordinary need grants, fiscal capacity disparity aid, and determination of education grants; **HB 675-FN-A-L**, limiting the authority of school districts to make certain appropriations; **HB 713-FN**, relative to mile markers along Route 112; **HB 773-FN**, relative to aid to school districts for the cost of special education; **HB 781-FN**, requiring school districts to adopt policies establishing a cell phone-free education; **HB 54-FN**, allowing alternative treatment centers to operate for-profit; **HB 547-FN**, relative to county reimbursement of funds; **HB 570-FN**, repealing the prescription drug affordability board; **HB 661-FN**, relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments, supplemental security income payments, and veterans benefits for children in foster care; **HB 704-FN-A**, relative to caregiver respite and senior volunteer programs and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 751-FN**, requiring licensure of outpatient substance use disorder treatment facilities and relative to complaint investigation of treatment facilities by the department of health and human services office of the ombudsman and making an appropriation therefor.

A continued Executive Session on HB 1 and HB 2 will immediately follow.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201, LOB

10:00 a.m. Executive session on **HB 25-A**, making appropriations for capital improvements.

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

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202-204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Full committee work session on **HB 302**, relative to enabling the state treasury to invest in precious metals and digital assets; **HB 696-FN**, exempting electricity generators from the utility property tax and including them under the statewide education property tax, and relative to communications services tax revenues.

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

10:30 a.m. Executive session on **HB 302**, relative to enabling the state treasury to invest in precious metals and digital assets; **HB 696-FN**, exempting electricity generators from the utility property tax and including them under the statewide education property tax, and relative to communications services tax revenues.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306-308, LOB

1:30 p.m. Executive session on **HB 493**, requiring education on child abuse and neglect for certain health-care providers as a condition for licensure; **HB 538-FN**, reallocating positions in the liquor commission.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3**FINANCE, Room 210-211, LOB**

1:00 p.m. Continued executive session on **HB 1-A**, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027; **HB 2-FN-A-L**, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4**JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1), Room 212, LOB**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 7**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 201, LOB**

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Room 103, SH

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10**CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:17), 1 Delta Drive (Training Room), Concord**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11**ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Training Room, Department of Revenue Administration, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord**

9:30 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 14**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b), 25 Hall Street, Concord**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16**CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3), Department of Revenue Administration, Training Room, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2), Room 306-308, LOB**

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22), BEA, Kingsman Room, 100 Main St., Concord

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62), NH Department of Labor, 95 Pleasant St., Concord, NH

11:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, APRIL 28

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

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

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

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC) (RSA 21-P:48, IV), Marine Patrol Bureau, 31 Dock Road, Gilford

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB 66, HB 85, HB 86, HB 112, HB 211, HB 215, HB 240, HB 284, HB 327, HB 369, HB 378, HB 494, HB 496, HB 498, HB 502, HB 505, HB 506, HB 508, HB 509, HB 511, HB 514, HB 517, HB 518, HB 521, HB 523, HB 524, HB 525, HB 526, HB 528, HB 534, HB 535, HB 536, HB 538, HB 542, HB 546, HB 547, HB 553, HB 566, HB 572, HB 574, HB 575, HB 581, HB 583, HB 586, HB 607, HB 608, HB 609, HB 615, HB 616, HB 619, HB 621, HB 622, HB 624, HB 630, HB 633, HB 635, HB 637, HB 639, HB 646, HB 648, HB 650, HB 651, HB 652, HB 653, HB 654, HB 657, HB 658, HB 659, HB 662, HB 665, HB 669, HB 671, HB 672, HB 674, HB 677, HB 680, HB 681, HB 683, HB 686, HB 687, HB 688, HB 690, HB 691, HB 696, HB 702, HB 708, HB 710, HB 711, HB 712, HB 716, HB 719, HB 720, HB 721, HB 725, HB 726, HB 727, HB 729, HB 730, HB 731, HB 733, HB 736, HB 738, HB 739, HB 741, HB 743, HB 750, HB 753, HB 755, HB 756, HB 759, HB 760, HB 761, HB 762, HB 763, HB 767, HB 769, HB 770, HB 771, HB 775, HB 782. SB 60, SB 73, SB 147, SB 160, SB 201.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

There will be a **Rockingham** County Executive Committee Meeting, **Friday, May 9, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**, Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the FY-2025 Third Quarter Budget Review. A quorum is required. Executive Committee Members must attend in person. Zoom Access is available:

<https://zoom.us/j/5713255541?pwd=TkV4NnM5OHp5SnZzVEcxaFlrL0VYZz09>

To access the meeting by audio, Dial 1-929-205-6099 or 1-312-626-6799 (click phone call option)

Meeting ID: 571-325-5541, No Participant ID - Press # to continue, Meeting Password: 312900

Rep. John Potucek, 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 Days. We will meet in the Upham Walker House with Pastor Peter Chamberland for this time together. Come and be refreshed both physically and spiritually during our lunch hour. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Rep. Vanessa Sheehan

Members who receive constituent inquiries into their client case with the Department of Health and Human Services are welcomed to forward the inquiry to DHHS for follow-up. You will not receive any information back other than the case is being placed in a queue and being reviewed. Contact Ms. Kathie Capron, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the Commissioner, (603) 271-9445, Kathleen.A.Capron@dhhs.nh.gov

Reps. Lucy Weber and Jess Edwards

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

Rep. Lily Foss

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

Reps. Peternel, Drye and Dan McGuire

All members and staff are welcome to Acupuncture Day, **Wednesday April 2nd, 2025** in room 104 LOB. Learn what acupuncture can do for you. Ease tension and stress with treatments from NH Licensed Acupuncturist and Certified Detoxification Specialist with The People's Organization of Community Acupuncture.

Rep. Steven Smith

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

Reps. Steven Smith and Alexis Simpson

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to join the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association (NHADA) for our annual Legislative Crossover Reception on **Thursday, April 10, 2025** at 3:30 p.m. (or following the end of the session day) at the Hotel Concord, 11 South Main Street, New Hampshire Room, (third floor), Concord. NHADA has historically hosted this event which offers legislators a wonderful opportunity to unwind and enjoy the company of fellow legislators and staff in a fun, social gathering.

Speaker Packard

Legislators are invited to join the New Hampshire YMCA's for a Legislative Lunch on **Thursday, April 10th** during the House Session lunch break at St. Paul's Church, Concord, NH (adjacent to State House). Enjoy a delicious lunch and learn about our work supporting New Hampshire children and families.

Reps. Jason Osborne and Alexis Simpson

Legislators & staff are cordially invited to the annual Walmart lunch and health screening in the State House cafeteria on **Thursday, April 10th** starting at **11:30 a.m.**

Rep. Steven Smith

The Housing Caucus cordially invites all House and staff members to their first annual Crossover Cocktails event on **Thursday, April 10 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** at Tandy's.

Rep. Joe Alexander

The House of Representatives is cordially invited to join behavioral health crisis stakeholders to "Coffee for the Crisis Line" on **Tuesday, April 22 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in the State House Cafeteria. Please drop by for fresh coffee and donuts and learn about the crisis system and sustainable funding for the 988 call centers.

Rep. Mark Pearson

To all my friends in the New Hampshire Legislature. Always inspired by my Mom who dealt with the challenges of rheumatoid arthritis her entire life, I am honored to be named the Medical Honoree for the 2025 New Hampshire Arthritis Foundation Walk to Cure Arthritis, the premier event of the arthritis community committed to conquering arthritis for the nearly 60 million Americans, including hundreds of thousands of children, who live with this debilitating disease's daily pain and challenges. I invite you to join my team, "Make No Bones About It." The event begins at Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester on **May 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** You can walk, run, crawl, or wheel your way. The walk ends on the infield. Those who contribute \$10 or more receive a free ticket to the Fisher Cats game to follow. See me for more details on how to sign up. This event raises money to advance arthritis treatments and find a cure, develop resources, and take action to improve people's lives. Your help is needed now more than ever. Together, we can improve the lives of 1 in every 4 Americans who battle arthritis and ultimately cure the disease. Please join us. Thank you!

Rep. David Nagel