



January 14, 2026

Chair Robert Harb  
New Hampshire House Resources, Recreation, and Development  
Legislative Offices, 1 Granite Place, Room 228  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: HB 1301, AN ACT increasing certain mooring fees and directing such funds to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund**

Dear Chair Harb and Members of the House Resources, Recreation, and Development Committee,

**On behalf of NH LAKES, I am writing to express our strong support for HB 1301, increasing certain mooring fees and directing such funds to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.**

NH LAKES represents approximately 150 local lake associations, community groups, and thousands of individuals across New Hampshire. We are a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring and preserving the health of New Hampshire's lakes. Healthy lakes are essential to drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries, wildlife habitat, tourism, and the economic vitality of our state.

**What This Bill Does**

HB 1301 increases the annual fee for individual moorings not located in congregate mooring fields from \$25 to \$50. Of this amount, \$25 would be directed to the Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan and Grant Fund. The mooring fee has not increased since its initial establishment. This adjustment would generate an estimated \$70,000–\$80,000 per year to support competitive grants or loans to municipalities and nonprofit lake or watershed associations for projects that mitigate or prevent cyanobacteria blooms.

**Why This Bill Matters**

Harmful cyanobacteria blooms continue to increase in frequency and severity across New Hampshire lakes and rivers, posing risks to public health, drinking water supplies, recreation, property values, and local economies. The Cyanobacteria Mitigation Loan and Grant Fund, established in 2023, has already supported significant work by nonprofit lake and watershed associations; however, the fund is now nearly depleted, even as more communities seek assistance.

There is no single or simple solution to funding cyanobacteria mitigation at the scale required to meet this growing challenge. NH LAKES views HB 1301 as one of several necessary funding approaches needed to sustain the fund over time. Addressing cyanobacteria will require contributions from the many stakeholders who benefit from clean and healthy lakes and rivers, including residents, visitors, recreational users, businesses, and communities.

HB 1301 represents an incremental step toward building a more reliable funding base for cyanobacteria mitigation projects that protect water quality and lake and river ecosystems.

**For these reasons, NH LAKES respectfully urges the committee to recommend HB 1301 as Ought to Pass.**

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to protecting New Hampshire's lakes and natural resources. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact me at [alamoreaux@nhlakes.org](mailto:alamoreaux@nhlakes.org) or 603.226.0299.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrea LaMoreaux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrea" being the most prominent part.

Andrea LaMoreaux  
NH LAKES President & Policy Advocate

cc: Representative John MacDonald, prime sponsor