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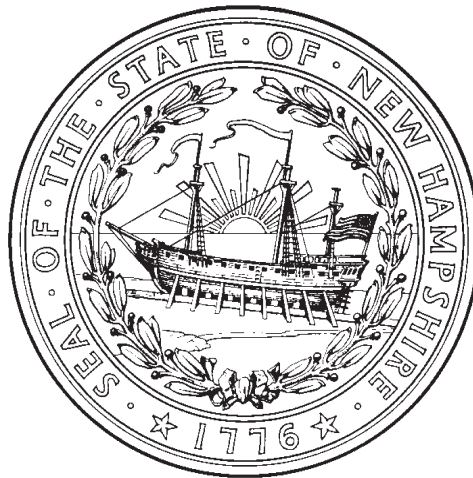
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**First Year of the 169<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
New Hampshire General Court**

## SENATE CALENDAR

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**THE SENATE WILL MEET IN SESSION ON THURSDAY,  
MAY 8, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE SENATE CHAMBER**

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The Senate Session on Thursday, May 8, 2025, in the Senate Chamber  
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## LAID ON THE TABLE

**SB 17-FN**, relative to insurance cost-sharing calculations.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

**SB 20-FN**, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

**SB 21-FN**, relative to establishing a New Hampshire state trooper recruitment loan debt relief program and making an appropriation therefor.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 35-FN**, making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

**SB 38-FN**, relative to state recognition of biological sex.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 9**

**SB 59-FN**, establishing a recruitment incentive program within the community college system for public safety communicators and dispatchers and making an appropriation therefor.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

**SB 64-FN**, relative to an appropriation to the department of justice for the purpose of funding the New Hampshire child advocacy centers.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

**SB 70-FN**, creating a mobile driver's license and non-driver identification card.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

**SB 81-FN**, increasing the annual real estate transfer tax revenue contribution and making an appropriation to the affordable housing fund.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 86-FN**, relative to the housing finance authority's affordable housing guarantee program.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 113-FN-A**, making appropriations to the department of health and human services for homeless services and homeless prevention.**01/31/2025, Finance, SJ 4**

**SB 114-FN-A**, making appropriations to the department of health and human services to support community and transitional housing through community mental health centers.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

**SB 115-FN**, making an appropriation for regional drinking water infrastructure.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

**SB 116-FN**, relative to the Pillsbury Lake Village District community water system, and making an appropriation therefor.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

**SB 117-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the department of education to fund the online tutoring program.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

**SB 120-FN**, relative to insurance coverage for biomarker testing.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 6**

**SB 122-FN**, relative to financial eligibility for the Medicare savings program.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 125-FN**, relative to clinical eligibility criteria for nursing facility and home and community based care.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 127-FN-A**, relative to public guardianship and the office of the public guardian and making appropriations to the department of health and human services.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 128-FN**, relative to children's mental health services for persons 18 years of age and younger.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 131-FN-A**, relative to long-term care eligibility and making an appropriation therefor.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 132-FN**, relative to health insurance coverage for prosthetics.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 135-FN**, relative to rate setting parity for Medicaid state plan case management services.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 137-FN**, relative to hospital stays covered under the state Medicaid plan.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 158-FN**, raising the funding cap for the New Hampshire community development finance authority.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

**SB 168-FN-LOCAL**, regulating online gambling and directing net proceeds to the education trust fund, the general fund, and to reimburse municipalities for elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf tax exemptions.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2025-0390s, Ways and Means, SJ 6**

**SB 181-FN**, relative to workers' compensation for firefighters with cancer.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 199-FN**, relative to establishing a new recruitment and retention program for new New Hampshire state troopers.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 227-FN**, relative to site setbacks for landfills.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Rerefer to Committee, Energy and Natural Resources, SJ 6**

**SB 238-FN**, establishing the adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) prevention and treatment program and making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for this purpose.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

**SB 239-FN**, appropriating funds to the fish and game department for continuing environmental review and to cover a deficit for previously instituted salary increases.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

**SB 240-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for eligible water projects.**02/13/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 5**

**SB 242-FN**, relative to the cost of living adjustments for certain group II retirees in the New Hampshire retirement system.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 6**

**SB 244-FN-A**, relative to expanding access to primary health care services, increasing the size of the health care workforce, and making appropriations therefor.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 246-FN**, providing maternal depression screening for new mothers; increasing access to health care services for new mothers; enabling new parents to attend infant pediatric medical appointments; and developing a plan for perinatal peer support certification.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 255-FN**, establishing and developing crisis stabilization services.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 264**, relative to the therapeutic cannabis program.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 9**

**SB 274-FN**, establishing a 4-year pilot program to improve rail trails in New Hampshire, including the establishment of 2 funds, the rail trails program fund and the emergency trail repair fund, and making appropriations therefor.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 276-FN**, relative to raising the research and development tax credit.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 277-FN**, relative to the application of utility property taxes and statewide education property taxes to electric generating facilities.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 279-FN**, establishing the housing champion business loan program and making appropriations to the department of business and economic affairs and the business finance authority.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 9**

**SB 286-FN**, creating the New Hampshire office of film and creative media.**03/20/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 8**

**SB 288**, establishing an advisory council on the system of care for healthy aging in New Hampshire.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 9**

**SB 290-FN**, relative to the definition of “torture” in animal abuse cases.**03/06/2025, Pending Motion Rerefer to Committee, Judiciary, SJ 6**

**SB 296**, increasing the percentage of nonpublic school scholarships awarded to students who qualify for the federal free and reduced-price meal program.**03/13/2025, Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2025-0794s, Education Finance, SJ 7**

**SB 303**, directing the commissioner of the department of education to compile a report on the effects of the dissolution of the United States Department of Education on New Hampshire and its residents.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 9**

**SB 304**, directing the commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs to assemble a report on the effects of tariffs on Canada and New Hampshire residents.**03/27/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 9**

**HB 51**, relative to hemp-derived cannabinoids and the definition of cannabis in therapeutic cannabis.**04/17/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 10**

**HB 53**, permitting qualifying patients and designated caregivers to cultivate cannabis for therapeutic use.**04/17/2025, No Pending Motion, Judiciary, SJ 10**

**HB 75-FN**, legalizing cannabis for persons 21 years of age or older.**04/17/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 10**

**HB 198-FN**, relative to legalizing certain quantities of cannabis and establishing penalties for the smoking or vaping of cannabis in public.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 11**

**HB 226-FN**, relative to the use of drug checking equipment.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 11**

**HB 445**, establishing a study commission to examine the causes of and ways to alleviate the shortage of law enforcement officers in New Hampshire.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass with Amendment #1630s, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 11**

**HB 468-FN**, establishing the crime of and penalties for unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 11**

**HB 482-FN**, relative to the penalty for driving over 100 miles per hour.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 11**

**HB 776-FN**, relative to the crime of aggravated driving while intoxicated.**05/01/2025, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Judiciary, SJ 11**

## CONSENT CALENDAR REPORTS

### CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

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

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

House Bill 177 fixes clerical errors in the language of the original bill that was placed in the statute from last session after two bills were merged creating an unintended error. Amendment 1744s removes the word “or” and keeps RSA 193:27, VII in the statute for clarity.

**HB 178**, relative to foster parent representation of foster children with disabilities.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

House Bill 178 deletes erroneously inserted language regarding child representation to clarify the statute’s meaning. There is no substantive policy change but rather removes redundant language in the bill.

**HB 473-FN**, criminalizing multiple forms of exposing children to controlled substances and allowing law enforcement to take a child into protective custody for screening and testing in an instance of suspected or actual criminal exposure to controlled substances.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-0.

Senator Sullivan for the committee.

House Bill 473 expands the criminal statute which criminalizes exposing children to controlled substances. The legislation also allows law enforcement to take protective custody of a child for screening and testing for exposure to methamphetamine and other controlled substances not provided by a prescription.

## **COMMERCE**

**HB 242**, relative to brew pub licenses.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

At the request of the Liquor Commission, this bill would enable the holder of a brew pub license to hold an on-premises or off-premises license under certain conditions. There are individuals who currently own multiple restaurant locations, and they would like to distribute their beer to them. Under this bill, a brew pub licensee could self-distribute to no more than one on-premises license owned by themselves. A licensee could not hold any other type of manufacturing license.

**HB 309-FN**, relative to making electronic rent payments optional.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

This bill would prohibit landlords from requiring a tenant or prospective tenant to only pay by electronic funds transfers. This would support accessibility and flexibility, especially at a time when there is a housing crisis and there is a segment of the population who is unbanked. The Committee Amendment would clarify that landlords are not subject to a \$1,000 fine per day for any violation.

**HB 382**, relative to authority for municipalities to regulate mandatory on-site parking requirements.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

As introduced, this bill would have amended the amount of accessory parking that municipalities can require for residential units to one space. The Committee Amendment would replace the entirety of the bill by repealing the requirement that vehicle funding loan contracts have successive periodic payments that are substantially equal in amount. Different financing opportunities, such as Ford's Flex Buy, have arisen that do not have equal payments over the life of a contract. Flex payment plans provide consumers with greater flexibility and options when purchasing a vehicle. Since these types of plans cannot be offered in New Hampshire, dealers are at a competitive disadvantage.

**HB 406-FN**, relative to the formation of fraudulent businesses.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Fenton for the committee.

At the request of the Secretary of State's Office, this bill would establish a registry of registered agents for New Hampshire businesses, allow corporations to restate their articles of incorporation, enable them to verify and prevent fraudulent business formations, and create penalties for individuals who fraudulently formulate businesses. There have been instances where fraudulent businesses register a similar name to an existing business, and they use the address of the other business to open bank accounts or submit credit applications. This bill would allow the Office to remove filings in an expeditious manner instead of waiting a 60-day period for fraudulent businesses to be dissolved.

**HB 410-FN**, limiting local authority to adopt restrictions on the building and development of residential properties.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Innis for the committee.

This bill would have prohibited the local adoption of extraordinary restrictions on residential property unless the restriction is narrowly tailored to serve a compelling government interest in public health or safety. In part, restrictive zoning has contributed to high housing costs and shortages. Given the passage of other housing legislation, however, the Committee felt additional time was needed to determine if this bill was necessary.

**HB 437**, providing specific curative measures for undischarged mortgages.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

This bill would establish automatic discharge periods for undischarged mortgages based on whether their term or maturity date is stated or not. Undischarged mortgages can lead to uncertainty after a buyer has already applied for financing, set up an inspection, and secured a closing date. A filing with the superior court is required before an obsolete mortgage can be discharged, which can cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

**HB 499-FN**, making technical corrections to certain insurance laws.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ricciardi for the committee.

At the request of the Insurance Department, this bill would make various technical corrections to insurance laws. These changes sought to streamline fees, modernize existing provisions, and remove unnecessary provisions. Specific changes included aligning the dispute resolution process for balanced billing with federal law, ensuring the Department is notified when a carrier withdraws from a line of business, clarifying that unadmitted surplus companies must use licensed adjusters within the state, and raising the reserve threshold required to form an insurance company.

**HB 694-FN**, requiring leases of land, buildings, or space by state agencies to be at fair market value.

Ought to Pass, Vote 6-0.

Senator Reardon for the committee.

This bill would require that property leased by state agencies are leased at a rate which would be considered a fair market rate, unless a sub-market rate is agreed to by the property owner. Often, the state forces terms on entities when they lease properties. Consequently, costs are shifted onto local taxpayers because the amount of the renewed lease does not cover the real cost of the property. This bill would only apply to lease renewals to help recalibrate lease payments if there is inflation or other emerging factors. In addition to the baseline cost of a building, the utilities and custodial services could be negotiated as well.

#### **ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

**HB 138-L**, relative to tax impact notation on warrant articles with multi-year tax impacts.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Lang for the committee.

House Bill 138 would require municipalities to provide an estimated tax impact statement for the first five years of any municipal financial contract before voters cast their ballots on its approval. The committee believes voters should have all of the available information when making long-term financial decisions. For this reason, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends that HB 138 Ought to Pass.

**HB 154**, enabling voters to request to have their ballots hand-counted.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

House Bill 154 would allow voters to request hand counting of their ballots. The committee amendment states that a voter requesting a hand count must then give the ballot to the person operating the ballot machine, who will place the ballot into the auxiliary compartment of the ballot machine for manual counting after the polls close. The Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends that House Bill 154 Ought to Pass with Amendment.

**HB 200**, relative to the procedure for overriding a local tax cap.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

House Bill 200 would change the procedure for overriding a local tax cap. Currently, a three-fifths majority is needed to adopt a local tax cap; however, overriding this cap requires only a simple majority. HB 200 would amend this requirement to mandate a three-fifths majority for overriding the tax cap, providing a mechanism to address unforeseen expenses without undermining the purpose of the tax cap in controlling spending. The committee amendment allows the question to be presented on a single ballot. The Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass with Amendment on HB 200.

**HB 270**, requiring the preservation of electronic ballot counting device memory chips.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

House Bill 270 would require the preservation of electronic ballot counting device external storage devices for the same period as other election documentation after an election. The committee amendment incorporates language requested by the Secretary of State to ensure that the statute is applicable to all of the technology used in our elections. For these reasons, the Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends "Ought to Pass with Amendment" on HB 270.

**HB 284-FN**, requiring tax impact statements on municipal warrant articles.  
Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Lang for the committee.

House Bill 284 mandates that municipalities provide tax impact statements for budgets and warrant articles. The committee believes the requirements in this particular bill are burdensome, particularly for school districts operating across several towns. Although the committee supports transparency, the challenges presented by this bill outweigh its advantages. For these reasons, the committee recommends Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 284.

**HB 374**, relative to local tax cap and budget laws.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-1.  
Senator Lang for the committee.

House Bill 374 makes important corrections and clarifications to the current statute concerning local tax caps and budget laws. It adds necessary statutory warrant article language, incorporates key statutory references, and changes the date the annual inflation index is applied from January 1st to October 1st. The committee amendment removes language that prohibited the legislative body from amending the question on the ballot. For these reasons, the Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee recommends Ought to Pass with Amendment for HB 374.

## **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**HB 404**, relative to information on the hike safe card.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 4-0.  
Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 404 updates the definition of “family” for the purposes of purchasing a New Hampshire Hike Safe Card. It includes domestic partners and their minor children, alongside spouses, minor children, and stepchildren already covered. The bill also clarifies that a family guardian and their ward are considered part of the family for the card’s purposes. Purchasers can obtain the Hike Safe Card online, with fees deposited into the Fish and Game search and rescue fund after deducting a transaction fee.

**HB 504**, relative to the state energy policy.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Watters for the committee.

HB 504 revises New Hampshire’s state energy policy to emphasize affordable, reliable, diverse, and secure energy sources, prioritizing market and regulatory mechanisms. It encourages a broad range of technologies, including distributed energy sources and energy storage, while supporting customer choice. The bill aims to remove regulatory barriers to innovation, thereby enhancing the state’s energy independence and infrastructure. Additionally, the legislation seeks to balance market signals, consumer prices, energy reliability, and the financial stability of utilities.

**HB 627**, relative to permitting the public utilities commission to approve new providers for the Lifeline program.  
Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Rosenwald for the committee.

HB 627 allows the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission to designate new providers for the federal Lifeline program. Specifically, the Public Utilities Commission may approve any commercial mobile service provider or telecommunications company to receive federal universal service support. This authority is granted in addition to existing federal designations under 47 U.S.C. Sections 214(e)(1) and 214 (e)(2) and 47 C.F.R Section 54.201. The bill also authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to create rules to implement this new designation process.

**HB 672-FN**, to allow for off-grid electricity providers in New Hampshire.  
Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.  
Senator Pearl for the committee.

HB 672-FN establishes a new category of “off-grid electricity providers” in New Hampshire, defined as entities independently generating, transmitting, distributing, or selling electricity without connection to any existing electric transmission or distribution system, even for backup purposes. These providers must operate entirely separate from regulated utilities and cannot be located within or across any federal, state, or municipal roadways, rights-of-way, or state boundaries. The bill exempts off-grid providers from typical utility regulations under RSA Title XXXIV, unless they later connect to regulated systems or violate roadway or boundary restrictions, at which point they become fully regulated.

**HB 682**, relative to the office of offshore wind industry, the offshore and port development commission, and the office of energy innovation.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Watters for the committee.

HB 682 restructures New Hampshire's approach to offshore wind industry development and energy innovation. It removes the office of offshore wind industry development from the office of energy innovation and repeals the offshore wind industry workforce training committee and offshore wind and port development commission. The bill transfers the Grid Modernization and Hydrogen Advisory Councils to the Office of Energy Innovation. It mandates advising state officials on clean energy resource development in the Gulf of Maine, including potential economic impacts and supply chain considerations. Additionally, the bill revises requirements for studies and mitigations associated with offshore wind development.

**HB 690-FN**, directing the department of energy to investigate the state's withdrawal from ISO-New England and other strategy decisions that impact ratepayers in relation to New England's environmental policy.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Avar for the committee.

HB 690-FN directs the New Hampshire Department of Energy to investigate the potential withdrawal of the state from ISO-New England, focusing on strategies to protect ratepayers from bearing costs of other states' environmental policies unfairly. The investigation will assess the functions and responsibilities currently managed by ISO-New England that could be independently handled by New Hampshire. It will also evaluate the financial, operational, and reliability impacts of existing ISO-New England, including potential exit fees, duplicative costs, and economic efficiencies. Additionally, the study will explore federal and state legal barriers, necessary tariff changes, and alternative regulatory structures. Findings must be reported to the relevant legislative committees within one year, funded through a special assessment on electric utilities.

**HB 707-FN**, requiring the department of environmental services to revise the rules for proposed new landfills.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 4-1.

Senator Avar for the committee.

HB 707 requires the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to update its rules for new landfill siting to better protect public health, drinking water, and the environment. The bill establishes strict, site-specific setback requirements ensuring that groundwater contaminated by a landfill cannot reach drinking water wells or surface waters within five years. It mandates 24/7 on-site staffing, detailed hydrogeological testing, and minimum soil permeability standards beneath landfill sites. It also elevates the storm design standard to a 100-year storm event with a 50% margin of safety and prohibits landfill permits near certain airports, incorporating federal Ford Act standards. The bill aims to ensure DES prioritizes environmental safety and public health in future solid waste regulations.

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**HB 70-FN**, relative to the use of electronic medical records.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

This bill prohibits health carriers from requiring that providers use electronic medical records. The Committee heard testimony that this bill is largely unnecessary. Additionally, while private payers do not require this, it is required for Medicare and Medicaid. The Committee recommends that this bill is inexpedient to legislate.

**HB 126**, relative to prescriptions for certain controlled drugs.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 5-0.

Senator Birdsell for the committee.

This bill clarifies exceptions to the 34-day limit on prescriptions for controlled drugs and permits a pharmacist to fill a prescription for a 92-day supply of injectable androgen under certain circumstances. The Committee believes it is best to consider this bill at a later time, and thus recommends re-referring the bill.

**HB 223**, relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities that operate within 15 miles of a critical access hospital.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill exempts ambulatory surgical centers, emergency medical care centers, birthing centers, drop-in or walk-in care centers, dialysis centers, and special health care services from the notice and consent requirements for establishment within 15 miles of a critical access hospital. The Committee heard testimony that there is an existing process for such facilities to establish within 15 miles of a critical access hospital. Thus, a majority of the Committee finds the bill unnecessary at this time.

**HB 358**, relative to exemption from immunization requirements on the basis of religious belief.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

This bill provides that a parent or legal guardian may claim an exemption from childhood immunization requirements on the basis of religious belief by providing a signed statement to that effect. The bill removes the statutory reference to a form used for such purpose. This bill is intended to correct an issue and reflect the original intent of previous legislation regarding religious exemptions by clarifying that the exemptions require no more than a statement from the parent or legal guardian and their signature. A committee amendment has been adopted at the request of the Department of Health and Human Services to specify that it shall be a written statement.

**HB 548-FN**, relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities that operate on a membership-based business model.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Long for the committee.

This bill exempts direct-pay health care facilities from certain licensing requirements and policies in RSA 151:2-f as well as the moratorium on licensing and bed capacity in RSA 151:2, VI(a), provided that the facility is not a nursing home or skilled nursing facility. The bill also establishes a patient's bill of rights for direct-pay facilities and directs the department of health and human services to study direct-pay models. The Committee does not think it is best to move forward with this legislation at this time.

**HB 559**, relative to staffing requirements in emergency medical transport vehicles.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Prentiss for the committee.

This bill provides that not more than one emergency medical care provider shall be required to provide care to a patient during transport in an ambulance or other emergency medical service vehicle. The Committee heard testimony that ambulances can currently travel to scenes with one licensed provider, but two are needed to transport patients. Additionally, utilization data from when this was practiced during the pandemic under an emergency order shows that this was utilized by a very small portion of communities. The Committee does not think it is necessary to move forward with this legislation at this time because there is rulemaking capacity on waivers within the Department of Safety that can be utilized to address this issue on a case-by-case basis.

**HB 732-FN**, to enhance informed consent and accountability in psychotropic drug prescriptions for children under Medicaid.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 4-1.

Senator Rochefort for the committee.

This bill requires medical care providers to review FDA medication guides with the parent, guardian, or state-designated caregiver before prescribing a psychotropic drug for a minor under Medicaid. While the Committee agrees that communication with parents is beneficial and necessary, this information is already available online and being provided with such prescriptions at the pharmacy level. Due to questions remaining regarding the definition of psychotropic drugs used in the bill and the impact on the provider's role by this specifically applying to Medicaid patients, the Committee does not think it is best to move forward with this legislation.

## **JUDICIARY**

**HB 66-FN**, relative to material subject to disclosure under the right to know law.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

House Bill 66-FN sought to clarify who may submit an RSA 91-A request, and how such requests ought to be made and satisfied. Any individual may request access to public records should they do so during normal business hours and on the premises of the body in question. The Senate Judiciary Committee does not recommend passage given concerns surrounding the potential labor and monetary costs imposed on municipalities by HB 66-FN.

**HB 514-FN**, allowing private persons to sue for violations of election laws.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Altschiller for the committee.

House Bill 514-FN would enable private persons to sue for violations of RSA 659. Under the bill, an individual, partnership, association, or political subdivision could petition the Department of Justice or Superior Courts for injunctive relief. A response would be required within five business days of the claim, or immediately, if made within 15 days of an election. The Committee does not recommend passage as the body unanimously determined the bill would exacerbate volunteer shortages, harming the administration of our elections.

**HB 522-FN**, relative to the expectation of privacy in personal information maintained by the state.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

House Bill 522-FN would require statutory authority for government entities to acquire, collect, retain, or use any personal information of individuals residing in the State from a third-party provider. Individuals would be entitled to seek damages up to \$1000 from aggrieving entities. The Committee does not recommend passage given concerns surrounding the costs and burdens posed to State Superior Courts by the proposal.

**HB 584-FN**, relative to public health, safety, and state sovereignty.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

House Bill 584-FN proclaims that the World Health Organization, United Nations, and World Economic Forum shall have no jurisdiction in the State of New Hampshire and provides that no policies may be implemented from the identified organizations by any public, or quasi-public entity in the State. Given that the identified organizations do not create policy for the State of New Hampshire nor its entities, the committee does not recommend the bill for passage.

**HB 666-FN**, relative to adding restitution payment for violations of the confidentiality of the library use records and adding library cards and membership status to the list of confidential matters.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Ward for the committee.

House Bill 666-FN included library cards, and library membership status to the list of confidential matters in RSA 201-D:11. The Committee found that the penalties for violations of the law were disproportionate, and accordingly, does not recommend the bill for passage.

**HB 687-FN**, relative to class action settlements and consent decrees.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 5-0.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

House Bill 687-FN, The Class Action Settlement and Consent Decree Reform Act, provides that any monies which cannot be distributed to injured parties of a class action suit must be deposited into the State General fund, whether the injured parties remain unidentified or unable to reach. The Senate Judiciary Committee does not recommend passage of HB 687-FN on the basis that unclaimed funds are typically accounted for in a contingency amid a settlement.

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

**HB 328-FN**, establishing a charitable gaming oversight commission.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Lang for the committee.

This bill changes the membership and duties of the Charitable Gaming Oversight Commission and extends it by ten years. The committee amendment makes certain changes to the voting membership of the commission. It stipulates that the chair and ranking member of the Senate and House Ways and Means Committees or their designees who are members of the Ways and Means Committee be members of the commission. It also adds one member appointed by the senate president, one appointed by the speaker of the house, and one public member appointed by the governor. The committee amendment also changes the reporting dates of the commission to better align with the legislative filing period.

**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.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 5-0.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

The committee amendment replaces the language of HB 696 with the similar language of SB 277, which removes the requirement that electric generators be subject to the utility property tax (UPT). Generators are no longer state regulated utilities. They are now considered manufacturers and as such should be paying the statewide education property tax (SWEPT), not the UPT. As amended by the committee, the bill honors payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) agreements until their expiration. After such time, the SWEPT obligation may be included in any new PILOT agreement or paid in addition to it.

## REGULAR CALENDAR REPORTS

### COMMERCE

**HB 631-FN**, permitting residential building in commercial zoning.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-1.

Senator Innis for the committee.

**HB 685**, permitting in all residentially zoned areas by right the construction of manufactured housing.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-1.

Senator Murphy for the committee.

### ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

**HB 107**, relative to political advertising printed in newspapers, periodicals, or billboards.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 4-0.

Senator Gray for the committee.

### ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**HB 566-FN**, requiring permit applications for new landfills to contain a detailed plan for leachate management.

Re-refer to Committee, Vote 3-2.

Senator Avard for the committee.

### JUDICIARY

**HB 190-FN**, relative to therapeutic cannabis possession limits.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

**HB 207-FN**, relative to repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles except by or to minors.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

**HB 380-FN**, relative to penalties for criminal violations of the therapeutic use of cannabis.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Abbas for the committee.

**HB 381-FN**, exempting firearms and firearm accessories manufactured for in-state use only from the National Firearm Act.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

**HB 551-FN**, repealing the license to sell pistols and revolvers.

Ought to Pass, Vote 3-2.

Senator Gannon for the committee.

### WAYS AND MEANS

**HB 247-L**, authorizing municipalities to hold a referendum on whether to allow historic horse racing.

Inexpedient to Legislate, Vote 3-2.

Senator Lang for the committee.

## AMENDMENTS

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
 April 15, 2025  
 2025-1616s  
 05/11

### Amendment to HB 107

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Identification of Political Advertising; Rates. Amend RSA 664:16 to read as follows:

664:16 Identification of Political Advertising; Rates.

**I.** Political advertising printed in newspapers[;] **or** periodicals[~~-, or billboards~~] shall be marked at the beginning [~~or at the end~~] thereof "Political Advertising." No person or business organization publishing a newspaper or periodical, operating a radio or television station, or selling billboard space shall charge an advertising rate to any candidate, political committee, party, or cause that is different from that charged to any other candidate, political committee, party, or cause.

**II. Notwithstanding RSA 664:21, whoever violates paragraph I shall be guilty of a violation and the fine shall be no more than \$50. Any subsequent violation within a 5-year period of the first violation shall be subject to a \$1,000 civil penalty.**

2025-1616s

### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill removes the requirement to mark political advertising printed in billboards as "Political Advertising." It also provides for the issuance of fines for violations of such requirements.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
 April 29, 2025  
 2025-1828s  
 08/06

### Amendment to HB 154

Amend RSA 656:42, XII as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

XII. Any voter may request to have his or her ballot hand-counted and the voter shall be instructed to hand the ballot to the election official manning the ballot machine, who shall place the ballot in the auxiliary compartment of the ballot counting device to be hand counted by election officials after the close of the polls.

Senate Children and Family Law  
 April 24, 2025  
 2025-1744s  
 11/08

### Amendment to HB 177

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Liability for Children With Disabilities in Certain Court Ordered Placements. Amend RSA 186-C:19-b, I(a) to read as follows:

(a) As used in this section "children in placement for which the department of health and human services has financial responsibility" means all children receiving special education or special education and related services whose placements were made pursuant to RSA 169-B, 169-C, [~~or~~] 169-D, or 193:27, VII, except children placed in a state facility for detained or adjudicated youth.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
 April 30, 2025  
 2025-1833s  
 07/05

### Amendment to HB 200

Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 32:5-b, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. The legislative body may override the cap by the usual procedures applicable to annual meetings of the legislative body, provided that: when a proposed appropriation will cause the amount of local taxes raised by the town or district to exceed the tax cap under this section or the total amount already raised and appropriated has caused the amount of local taxes raised by the town or district to exceed the tax cap under this section, voting on the appropriation question shall be by ballot, except in the case of a legislative body that uses an official ballot form of meeting under RSA 40:13 or under a charter adopted pursuant to RSA 49-D. If a 3/5 majority or the super majority as determined under a charter pursuant to RSA 49-D of those voting on the question vote “yes,” the appropriation is approved. Only votes in the affirmative or negative shall be included in the calculation of the 3/5 majority or the super majority as determined under a charter pursuant to RSA 49-D.

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
 April 30, 2025  
 2025-1834s  
 08/05

#### Amendment to HB 270

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

AN ACT requiring the preservation of electronic ballot counting device external storage devices.

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

1 Preservation of Election Material. Amend RSA 33-A:3-a, XXXVI and XXXVII to read as follows:

XXXVI. Elections-federal elections: ballots and absentee ballot applications, affidavit envelopes, [and] lists, ***and electronic ballot counting device external storage devices***: by the town clerk until the contest is settled and all appeals have expired or at least 22 months after the election, whichever is longer. ***Extra electronic ballot counting device external storage devices programmed for, but not used during the election are exempt from preservation.***

XXXVII. Elections-not federal: ballots and absentee ballot applications, affidavit envelopes, [and] lists, ***and electronic ballot counting device external storage devices***: by the town clerk until the contest is settled and all appeals have expired or at least 60 days after the election, whichever is longer. ***Extra electronic ballot counting device external storage devices programmed for, but not used during the election are exempt from preservation.***

2 Electronic Data; Electronic Ballot Counting Devices. Amend RSA 656:42, VIII to read as follows:

VIII.(a) Before each election, the vendor for any electronic ballot counting device shall provide the secretary of state with an exact electronic record of the data written to each [memory card] ***external storage device*** to be used in the election.

***(b) Whenever the town or city clerk receives a programmed external storage device from the vendor, the clerk shall lock any programmed external storage device not inserted into an electronic ballot counting device in a safe and record the names of individuals that have access to such safe in the activity log.***

~~[(b)]~~ (c) The town or city clerk shall preserve each [memory] ***external storage device*** used at each election ~~[until after the recounts for such election are complete and any and all legal challenges to the outcome of that election are adjudicated]~~ ***as provided in RSA 33-A:3-a or as directed by the secretary of state.***

~~[(c) The town or city clerk shall securely preserve each memory device used in any election as directed by the secretary of state.]~~

(d)(1) To help ensure that the counting device cannot be tampered with or improperly accessed, the town or city clerk shall employ electronic ballot counting device seals and seal the electronic ballot counting device in all places specified by the secretary of state in the election procedure manual published pursuant to RSA 652:22.

(2) The town or city clerk shall update an activity log supplied by the secretary of state to keep a record each time a counting device seal is broken and a new one installed, and the reason for which the seal was broken.

(3) No person shall break a counting device seal without the presence of 2 witnesses. Upon breaking such seal, the person responsible shall update the activity log, obtain the signatures of each witness, record the reason for breaking such seal, ensure that it is resealed with a new seal immediately, and properly record the new seal number in the activity log.

(4) Before the moderator places into service a counting device on election day, the moderator and clerk shall certify on the pre-election certificate required by RSA 658:32 all counting device seals have been maintained intact, and any seals which have been broken in accordance with this section have been appropriately resealed and the activity log properly recorded and signed.

(5) If, on election day, the moderator notices that any seal on the counting device appears tampered with or broken without an adequate record in the activity log, the moderator shall refrain from using the counting device in that election, and shall report the apparent tampering to the attorney general, the secretary of state, the town or city clerk, and the selectmen.

(6) The counting device and the activity log shall be subject to review by the attorney general or secretary of state at any time.

~~[(7) Whenever the town or city clerk receives a memory device from the vendor, the clerk shall break the memory device seal, insert the memory device in the electronic ballot counting device, and apply a new seal. The clerk shall lock any programmed memory device not inserted into an electronic ballot counting device in a safe and record the names of individuals that have access to such safe on the activity log.]~~

~~[(8) Whenever the town or city clerk removes the memory device from the electronic ballot counting device, the clerk shall immediately return it to the memory card programmer or, if programmed locally, secure the device in a safe and reseat the empty memory device slot or port.]~~

(e)(1) The town or city clerk shall give public notice of the date and time of a pre-election test of the electronic ballot counting device and ballots.

(2) Upon receipt of the official ballots from the secretary of state, the town or city clerk shall remove the number of ballots needed to test the electronic ballot counting device from among the official ballots and keep them separate and secure from the remaining official ballots thereafter.

(3) The town or city clerk shall mark any ballots used for testing with the words "TEST."

(4) The town or city clerk shall mark the test ballots in such a way as to demonstrate a vote for each candidate on at least one test ballot, as well as votes for less than and more than the number of candidates that may be voted for an office, write-ins, multiple votes for a candidate who appears in more than one party column for the same office on a general election ballot, and ballots on which there are no votes. The clerk shall mark as many as possible of the combinations of choices that a voter may indicate on the ballot.

(5) The town or city clerk shall run each of the test ballots through the counting device in the following orientations: Top first with side one face up, bottom first with side one face up, top first with side one face down, and bottom first with side one face down.

(6) The town or city clerk shall count the votes marked on the test ballots run through the electronic ballot counting device and multiply the results by 4 to account for the 4 different orientations, and check these results against the tally from the electronic ballot counting device.

(7) If the electronic ballot counting device's tally does not match the count of the town or city clerk, the clerk shall notify the moderator, who shall order that the electronic ballot counting device not be used at the election.

(8) The pre-election test shall be completed no later than the Wednesday immediately prior to the election.

(9) The town or city clerk shall document the pre-election test by preserving:

(A) The test ballots.

(B) The count of votes on the test ballots made by the town or city clerk.

(C) The results from the electronic ballot counting device that was tested.

(10) The clerk shall test all electronic ballot counting devices and ***programmed external storage*** ~~[memory]~~ devices in the possession of the town or city.

(11) Prior to placing the electronic ballot counting device or any ~~[memory]~~ **programmed external storage** device into service in an election, the moderator and the clerk shall certify on the pre-election certificate required by RSA 658:32 that there is evidence that pre-election testing was conducted on each electronic ballot counting device and each ~~[memory]~~ **programmed external storage** device in the town or city clerk's possession, and that these ballot counting devices and ~~[memory]~~ **programmed external storage** devices have passed the test. The moderator and clerk shall also certify on the pre-election certificate required by RSA 658:32 that all electronic ballot counting device seals are present, all seals have been maintained intact, and that any seals which have been broken in accordance with this section have been appropriately resealed and the activity log properly recorded and signed.

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

2025-1834s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires preservation of electronic ballot counting device external storage devices with other election material until the contest is settled and all appeals have expired or at least 22 months after elections, whichever is longer.

Senate Commerce

April 30, 2025

2025-1830s

07/05

#### Amendment to HB 309-FN

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original sections 1 and 2 to read as 2 and 3:

2 Proceedings In Special Cases; Prohibited Practices and Security Deposits; Remedies. Amend RSA 540-A:4, IX(d) to read as follows:

(d) The provisions of subparagraph (a) shall not apply to any violation of 540-A:3, V-a, V-b, ~~[or]~~ V-c, **or X**.

Senate Ways and Means

April 30, 2025

2025-1848s

07/09

#### Amendment to HB 328

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

1 Racing and Charitable Gaming; Study Commission Established. RSA 284:6-c is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

284:6-c Study Commission Established. There is established a charitable gaming oversight commission.

I. Seven voting members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) The chairperson of senate ways and means committee, or their designee who is a senate ways and means committee member.

(b) The ranking minority member of the senate ways and means committee, or their designee who is a senate ways and means committee member.

(c) One senate member appointed by the president of the senate.

(d) The chairperson of house ways and means committee, or their designee who is a house ways and means committee member.

(e) The ranking minority member of the house ways and means committee, or their designee who is a house ways and means committee member.

(f) One house member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(g) One public member appointed by the governor.

II. (a) Eight non-voting members of the commission shall be as follows:

(1) Four New Hampshire citizens with no financial interest in charitable gaming and no governing board responsibilities for charitable gaming entities shall be selected as follows: one shall be appointed by the president of the senate; one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; one shall be appointed by the speaker of the house; and one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house.

(2) Two New Hampshire citizens shall be appointed by the governor, provided that one shall be representative of gaming operators and one shall be representative of charities participating in charitable gaming.

(3) The executive director of the lottery commission, or designee.

(4) The attorney general, or designee.

(b) Non-voting members shall have no vote in commission matters but shall be eligible to participate in all other commission proceedings.

III. Voting and non-voting members of the commission shall serve until replaced by their respective appointing authority, until no longer meeting the conditions on which their original appointment was based, or until resignation.

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

V. The commission shall review charitable gaming laws, including historical horse race gaming, shall consider the issues identified in the November 1, 2024, final report of the commission to study the effect of recent changes made to charitable gaming laws, including the newly authorized historical horse races established in 2023, 79:583, and shall make from time to time such recommendations for administrative and legislative changes to charitable gaming law and rules as it deems necessary and appropriate. The commission may upon a majority vote of the commission take-up any such topics it deems relevant; however, it shall start with priority consideration of:

(a) Any possible changes needed to address problem gambling.

(b) Any possible changes needed to restructure or modify systems for allocating and overseeing the use of funds granted to the state and to charities and gaming operators participating in games of chance and in historical horse race gaming.

(c) Any possible changes needed to prevent undue concentration or proliferation of gaming locations, facilities, and ownership, including a municipal option to opt into or out of components of charitable gaming.

VI. The voting members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the voting 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 60 days of the effective date of this section. Four voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

VII. The commission shall submit a report on or before November 1, 2026, and on or before September 1 of each year thereafter, to the general court including findings, recommendations, and any corrective or technical improvements that charitable gaming may require.

VIII. The commission shall be administratively attached to the lottery commission.

2 Study Commission Established; Prospective Repeal. Amend 2023, 79:587 to read as follows:

79:587 Effective Date. Section 586 of this act shall take effect July 1, ~~[2025]~~ **2035**.

3 Appropriation; Charitable Gaming Oversight Commission. The sum of \$100,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is appropriated to the lottery commission to support the work of the charitable gaming oversight commission established pursuant to RSA 284:6-c. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Such funds shall be nonlapsing.

4 Effective Date.

I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

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

Senate Health and Human Services  
 April 25, 2025  
 2025-1753s  
 07/05

Amendment to HB 358

Amend RSA 141-C:20-c, II as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. A parent or legal guardian objects to immunization because of religious beliefs. ~~[The parent or legal guardian shall sign a form stating that the child has not been immunized because of religious beliefs.]~~ ***The exemption shall require no more information than a written statement that the child has not been immunized because of religious belief pursuant to RSA 141-C:20, II and a signature by the parent or legal guardian.***

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs  
 April 30, 2025  
 2025-1835s  
 07/05

Amendment to HB 374

Amend RSA 32:5-c, V as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. Voting on the question shall be by ballot, but the question shall not be placed on the official ballot used to elect officers, except in the case of a legislative body that uses an official ballot form of meeting under RSA 40:13 or under a charter adopted pursuant to RSA 49-D. Polls shall remain open and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion on the question. If a 3/5 majority of those voting on the question vote "yes," RSA 32:5-b shall apply within the local political subdivision beginning with the following fiscal year and for all subsequent years until it is ***changed as provided in paragraph V-a or*** rescinded as provided in paragraph VI.

Amend RSA 32:5-f, V as inserted by section 6 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

V. Voting on the question shall be by ballot, but the question shall not be placed on the official ballot used to elect officers, except in the case of a legislative body that uses an official ballot form of meeting under RSA 40:13 or under a charter adopted pursuant to RSA 49-D. Polls shall remain open and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion on the question. If a 3/5 majority of those voting on the question vote "yes," RSA 32:5-e shall apply within the school district beginning with the following fiscal year and for all subsequent years until it is ***changed as provided in paragraph V-a or*** rescinded as provided in paragraph VI.

Senate Judiciary  
 April 28, 2025  
 2025-1826s  
 06/05

Amendment to HB 381-FN

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

AN ACT limiting liability for certain design features of firearms.

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

1 New Section; Limitation of Actions Against Firearm Manufacturers. Amend RSA 507-D by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

507-D:6 Limitation of Actions Against Firearm Manufacturers.

I. In any product liability action involving a firearm, the manufacturer of the firearm shall not be liable in tort under any theory of defective product design, failure to warn, negligence, strict product liability, or any other claim based on the absence or presence of any of the following features:

(a) A magazine disconnect mechanism;

- (b) A loaded chamber indicator;
- (c) Authorized user recognition technology; or
- (d) An external mechanical safety, including but not limited to a hinged, pivoting, or tabbed trigger safety.

II. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit liability for a firearm manufacturer in cases where the claimant establishes that the firearm contained an actual manufacturing defect or failed to operate in a manner consistent with the manufacturer's express warranty or representations.

III. This section shall not alter or limit any other defense available to firearm manufacturers under RSA 507-D or any other applicable law.

IV. If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, to the fullest extent permitted by law, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.

V. In this section:

- (a) "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as provided in RSA 173-B:1, XI.
- (b) "Magazine disconnect mechanism" shall mean a mechanism that prevents a semiautomatic firearm from firing when the detachable magazine is not fully inserted in the firearm.
- (c) "Loaded chamber indicator" shall mean a mechanism or feature intended to indicate to the user that a cartridge is in the firing chamber of a firearm.
- (d) "Authorized user recognition technology" shall mean a mechanism, device, or technology applied to a firearm that prevents a user not authorized by the owner from firing the firearm.
- (e) "External manual safety" shall mean a manually operated mechanism that, when engaged, blocks the trigger from functioning.

2 Applicability. RSA 507-D:6 as inserted by section 1 of this act shall apply to any action filed on or after the effective date of this section. It shall not affect any claim that has been fully adjudicated, settled, or dismissed prior to the effective date of this section.

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

2025-1826s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill limits liability for firearm manufacturers regarding specific design features.

Senate Commerce  
April 29, 2025  
2025-1811s  
09/07

#### Amendment to HB 382

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

AN ACT repealing the requirement that vehicle funding loan contracts have successive periodic payments that are substantially equal in amount.

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

1 Repeal. RSA 361-A:17, VI(c), relative to the requirement that vehicle funding loan contracts have successive periodic payments that are substantially equal in amount, is repealed.

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

2025-1811s

#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the requirement that vehicle funding loan contracts have successive periodic payments that are substantially equal in amount.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources  
 April 29, 2025  
 2025-1813s  
 06/11

Amendment to HB 504

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Public Utilities; Electric Utility Integrated Distribution Planning; New Hampshire Energy Policy. Amend RSA 378:37 to read as follows:

378:37 New Hampshire Energy Policy. The general court declares that it shall be the energy policy of this state to meet the energy needs of the citizens and businesses of the state at the lowest reasonable cost while providing for the reliability and diversity of energy sources; to maximize the use of cost effective energy efficiency and other demand side resources; and to protect the safety and health of the citizens, the physical environment of the state, and the future supplies of resources, with consideration of the financial stability of the state's utilities. ***It is the policy of the sovereign state of New Hampshire and purpose of this chapter to use market and regulatory mechanisms to promote affordable, reliable, diverse, and secure energy resources for the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and its physical environment.***

***I. New Hampshire shall promote the development of resources to achieve the purpose of this chapter, fostering a range of technology types, including reliable, on-demand, diverse, and firm energy resources, and distributed energy sources and storage capacities consistent with these goals, while allowing for customer choice.***

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

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

***IV. New Hampshire shall pursue energy conservation and efficiency according to market principles in order to address market barriers, as regulated by policies for the public good and public health, and focus on market transformation in accordance with cost-effective fiscal strategies as authorized by the legislature, and consistent with RSA 374-F.***

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

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

Senate Energy and Natural Resources  
 April 29, 2025  
 2025-1812s  
 06/08

Amendment to HB 672-FN

Amend RSA 374:3-c, I(a) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

(a) "Off-grid electricity provider" means an entity, person, private company, electric cooperative, municipal agency, or otherwise, that engages in any combination of generating, transmitting, distributing, or selling electricity at retail to consumers; is not connected to any existing electric transmission or distribution system within the state for either primary or backup supply, operates independently of existing utilities and other regulated entities, is not located within or crosses any federal, state, or municipal roadway or right-of-way, or cross state boundaries. Off-grid electricity providers are not public utilities.

Amend RSA 374:3-c, III as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

III. At anytime, if an off-grid electricity provider elects to connect to any portion of an existing electric transmission or distribution system within the state for either primary or backup supply, locates within or crosses any federal, state, or municipal roadway or right-of-way, or crosses state boundaries, it shall cease being an “off-grid electricity provider” and immediately become subject to the provisions of RSA Title XXXIV.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

April 29, 2025

2025-1808s

06/09

#### Amendment to HB 682

Amend RSA 12-P:7-b, II(b) as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

~~[(f)]~~(b) Advise the governor, state agencies, the public utilities commission, and the legislature on the development of clean energy resources in the Gulf of Maine, ***including if deemed necessary, assessment of port facilities, economic impact, supply chain analysis, and development of workforce***, and the purchase of power by New Hampshire public utilities from these resources.

Amend the bill by replacing section 8 with the following:

8 Additional Studies or Mitigation. Amend RSA 485-I:6, II to read as follows:

II. The coastal program in coordination with the fish and game department and other relevant state agencies shall determine, in consultation with the impacted communities, whether additional studies and/or mitigation are required under proposals for offshore wind development in the Gulf of Maine. ~~[Any required studies or mitigation shall be included in agreements with developers of offshore wind energy in the Gulf of Maine and the power purchase agreements for Gulf of Maine renewable energy resources.]~~

Amend the bill by replacing section 10 with the following:

10 Repeal. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 12-O:51-a, relative to the offshore wind industry workforce training center committee.

II. RSA 374-F:10, relative to the offshore wind and port development commission.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

April 28, 2025

2025-1810s

06/11

#### Amendment to HB 690-FN

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

1 New Section; Department of Energy Investigation. Amend RSA 12-P by inserting after section 16 the following new section:

12-P:17 Investigation. The department of energy shall conduct an investigation into the state of New Hampshire’s withdrawal from ISO New England and other strategies to assure that New Hampshire ratepayers do not pay for public policy initiatives of other New England states, including environmental policies, in a manner that is unjust and unreasonable. It shall be funded by an assessment in accordance with RSA 365:37.

I. This investigation shall answer the following questions:

(a) What are the current rights and obligations of ISO New England? Which responsibilities, currently held by ISO New England, could New Hampshire meet on its own through state agencies, utilities, or otherwise?

(b) Have other states, or utilities in other states, or both, left or considered leaving ISO New England or any other regional transmission organization? What has been the result of such initiatives?

(c) What new capabilities would state government and/or utilities need to develop if New Hampshire were no longer participating in ISO New England?

(d) What are the costs and benefits to New Hampshire of leaving ISO New England? Would the state and its electric ratepayers suffer economically inefficient outcomes as a result, including exit fees, duplication of investments or costs, or operational redundancies?

(e) What effect would exiting ISO New England have on the reliability of the bulk power transmission system serving New Hampshire?

(f) What are the benefits to New Hampshire of continued participation in ISO New England? What opportunities exist to improve such outcomes should New Hampshire continue to participate in ISO New England?

(g) What impediments to ISO New England withdrawal exist as the result of federal law, state law, or other legal obligations?

(h) How can a regional wholesale electricity market balance differing state policy goals while ensuring just and reasonable outcomes for New Hampshire utility customers?

(i) What changes to existing ISO New England tariffs would be necessary in order to allow New Hampshire to withdraw from ISO New England?

(j) What obligations would New Hampshire, and entities operating in New Hampshire, incur under the Federal Power Act if New Hampshire were to withdraw from ISO New England?

(k) What alternative regulatory structures, beyond reliance on a regional transmission organization like ISO New England, should New Hampshire consider to assure that New Hampshire electric customers receive safe and reliable service at the lowest possible cost?

(l) Is the governance of ISO New England, including its board of directors as well as its stakeholder advisory body NEPOOL, sufficiently accountable to the public and adequate to assure that ISO New England is operated in the public interest?

(m) When operating independently of ISO-New England, what restrictions would be placed on the state by the Federal Power Act or principles of federalism? What powers are beyond the state's purview?

(n) What alternative regulatory structures could the state explore that would better allow it to serve reliable, affordable electricity to its citizens?

II. The report of answers shall be provided to the senate and house committees responsible for energy policy within one year of its passage.

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

Senate Ways and Means

April 30, 2025

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#### Amendment to HB 696-FN

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

AN ACT relative to the application of utility property taxes and statewide education property taxes to electric generating facilities.

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

1 New Paragraph; Taxation; Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Renewable Generation Facilities; Transition to Payment of State Education Property Tax. Amend RSA 72:74 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. In the case of an electric generating facility that is exempt from the utility property tax pursuant to RSA 83-F:1, V(g) and making payments in lieu of taxes to a municipality pursuant to RSA 72:74, if the payment in lieu of tax agreement was in effect as of July 1, 2027, then the facility shall not be liable for payment of the state education tax under RSA 76:3 until that payment in lieu of taxes agreement expires or until July 1, 2032, whichever occurs first. Once payment of the state education tax under RSA 76:3 is required, it may be included in a payment in lieu of taxes agreement pursuant to a new agreement reached under RSA 72:74, or be paid in addition to a payment in lieu of taxes agreement if the underlying agreement has not expired

or been reopened and renegotiated. If, under RSA 76:3, the state education tax is paid separately from the payment in lieu of taxes, then the amount of the state education tax owed by the facility shall be determined by using the imputed value of the facility that is calculated and used by the department of revenue administration for purposes of equalization under RSA 21-J:3, XIII.

2 New Subparagraph; Utility Property Tax; Definitions; Exemptions. Amend RSA 83-F:1, V by inserting after subparagraph (f) the following new subparagraph:

(g) Property used for the purposes of generating electricity, except such property owned by entities as defined in RSA 362:2, I that are engaged in the distribution or transmission of electricity.

3 New Subparagraph; Taxation; Utility Property Taxation; Payment Forms. Amend RSA 83-F:5, V by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following new subparagraph:

(c) As of May 1 of each year the owners of property exempted from the definition of utility property under RSA 83-F:1, V(g) shall file a form, designated by the commissioner, that collects sufficient information so that the department can identify utility and non-utility property and maintain an inventory of assets that are and are not subject to the utility property tax. The form shall be signed by an authorized representative, subject to the pains and penalties of perjury. If by May 1 the taxpayer is unable to file the form required under this subparagraph, the taxpayer shall request an extension from the department. Such extension shall be valid only upon written confirmation from the department, and shall not exceed 30 days per request. No more than 2 extensions shall be granted in a given tax year.

4 Utility Property Tax; Exemption from Education Tax; Reference Added. Amend RSA 83-F:9 to read as follows:

83-F:9 Exemption From Education Tax. Persons and property subject to taxation under this chapter shall not be subject to tax under RSA 76:3; provided, however, that nothing in this chapter shall be construed to exempt such persons or property from local school, municipal, district, or county taxation under RSA 76, *except as provided in RSA 72:74, VIII*.

5 Applicability. This act shall apply to tax periods beginning on or after April 1, 2028.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

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#### AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides:

I. That an electric generating facility exempt from the utility property tax and making a payment in lieu of taxes to the municipality shall not be responsible for payment of the state education tax until such agreement expires or until July 1, 2032, whichever occurs first.

II. For calculation and payment of the utility property tax in future agreements.

## HEARINGS

All Standing Committee hearings will be live streamed on the NH Senate's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/NewHampshireSenatelivestream>

Links are also available on the Senate Meeting Schedule.



## ***TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025***

### **COMMERCE**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Innis (C), Sen. Ricciardi (VC), Sen. Murphy, Sen. McGough, Sen. Fenton, Sen. Reardon

9:30 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

10:00 a.m. **HB 280**, relative to wage payments.

10:10 a.m. **HB 467**, defining “social districts” and enabling municipalities to create social districts.

10:20 a.m. **HB 342**, relative to the approval process for new construction.

10:30 a.m. **HB 457**, relative to the occupancy of housing units.

10:40 a.m. **HB 60**, relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

### **EDUCATION**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Ward (C), Sen. Sullivan (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Altschiller

9:15 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

10:15 a.m. **HB 699**, relative to special education definitions.

(THE PREVIOUS HEARING FOR HB 699 WAS RECESSED ON APRIL 29, 2025)

10:30 a.m. **HB 532**, relative to alternative dispute resolution and individualized education plan team meeting facilitation.

10:45 a.m. **HB 446**, relative to parental notice for non-academic surveys in public schools.

11:00 a.m. **HB 676**, relative to the composition and responsibilities of the parent and education service provider advisory commission, and establishing education freedom account impact and parent satisfaction surveys.

11:15 a.m. **HB 768**, allowing public schools to contract with any approved private school.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

### **ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Lang (VC), Sen. Rochefort, Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Sen. Long

9:15 a.m. Hearing on proposed amendment #2025-1807s, prohibiting certain candidates for political office from participating in counting ballots, enabling the use of certain personal information for determining voter eligibility, and relative to the reporting of low value campaign donations, to **HB 464**, prohibiting certain candidates for political office from participating in counting ballots.

9:30 a.m. **HB 367**, changing the method for adopting partisan town elections to be the same as rescinding partisan town elections.

9:45 a.m. **HB 373-L**, relative to the management and regulation of town real property.

10:00 a.m. **HB 67-FN-A**, relative to agreements with the secretary of state for the use of accessible voting systems.

10:15 a.m. **HB 546-FN**, relative to financial disclosures and the public reporting of those disclosures by the secretary of state.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

### **ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Avarad (C), Sen. Pearl (VC), Sen. McConkey, Sen. Watters, Sen. Rosenwald

9:00 a.m. **HB 123**, relative to yield taxes on property enrolled or registered for the purpose of generating carbon offset credits.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

### **FINANCE**, Room Reps Hall, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

1:00 p.m. **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.

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 2-FN-A-L**, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.  
 Live streaming of the hearing will be available via YouTube.  
 Link: <https://youtube.com/live/NJQzsAIsIDI?feature=share>  
 Individuals looking to register their position may do so remotely.  
 Link: <https://gc.nh.gov/remotecommittee/senate.aspx>  
 Individuals who wish to speak will need to sign up in person.  
 The hearing begins at 1:00 pm. A dinner break will occur at 5:00 pm. Testimony will resume at 6:00 pm.

**JUDICIARY**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Gannon (C), Sen. Abbas (VC), Sen. McConkey, Sen. Altschiller, Sen. Reardon, Sen. Ward

- 1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 433-FN**, making 17 the age of consent for marriage if either party is active duty military and removing language regarding age waivers for marriage registration records, since age waivers are no longer issued in New Hampshire.
- 1:40 p.m. **HB 506-FN**, relative to background checks during motions to return firearms and ammunition.
- 1:50 p.m. **HB 148**, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain circumstances.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 191-FN**, providing criminal and civil penalties for the transporting of an unemancipated minor in order to obtain a surgical procedure without parental permission.  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**TRANSPORTATION**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Ricciardi (C), Sen. McConkey (VC), Sen. Ward, Sen. Fenton, Sen. Prentiss

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 612-FN**, enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 713-FN**, relative to mile markers along Route 112.  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Pearl (C), Sen. McGough (VC), Sen. Gannon, Sen. Altschiller, Sen. Reardon

- 9:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Rochefort (C), Sen. Avard (VC), Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Long

- 9:45 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

**WAYS AND MEANS**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Lang (C), Sen. Murphy (VC), Sen. Sullivan, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Fenton

- 9:30 a.m. COMMITTEE REVENUE ESTIMATES  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025**

**CAPITAL BUDGET**, Room 100, SH

Sen. McConkey (C), Sen. Gray (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Watters, Sen. Fenton

- The Committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. or 15 minutes following the end of Session
- 2:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Abbas (C), Sen. Sullivan (VC), Sen. Long

2:00 p.m.

The Committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. or 15 minutes following the end of Session.

**HB 187-FN**, relative to restraining orders sought by a parent on behalf of a minor child.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**

The Committee will meet at 2:00 p.m. or 15 minutes following the end of Session.

***FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025*****FINANCE**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Carson, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. Lang, Sen. Rosenwald, Sen. Watters

1:00 p.m.

Initial Committee Discussion on Proposed Agency Budgets

**MEETINGS*****FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025*****JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1)**

10:00 a.m.

Room 212, LOB

Regular Meeting

***TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025*****STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)**

5:00 p.m.

Edward Cross Training Center Facility  
722 Riverwood Drive  
Pembroke, NH

Regular Meeting

***FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025*****STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC) (RSA 21-P:48, IV)**

9:00 a.m.

Marine Patrol Bureau  
31 Dock Road  
Gilford, NH

Regular Meeting

**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-e)**

10:00 a.m.

NH Fire Academy  
98 Smokey Bear Blvd.  
Concord NH

Regular Meeting

**MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3)**

10:00 a.m.

Bretton Woods Ski Area Lodge  
99 Ski Area Rd  
Bretton Woods, NH

Regular Meeting

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

2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

This meeting will take place by remote conference. To listen in please follow the instructions below:

Please register for the Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals meeting on May 9, 2025 2:00 PM EST at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5671215450474413150>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

You also may join the meeting by phone:

Call in Number: 1 (562) 247-8422

Access Code: 115-413-777

Webinar ID: 949-153-587

The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can assist with and alert the committee to any technical issues: [Amy.E.Rousseau@des.nh.gov](mailto:Amy.E.Rousseau@des.nh.gov). You may also call Amy Rousseau at 603-271-8801.

## ***MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025***

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)**

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| 9:00 a.m. | 25 Hall Street<br>Concord, NH | Regular Meeting |
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### **NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)**

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| 9:00 a.m. | NHDES<br>29 Hazen Drive<br>Concord, NH | Construction Project<br>Subcommittee |
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### **NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)**

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| 10:00 a.m. | NHDES<br>29 Hazen Drive<br>Concord, NH | Regular Meeting |
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## ***FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025***

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

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| 9:00 a.m. | Room 306-308, LOB | Regular Meeting |
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### **OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10)**

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| 9:00 a.m. | Room 100, SH | Regular Meeting |
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### **FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)**

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| 11:00 a.m. | Room 210-211, LOB | Regular Meeting |
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### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)**

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| 1:00 p.m. | Room 206-208, LOB | Regular Meeting |
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### **NEW HAMPSHIRE-IRELAND TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22-a)**

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| 1:30 p.m. | Department of Business & Economic Affairs<br>Suite 100<br>100 North Main Street<br>Concord, NH | Regular Meeting |
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### **COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73-a)**

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| 3:00 p.m. |  | Regular Meeting |
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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86117818803?pwd=cWRXdGwQnQvc2ZRbkNOBhGhGc3M0dz09>

Meeting ID: 861 1781 8803

Passcode: 669915

## ***MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025***

### **ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)**

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| 9:30 a.m. | Department of Revenue Administration<br>Training Room<br>109 Pleasant Street<br>Concord, NH | Assessing Reference Manual<br>Subcommittee |
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### **COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)**

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| 10:00 a.m. | NH Automobile Dealers' Association<br>507 South St.<br>Bow, NH<br><br>Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 248 126 539 996<br>Passcode: 3c2oK6kL | Regular Meeting |
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### **STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)**

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| 10:00 a.m. | NH Hospital Association<br>125 Airport Road<br>Concord, NH<br><br>Zoom:<br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVudDBYYW9SZThLUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVudDBYYW9SZThLUT09</a> | Regular Meeting |
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### **JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I:1)**

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| 1:00 p.m. | Room 103, SH | Regular Meeting |
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### **NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22)**

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| 2:00 p.m. | Room 100, SH | Regular Meeting |
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## ***TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025***

### **STATE HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND STATE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-A:88)**

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| 9:00 a.m. | New Hampshire Hospital Association<br>Foundation for Healthy Communities<br>Room 1<br>125 Airport Road<br>Concord, NH<br><br><a href="https://brandeis.zoom.us/j/91924404723?pwd=iGGIYA5u57zTlaudZ0RDbb1ZkoAQm6.1">https://brandeis.zoom.us/j/91924404723?pwd=iGGIYA5u57zTlaudZ0RDbb1ZkoAQm6.1</a><br>Meeting ID: 919 2440 4723<br>Password: 039529<br>Dial-in number: 1-646-558-8656 | Regular Meeting |
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## ***FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025***

### **PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a)**

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| 10:00 a.m. | Room 100, SH | Regular Meeting |
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## ***MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025***

### **NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4)**

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| 2:00 p.m. | Department of Agriculture,<br>Markets, & Food<br>Granite Place South<br>Concord, NH | Regular Meeting |
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## ***MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025***

### **NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2)**

2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Join via Microsoft Teams:

[https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com/?d=microsoft.com&u=aHR0cHM6Ly90Z-WFtcy5taWNyb3NvZnQuY29tL2wvbWVldHVwLWpvaW4vMTk1M2FtZWV0aW5nX01UWTRPV0ZtWlRFdFl6Z3daaTAwWW1Ga0xXSTJNVEl0TW1aaE9XTTNa-REV4WlRBNSU0MHRocmVhZC52Mi8wP2NvbnRleHQ9JTdiJTlyVGlkJTlyJTJhJTlyZjE1MTc2NGItM2E5NS00ZWFlLTg1M2QtNDgwZWE0ZWl2ZWViJTlyJTJhJTlyT2lkJTlyJTJhJTlyNGY1ODgzMjctNThkZC00ZGM0LWFiNzktZmY2NmU3MWNlOGU0JTlyJTdk&i=NjcxOTAzNDU0MzFjZTY3NDM4NTE2NzQz&t=TWRVUEx5RzdVSkROTIldHlFQmJ1ZHVXSdIEdGNxOG5aS3hlT2pkdjBOUT0=&h=816521060dae4b738ea51c3bb6e996f8&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVa6hlleCB5RzLgF8saGSspRMo5Ku0z\\_i2iqPgDJ3KJxeA](https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com/?d=microsoft.com&u=aHR0cHM6Ly90Z-WFtcy5taWNyb3NvZnQuY29tL2wvbWVldHVwLWpvaW4vMTk1M2FtZWV0aW5nX01UWTRPV0ZtWlRFdFl6Z3daaTAwWW1Ga0xXSTJNVEl0TW1aaE9XTTNa-REV4WlRBNSU0MHRocmVhZC52Mi8wP2NvbnRleHQ9JTdiJTlyVGlkJTlyJTJhJTlyZjE1MTc2NGItM2E5NS00ZWFlLTg1M2QtNDgwZWE0ZWl2ZWViJTlyJTJhJTlyT2lkJTlyJTJhJTlyNGY1ODgzMjctNThkZC00ZGM0LWFiNzktZmY2NmU3MWNlOGU0JTlyJTdk&i=NjcxOTAzNDU0MzFjZTY3NDM4NTE2NzQz&t=TWRVUEx5RzdVSkROTIldHlFQmJ1ZHVXSdIEdGNxOG5aS3hlT2pkdjBOUT0=&h=816521060dae4b738ea51c3bb6e996f8&s=AVNPUEhUT0NFTkNSWVBUSVa6hlleCB5RzLgF8saGSspRMo5Ku0z_i2iqPgDJ3KJxeA)

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## ***MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025***

### **STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)**

10:00 a.m.

NH Hospital Association  
125 Airport Road  
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVudDBYYW9SRTlUT09>

## ***MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025***

### **CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)**

9:00 a.m.

Room 100, SH

Regular Meeting

### **LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)**

9:30 a.m.

Room 100, SH

Regular Meeting

## ***FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025***

### **COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)**

10:00 a.m.

Fish & Game Department  
629 Main St, Ste B  
Lancaster, NH

Regular Meeting

Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 268 956 476 29

Passcode: sb2oU3S3

## ***MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025***

### **STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)**

10:00 a.m.

NH Hospital Association  
125 Airport Road  
Concord, NH

Regular Meeting

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFR3I5emt3NGVudDBYYW9SRTlUT09>

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**FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2025 BILLS:**

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**ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2025 BILLS:**

**HOUSE BILLS:** 370, 399, 513

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## **SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE**

**SENATE BILLS:**

## **HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE**

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## **NOTICES**

### **NOTICE**

#### **LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on April 7, 2025, voted to formally issue the following interpretive rulings, which are printed below in their entirety.

#### **INTERPRETIVE RULING 2025-4**

##### **Defining Substantial**

**(April 7, 2025)**

The Legislative Ethics Committee has received several inquiries regarding the application of HB 1388 which was enacted in 2024. This legislation requires recusal from participation in legislative activities under certain circumstances. Those circumstances are set forth in RSA 14-C:4-a. In response to the inquiries, the Committee has issued and published Advisory Opinions and Interpretive Rulings in order to assist legislators in their compliance with the new provisions.

The statute has two parts, Part I and Part II. Part II addresses conflicts arising from the employment of the legislator, or a member of the legislator's household. Part I involves a legislator, or a member of the legislator's household, who has a personal conflict of interest and "could reasonably be expected to incur a direct and **substantial** financial benefit or detriment as a result." (emphasis added) The word "substantial" was not defined by the legislation and seems to be subject to different interpretations. What may appear substantial to one person may seem insignificant to another. There clearly needs to be some standard for this provision to be enforceable.

In order to address this dilemma, the Committee has looked to the prior actions of the legislature for direction. The legislature previously enacted 14-C:2, IV, (a) (3) which places a limit on gifts which may be received by a legislator to \$250 in a calendar year. This appears to be what the legislature believed was the break point at which a legislator's judgment might be compromised.

While the Committee has no authority to legislate, it does have the responsibility to interpret and apply the new recusal provisions. To do so, the Committee will adopt the prior standard set by the legislature in applying the term "substantial". Any yearly amount under \$250 shall be presumed non-substantial. Anything over \$250 shall be presumed to be substantial as applied to the recusal statute. ***The Committee emphasizes that this is a presumptive standard and is subject to the facts and circumstances of any specific case.*** If the General Court finds it warranted, it may further define "substantial."

Please note that this interpretive ruling applies for the purpose of recusal. It does not change current requirements regarding disclosure of conflicts.

For the Committee,  
Edward M. Gordon  
Chairman

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### INTERPRETIVE RULING 2025-5 Ethics Scenarios (April 7, 2025)

The Committee believes that the following hypothetical scenarios may be helpful in understanding the conflict of interest disclosure procedure and recusal requirements and knowing when disclosing financial interests on the Financial Disclosure Form, filing a Declaration of Intent Form, making a verbal disclosure, or recusing are required. ***The Committee is issuing these scenarios to provide general guidance. Individual circumstances may dictate specific responses that differ from those presented below. The Committee is available to provide advice with respect to specific situations as they arise.***

(1) A legislator is a retired state employee belonging to Group 1 of the New Hampshire Retirement System ("NHRS"). A bill would provide a cost of living adjustment ("COLA") to all NHRS retirees for amounts up to \$50,000 but not affecting contribution levels or future expected benefits of members who have not yet retired.

**Financial Disclosure Form's "Checklist"?** - Yes. The Committee has previously held that legislators, or legislators who have a household member, who are retired NHRS members collecting benefits or active members making contributions, have a financial interest which must be disclosed on the Financial Disclosure Form filed at the beginning of the legislative biennium. The membership should be reported under "(g) The New Hampshire Retirement System."

**Verbal disclosure?** - No. The legislator will recuse and will not be participating in verbal advocacy.

**Declaration of Intent?** - Yes. The legislator is required to report recusal.

**Recusal?** - Yes. As the retired legislator would qualify to receive the proposed COLA, 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 would be required to refrain from participating in any legislative activities involving the bill.

(2) A legislator is the parent of a child who is currently enrolled in the New Hampshire public school system. Under current law, the legislator's income exceeds the threshold that allows participation in the Education Freedom Account ("EFA") program. A bill would remove that income cap and allow the legislator's child to become eligible to participate in the EFA program.

**Financial Disclosure Form’s “Checklist”?** – No.

**Verbal disclosure?** – No.

**Declaration of Intent?** – No.

**Recusal?** No. Parents who have children attending NH public schools constitute a sufficiently broad cross-section of society. The legislator’s financial interest would not be considered *distinct from* nor *greater than* the public at large.

(3) A legislator serves on the governing board of nonprofit entity. The legislator receives no compensation for serving on the board. The nonprofit receives revenue from charitable gaming. There is a bill that caps charitable gaming grants to such entities at \$50,000 per year.

**Financial Disclosure Form’s “Checklist”?** – No. Only “financial interests” are required to be reported on the Financial Disclosure Form. In this example, the legislator is not compensated for serving on the board and therefore has no financial interest. However, the legislator presumably has a **fiduciary** responsibility for the welfare of the nonprofit entity. This creates a **non-financial personal interest** in the outcome of the legislation. The legislator would be required to either disclose this non-financial personal interest on the **General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form** or file a **Declaration of Intent Form** prior to participating in official activities related to the bill.

**Verbal disclosure?** – Yes. When a legislator becomes aware of a non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter the legislator is required to make a verbal disclosure prior to engaging in verbal advocacy at any meeting of the general court or county delegation.

**Declaration of Intent?** -Yes, if the legislator had not previously reported the non-financial personal interest on the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form.

**Recusal?** – No. Recusal is not required for non-financial personal interests.

(4) A legislator serves in an uncompensated capacity on the board of a for-profit nursing home. A bill increases Medicaid rates for long term care.

**Financial Disclosure Form’s “Checklist”?** – No, because the legislator is not compensated for serving on the board. The legislator does not have a financial interest but may have a non-financial personal interest that could be reported on the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form.

**Verbal disclosure?** – Yes. When a legislator becomes aware of a non-financial personal interest in the outcome of a matter the legislator is required to make a verbal disclosure prior to engaging in verbal advocacy at any meeting of the general court or county delegation.

**Declaration of Intent?** Yes, if the legislator had not previously reported the non-financial personal interest on the General Disclosure of Non-Financial Personal Interests Form.

**Recusal?** - No. Recusal is not required for non-financial personal interests.

(5) A legislator owns rental properties in NH. A bill would require landlords to give at-will tenants a 60-day notice of intent to evict.

**Financial Disclosure Form’s “Checklist”?** – Yes. The ownership should be reported under “(d) Real estate, including brokers, agents, developers, and landlords.”

**Verbal disclosure?** – Yes. When a legislator becomes aware of a financial interest in the outcome of a matter the legislator is required to make a verbal disclosure prior to engaging in verbal advocacy at any meeting of the general court or county delegation.

**Declaration of Intent?** – No. A declaration of intent form is not required if no benefit or detriment could reasonably be expected to accrue to the legislator, or the legislator’s household member, as a member of a business, profession, occupation, or other group, to any greater extent than to any other member of such business, profession, occupation, or other group, provided that disclosure of the legislator’s or household member’s membership is made in the Financial Disclosure Form.

**Recusal?** – No. In this scenario, although the legislator-landlord might incur a financial detriment if prevented from executing immediate eviction of a tenant, the potential financial detriment cannot be “reasonably expected” as is required for making recusal mandatory pursuant to RSA 14-C: 4-a, I.

(6) A legislator owns several rental properties in NH. A bill would limit annual rent increases to the rate of inflation, as calculated by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Financial Disclosure Form’s “Checklist”?** – Yes. The ownership should be reported under “(d) Real estate, including brokers, agents, developers, and landlords.”

**Verbal disclosure?** – No. The legislator will recuse and will not be participating in verbal advocacy.

**Declaration of Intent?** – Yes, to report recusal.

**Recusal?** – Holding several units of rental units in the state would likely result in a direct and substantial benefit or detriment and recusal would be required.

(7) A legislator holds title to property subject to current use taxation. There is a bill that would change the formula for taxation, decreasing the amount of taxes to be paid.

**Financial Disclosure Form’s “Checklist”?** – Yes. The ownership should be reported under “(h) The current use land assessment program.”

**Verbal disclosure?** – No. The legislator will recuse and will not be participating in verbal advocacy.

**Declaration of Intent?** – Yes, to report recusal.

**Recusal?** – Yes. The Committee has previously held that the current use tax system constitutes a financial interest, and therefore a potential conflict of interest, with respect to any official activity pertaining to the tax. The bill can be expected to have a “direct and substantial” financial impact on the legislator, making recusal mandatory.

However, 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.

For the Committee,  
Edward M. Gordon  
Chairman

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#### FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

The Senate is cordially invited to join NFI North and Connected Families to an open house and breakfast on Friday, May 2, from 8:30 to 11:00am. Please drop by for fresh coffee and breakfast and learn about the impact of SB 128 and other mental health issues facing New Hampshire. The event will be hosted at the Philbrook Center, 121 S Fruit St., Concord, NH 03301.

Senator Regina Birdsell, Majority Leader

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#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

The New Hampshire Women’s Foundation cordially invites all legislators to join them for lunch on Wednesday, May 7 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 21 Centre Street, Concord. The Women’s Foundation invests in equality and opportunity for women and girls and provides grants to nonprofit organizations in all regions of New Hampshire. This lunch is an opportunity to meet some of the Foundation’s grantees and learn more about the work they do serving women and girls in your community. RSVP is not required, but your response to Devan Quinn at [Devan@nhwomensfoundation.org](mailto:Devan@nhwomensfoundation.org) is appreciated.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President  
Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Minority Leader

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#### THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

Legislators are invited to Navigating Aging in NH to be held in the State House Cafeteria on Thursday, May 8 from 12 - 2 pm. Learn how healthy aging policy is impacted by the newly released 2025 NH Healthy Aging Data Report prepared by UMass Boston. This session provides a unique opportunity for you to understand the demographics and specific needs of older adults in your district and explore effective policy solutions to better support them. A complimentary lunch will be provided by The Works Café.

Senator David Rochefort  
Senator Cindy Rosenwald

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**TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025**

Please join us for the 15th Annual Campaign for Legal Services Kickoff Breakfast, celebrating a legacy of bipartisan public and private support for access to justice in New Hampshire. Governor Ayotte will be the keynote speaker and Nina Gardner will be recognized. Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Grappone Center (70 Constitution Ave in Concord). Registration and coffee will begin at 7:00 AM. The program starts at 8:00 AM sharp and we'll have you on your way by 9:00 AM! RSVP to [dmckinney@nhla.org](mailto:dmckinney@nhla.org) by May 6th.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President  
Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Minority Leader

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**THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025**

The New Hampshire Beverage Association will be holding a legislative luncheon on Thursday, May 15, 2025 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the State House cafeteria. New Hampshire Beverage Association members are companies licensed to manufacture and distribute soft drinks, juices, teas, and bottled water. They provide almost 1,000 jobs and create a direct economic impact of \$841 million in New Hampshire. Please stop by to learn more about their efforts to increase sustainability and sample various new products.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President  
Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Minority Leader

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**FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025**

The New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Association cordially invites you to attend the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 16, 2025, 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.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President

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**THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025**

The NH Oral Health Coalition invites you to our 2025 Legislative Luncheon “#Oral Health Matters: It’s All Connected” hosted on May 29 from 11:30 to 1:30 in the NH State House cafeteria. This year’s event includes oral health and dental providers and programs from your local communities that serve those needing affordable and accessible care. Additionally, we will celebrate the NH Smiles – Medicaid Adult Dental Benefit on its 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Please RSVP to Gail Brown [gbrown@NHOralHealth.org](mailto:gbrown@NHOralHealth.org) or 603-415-5550. See you there. All Senators and their staff members are welcome.

Senator Cindy Rosenwald

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025**

The NH Retail Lumber Association invites legislators and staff to lunch on the plaza Thursday, June 5th. Please join your local building materials suppliers at your noontime break for food truck fare and the opportunity to learn about the independent building material industry in New Hampshire.

Senator Regina Birdsell, Majority Leader

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## SENATE SCHEDULE

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| Thursday, May 15, 2025      | Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5. |
| Monday, May 26, 2025        | Memorial Day (State Holiday)                                                                                                      |
| Thursday, June 05, 2025     | Deadline to ACT on all House bills.                                                                                               |
| Thursday, June 12, 2025     | Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.                                                                                        |
| Thursday, June 19, 2025     | Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.                                                                                 |
| Thursday, June 26, 2025     | Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.                                                                               |
| Friday, July 04, 2025       | Independence Day (State Holiday)                                                                                                  |
| Monday, September 01, 2025  | Labor Day (State Holiday)                                                                                                         |
| Tuesday, November 11, 2025  | Veterans' Day (State Holiday)                                                                                                     |
| Thursday, November 27, 2025 | Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)                                                                                                  |
| Friday, November 28, 2025   | Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)                                                                                            |
| Thursday, December 25, 2025 | Christmas Day (State Holiday)                                                                                                     |