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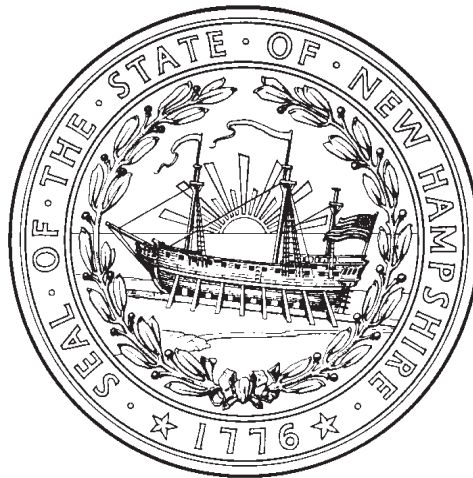
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**Second Year of the 169th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 123-FN, requiring coverage of ear acupuncture as a treatment for substance misuse under the state Medicaid plan.**01/29/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 2**

SB 474, relative to the effective date of the law regarding collection and reporting of abortion statistics.**02/19/2026, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 4**

SB 479-FN, allowing alternative treatment centers to operate for profit.**02/19/2026, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 4**

SB 553-FN, relative to penalties for attempting to elude pursuit by law enforcement.**01/29/2026, Pending Motion Interim Study, Judiciary, SJ 2**

SB 627-FN, relative to toll rate adjustments and periodic inflation-based toll reviews for the New Hampshire turnpike system to support the 2027-2036 ten-year transportation plan. **Pending Motion Ought to Pass with Amendments #2026-0341s and #2026-0533s, Transportation, SJ 3**

SB 651-FN-A, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.**02/05/2026, Pending Motion Inexpedient to Legislate, Judiciary, SJ 3**

HEARINGS

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TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

EDUCATION, Room Map Room, SL

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

9:15 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION

9:30 a.m.

HB 1808-FN-A, establishing the position of academic research and improvement performance data analyst in the department of education and making an appropriation therefor.

9:45 a.m.

HB 1832-FN, adding students with a parent or guardian on active military duty to the education freedom accounts priority guidelines.

10:00 a.m.

HB 709-FN, allowing parents or guardians to admit their children into any school district where they pay any property or school district taxes.

10:15 a.m.

HB 1373, relative to background check disqualifications for applicants seeking educator credentials.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 122-123, SH

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

9:15 a.m.

HB 164-FN, relative to local records retention.

9:30 a.m.

HB 348, relative to eligibility for local assistance.

9:45 a.m.

HB 244, updating and recodifying the municipal enforcement of the building and fire code.

10:00 a.m.

HB 173, relative to maintaining the purpose of a petitioned warrant article.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

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

9:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION****FINANCE**, Room 103, SH

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

1:30 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION****TRANSPORTATION**, Room 122-123, SH

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

1:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION*****WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026*****EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**, Room 103, SH

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

9:00 a.m. **HB 1030**, relative to licensed practical nurse scope of practice.9:10 a.m. **HB 1110**, relative to the New Hampshire real estate practice act.9:20 a.m. **HB 1119**, relative to the regulation of funeral directors.9:30 a.m. **HB 1159**, relative to updating the state building code.9:40 a.m. **HB 1160**, relative to the county-state finance commission.9:50 a.m. **HB 1310**, relative to state licensed or certified real estate appraisers.10:00 a.m. **HB 1379**, relative to the reporting date for the annual complaint data.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, Room 100, SH

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

9:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**9:45 a.m. **SB 453**, authorizing advanced practice registered nurses and physician associates to make certain certifications.10:00 a.m. **SB 613**, relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities established within a 15 mile radius of a critical access hospital.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****MEETINGS*****FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026*****ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10)

9:00 a.m. Room 103, SH Regular Meeting

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

9:30 a.m. Room 158, GP Regular Meeting

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

1:00 p.m. Room 230, GP Regular Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)

9:00 a.m.	New Hampshire Veterans Home Tarr South Conference Room 139 Winter Street Tilton, NH	Regular Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

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

9:30 a.m.	Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Assessment Review Standards Subcommittee
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MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

8:00 a.m.	NHDES 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Finance Subcommittee
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NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2)

10:00 a.m.	National Guard Edward Cross Training Center 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting
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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2)

1:00 p.m.	Room 103, SH	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m.	Edward Cross Training Complex 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

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

9:30 a.m.	Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Assessing Reference Manual Subcommittee
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FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

JOINT LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 17-N:1)

9:00 a.m.	Room 234, GP	Regular Meeting
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CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROGRAMS STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 79:32)

10:00 a.m.	Room 154, GP	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE-IRELAND TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22-a)

10:00 a.m.	Department of Business and Economic Affairs Suite 100 100 North Main Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)**

9:00 a.m.	25 Hall Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER RELATED DEMENTIA (RSA 126-A:15-a)**

1:00 p.m.	Map Room, SL	Regular Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026**NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)**

9:00 a.m.	NHDES 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Source Water Protection Subcommittee
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MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026**CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)**

9:00 a.m.	Room 228, GP	Regular Meeting
	The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is: https://youtube.com/live/wIYOkF-vY-8?feature=share	

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

9:30 a.m.	Room 228, GP	Regular Meeting
	The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is: https://youtube.com/live/lZRro8WydBI?feature=share	

COMMISSION TO STUDY COSTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION (RSA 186-C:1-a)

10:00 a.m.	Room 231, GP	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

10:00 a.m.	NHDES 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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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 Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115	

EDUCATION FREEDOM SAVINGS ACCOUNT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 194-F:12)

1:00 p.m.	Room 231, GP	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61)

9:30 a.m.	NHDES Room 208C 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
	Remote attendance option: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108	

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

COUNTY-STATE FINANCE COMMISSION (RSA 28-B:1)

10:00 a.m.	Brown Building 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m.	Edward Cross Training Complex 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m.	New Hampshire Department of Justice Press Room 1 Granite Place Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

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

9:00 a.m.	25 Hall Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

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	
	Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115	

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m.	Edward Cross Training Complex 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

LONG-TERM SEACOAST COMMISSION ON DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:6)

2:00 p.m.	New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Portsmouth Regional Office Room A Pease International Tradeport 222 International Drive Suite 175 Portsmouth, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

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

10:00 a.m.	NH Hospital Association 125 Airport Road Concord, NH Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115 Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m.	Edward Cross Training Complex 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m.	Executive Council Chambers Room 208, SH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

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

10:00 a.m.	NH Hospital Association 125 Airport Road Concord, NH Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115 Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m.	Executive Council Chambers Room 208, SH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m.	Executive Council Chambers Room 208, SH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m.

Executive Council Chambers
Room 208, SH

Regular Meeting

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2026 PENDING VETO MESSAGES:

SENATE BILLS: 268

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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 2026 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 27, 33, 49, 83, 88, 103, 404, 424, 446, 478, 481, 484, 485, 491, 492, 494, 502, 505, 506, 515, 531, 538, 540, 543, 545, 547, 550, 559, 565, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 589, 590, 591, 597, 600, 601, 602, 603, 608, 610, 611, 614, 615, 618, 620, 622, 625, 627, 628, 631, 632, 633, 635, 636, 637, 645, 651, 666, 669

HOUSE BILLS: 59, 104, 109, 112, 155, 164, 191, 194, 206, 215, 219, 222, 232, 241, 246, 257, 297, 340, 349, 365, 366, 510, 529, 609, 610, 629, 649, 704, 707, 709, 1153, 1301, 1350, 1421, 1471, 1477, 1483, 1655, 1727, 1832, 1837

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2026 BILLS:

HOUSE BILLS: 451, 705

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SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

SENATE BILLS: 15, 27, 33, 34, 36, 49, 83, 94, 103, 134, 182, 186

HOUSE BILLS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

HOUSE BILLS: 59, 109, 126, 191, 221, 222, 266, 292, 340, 481, 649, 707, 751

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NOTICES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

All members and staff are cordially invited to attend the New Hampshire Association of Counties' Annual Legislative Conference, to be held on Tuesday, February 24, at the Grappone Center in Concord from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Guests are welcome to join NHAC for the breakfast reception or for the full program. The breakfast reception will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. In addition to networking with elected and appointed county officials from all ten of New Hampshire's counties, the conference will feature panel presentations focused on federal updates from the Congressional offices, the role of county government in New Hampshire, and other timely topics. This event is complimentary; however, advance registration is requested. Please RSVP to Kate Horgan at khorgan@dupontgroup.com.

Senator James Gray
Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Senate Minority Leader

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

The annual Water's Worth It! legislative breakfast is set for Thursday, March 5, 2026 at the Hotel Concord (11 S Main Street). Check in for the event begins at 7:00 AM with a buffet breakfast. Water quality professionals will present information on drinking water and wastewater treatment challenges in New Hampshire. This year's featured speaker Catherine Grady, MSc, Waterborne Disease and Wastewater Surveillance Epidemiologist will present "Wastewater Surveillance - A Community Diary of Infectious Disease". In addition, staff from the NH Department of Environmental Services Water Division will also address the audience. All legislators and staff are invited to enjoy a hearty breakfast and learn more about New Hampshire's water infrastructure. There is no cost for enjoying breakfast with your legislative peers and attending this event.

Please RSVP to info.nhwpca@gmail.com by March 2nd to reserve your seat at this important breakfast. The breakfast is sponsored by the NH Water Pollution Control Association in conjunction with New Hampshire Water Works Association, Granite State Rural Water Association, and a wide-ranging coalition of other NH non-profit water organizations.

Senator Denise Ricciardi

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, February 23, 2026 -

Friday, February 27, 2026

Thursday, March 05, 2026

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Monday, May 25, 2026

Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 04, 2026

Friday, July 03, 2026

Monday, September 07, 2026

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Thursday, November 26, 2026

Friday, November 27, 2026

Friday, December 25, 2026

SENATE BREAK

Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.

CROSSOVER - Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.

Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.

Deadline to ACT on all House bills.

Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.

Memorial Day (State Holiday)

Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.

Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.

Independence Day (Observed) (State Holiday)

Labor Day (State Holiday)

Veterans' Day (State Holiday)

Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)

Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)

Christmas Day (State Holiday)