

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

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HB 1049, establishing a committee to study landfill siting criteria and methods for reducing pressure on landfill capacity.

Hearing Date: April 26, 2022

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Avard, Giuda, Gray, Watters and Perkins Kwoka

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill establishes a committee to study the siting criteria for new landfills and to study solid waste policies as models for methods to reduce pressure on landfill capacity.

Sponsors:

Rep. Aron

Rep. Bixby

Rep. M. Murray

Rep. Merner

Rep. McWilliams

Sen. Watters

Sen. Hennessey

Who supports the bill: Representative Read, Rockingham-District 17, Representative Bixby, Strafford-District 17, Representative Pearl, Merrimack-District 26, Matt Leahy, Forest Society, Patricia Beffa-Negrini, Susan Richman, Representative Parshall, Cheshire-District 10, Representative Oxenham, Sullivan-District 1, Carol Foss, New Hampshire Audubon, Representative Murray, Hillsborough-District 22, Barbara Reed.

Who opposes the bill: Gary Friddle.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented:

Senator Gray, Senate District 6

- Senator Gray introduced the bill.

Representative Bixby, Strafford-District 17

- The study committee is designed to look at landfill siting criteria to see if anything needs to be adjusted and to look at ways of diverting more material

from landfills. Several similar bills were rolled into this one. He hopes the committee will pass the bill.

Representative Pearl, Merrimack-District 26

- Spoke in support of the bill. The bill is a combination of 6 other similar bills.
- Senator Watters stated that there is an interest in adding solar panels to line 27 as one of the topics to be discussed. He asked if Representative Pearl would be okay with that. Representative Pearl stated that he and his committee most likely would have no issue with that.
- Senator Gray asked if the duties are also contained in the solid waste working group. Representative Pearl stated that they are similar.
- Senator Gray asked if that includes solar panels. Representative Pearl stated that he was unsure, but it may be in one of the study committees. It was not in the one he was in.

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