

**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

05/14/21

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2021 BUDGET RECAP SHEET

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

HB 1 Agency Adjustments Requested	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
1. AU 1444 – DHR Office of Preservation (Compare Report page 817) Additional funds will serve to meet federal match requirement to maximize receipt of Federal Funds and support added scope of work from increased federal fund availability. <u>GENERAL FUNDS</u> Class 50 FT Temp Labor \$31,479 Class 60 Benefits \$2,700	Sarah Stewart Chris Marino	G	\$34,179	\$34,179	\$68,358
2. AU 3529 – State Fire Assistance (Compare Report page 761) Additional Federal Revenue available <u>FEDERAL FUNDS</u> Class 50 Temp Labor - \$81,000 Class 60– Benefits - \$6,500	Sarah Stewart Chris Marino	F	\$87,500	\$87,500	\$175,000
3. AU 3745 – Connecticut Lake Headwaters Stewardship Endowment <u>Compare Report page 805</u> Additional Maintenance Needs – OTHER FUNDS	Sarah Stewart Chris Marino	O	\$153,600	\$203,300	\$356,900
4. AU 3746 – Connecticut Lake Headwaters Maintenance <u>Compare Report page 804</u> Additional Maintenance Needs – OTHER FUNDS	Sarah Stewart Chris Marino	O	\$166,400	\$256,400	\$422,800
HB 2 Sections Approved by House (possible ARPA?)					
5. Section 141 page 157 Jericho Mountain: \$655,000 Hampton RV: \$347,000	Sarah Stewart Chris Marino	G	\$0	\$0	\$0
HB 2 Sections Deleted by House and Agency Requested Changes (possible ARPA?)					
Fort Stark	Sarah Stewart Chris Marino	G	\$615,000	\$0	\$615,000
Wellington, Kingston, White Lake			\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
Ragged Neck			\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000

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Department of Business and Economic Affairs					
Description	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
HB 1 Errata					
1. Technical correction: Move unfunded position (41616) from Film Bureau (3901) to Travel and Tourism (2013). No fiscal impact.	LBA	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0
HB 1 Agency Requests					
2. AU 2007 Class 010 Additional Support Staff (compare p. 671)	Taylor Caswell	G	\$55,556	\$57,954	\$113,510
Class 060 Additional Support Staff		G	\$32,141	\$33,749	\$65,890
3. AU 1456 Class 102 SBDC Budget (compare p.682)	Taylor Caswell	G	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$180,000
4. AU 2013 Class 069 Promotional Marketing (compare p.685)	Taylor Caswell	G	\$175,000	\$225,000	\$400,000
5. AU 2019 Class 069 Promotional Marketing (compare p.686)	Taylor Caswell	G	\$990,208	\$985,208	\$1,975,416
6. AU 2198 Class 022 OSI Relocation Expenses (compare p.689)	Taylor Caswell	G	\$28,585	\$28,585	\$57,170
AU 2198 Class 027 OSI Relocation Expenses	Taylor Caswell	G	\$8,401	\$8,957	\$17,358
AU 2198 Class 030 OSI Relocation Expenses	Taylor Caswell	G	\$20,500	\$0	\$20,500
AU 2198 Class 039 OSI Relocation Expenses	Taylor Caswell	G	\$2,560	\$2,560	\$5,120
6a. AU 2198 Class 066 OSI Training Expenses	Taylor Caswell	G	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
HB 2 Agency Requests					
7. Section 277 (page 136) References BEA as providing staff support to the Offshore Wind and Port Development Commission. BEA and OSI agree this section should be amended to provide support from the Department of Energy.					

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Department of Business and Economic Affairs					
Description	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
Amendment Requests					
8. HB 1- add funds to Small Business Development Center	Sen. Rosenwald/ Sen. Reagan	G	\$215,000	\$215,000	\$430,000
9. HB 1- Restore the Film / Digital Media Bureau	Sen. Rosenwald	G	\$129,625	\$135,706	\$265,331
10. HB 2 -2021-1259s Restore Film Bureau	Sen. Rosenwald		See above.		

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
April 30, 2021
2021-1259s
10/05

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 54 and 55.

2021-1259s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete: 28. Repeals the bureau of film and digital media.

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Department of Transportation					
	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
1 - Funding for equipment for the Bridge Maintenance and Traffic Bureaus (trailers, signal devices, and related maintenance).	Victoria Sheehan, Commissioner	H	\$450,500	\$487,500	\$938,000
2 - Funding for preventative maintenance (guardrail maintenance and repair).		H	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$1,800,000
3 - Funding for preventative maintenance (bridge washing).		H	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$3,400,000
4 - Funding for telematics devices, equipment, and software maintenance for the Mechanical Services Bureau.		H	\$526,605	\$170,300	\$696,905
5 - Funding for ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) device repairs/maintenance, and consultants for TSMO (Transportation Systems, Maintenance, and Operations) Bureau.		H	\$150,000	\$160,000	\$310,000
6 - Funding for statewide graffiti removal.		H	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
7 - Request to reduce anticipated federal grant in public transportation and adjust the state planning and research accounting unit. This is a net zero request.		F	\$0	\$0	\$0
8 - Request to increase appropriations in the Turnpike Division to reflect anticipated back office costs relative to contract costs regarding processing all electronic tolling.		O	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000
9 - Set aside funds for the Conway Bypass payback to the FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) (HB 2 non-lapsing appropriation)		H	\$7,000,000	\$0	\$7,000,000
10 - Reallocate funds between FY 2022 and FY 2023 due to recently received information on federal requirements. This is a net zero request.		H	\$7,000,000	(\$7,000,000)	\$0
		F	(\$7,000,000)	\$7,000,000	\$0
11 - State cash match (20%) to access FHWA and Maritime Administration discretionary grant funds for construction projects.	H	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$9,000,000	
	F	\$36,000,000	\$0	\$36,000,000	
Bills:					

HB 2 (Page 352, Section 168) - Appropriates \$19.0 million in general funds; \$4.0 million block grants to municipalities (Apportionment A), \$5.0 million highway and bridge betterment program, \$6.0 million DOT fleet vehicles/equipment, and \$4.0 DOT winter maintenance **(TO BE DISCUSSED)**

Amendments Requested

HB 2 (Amendment #2021-1415s) - Removes "strictly" from section 132, page 56, line 3. This amendment also corrects a drafting format error for this section as introduced, and passed by the House, that was undetected to this point. **(SENATOR HENNESSEY)**

Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1
May 11, 2021
2021-1415s
05/04

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing section 132 with the following:
2
3 132 Liability for Obstruction or Injury to Highway; Civil Liability. Amend RSA 236:39 to read
4 as follows:
5 236:39 Civil Liability.
6 **I.** If any person, without authority, shall place any obstruction in a highway, or cause any
7 defect, insufficiency, or want of repair of a highway which renders it unsuitable for public travel, he
8 or she shall be liable to the state for all damages to the highway, including **full and current**
9 replacement costs of protective barriers, **and any structure or device that is part of the**
10 **highway or turnpike system**, when maintained by the state, or to the municipality for all damages
11 to a highway, including **full and current** replacement costs of protective barriers **and any**
12 **structure or device that is part of the highway**, when maintained by the municipality, and for
13 all damages and costs which the state or municipality shall be compelled to pay to any person
14 injured by such obstruction, defect, insufficiency, or want of repair as established through an
15 appropriate contribution claim or under the rules of joint and several liability.
16 **II.** **"Full and current replacement cost" as used in this section means actual or**
17 **reasonable estimates of labor, including contracted labor, material, equipment, and**
18 **overhead. Such costs shall not be reduced for depreciation.**

2021-1415s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Replace:

52. Imposes liability on any person who renders any highway unsuitable for public travel,
including full and current replacement cost.

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Judicial Branch

Description	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
Additional Requests:	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald				
1 - 2 additional Circuit Court Judges		G	\$653,564	\$679,747	\$1,333,311
2 - Director of Diversity and Inclusion		G	\$106,223	\$115,091	\$221,314
3 - Additional Accounting Analyst III position		G	\$68,003	\$73,444	\$141,447
4 - Expand existing leased space at One Granite Place to include the Attorney Discipline Office and the Office of Bar Admissions in order to achieve efficiencies.		G	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$252,000
5 - Shortfall in projected VoIP costs.		G	\$109,600	\$109,600	\$219,200
6 - Miscellaneous costs (Equipment and software for personnel.)		G	\$51,520	\$7,020	\$58,540
7 - Reduced Health and Dental Rates (received after House Phase)	G	(\$212,488)	(\$238,585)	(\$451,073)	

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2021 BUDGET RECAP SHEET						
	Department of Information Technology					
ITEM	Description	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
HB 1 Adjustment from Senate Finance Committee Action on Other Agencies						
1	Corresponding change to AU 7303 Adjustment for Office of Child Advocate class 027 reduction for Salesforce software (NOTE- reallocation among other agencies may be necessary)	Senate Finance	O	(\$15,384)	(\$16,153)	(\$31,537)
	Change to AU 7646 for Parole Board budget adjustment to class 027.	Senate Finance	O	\$10,035	\$36	\$10,071
HB1 Errata Changes Requested by Agency						
2	<u>Delete</u> IT for PUC (AU 7681)-PUC moved to Dept. of Energy Compare Report page 50	Denis Goulet and Matt Mailloux	O	(\$312,845)	(\$149,199)	(\$462,044)
3	<u>REDUCE</u> IT for Executive Branch (AU 7702)-OSI moved to Dept. of Energy. Compare Report page 58	Denis Goulet and Matt Mailloux	O	(\$22,095)	(\$13,653)	(\$35,748)
4	Adjust funding allocations for 4 shared positions in AU 7708 to more accurately reflect total source of funds.	Denis Goulet	G	\$15,438	\$16,187	\$31,625
	<i>See above</i>		O, F	(\$15,438)	(\$16,187)	(\$31,625)
HB1 Agency Requested Changes						
5	Increase requested by Dept. of Admin. Svcs and DOIT Changes to cybersecurity insurance costs will require increase to AU 7703 (compare report page 59) Same change in DAS budget (AU 4105 compare report page 134). This change will require an adjustment to section 9 of HB 1 to reflect the DoIT allocation to state agencies.	Dennis Goulet and Charles Arlinghaus	O	\$118,078	\$153,501	\$271,579

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	Department of Information Technology					
ITEM	Description	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
	In addition to the adjustments to section 9 of HB 1 above, DoIT is also requesting the removal of the general fund offset requirement in said section.					
6	AU 7703 Increase for Cybersecurity Software Licenses previously unfunded \$242,750 (class 38 software)	Denis Goulet	G	\$0	\$111,180	\$111,180
	<i>See above</i>		O,F	\$0	\$131,570	\$131,570
7	AU 7703 Increase for Network Switches previously unfunded 100,000 per year (class 37 hardware)	Denis Goulet	G	\$40,100	\$40,100	\$80,200
	<i>See above</i>		O,F	\$59,900	\$59,900	\$119,800
8	AU 7708 Fund 12 of 13 remaining unfunded shared service positions (4 were previously funded; 1 will remain unfunded) and allocate source of funds accordingly.	Denis Goulet	G	\$487,644	\$516,120	\$1,003,764
	<i>See above</i>		O, F	\$632,394	\$675,518	\$1,307,912
9	AU 5213 Fund 1 of 1 remaining unfunded telecommunications shared service positions (NOTE will need offset budgeted)	Denis Goulet	O	\$97,002	\$104,301	\$201,303

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Department of Corrections					
	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
Additional Requests					
1. Funding for 6 existing unfunded education positions	Commissioner Helen Hanks/ Senator Rosenwald	G	\$629,969	\$663,419	\$1,293,388
2. 6 additional probation and parole officers to address the high case ratio	Commissioner Helen Hanks	G	\$635,304	\$638,142	\$1,273,446
3. Continue the recruitment marketing and social media campaign		G	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
4. Funding for body worn cameras for corrections and probation and parole officers		G	\$580,000	\$140,000	\$720,000
<u>Bills:</u>					
None.					

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Department of Education					
	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
1 - Request for funding a statewide student information system and data warehouse.	Frank Edelblut, Commissioner	G	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000
2 - Request to change the source of funds of an existing Administrator I position from federal to general. Total funds net zero.		G	\$108,152	\$116,468	\$224,620
		F	(\$108,152)	(\$116,468)	(\$224,620)
3 - Request to increase a budgeted Administrator I position to Administrator III in the state charter school startup program.		F	\$27,576	\$20,336	\$47,912
4 - Request to establish a business systems analyst I position to support the new federal student longitudinal data systems grant		F	\$121,099	\$122,175	\$243,274
5 - Request to add a new federal grant (out-of-school time career pathway grant).		F	\$1,146,000	\$579,000	\$1,725,000
6 - Request to establish a new accounting unit for the consolidation of ESEA admin, including a new position.	F	\$96,102	\$103,166	\$199,268	
7 - Request to adjust federal system of care grant currently in the budget to the anticipated amount.	Frank Edelblut / Senator Rosenwald / Senator D'Allesandro	F	\$553,562	\$520,904	\$1,074,466
8 - Based on future maintenance of effort (MOE) concerns, set appropriation for special education payments at FY 2021 level (\$30.8 million per year).		ETF	(\$2,452,000)	(\$3,117,000)	(\$5,569,000)
9 - Extend fiscal capacity disparity aid and additional aid based on free and reduced price eligible students through FY 2023 (See HB 2 Amendment 2021-1321s)	Senator D'Allesandro / Senator Rosenwald	ETF	\$40,150,228	\$42,002,877	\$82,153,105
Amendments Requested					
HB 2 (2021-1321s) -Extends fiscal capacity disparity aid and additional aid based on free and reduced priced meal eligible students through FY 2023 (see					

Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20
Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 5, 2021
2021-1321s
06/04

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Repeal. 2019, 346:236, I-II, relative to the repeal of free or reduced price meal aid and fiscal
- 2 2 capacity disparity aid, are repealed.
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- 4 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect June 30, 2021.

2021-1321s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Repeals the repeal of free or reduced price meal aid and fiscal capacity disparity aid to school districts.

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Department of Environmental Services					
	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
1. State Aid Grants Restore State Aid Grants removed by the House as included in the Governor's recommended budget . Includes restoring the language in HB2 introduced which excludes new projects. Also restores the budget footnote which provides the appropriation is nonlapsing for the biennium.	Robert Scott, Commissioner/ Senator Rosenwald / Senator Morse	G	\$8,096,438	\$7,480,501	\$15,576,939
If funding approved above, section 62 of HB 2 will need to be adjusted accordingly (see amendment 2021-1245s)					
2. Pollution Control Program Appropriation of \$55,000 in FY 2022 for replacement of a Mercury Analyzer. Existing unit is beyond it's useful life and repair parts are no longer available. Included in the Governor's letter of March 3, 2021	Robert Scott, Commissioner	G	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000
3. CERCLA (Superfund) Maintenance Contracts		G	\$89,000	\$0	\$89,000
4. CERCLA (Superfund) Maintenance Equipment - Vehicle		G	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000
5. Wetlands - IT Consultants		G	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
6. Lakes Restoration Fund		G	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
7. State Air Permits		O	(\$500,000)	(\$500,000)	(\$1,000,000)
State Air Permits		G	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
8. Environmental Health Program Fed Grant		F	\$325,000	\$250,000	\$575,000
9. Administration Support- Part-time		G	\$22,629	\$22,629	\$45,259
Administration Support- Part-time		O	\$20,068	\$20,068	\$40,135
HB 2 Amendments					
HB2 Amendment #2021-1245s Senators Rosenwald and D'Allesandro. State Aid Grants. Replaces section 62 with HB2 Introduced language to ensure payment of existing grants.					
HB2 Amendment #2021-1473s. Senator Morse replace section 62 with HB2 Introduced language to ensure payments of existing grants, appropriates \$15.6 million in FY 2021 for payment of the grants in FY 2022 and FY 2023. Appropriation does not lapse until June 30, 2023.					

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
April 29, 2021
2021-1245s
12/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 62 with the following:

2

3 62 State Aid Grants; Department of Environmental Services. Notwithstanding RSA 486, for the
4 biennium ending June 30, 2023, no state aid grants shall be made for any new infrastructure
5 projects that would have otherwise been eligible for state aid grants under RSA 486, RSA 486-A, or
6 RSA 149-M, except that infrastructure projects that have achieved substantial completion by
7 December 31, 2019, shall be eligible for state aid grants, subject to availability of funding and in
8 accordance with other provisions of current law. Nothing in this section shall affect the provision of
9 the future water supply land protection grants under RSA 486-A if funding is available for such
10 purposes.

2021-1245s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Replace paragraph 32 with the following:

32. Prohibits the dispersing of state aid grants for certain new infrastructure projects in the
department of environmental services.

Sen. Morse, Dist 22
May 13, 2021
2021-1473s
10/10

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 62 with the following:

2

3 62 State Aid Grants; Department of Environmental Services.

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5 I. Notwithstanding RSA 486, for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, no state aid grants
6 shall be made for any new infrastructure projects that would have otherwise been eligible for state
7 aid grants under RSA 486, RSA 486-A, or RSA 149-M, except that infrastructure projects that have
8 achieved substantial completion by December 31, 2019, shall be eligible for state aid grants, subject
9 to availability of funding and in accordance with other provisions of current law. Nothing in this
10 section shall affect the provision of the future water supply land protection grants under RSA 486-A
11 if funding is available for such purposes.

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13 II. The sum of \$15,576,939 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 is hereby appropriated to
14 the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding payments on existing grants.
15 The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
16 otherwise appropriated. Said appropriation shall not lapse until June 30, 2023.

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62-a Effective Date. Section 62 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2021.

2021-1473s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete:

32. Prohibits the dispersing of state aid grants for certain new infrastructure projects in the
department of environmental services unless the state general fund unrestricted revenues as
reported by the department of administrative services are above the revenue plan.

Add:

1 Prohibits the dispersing of state aid grants for certain new infrastructure projects in the
department of environmental services.

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Department of Energy

	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
1. Cybersecurity Position.	Dianne Martin, PUC Chairwoman	Other	\$122,908	\$126,979	\$249,887
2. Restore General Counsel Position to the PUC/Adjudicative Commissioners (transfer)	Senator Bradley	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
3. Replacement vehicle for the Safety Division	Dianne Martin, PUC Chairwoman	Other	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
4. Site Evaluation Committee					
5. Restore the Administrator Position		G	\$123,722	\$133,224	\$256,946
6. Footnote: Permitting the SEC to seek additional general funds.					

Bills:

See PUC HB 2 Amendments 2021-1466s and 2021-1419s

See Governor's Office Department of Energy Requests Recap

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Governor's Office Department of Energy Requests

	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
HB1. Request from the Governor's Budget Director. Moves positions and appropriations between accounting units in the Department of Energy, Site Evaluation Committee, Office of the Consumer Advocate and the Departments of Business & Economic Affairs and Information Technology.	Matt Mailloux, Governor's Budget Director	Other	(\$4,003)	\$283,446	\$279,443
		G	\$148,680	\$134,847	\$283,527
		TOTAL	\$144,677	\$418,293	\$562,970
Notes:					
DoIT has conflicting request to delete AU for IT for PUC?					
Includes moving costs for OSI Planning to Business and Economic Affairs					
<u>Bills:</u>					
<i>Various amendments to HB2 sections from Matt Mailloux of the Governor's Office.</i>					

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2021 BUDGET RECAP SHEET					
Office of Strategic Initiatives					
Description	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
1. HB 1 and HB 2 move energy functions to new Dept. of Energy (AU 1887 compare report page 408) ; planning function to DBEA (AU 2198 compare report page 689) ; Conservation Land Stewardship to Dept. of Admin. Svcs. (AU 1106 compare report page 137)	Jared Chicoine Jane Lemire	G,O,F	\$0	\$0	\$0
2. Please explain what functions and positions were moved to the Department of Business and Economic Affairs and the proposed Department of Energy.	Senator Daniels				
Bills:					
None					

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Public Utilities Commission

	Contact	SOF	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
1. Cybersecurity Position.	Dianne Martin, Chairwoman	Other	\$122,908	\$126,979	\$249,887
2. Restore General Counsel Position to the PUC (transfer)	Senator Bradley	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3. Replacement vehicle for the Safety Division	Dianne Martin, Chairwoman	Other	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Site Evaluation Committee					
4. Restore the Administrator Position unfunded by the House		G	\$123,722	\$133,224	\$256,946
5. Footnote: Permitting the SEC to seek additional general funds.					
6. Please discuss the proposed move of positions and functions to the proposed Department of Energy	Senator Daniels				

Bills:

7. HB2 Amendment #2021-1466s Senators D'Allesandro. Deletes sections 183-284 which reverses establishment of the Energy Department and restores the appropriations and positions to the previous budget structure under the Public Utilities Commission and Office of Strategic Initiatives. Creates a Commission to study the establishment of an Energy Department.

8. HB2 Amendment #2021-1419s Senators D'Allesandro, Rosenwald, Giuda. Amends section 273, VI to remove the strike through from text regarding increases to the systems benefit charge.

SEE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 183-284, relative to the department of energy.

2

3 1 Department of Energy. Notwithstanding the provisions of HB 1-A:

4 I. The appropriations, classified, non-classified, and unclassified positions contained in HB
5 1-A, section 1 of the 2021 regular legislative session for the department of energy shall be
6 transferred to the public utilities commission, the office of strategic initiatives, the site evaluation
7 committee, and the office of the consumer advocate. Any positions that did not exist in the 2020-
8 2021 biennium shall not be established or authorized for the 2022-2023 biennium.

9 II. The appropriations and classified positions contained in HB 1-A, section 1 of the 2021
10 regular legislative session for the department of business and economic affairs, OSI division of
11 planning, shall be transferred to the office of strategic initiatives.

12 III. The appropriations and classified positions contained in HB 1-A, section 1 of the 2021
13 regular legislative session for the department of administrative services, conservation land
14 stewardship account shall be transferred to the office of strategic initiatives.

15 IV. The department of administrative services shall execute the transfers in paragraphs I,
16 II, and III in order to restore the accounting structure and authorized positions in existence during
17 the 2020-2021 biennium. The appropriation levels established shall equal the amounts and funding
18 sources contained in the agency budget maintenance level request for the 2022-2023 biennium. The
19 amount of general funds necessary to effectuate the transfers under this section are hereby
20 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2023. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant
21 for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

22 2 New Section; Commission to Study the Establishment of a State Department of Energy.

23 Amend RSA 162-H by inserting after section 23 the following new section:

24 162-H:24 Commission Established. There is established a commission to study establishing a
25 state department of energy.

26 I. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

27 (a) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the majority party,
28 and one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, appointed by the president of the senate.

29 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the
30 majority party, and one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, appointed by the speaker
31 of the house of representatives.

32 (c) The commissioner of the department of natural and cultural resources, or designee.

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- 1 (d) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs, or designee.
2 (e) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.
3 (f) The commissioner of the department of administrative services, or designee.
4 (g) One representative of the office of strategic initiatives, energy division, appointed by
5 the governor.
6 (h) One representative of the New Hampshire Business and Industry Association,
7 appointed by the association.
8 (i) One representative of the public utilities commission, appointed by the chairman.
9 (j) One representative of the New Hampshire Clean Tech Council appointed by the
10 council.
11 (k) One representative of utilities, appointed by the governor.
12 (l) One representative of the New Hampshire High Tech Alliance, appointed by the
13 council.
14 (m) The consumer advocate, or designee.
15 (n) The commissioner of safety, or designee.
16 II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
17 attending to the duties of the commission.
18 III. The commission shall:
19 (a) Review existing state programs related to energy.
20 (b) Review the departments of energy that have been established by other states.
21 (c) Consider the feasibility of creating a new department, including the costs and
22 savings, taking into consideration transfers from other state agencies.
23 IV. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the
24 members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member.
25 The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.
26 Nine members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.
27 V. The commission shall make an interim report on or before November 1, 2021, with a final
28 report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation on or before November 1,
29 2022 to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the
30 house clerk, the governor, and the state library.
31 3 Repeal. RSA 162-H:24, relative to the commission to study the establishment of a state
32 department of energy, is repealed.
33 4 Effective Date.
34 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2022.
35 II. Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20
Sen. Giuda, Dist 2
May 11, 2021
2021-1419s
12/11

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend RSA 374-F:3, VI as inserted by section 273 of the bill by replacing it with the following:
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3 VI. Benefits for All Consumers. Restructuring of the electric utility industry should be
4 implemented in a manner that benefits all consumers equitably and does not benefit one customer
5 class to the detriment of another. Costs should not be shifted unfairly among customers. A
6 nonbypassable and competitively neutral system benefits charge applied to the use of the
7 distribution system may be used to fund public benefits related to the provision of electricity. Such
8 benefits, as approved by regulators, may include, but not necessarily be limited to; programs for low-
9 income customers, energy efficiency programs, funding for the electric utility industry's share of
10 commission *and department* expenses pursuant to RSA 363-A, support for research and
11 development, and investments in commercialization strategies for new and beneficial technologies.
12 Legislative approval of the New Hampshire general court shall be required to increase the system
13 benefits charge. This requirement of prior approval of the New Hampshire general court shall not
14 apply to the energy efficiency portion of the system benefits charge if the increase is authorized by
15 an order of the commission to implement the 3-year planning periods of the Energy Efficiency
16 Resource Standard framework established by commission Order No. 25,932 dated August 2, 2016,
17 ending in 2020 and 2023, or, if for purposes other than implementing the Energy Efficiency Resource
18 Standard, is authorized by the fiscal committee of the general court; provided, however, that no less
19 than 20 percent of the portion of the funds collected for energy efficiency shall be expended on low-
20 income energy efficiency programs. Energy efficiency programs should include the development of
21 relationships with third-party lending institutions to provide opportunities for low-cost financing of
22 energy efficiency measures to leverage available funds to the maximum extent, and shall also
23 include funding for workforce development to minimize waiting periods for low-income energy audits
24 and weatherization.

SENATE FINANCE - 2021 BUDGET RECAP SHEET					
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HB 2 Amendment Request (CCSNH) - Request to amend the dual and current enrollment appropriation in section 344 by making it non-lapsing.	Susan Huard, Interim Chancellor				
HB 2 Amendment Request (CCSNH) - Request to allow for CCSNH to seek additional funds not otherwise appropriated through the fiscal committee should dual and concurrent enrollment program charges exceed state appropriation.					

Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20
Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 10, 2021
2021-1381s
12/10

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 117-120 with the following:

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3 117 New Chapter; New Hampshire Higher Education Merger Assessment Commission
4 (HEMAC). Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 188-H the following new chapter:

5 CHAPTER 188-I

6 NEW HAMPSHIRE

7 HIGHER EDUCATION MERGER ASSESSMENT COMMISSION (HEMAC)

8 188-I:1 Findings. The general court finds that affordable access to public higher education at all
9 levels is essential to the health, welfare, and security of all New Hampshire citizens and to the
10 future vitality of the state. To be effective, public higher education must respond to the changing
11 needs and interests of citizens and employers while ensuring those services remain affordable and
12 accessible. The exploration of a single, well-coordinated system of public higher education at all
13 levels, pursuing the unique and diverse missions of its member institutions, offering seamless access
14 to and between all levels of higher education, adapting to the rapidly evolving challenges facing all of
15 higher education, and governed by a unified board of trustees, may be an efficient and effective
16 means for meeting the needs of the citizens and the state.

17 188-I:2 Purpose. The commission is established to explore, study, and assess the potential for
18 establishing a collaborative and strategic merging of the university system of New Hampshire,
19 established in RSA 187-A, and the community college system of New Hampshire, established in RSA
20 188-F. The goal of the commission shall be to determine if a unified system of public higher
21 education is, in all respects, beneficial to the citizens of New Hampshire, and if so, to recommend
22 legislation to provide for the implementation of a coordinated, comprehensive system of public
23 higher education.

24 188-I:3 Membership.

25 I. The membership of the commission shall be as follows:

26 (a) Four members appointed by the chairperson of the university system of New
27 Hampshire board of trustees as follows:

28 (1) One of whom shall have experience and an understanding of governance,
29 especially in higher education.

30 (2) One of whom shall have extensive experience in 4-year institutions.

31 (3) One of whom shall have experience in university system administration.

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- 1 (4) One of whom shall be a member of the university system of New Hampshire
2 board of trustees.
- 3 (b) Four members appointed by the chairperson of the community college system of New
4 Hampshire board of trustees as follows:
- 5 (1) One of whom shall have extensive experience in community college leadership.
6 (2) One of whom shall have extensive experience in 2-year institutions.
7 (3) One of whom shall have experience at community college system administration.
8 (4) One of whom shall be a member of the community college system of New
9 Hampshire board of trustees.
- 10 (c) Three members appointed by the governor who have educational experience in
11 university or community college system administration.
- 12 II Any vacancy in membership shall be filled in the same manner as the commission
13 membership originally established.
- 14 188-I:4 Operation of the Commission.
- 15 I. The commission shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson upon its initial formation.
16 II. Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.
17 III. The commission shall meet at such times and places as it may determine. The
18 chairperson shall call special meetings upon the written request of any 3 commission members or
19 upon the chairperson's motion.
- 20 IV. Members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for
21 expenses reasonably incurred by them in the performance of their duties. Legislative members shall
22 receive mileage at the legislative rate for attending to the duties of the commission.
- 23 188-I:5 Duties of the Commission.
- 24 I. On or before January 1, 2022, the commission shall recommend legislation, if determined
25 both prudent and necessary, that would result in the merging of the community college system and
26 the university system into a single entity called the "New Hampshire college and university system,"
27 to be effective no later than July 1, 2023. In the development of the proposed legislation, the
28 commission shall address and consider issues including, but not limited to, the following:
- 29 (a) Changes to the governance structure of public higher education in New Hampshire.
30 (b) Changes to state laws to improve the systems' efficiency and effectiveness.
31 (c) Development of a reasonable time line for implementation of a merged system.
32 (d) Potential synergies and reduction of unnecessary duplication of programs between
33 the systems.
- 34 (e) Opportunities for sharing best practices and individual efficiencies, building cross-
35 system economies of scale and sharing of resources.
- 36 (f) College affordability.
- 37 (g) Collaborative strategies to attract and retain greater proportions of New Hampshire

1 high school graduates entering the systems.

2 (h) In consultation with the commissioner of the department of education, investigating
3 and pursuing opportunities for collaboration and student pathways for New Hampshire high school
4 students.

5 (i) Financial and social impacts of the merging of disparate collective bargaining
6 agreements.

7 (j) Preserving the unique character and educational missions of 2 systems in a merged
8 system.

9 (k) Ensuring that a merged system will not result in the elimination of physical
10 education locations in any one part of the state.

11 (l) Minimizing or eliminating barriers to student transfer between the systems.

12 (m) The contents and recommendations of the "Final Report of the Study Group for Post-
13 Secondary Education" dated March 19, 2021.

14 (n) Other issues the commission identifies as pertinent to its duties.

15 II. The commission shall use such funds as appropriated to hire necessary consultants as
16 deemed necessary by the commission.

17 III. The commission shall serve as the search committee to select a chancellor once
18 legislation has been submitted, should the commission recommend a single chancellor.

19 188-I:6 Reporting. The commission shall submit interim monthly reports to the public higher
20 education study committee established in RSA 187-A:28-a, the governor, and the chancellors of the
21 university system of New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire, and
22 shall submit a final report by August 31, 2022. Additional copies shall be delivered, on a monthly
23 basis, to the fiscal committee of the general court, the house education committee, and the senate
24 education committee.

25 118 Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,000,000 for the biennium ending
26 June 30, 2023 to the New Hampshire higher education merger assessment commission established
27 in RSA 188-I for the purposes established in RSA 188-I. The appropriation shall be nonlapsing for
28 the biennium. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the
29 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

30 119 Repeal. RSA 188-I, relative to the New Hampshire higher education merger assessment
31 commission, is repealed.

32 120 Effective Date. Section 119 of this act shall take effect August 31, 2022.