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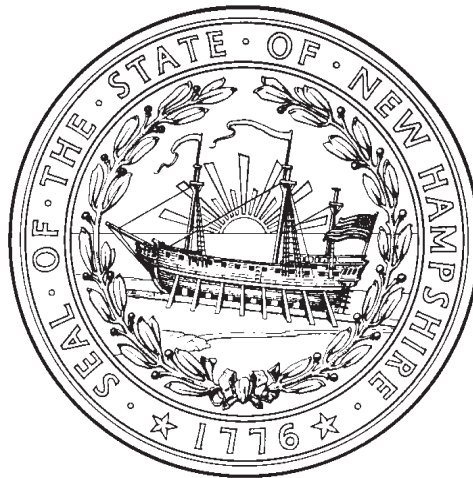
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**Second Year of the 168th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court**

SENATE CALENDAR

LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 63, enabling municipalities to adopt a tax credit for qualified private community property owners.**01/03/2024, Pending Motion Ought to Pass, Election Law and Municipal Affairs, SJ 1**

SB 173-FN, relative to surprise medical bills.**01/03/2024, Pending Motion OT3rdg, Health and Human Services, SJ 1**

HB 572-FN, relative to eligibility for free school meals.**01/03/2024, Pending Motion Refer to Finance Rule 4-5, Education, SJ 1**

HEARINGS

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. Gannon (C), Sen. Ricciardi (VC), Sen. Innis, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Chandley

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 317**, relative to establishing a New Hampshire-Ireland trade council.
- 9:10 a.m. **SB 325**, establishing a committee to study the issue of insurance appraiser licensing.
- 9:20 a.m. **SB 333**, relative to access to financial services for minors in legal custody or guardianship and relative to the board of directors of mutual banks and mutual holding companies.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 332**, limiting re-disclosure of consumer reports requested in connection with a credit transaction involving an extension of credit secured by real estate.
- 9:40 a.m. **SB 477**, relative to establishing a commission to review and make recommendations regarding technology-based start-up business support from the state of New Hampshire.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

EDUCATION, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Ward (C), Sen. Gendreau (VC), Sen. Lang, Sen. Prentiss, Sen. Fenton

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 377-FN**, establishing the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) savings account program administrative fund.
- 9:15 a.m. **SB 379-FN**, relative to emergency action plans for sports related injuries.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 444**, relative to the public posting of board of education agenda items and meeting materials.
- 9:45 a.m. **SB 528**, relative to trustees of the university system.
- 10:00 a.m. **SB 529**, relative to the definition of "teacher."

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Murphy (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Perkins Kwoka

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 344**, relative to declarations of candidacy for president of the United States.

- 9:10 a.m. **SB 489-FN**, relative to election audits.
- 9:20 a.m. **CACR 22**, relating to the New Hampshire presidential primary. Providing that the New Hampshire presidential primary shall be the first presidential primary of a presidential election cycle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

Sen. Avard (C), Sen. Pearl (VC), Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Watters, Sen. Altschiller

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 548-FN**, removing gray squirrels from the definition of game animals.
- 9:15 a.m. **SB 346-FN**, prohibiting the use of dogs while hunting coyotes.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 544-FN**, replacing the deer seal system with a confirmation number system.
- 9:45 a.m. **SB 587**, relative to animals brought into this state.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Rosenwald

- 1:00 p.m. **SB 454-FN**, increasing the annual real estate transfer tax revenue contribution to the affordable housing fund.
- 1:10 p.m. **SB 392-FN-A**, relative to lead paint hazard remediation.
- 1:20 p.m. **SB 311-FN-A-L**, relative to property tax offset for the town of Hampstead and making an appropriation therefor.
- 1:40 p.m. **SB 347-FN**, relative to infrastructure appropriations for reimbursement to the city of Laconia.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Gannon (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Whitley, Sen. Chandley

- 1:00 p.m. **SB 322**, relative to licenses to carry.
- 1:20 p.m. **SB 421-FN**, relative to felony criminal threatening.
- 1:35 p.m. **SB 577-FN**, relative to imposing a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm.
- 2:00 p.m. **SB 571-FN**, relative to requiring a background check prior to any commercial firearm sale.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

TRANSPORTATION, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Ricciardi (C), Sen. Watters (VC), Sen. Ward, Sen. Gendreau, Sen. Fenton

- 1:00 p.m. **SB 583-FN**, relative to including active duty military status on drivers licenses.
- 1:15 p.m. **SB 468**, relative to designating a portion of route 111 in Hudson as the Senator Robert E. Clegg Jr. Memorial Highway.
- 1:30 p.m. **SB 511-FN**, relative to salt reduction in Merrimack.
- 1:45 p.m. **SB 512-FN**, relative to the 10-year highway plan.
- 2:00 p.m. **SB 466-FN**, relative to allowing the department of transportation to erect sound barriers upon request of municipalities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION,

Sen. Pearl (C), Sen. Carson (VC), Sen. Gendreau, Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Sen. Altschiller

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 485-FN**, relative to allowing digitally verifiable licenses, certificates, or permits to prove occupational experience or training for military spouses and veterans

9:15 a.m. **SB 372-FN**, relative to plumbing apprenticeships.
 9:30 a.m. **SB 323-FN**, relative to the definition of salon.
 9:45 a.m. **SB 371-FN**, relative to the licensing of resident physicians.
 10:00 a.m. **SB 306-FN**, reinstating the board of manufactured housing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Birdsell (C), Sen. Avarad (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Whitley, Sen. Prentiss

9:00 a.m. **SB 409-FN**, relative to reimbursement for ambulance services under the state Medicaid plan.
 9:15 a.m. **SB 455-FN**, relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for prosthetic and orthotic devices.
 9:30 a.m. **SB 403-FN**, relative to health care workforce investments.
 9:45 a.m. **SB 410-FN**, establishing a mental health community and transitional housing fund.

The Committee will break at the conclusion of the hearing on SB 410-FN.

1:00 p.m. **SB 319-FN**, relative to vaccine and pharmaceutical products purchased, promoted, or distributed by the state and its political subdivisions.
 1:15 p.m. **SB 351-FN**, relative to statewide work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents on food stamps.
 1:30 p.m. **SB 456-FN**, relative to establishing a nurse retention school loan debt relief program.
 1:45 p.m. **SB 457-FN**, relative to inpatient psychiatric services authorization and utilization review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 100, SH

Sen. Lang (C), Sen. D'Allesandro (VC), Sen. Murphy, Sen. Innis, Sen. Rosenwald

9:00 a.m. **SB 364-FN**, relative to establishing a historic housing preservation tax credit and making an appropriation to the Invest NH fund.
 9:15 a.m. **SB 363-FN**, relative to wagering on simulcast dog racing.
 9:30 a.m. **SB 472-FN**, relative to historic horse racing licensing.
 9:45 a.m. **SB 473-FN**, governing unclaimed horse racing ticket and voucher money.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Gannon (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Whitley, Sen. Chandley

9:00 a.m. **SB 505**, relative to the prohibition on the sale of hemp products containing certain levels of THC.
 9:15 a.m. **SB 316-FN**, establishing a penalty for a person who transports fentanyl class drugs into New Hampshire with the intent to distribute.
 9:30 a.m. **SB 357**, relative to expanding the definition of providers who can certify patients of the therapeutic cannabis program.
 9:45 a.m. **SB 414-FN**, relative to establishing a mandatory minimum sentence for the crime of distribution of a controlled drug with death resulting.
 10:00 a.m. **SB 415-FN**, relative to the penalty for certain fentanyl-related offenses.

The Committee will break at the conclusion of the hearing on SB 415-FN.

1:00 p.m. **SB 418-FN**, relative to THC concentrations for driving offenses.
 1:15 p.m. **SB 419-FN**, relative to THC limits in cannabis and reporting.
 1:30 p.m. **SB 426-FN**, relative to the possession of controlled drugs in motor vehicles.

1:45 p.m. **SB 570-FN**, establishing a misdemeanor for first-offense controlled drug possession.
 2:00 p.m. **SB 416-FN**, relative to the penalties for certain driving offenses while released on bail for certain offenses.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. Gannon (C), Sen. Ricciardi (VC), Sen. Innis, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Chandley
 9:00 a.m. **SB 328-FN**, relative to deceptive ticket sale practices.
 9:15 a.m. **SB 519-FN**, relative to evictions based on the owner's intent to renovate the property.
 9:30 a.m. **SB 518-FN**, relative to incentivizing landlords to accept housing choice vouchers.
 9:45 a.m. **SB 366-FN**, relative to restricting the purchase of real property on or around military installations.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ELECTION LAW AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Murphy (VC), Sen. Abbas, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Perkins Kwoka
 9:00 a.m. **SB 382**, relative to election recounts and audits.
 9:15 a.m. **SB 380**, relative to moving the state primary date.
 9:45 a.m. **SB 445-FN-A**, establishing a voter-owned elections fund for eligible candidates to executive councilor and making an appropriation to the fund.
 10:00 a.m. **SB 446**, allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates for an office.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Rosenwald
 1:00 p.m. **SB 348-FN-A**, relative to emergency crop relief.
 1:10 p.m. **SB 494-FN-A**, relative to establishing a farmer assistance fund.
 1:20 p.m. **SB 396-FN-A**, relative to making an appropriation to the culinary arts program at the Wilbur H. Palmer Regional Career and Technical Education Center.
 1:30 p.m. **SB 398-FN-A**, appropriating additional funds to the department of transportation for existing municipal bridges.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

RULES AND ENROLLED BILLS, Room 100, SH

Sen. Avard (C), Sen. Carson (VC), Sen. Ward, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Rosenwald
 8:30 a.m. Consideration of Late Bills

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. Gannon (C), Sen. Ricciardi (VC), Sen. Innis, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Chandley
 9:00 a.m. **SB 515**, relative to consumer guarantee contracts.
 9:15 a.m. **SB 334**, relative to providing for the issuance of bonds and other obligations by the business finance authority of the state of New Hampshire to finance student loans.
 9:30 a.m. **SB 517**, relative to the employment status of university students working in educational programs.
 9:45 a.m. **SB 308-FN**, relative to the state minimum hourly rate.
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

FINANCE, Room 103, SH

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Innis (VC), Sen. Bradley, Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Pearl, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Rosenwald

1:00 p.m. **SB 397-FN-A**, making an appropriation for OHRV trails.1:10 p.m. **SB 551-FN-A**, relative to making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds.1:20 p.m. **SB 452-FN-A**, relative to making an appropriation for the hiring and training of small business development counselors in rural areas of New Hampshire.1:45 p.m. **SB 493-FN**, relative to establishing municipal emergency disaster relief loan fund to aid municipalities in a natural disaster.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****MEETINGS*****FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024*****PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)**9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
Concord, NH 03301**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)**11:00 a.m. NH Department of Natural and Regular Meeting
Cultural Resources
Main Conference Room
172 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device:
Meeting ID: 294 702 092 687
Passcode: gbvPnA***MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024*****COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILD-LIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30)**9:00 a.m. Conservation Center French Wing Regular Meeting
Williams Room
4 Portsmouth Street
Concord, NH**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF RECENT CHANGES MADE TO CHARITABLE GAMING LAWS, INCLUDING THE NEWLY AUTHORIZED HISTORICAL HORSE RACES (RSA 284:6-c)**10:00 a.m. Lottery Commission Regular Meeting
14 Integra Drive
Concord, NH 03301**STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1)**10:00 a.m. NH Hospital Association Room 1 Regular Meeting
125 Airport Road
Concord NH
See NHCOA website calendar for remote access link:
<https://www.nhcoa.nh.gov/calendar.aspx>**COMMISSION TO STUDY COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF THE SECURED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (RSA 169-B:48)**

11:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Subcommittee Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 126-A:85)

1:00 p.m. NH Department of Justice Regular Meeting
 1 Granite Place South
 Concord, NH
 Meeting ID: 762 964 6757
 Passcode: 782701

COMMISSION ON NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVICS (RSA 21-N:8-c)

2:00 p.m. NH Department of Education Regular Meeting
 Granite State College Building
 Events Center
 25 Hall Street
 Concord, NH

NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22)

2:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024**LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K:1)**

10:00 a.m. Rooms 122-123, SH Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024**PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)**

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
 Concord, NH 03301

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

12:30 p.m. UNH Law, Room 103 Regular Meeting
 2 White Street
 Concord, NH
<https://unh.zoom.us/j/98011299433?pwd=Q0pzeXJwREcxMXE5YWE2WkM0SFRBZz09>

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORKS (RSA 127:12)

1:00 p.m. NH Fire Academy Regular Meeting
 98 Smokey Bear Boulevard
 Concord, NH
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731252212?pwd=Q3pvYncvcW55Zkg0ZVVNQW5USGlsZz09>
 Meeting ID: 827 3125 2212
 Passcode: 392939

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)**

9:00 a.m. Rooms 306-308, LOB Regular Meeting
 Live Stream Link: https://youtube.com/live/M_Wu1xmmaA78?feature=share

NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RSA 238-A:2)

9:00 a.m. NH DOT Rooms 112-113 Regular Meeting
 7 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH

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

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

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting

The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;

https://youtube.com/live/4QzY_9s1bO4?feature=share

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:5)

1:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:1)

1:15 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

(Or Immediately Following House Meeting)

SENATE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:5)

1:45 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

(Or Immediately Following Joint Meeting)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

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

9:00 a.m. NH DES Room 213 Subcommittee Meeting - Construction
29 Hazen Drive Project Assistance
Concord, NH

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

9:00 a.m. NH Veterans Home Regular Meeting
Town Hall
139 Winter Street
Tilton, NH

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

10:00 a.m. NH DES Cafeteria Regular Meeting
29 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

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

2:00 p.m. NH Fish & Game Regular Meeting
West Conference Room
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3)

9:00 a.m. New Futures Conference Room, Suite 400 Regular Meeting
100 North Main Street
Concord, NH

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

9:30 a.m. NH Department of Revenue Administration Public Hearing Meeting -
Training Room Rulemaking Hearing
109 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

CURRENT USE BOARD (RSA 79-A:3)

10:00 a.m. NH Department of Revenue Administration Regular Meeting
 Training Room
 109 Pleasant Street
 Concord, NH

COMMISSION ON NEW HAMPSHIRE CIVICS (RSA 21-N:8-c)

1:00 p.m. NH Department of Education Regular Meeting
 Granite State College Building
 Events Center
 25 Hall Street
 Concord, NH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024**CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)**

9:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is:
 <https://youtube.com/live/XauxAciXXHM?feature=share>

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
 Concord, NH 03301

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

10:00 a.m. Room 203, LOB Regular Meeting

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

10:00 a.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;
 <https://youtube.com/live/ApLPc0I1DGs?feature=share>

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024**PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)**

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
 Concord, NH 03301

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**NEW HAMPSHIRE DRUG OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW COMMISSION (RSA 126-DD:1)**

3:00 p.m. Executive Council Chamber Regular Meeting
 Room 207, SH
 107 North Main Street
 Concord, NH

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

5:00 p.m. Edward Cross Training Center Facility Regular Meeting
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORKS (RSA 127:12)

1:00 p.m.	NH Fire Academy 98 Smokey Bear Boulevard Concord, NH Suzanne Prentiss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731252212?pwd=Q3pvYncvcW55Zkg0ZVVNQW5USGlsZz09 Meeting ID: 827 3125 2212 Passcode: 392939	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

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

10:00 a.m.	NH Department of Safety 2nd Floor Conference Room 33 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SIEC) (RSA 21-P:48, IV)

9:00 a.m.	NH Fire Academy Classrooms 5 & 6 98 Smokey Bear Boulevard Concord, NH 03301	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

9:00 a.m.	25 Hall Street Concord, NH 03301	Regular Meeting
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

10:00 a.m.	Room 203, LOB	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

9:00 a.m.	25 Hall Street Concord, NH 03301	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

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

5:00 p.m.	Edward Cross Training Center Facility 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-06)

12:30 p.m.	25 Hall Street Concord, NH 03301	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

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

10:00 a.m.	NH Department of Safety 2nd Floor Conference Room 33 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION TO STUDY COMMUNITY IMPACTS OF THE SECURED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (RSA 169-B:48)

1:00 p.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

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

5:00 p.m.	Edward Cross Training Center Facility 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

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

10:00 a.m.	NH Fish and Game 11 Hazen Drive Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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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 2023 - 2024 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 75, 80, 97, 106, 112, 128, 133, 134, 137, 151, 156, 173, 178, 180, 191, 210, 218, 235, 239, 248, 249, 255, 259, 263, 267, 303, 304, 306, 307, 308, 309, 311, 315, 320, 326, 329, 330, 335, 337, 342, 345, 347, 350, 361, 368, 369, 377, 383, 384, 388, 393, 397, 399, 404, 413, 419, 427, 436, 438, 439, 442, 443, 445, 453, 466, 470, 473, 478, 480, 485, 486, 487, 489, 493, 497, 499, 511, 520, 522, 523, 525, 534, 536, 545, 549, 550, 556, 561, 562, 563, 567, 569, 575, 578, 579, 580, 603

HOUSE BILLS: 68, 107, 135, 250, 257, 379, 397, 400, 572

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NOTICES

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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee has voted to issue the following advisory opinion, which is printed below in its entirety.

Advisory Opinion 2023-3
Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion from
Representative Alissandra Murray
(December 5, 2023)

The Legislative Ethics Committee, at its meeting on December 5, 2023, considered a request for an advisory opinion from Representative Alissandra Murray. More specifically, she asked for advice on whether, given her employment, she “should be filing a Declaration of Intent prior to any specific vote in the upcoming legislative year.”

In her letter to the Committee, dated October 16, 2023, Representative Murray stated that she is employed by the Reproductive Freedom Fund of New Hampshire (“RFFNH”), which she described as a “501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to fund abortion care for indigent patients in New Hampshire.” She stated that she disclosed her employment by RFFNH on her 2023-2024 Financial Disclosure Form. Her employer engages in minimal “lobbying” activity. However, she is not employed in nor does she receive any direct financial benefit from that activity. Therefore, in the past, she did not think it necessary to make further disclosure by filing a Declaration of Intent Form on particular legislation. That position has been called into question, prompting her request for an advisory opinion.

In completing its consideration, the Committee reviewed the facts set forth in the written request. In addition, the Committee received testimony from Representative Murray and her attorney, William E. Christie. The Committee also invited Ms. Josie Pinto, the Executive Director of RFFNH to attend voluntarily, and her attorney, Jeffrey D. Odland, spoke on her behalf.

The Committee finds that Representative Murray was elected to office in November 2022. She was a founder of RFFNH and served as a volunteer until she was hired for the position of deputy director. The purpose of RFFNH is to provide funding for abortion services. According to the testimony received by the Committee, the executive director of RFFNH, Josie Pinto, is a registered lobbyist representing RFFNH. She specifically testified on five bills before the legislature during the 2023 session with about \$800 in organizational expenses attributable to the lobbying effort. While Representative Murray’s position does not involve lobbying for RFFNH, she did co-sponsor one of the bills promoted by RFFNH and may have voted on others.

Relevant Provision of the Ethics Guidelines

Ethics Guidelines Section 3 -- Prohibited Activities

II. Legislators shall not solicit, accept, or agree to accept anything of value from another for themselves or other persons, if the legislator receives such thing of value:

(b) Knowing or believing that the giver is or is likely to become subject to or interested in any matter or action pending before or contemplated by the legislator or the General Court.

Committee Analysis

In *Advisory Opinion 2023-2*, the Committee considered a set of facts involving a legislator’s proposed employment by an organization which was represented by registered lobbyists and actively promoted or opposed matters pending before the General Court. The Committee reasoned that if the legislator was being compensated to work on behalf of an organization which has a direct interest in the outcome of legislation, the legislator would be receiving something of value to effectively support the organization’s activities. The Committee determined that an organization which intends to effect legislation is different from a business that may be affected by legislation. Accordingly, the Committee advised that, were the legislator to accept employment with the organization, she would be required “to recuse herself from voting, testifying or otherwise participating in any official activities relating to legislation on which (the organization) has lobbied, testified, or otherwise attempted to influence the outcome.” The Committee determined that the circumstances presented in this request are substantially the same as the circumstances presented in *Advisory Opinion 2023-2*.

Conclusion

Accordingly, we advise that Representative Murray is required to file a Declaration of Intent Form on any matters involving abortion funding. As long as Representative Murray is employed by RFFNH, she is required to recuse herself from voting, testifying or otherwise participating in any official activities relating to legisla-

tion on which RFFNH has lobbied, testified, or otherwise attempted to influence the outcome. For legislation generally relating to abortion funding but on which RFFNH has not lobbied, testified, or otherwise attempted to influence the outcome, filing a Declaration of Intent would provide disclosure of the possible conflict sufficient to satisfy requirements of the conflict of interest provisions of the Ethics Guidelines. *[Vote: 5-1]*

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

By the Committee:

Honorable Donna Sytek, Vice Chairman

Senator Ruth Ward

Representative Janet G. Wall

Honorable David W. Hess

Senator Cindy Rosenwald voted against the majority opinion.

Representative Bob Lynn recused and did not participate.

For the Committee,
Edward M. Gordon
Chairman
Legislative Ethics Committee

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In 2023, the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office hosted the first-ever statewide "I Voted" sticker contest. There were over 1,000 entries in the contest, which was open to all fourth graders in New Hampshire. The three winning designs, chosen by local election officials, will be distributed as "I Voted" stickers at all 2024 state elections.

The Secretary of State's Office has hung up posters with all the entries, organized by town, in the Legislative tunnel. Walk through the tunnel when you have a chance to admire the creative and colorful designs submitted by students in your districts and look for the winning designs at your local polling place on January 23rd!

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate President

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

All Senators and Senate staff are cordially invited to attend the "Welcome Back Legislators" reception hosted by the Business and Industry Association, New Hampshire's statewide chamber of commerce. The reception will take place at the Grappone Conference Center (70 Constitution Ave Concord, NH) on Thursday, January 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The reception is complimentary to Senators and staff, but the BIA is requesting advance registration to assist in planning for the event. RSVP to Carole Alfano at the BIA by email at calfano@biaofnh.com or by phone at (603 224-5388, ext. 102).

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Donna M. Soucy, Senate Democratic Leader

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

The Housing Caucus cordially invites all House and Senate members and staff to their second annual legislative luncheon on Thursday, January 18th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the State House cafeteria for a discussion of housing issues facing New Hampshire.

Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Bi-State Primary Care Association will host its in-person NH Legislative and Business Event on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at the Downtown Concord Holiday Inn. Hot breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and the event is scheduled to conclude at 9:00am. This year's breakfast will feature a discussion about workforce challenges and key policy solutions to strengthen access to integrated preventive and primary care for all Granite Staters. Bi-State is excited to debut a video featuring NH's community health center staff, who will highlight the innovative work they do every day to meet their community needs. Please RSVP to Colleen Dowling cdowling@bistatepca.org.

Senator Regina Birdsell

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day (State Holiday)
Monday, February 19, 2024	President's Day (State Holiday)
Monday, February 26, 2024 – Friday, March 01, 2024	Winter Recess
Thursday, March 28, 2024	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Thursday, April 11, 2024	CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.
Thursday, May 09, 2024	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Thursday, May 23, 2024	Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
Monday, May 27, 2024	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, May 30, 2024	Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
Thursday, June 06, 2024	Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports. (4:00 p.m.)
Thursday, June 13, 2024	Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, July 04, 2024	Independence Day (State Holiday)
Monday, September 02, 2024	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Monday, November 11, 2024	Veterans' Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 29, 2024	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas Day (State Holiday)