

HB 1294-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL

1294-FN

AN ACT establishing a committee to study ways to facilitate municipal compliance with Clean Water Act requirements.

SPONSORS: Rep. Granger, Straf. 2; Rep. Bailey, Straf. 2; Rep. Burnham, Straf. 2; Rep. Gerhard, Merr. 25; Rep. Cushman, Hills. 28; Rep. Belcher, Carr. 4

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

AMENDED ANALYSIS

 This bill establishes a committee to study ways to facilitate municipal compliance with Clean Water Act requirements.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

AN ACT establishing a committee to study ways to facilitate municipal compliance with Clean Water Act requirements.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study ways to facilitate
2 municipal compliance with Clean Water Act requirements.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
6 house of representatives.

7 (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
9 the duties of the committee.

10 3 Duties. The committee shall review RSA 426 and RSA 434 and assess the following:

11 I. Would having the department of environmental services assume National Pollutant
12 Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authority help municipalities better meet the
13 requirements of the Clean Water Act?

14 II. How can the state help municipalities acquire more funding to meet Clean Water Act
15 NPDES requirements?

16 Would enabling legislation for regional sewage management programs help smaller municipalities
17 meet Clean Water Act NPDES requirements?

18 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
19 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
20 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
21 section. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

22 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
23 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
24 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2024.

25 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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HB 1294-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2024-0487h)

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Clean Water Act requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT: ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☒ None

METHODOLOGY:

The Office of Legislative Budget Assistant states this bill, as amended by the House, has no
fiscal impact on state, county and local expenditures or revenue.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None