

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee

Kevin Condict 271-3469

HB 83, relative to county commissioners' authority on county buildings.

Hearing Date: March 21, 2023

Time Opened: 9:35 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:37 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Gray, Murphy and Perkins Kwoka

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Abbas and Soucy

Bill Analysis: This bill increases the expense thresholds for county commissioners' authority to purchase real estate and repair, enlarge, or erect county buildings.

Sponsors:

Rep. Aron

Rep. Rollins

Rep. C. McGuire

Rep. Stapleton

Rep. Cloutier

Who supports the bill: Kate Horgan.

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Keith Murphy introduced House Bill 83 in place of the bill's prime sponsor, Representative Aron.

Kate Horgan, New Hampshire Association of Counties.

- Kate Horgan stated that HB 83 simply increases the threshold for the county commissioners to repair, enlarge, or erect county buildings from \$5,000 to \$25,000.
- Ms. Horgan pointed out that the statute altered by this bill has not been updated since the mid-1980s.
- Senator Gray stated that due to the similar subject matter, Amendment #1066s has been drafted for this bill, which combines the language of HB 75, HB 83, and HB 87.
 - Ms. Horgan stated that the NHAC has no issue with Senator Gray's amendment.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 22, 2023