

HB 1338 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **1338**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study imposing a tax on manufacturers based on the cost to dispose of single-use products and product packaging materials.

SPONSORS: Rep. Read, Rock. 17; Rep. Frost, Straf. 16; Rep. Labranche, Hills. 22

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study imposing a tax on manufacturers based on the cost to dispose of single use products and product packaging materials.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT establishing a committee to study imposing a tax on manufacturers based on the cost to dispose of single-use products and product packaging materials.

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 imposing a tax on
2 manufacturers based on the cost of to dispose of single-use products and product packaging
3 materials.

4 2 Membership and Compensation.

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

6 (a) Four members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be members of the
7 Republican party and 2 of whom shall be members of the Democratic party, appointed by the
8 speaker of the house of representatives.

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

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

12 3 Duties. The committee shall study the possibility of imposing a tax on manufacturers based
13 on the cost of disposing of product packaging or single-use products. The study shall include, but not
14 limited to, the possibility of entering into an interstate compact, the distribution of tax revenues to
15 municipalities for the purpose of safely recycling and disposing of solid wastes, a variable tax
16 structure taxing manufacturers of single-use products and packaging materials commensurate with
17 the burden on municipalities for disposing such materials, and taxing compostable and easily
18 recycled materials at a lower rate than difficult to recycle or toxic materials. The committee may
19 solicit information and testimony from any individual or entity the committee deems relative to the
20 study.

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

25 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
26 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
27 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2022.

28 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.