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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

The House will meet on Thursday, February 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. Due to the light calendar, some committees will have scheduled business in the afternoon. Please be attentive to the meeting schedule in this calendar for more information.

The House will meet on Tuesday, February 14th at 10:00 a.m. for session. We will then meet in Joint Convention with the Senate at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing Governor Sununu's budget address. Following the budget address, we will continue our regular session for the purpose of acting on additional House bills.

Please also hold Wednesday, February 22nd as a possible session day, and Thursday, February 23rd as a likely session day in order to meet our deadline to act on House bills going to a second committee. For planning purposes, barring any unforeseen issues, it is my plan that during the week of February 27 - March 3, which coincides with New Hampshire schools' winter recess, we will have no House session.

Pursuant to House Rule 44(d), if any House business is canceled due to inclement weather, notice will be posted on the General Court website at gencourt.state.nh.us. In addition, email notification will go out to affected committees and staff.

State offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

NOTICE

The next meeting of the chairs and vice chairs is scheduled for Tuesday, 1/31, from 9:15 AM – 9:45 AM in Rooms 202-204 of the Legislative Office Building. The chairs and vice chairs meetings will be held weekly, each Tuesday morning from 9:15 AM – 9:45 AM (ongoing location to be announced).

NOTICE

There will be a Republican Caucus on **Thursday, February 2nd at 9:00 a.m.** in Representatives Hall.
Rep. Jason Osborne, Majority Leader

NOTICE

There will be a Democratic Caucus on **Thursday, February 2nd at 9:00 a.m.** in the State House Cafeteria.
Rep. Matt Wilhelm, Democratic Leader

NOTICE

ALL reports, scheduling and notices are due in the House Clerk's Office by **3:00 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS**. Reports and scheduling shall be turned in to House Committee Services for processing **no later than 1:00 p.m.** on Wednesday. Please be sure to complete that work in a timely fashion to meet the Calendar deadline.

CLOSES AT 3:00 p.m. ON:

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, February 3, 2023

Friday, February 10, 2023

Friday, February 17, 2023

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

NOTICE FROM THE CLERK

If you would like to receive the printed House Calendar, you must contact the Clerk's Office and opt-in to request the mailed service.

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2023 HOUSE DEADLINES

Thursday, February 16, 2023	Last day to report HBs going to a second committee
Thursday, February 23, 2023	Last day to act on HBs going to a second committee
Thursday, March 16, 2023	Last day to report all HBs not in a second committee, except budget bills
Thursday, March 23, 2023	Last day to act on HBs not in a second committee, except budget bills
Thursday, March 30, 2023	Last day to report all remaining HBs Last day to report list of retained HBs
Thursday, April 6, 2023	CROSSOVER Last day to act on all bills
Thursday, May 11, 2023	Last day to report Senate Bills going to a second committee
Thursday, May 18, 2023	Last day to act on SBs going to a second committee
Thursday, June 1, 2023	Last day to report all remaining SBs Last day to report list of retained SBs
Thursday, June 8, 2023	Last day to act on SBs
Thursday, June 15, 2023	Last day to form Committees of Conference
Thursday, June 22, 2023	Last day to sign Committee of Conference reports (4 p.m.)
Thursday, June 29, 2023	Last day to act on Committee of Conference reports

NOTICE

Please note that all streaming videos of standing committee meetings and joint committees can be found at the NH House of Representatives

YouTube channel. The link to the YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/c/NHHouseofRepresentativesCommitteeStreaming

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 85, relative to antenuptial agreements. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Debra DeSimone for Children and Family Law. This bill is merely a housekeeping bill. The legislature passed same-gender marriages, however, the written reference to one or the other party has not been updated in RSA 460:2-a. **Vote 16-0.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 30-FN, allowing a county to exempt its chief administrative officer from compulsory participation in the retirement system. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill allows county commissioners to exempt chief administrative officers from compulsory membership in the NH Retirement System (NHRS) with an opt-out clause at the initial time of hiring or appointment. Although there is a means to exempt these specific county employees from the NHRS, it is complicated. This statute would streamline this option, allowing for a larger pool of interested prospects for these positions, and it brings parity to municipalities who have had a similar option since 1971. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 65, commemorating the first labor strike in the United States by women. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Kimberly Abare for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would add a mandatory state-wide recognition of this 1828 strike. The committee was concerned since there was evidence that this was not actually the first women's labor strike in the United States; Dover does not currently commemorate this event; and it may be more appropriate for Dover to do so, instead of a state statute. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 140, proclaiming January 24 as "Granny D" day. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.** Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill commemorates January 24th as "Granny D" Day. As in previous years, the committee finds that proclamations by the Governor and local celebrations are a more appropriate means of commemorations for those whose memory we hold dear, such as Granny D. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 327-FN, prohibiting the state from requiring the public use proprietary software when visiting state websites. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Tony Lekas for Executive Departments and Administration. There are legitimate concerns when proprietary JavaScript software is executed in a person's web browser. Such software has access to most information on the user's system and the user cannot know what such software is doing. The NH Department Of Information Technology (DOIT) is required to protect user privacy and makes an effort to ensure that proprietary JavaScript software that runs on the browser of a user accessing a state website does not put at risk the privacy or integrity of a user's information. The DOIT has plans to increase their efforts in this area. However, it would be better if users of state websites did not have to depend on such assurances. There are at least two problems with the solution mandated by this bill. First, the cost and effort to review all of the state's myriad websites and to update or replace those that do run such software on the user's browser is very large. Not only does the fiscal note have an estimate that could be as high as almost \$114 million for each of the next three years it would take a great deal of DOIT's staff time just to coordinate with outside contractors. This would likely delay the development of important IT work. Second, many of the standard tools used to develop websites and many of the vendors who work on websites make use of proprietary JavaScript software. The limitations this bill would put in place would likely increase the cost of developing all of the state's websites into the future. The potential benefit of this bill is not justified by the cost. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 355, establishing a committee to study the sharing of data between state and federal public housing agencies. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill asked for a committee to study sharing data between state and federal public housing agencies to eliminate the repetitive information requested for housing. The good intentions of this bill are outweighed by the fact that housing agencies are not state agencies and not all are public housing authorities. The committee did not consider the study committee feasible. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 366-FN, prohibiting certain noncompete clauses and nondisclosure agreements regarding free software projects and the sharing of open source software. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Tony Lekas for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would prevent NH from enforcing any terms of an employment contract that would prohibit an employee from contributing source code to free or open source software while employed by that employer. While the committee is not opposed to free or open source software, it is not willing to limit an employer in this way. There are two main reasons for that, in addition to generally not being willing to interfere in such contracts. First, the employer cannot easily be sure that the employee is not contributing proprietary code or information owned by the employer to the free or open software. Second, the employer may be concerned that the employee might not limit their efforts to contributing to free or open software to what is really their free time. It is common for employment agreements, especially in the technology industry, to require prior approval before an employee takes another job while still working for the employer. When the author of this report first ran for state representative, he was a full-time employee and had such a clause in his employment contract, and he had to get prior approval before running for office. **Vote 17-0.**

HR 12, designating November 2023 as "National Lung Cancer Awareness Month" and expressing support for the early detection and treatment of lung cancer. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Matthew Santonastaso for Executive Departments and Administration. The committee is recommending an Inexpedient to Legislate motion to the House in keeping with its tradition of not adding more special days/months to the great amount of already existing days. Even though this resolution is only a one time declaration, we still feel that it is unnecessary for several reasons including that National Lung Cancer Awareness Month is already recognized by the federal government and that an additional resolution of the House will do little to raise additional awareness. The committee continues to urge that issues such as these

are better served at a grassroots level and by adding them to statute, or making resolutions such as this, actually diminishes the energy of the underlying movement. In not supporting this measure, it should not be inferred that any member of the committee believes Lung Cancer Awareness isn't an important issue. **Vote 18-1.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 36, relative to fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Latha Mangipudi for Municipal and County Government. This bill amends RSA 104:31, XIII to adopt the annual Consumer Price Index in setting increases in fees for sheriffs and deputy sheriffs, eliminating variations and introducing consistency to the process. An amendment that refined the language was offered which passed unanimously. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 41, relative to public noticing of meetings for county conventions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laurel Stavis for Municipal and County Government. This bill would have added language to RSA 24:14 requiring county conventions to publicly notice meetings that dealt with supplemental appropriations to the annual county budget. The amended language only required noticing in a daily newspaper which, the committee noted, is inconsistent with existing law on public notices as stated in RSA 675:1. An amendment was offered that added other types of notifications but it failed by a vote of 11-9. **Vote 18-2.**

HB 43, relative to county commissioners' custody and care of all property. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard Brown for Municipal and County Government. This bill would amend RSA 28:6-a and RSA 28:8-d to remove oversight votes of county commissioners by the county convention and executive committees of the county convention. Direct testimony for this change was limited to one county and as such it was not deemed reasonable or necessary to change this RSA statewide. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 72, relative to the tenure of public librarians. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Susan Treleaven for Municipal and County Government. This bill sought to amend RSA 202-A:15 by changing the wording in a way that would have allowed the tenures of employment of public librarians to be shortened and a successor appointed, despite the original term of employment. An amendment was offered which improved the bill, ensuring that public librarians' terms of employment could not be summarily altered, while granting the municipality flexibility with respect to those appointments. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 75, to increase the threshold of county owned personal property subject to competitive bidding. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Richard Brown for Municipal and County Government. This bill increases the dollar threshold for competitive bidding from \$300 to \$3,000 dollars. The previous authority limit of \$300 was established on April 12, 1959. With inflation considered, it is certainly reasonable to establish the new authority limit at \$3,000. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 77-LOCAL, relative to compensation for county delegation meetings. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Allan Howland for Municipal and County Government. This bill would increase the compensation of each county delegate attending each county convention from \$25 to \$100 dollars per day. The prime sponsor was not present to introduce the bill, and the committee was unable to ask clarifying questions. As a result, the committee was unable to make an informed decision on the need for this legislation. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 80, relative to tax exempt status for county real property leased for agricultural uses. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Laurel Stavis for Municipal and County Government. This bill would have amended RSA 72:2, which deals with tax-exempt status for certain county-owned property. The committee noted that the changes were requested by Sullivan County to address an assessing issue specific to them. An amendment seeking to clarify the bill was offered which passed by a vote of 12-7, but the committee ultimately voted to recommend Inexpedient to Legislate based on its focus on introducing changes to one county that could be detrimental to others. **Vote 18-2.**

HB 83, relative to county commissioners' authority on county buildings. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Richard Lascelles for Municipal and County Government. As amended, the majority of the committee agreed the threshold for county commissioners to perform maintenance or repairs on county buildings be raised from \$5000 to \$25,000. In addition, this bill raises the limit from \$5000 to \$25,000 allowing commissioners, when authorized by the county convention, to build or sell/buy county real estate. **Vote 18-1.**

HB 87, relative to county responsibility for capital building projects. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Richard Brown for Municipal and County Government. As amended, this bill would amend RSA 24:13, to clarify powers vested in the county convention and to increase the authority limit from \$5,000 to \$25,000. This is a reasonable increase in authority. **Vote 18-1.**

HB 98-FN, relative to applications for the low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief program. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Josh Yokela for Municipal and County Government. This bill would move the date back for the creation of the application to February, which is not possible since the Department of Revenue Administration does not produce the information needed for the form until late April. The proposed change to the RSA is therefore unworkable. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 148, to raise the minimum value of county purchases of equipment or materials which are subject to competitive bidding. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for Municipal and County Government. This bill increases the minimum value of equipment or material purchases subject to competitive bidding made by the office of county sheriff, county attorney, county treasurer and county register of deeds. The bill raises the minimum value threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all counties. The committee was unable to properly and fully evaluate the merits of the bill and subsequently make an informed decision due to the nonappearance of witnesses and the near absence of substantive testimony at the hearing. **Vote 18-2.**

HB 184-FN, relative to public notice requirements for zoning board of adjustment hearings. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Richard Brown for Municipal and County Government. This bill looked into changing both the length and means of publicizing for notices of zoning board adjustment hearings. While the intent of the bill may be admirable, the prime sponsor and the committee believe the execution of the language changes are inadequate for action at this time. **Vote 18-1.**

HB 197-LOCAL, relative to the proration of property tax exemptions. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Jim Maggiore for Municipal and County Government. As amended the bill provides that individuals who are blind, disabled, deaf, severely hearing impaired, or elderly who have been granted a tax exemption for such and have a fractional ownership in a property, receive the exemption prorated to the fractional ownership rather than as a full owner as currently happens. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 416-FN, relative to membership on certain local land use boards. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for Municipal and County Government. This bill prohibits persons who have engaged in certain prohibited activities while serving on a local land use board from subsequently serving on any zoning board of adjustment, planning board, or select board in their town of residence either by means of election, appointment, or continuation of service. Additionally, this bill disallows persons found to have violated any of the specified prohibitions from participation on said boards. Moreover, this bill allows for any NH citizen to bring a private right of action against a town board for violation of any of the provisions of the bill and holds the town liable for reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in a lawsuit. Lastly, the committee was unable to properly and fully evaluate the merits of the bill and subsequently make an informed decision due to the nonappearance of witnesses and the near absence of substantive testimony at the hearing. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 422-FN, to create a public county registry of the monthly rent charged by landlords for each owned unit. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Julie Gilman for Municipal and County Government. The committee believes this bill is an unfunded mandate, leaving the Registry of Deeds to develop a new database system and infrastructure to be enacted in 60 days. There were no database fields described for rental units such as: is it a short-term, seasonal, at will, number of bedrooms, and if services are included. The committee also was concerned about the invasion of the landlord's privacy. No enforcement language was included. **Vote 18-1.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 52, naming a bridge in Hinsdale as the General John Stark Memorial Bridge. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Michael Abbott for Public Works and Highways. This bill would name the new bridge between Hinsdale, NH, and Brattleboro, VT, in honor of General John Stark, a New Hampshire native and veteran of the Revolutionary War. General Stark has important ties to both New Hampshire and Vermont. He was born in Londonderry and spent most of his life as a resident of what is now Manchester. As an officer in the New Hampshire militia, he took part in the Battle of Bunker Hill, and later served in the Continental Army under General Washington. He is known as the hero of the Battle of Bennington in Vermont, and is credited with the statement "Live Free or Die: Death is not the worst of evils." The Town of Hinsdale approves this request, and the committee feels that this is an appropriate name for this bridge. As with other naming bills, there would be no financial cost to the state for signs or markers; such signage would undergo design approval by the Department of Transportation. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 213, renaming Little Haystack Mountain to Mount Kosciuszko. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**
Rep. David Milz for Public Works and Highways. Testimony revealed that renaming Little Haystack Mountain to Mount Kosciuszko would take the involvement of the federal government due to its location in a national forest. Although the committee looked favorably on the intent of the bill, we felt that bringing back a house resolution in favor of renaming would make it easier for the sponsors to take the next necessary steps for federal approval. **Vote 17-0.**

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 206, including the Space Force in various definitions of the armed forces. **OUGHT TO PASS.**
Rep. Linda Massimilla for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This bill will include Space Force in the definition of “armed services” and will allow members who are currently serving as part of the Space Force to access benefits afforded to other armed force members. **Vote 13-0.**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 REGULAR CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 33, relative to polycystic ovary syndrome awareness. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Tony Lekas for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill is similar to many others that have come before the Executive Departments and Administration Committee looking to have placed into statute an important event or cause. The committee considers these types of bills to be ineffective because there are many of these types of events already in statute that are overlooked or unknown once the bill becomes law. All such bills do is require the Governor's staff to present him with a proclamation to sign on the specified date. Maybe a press release will be issued. However, such bills will do nothing more and are unlikely, on their own, to raise awareness. The committee believes that it would be more effective for citizens to organize events to raise awareness of this issue each year. They could also petition the Governor to issue a proclamation concerning the event. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 94, establishing October 2023 as eczema awareness month. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jeffrey Goley for the **Majority** of Executive Departments and Administration. Eczema is an inflammatory skin condition that causes itchiness, dry skin, rashes, scaly patches, blisters and skin infections, affecting one in 10 U.S. citizens. This bill would require the governor to proclaim October 2023 as eczema awareness month. This bill is similar to many others that come before the Executive Departments and Administration Committee and is looking to have the governor proclaim an important event or cause, many of which are already recognized nationally, including October as National eczema awareness month. The majority of the committee believes it is more effective for a group or organization to approach the governor's office directly for a proclamation, which may create more press and awareness for their cause. **Vote 17-2.** Rep. Dianne Schuett for the **Minority** of Executive Departments and Administration. The committee was impressed by the appearance of the entire Boyon family who all spoke in support of this bill, particularly their son who suffers from extreme eczema and has been bullied and ostracized by his peers because of the visible signs of his affliction. We in the minority have chosen to use the opportunity to make this statement of support for the sufferers of eczema who hope legislative attention to this issue may increase awareness and perhaps encourage more research for a cure.

HB 230-FN, directing the department of agriculture, markets, and food to employ an electronic data processing system for all registrations under its purview. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Sherry Gould for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill will update procedures at the Department of Agriculture, moving from paper to online procedures, and will relieve employees who are spending time on administrative data entry. Freeing them for data collection and verification will allow the department to fulfill its required duties more effectively. The department will move ahead, with the support of the Department of Information Technology, and contract development of an electronic system that will replace some old and unsupported data collection systems, such as the important Weights and Measures data system, as well as adding elements to modernize the systems. As the department is funded by fees, the costs associated in the bill appear to be reasonable to remedy the tremendous need. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 445-FN, relative to the operational funds of OPLC. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Carol McGuire for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill makes the existing Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) dedicated fund non-lapsing, and restricts anything above OPLC direct costs and salaries to be used for capital expenditures and reducing license fees. The OPLC is funded entirely by licensing fees, and in recent years, has collected about \$3 million per year above its direct operating costs, which were lapsed to the general fund. Unfortunately, fees well beyond the cost of supporting the licensees is considered an unconstitutional tax so continuing lapses to the general fund are a problem. In addition, the practice of emptying the fund at the end of the fiscal year created cash flow problems for the agency since license fees are collected periodically rather than evenly throughout the year. The committee considered capping the fund, but was convinced that the second committee would be able to do that more appropriately. **Vote 15-1.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 95, enabling municipalities to adopt rental practice regulations. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Diane Pauer for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill would have permitted municipalities to dictate eviction and rent notifications to landlords, as well as the regulation of permissible rent and rent increases. The majority believes allowing each municipality to establish de facto rent control

flies in the face of free market principles. If passed, this legislation would distort New Hampshire's rental market, insert a central-planning element into the landlord-tenant relationship, and impart multiple unintended consequences the sponsors may have failed to consider. **Vote 16-3.**

Rep. David Preece for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. With the vacancy rate is below 1%, some landlords have been raising rents 100 to 150%, which has resulted in numerous evictions of tenants who have no housing options. The minority believes there is a need for some municipalities to consider adopting rental regulations to protect economically vulnerable people in their communities.

HB 295-FN, relative to requiring all selectboard and school board meetings to be recorded and broadcast live online. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Tim Cahill for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill would require public sessions of the boards of selectmen and school boards to be video recorded and live-streamed. The majority believe this requirement would violate Part 1, Article 28:a - Unfunded Mandate, of the NH Constitution by requiring towns to have the resources to be in compliance with the bill. Not all municipalities have the necessary infrastructure and this could produce an unfunded burden on the taxpayers, thus making this mandate repugnant to the NH Constitution. **Vote 10-9.**

Rep. Laurel Stavis for the **Minority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill amends RSA 31 by adding a section on requiring selectboards to video record and live stream all meetings. An amendment was offered that would have improved the bill by making the same requirement of all public municipal bodies. There was a motion to Retain, based on the fact that the basics of the bill were sound and of good intent, but more work was needed to ensure that the proposed requirement did not constitute an unfunded mandate. The committee heard testimony from several towns that did not have broadband access and, aside from the cost considerations, the bill's effective date of 60 days from passage would have been impossible to fulfill in such towns. The motion to retain failed 9-10, after which a motion of Inexpedient to Legislate passed 10-9. The minority of the committee hopes to continue working with the sponsor on this topic.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

HB 412, re-establishing a commission to study revenue alternatives to the road toll for the funding of improvements to the state's highways and bridges and their resulting improvements. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. John Cloutier for Public Works and Highways. This bill would re-establish a legislative study commission on revenue alternatives to the road toll, popularly known as the gas tax for the funding of improvements to the state's highways and bridges. A commission originally established by HB 1040 became law last year. Unfortunately, the commission did not have enough time to properly explore alternatives to the road toll for electric-powered, hybrid, and fuel-efficient vehicles, and may study other emerging vehicle fuels and technologies, for funding improvements to the state's highways and bridges, ensuring that all motor vehicles contribute proportionally to their impact on New Hampshire's highway infrastructure. This bill would take effect upon its passage. **Vote 18-0.**

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 330-FN-A, relative to the national guard recruitment incentive program and its funding and rulemaking. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Skip Rollins for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. This bill raises the enlistment incentive payment from \$500 to \$1000 to current and former members of the NH National Guard who refer enlistees. It improves rulemaking requirements and also makes provisions for fines collected through the military justice process to be credited to the enlistment incentive fund. **Vote 13-0.**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 202-204, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Executive Session on **HB 97-FN**, establishing an additional penalty for a violation of privacy.
- 10:00 a.m. Executive Session on **HB 560-FN-A**, establishing a contact person notification program to assist law enforcement personnel who have contact with a person with mental or physical disabilities and making an appropriation therefor.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 498-FN**, requiring fish and game officers to obtain a warrant to conduct a search and seizure.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 504-FN**, relative to the adult parole board and making an appropriation therefor.
- 12:15 p.m. **HB 545-FN**, amending the victims' bill of rights.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 588-FN**, relative to the criteria for applying for parole.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 158-FN**, relative to armor piercing ammunition.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 503-FN**, relative to the rights afforded to a person accused of a crime.

EDUCATION, Room 205-207, LOB

- 9:15 a.m. **HB 572-FN**, relative to eligibility for free school meals.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 625-FN-L**, relative to the calculation of average daily membership in attendance and average daily membership in residence for school districts.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 637-FN**, relative to the calculation of average daily membership in attendance for certain home educated pupils.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 501**, relative to ages for special education services.
- 11:45 a.m. **HB 439-FN**, relative to the duty to provide an education and contracts with private schools.
- 12:45 p.m. **HB 540-FN-L**, relative to adequate education grant amounts for pupils receiving special education services.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 530-L**, relative to withdrawal from a cooperative school district.
- 2:45 p.m. **HB 466**, relative to water bottle filling stations in schools.
- 3:15 p.m. **HB 440-FN**, relative to the uses of education trust fund.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306-308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee Work Session on **HB 109**, relative to the occupational therapy practice act.
- 10:30 a.m. Subcommittee Work Session on **HB 337-FN**, relative to directing the office of professional licensure and certification to provide notice of public meetings and an opportunity for comment from the public.
- 11:15 a.m. Subcommittee Work Session on **HB 258**, establishing a certification for animal chiropractors.
- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee Work Session on **HB 409-FN**, relative to nonresident licensure by the board of barbering, cosmetology, and esthetics.

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a), Room 210-211, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Organizational/Regular meeting.

MOUNT WASHINGTON COMMISSION (RSA 227-B:3), Franconia Notch State Park Administrative Office, 260 Tramway Drive, Franconia/Lincoln, NH 03580

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61), NH DES Offices, Room 208C, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Remote attendance:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108>.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HR 8**, urging Congress to enact legislation regulating and banning certain semi-automatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices.
- 10:30 a.m. **HR 9**, calling for the federal government to enact an American Marshall Plan to rebuild economically impoverished communities and strengthen climate resilience infrastructure.
- 11:15 a.m. **HR 13**, affirming support for the people of Puerto Rico.

Reps Hall, SH

- 1:00 p.m. **HR 10**, supporting statehood for the District of Columbia.
- 1:30 p.m. **HCR 1**, a resolution applying for a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30**JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB**

- 1:00 p.m. Executive Session on **HB 67-FN**, relative to the right to review source code of software in criminal cases; **HB 290-FN**, relative to service of writs and precepts by a constable; **HB 162**, relative to supported decision making; **HB 164**, relative to prohibiting towns from criminalizing the right to peacefully and orderly assemble; **HB 169**, relative to termination of guardianship; **HB 187-FN**, permitting a police chief or other designated law enforcement officer to serve process; **CACR 5**, relating to fundamental rights. Providing that the constitution protects the right to marry; **HB 240**, relative to equal access to marriage; **CACR 6**, relating to the retirement age for judges. Providing that the mandatory judicial retirement age shall be increased from 70 to 75; **HB 63**, relative to religious use of land and structures; **HB 256**, prohibiting cities and towns from discriminating in the use of public facilities.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 301-303, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Orientation and welcome of new members.
- 10:00 a.m. **CACR 3**, relating to recall elections. Providing that the general court may authorize recall elections.

10:30 a.m. **CACR 4**, relating to compensation for legislators. Providing that legislators' biennial salary compensation shall be increased.

11:00 a.m. **HB 245-FN**, relative to the compensation of members of the general court.

1:00 p.m. **HB 301**, relative to recusal by members of the general court for conflicts of interest.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4), Department of Environmental Services, Room 214, 29 Hazen Drive Concord, NH

10:00 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

OIL FUND DISBURSEMENT BOARD (RSA 146-D:4), Department of Environmental Services, Room 111-113, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 302-304, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 175**, relative to the state's energy consumption reduction goal.

10:00 a.m. **HB 176**, relative to rules of the site evaluation committee.

11:00 a.m. **HB 208-FN**, establishing greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and establishing a climate action plan.

1:30 p.m. **HB 443**, establishing a commission to study the withdrawal of New Hampshire from ISO New England.

3:00 p.m. **HB 630-FN**, establishing a revolving clean energy accelerator fund in the department of energy.

4:00 p.m. Executive Session on **HB 418-FN**, relative to eliminating the rebates distributed by the energy efficiency fund; **HB 576-FN-A-L**, establishing an energy conservation program and an energy conservation project fund and establishing the state PACE reserve fund; **HB 92**, requiring the adoption of innovative vehicle emissions standards pursuant to section 177 of the federal Clean Air Act.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, Room 104, LOB

10:00 a.m. Orientation.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW, Room 206-208, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 547-FN**, relative to rebuttable presumptions of sole custody determinations.

10:15 a.m. **HB 600-FN**, relative to temporary orders for parental rights and responsibilities.

11:00 a.m. **HB 404**, relative to support contempt hearings.

1:15 p.m. **HB 411-FN**, relative to mediation of cases involving children.

2:00 p.m. **HB 635-FN**, relative to court ordered counseling in parenting plans.

3:00 p.m. Executive Session on **HB 120-FN-A**, relative to the closure of the Sununu Youth Services Center and operation of a replacement secure facility.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 305-307, LOB

1:30 p.m. **HB 210**, relative to fire insurance contracts.

2:00 p.m. **HB 479**, relative to administrative hearings, automation of electronic notices to insurance licensees, and insurance producer activities.

2:30 p.m. **HB 130**, repealing the drug affordability board.

3:00 p.m. **HB 249**, establishing regulatory standards for the pet insurance industry.

EDUCATION, Room 205-207, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 521-FN-A**, relative to the department of education payment for placement for an episode of treatment.

9:45 a.m. Executive Session on **HB 419-FN-A**, relative to the math learning communities program of the community college system and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 542-FN-A**, establishing an academic research and improvement performance data analyst in the department of education; **HB 334-FN**, relative to determination and cost of state adequate education; **HB 364-FN**, relative to transportation for students attending career and technical education centers; **HB 309-FN**, relative to civil rights education in public elementary and secondary schools; **HB 272-FN**, increasing chartered public school per pupil funding; **HB 577-FN-L**, relative to state aid for special education pupils; **HB 420-FN-A**, relative to the availability and funding for the dual and concurrent enrollment program by the community college system and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 365**, relative to a statewide facility condition assessment for school buildings; **HB 103**, relative to school board member qualifications; **HB 377-FN**, relative to screening and intervention in public schools for dyslexia and related disorders; **HB 147**, relative to membership of the advisory committee on the education of students with disabilities.

ELECTION LAW, Room 306-308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Continued Public Hearing on **HB 324-FN-A**, relative to campaign contributions and expenditures and making an appropriation therefor.
- 10:15 a.m. **HB 482-FN**, requiring the use of ballots with embedded security, traceability, and relative to the chain of custody for ballots cast in elections.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 599-FN**, relative to requiring an audit of the November 2022 election results.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 259**, relative to a study about making working at polling places on election day a civic responsibility and legal obligation for citizens.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 395**, relative to the voters' guide for constitutional amendments.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 502-FN**, relative to voter affidavit ballots.
- 11:00 a.m. Executive Session on **HB 324-FN-A**, relative to campaign contributions and expenditures and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 453-FN-A**, relative to prohibiting the folding of election ballots and providing adequate envelopes for absentee ballots to prevent folding; **HB 508-FN**, relative to the payment of postage on absentee ballot return envelopes; **HB 195**, relative to the definition of political advocacy organization; **HB 196**, establishing a commission to review and make recommendations on campaign finance laws.

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE, Room 301-303, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Subcommittee Work Session on **HB 369**, establishing a task force to provide energy relief on farms.
- 10:30 a.m. Executive Session on **HB 79**, relative to the authority of the commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food to inspect apples; **HB 128-FN**, relative to repealing state seed labeling license requirements; **HB 138**, relative to the oversight of the commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and food; **HB 152**, relative to soil and plant additives; **HB 221**, relative to the acquisition of agricultural land development rights; **HB 252**, exempting agricultural operations from certain municipal noise ordinances; **HB 300-FN**, prohibiting the disposal of certain food waste; **HB 462-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the solid waste management fund and targeting food waste reduction and diversion; **HB 494-FN**, relative to fees collected under the New Hampshire fertilizer law.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 119-FN**, relative to homestead food operation licensure.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 122-FN**, relative to microenterprise home kitchen operations.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 493**, eliminating the state meat inspection program.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 348-FN**, relative to the sale of raw milk and products made with raw milk.

FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Division Work Session on **HB 50-FN-L**, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.
- 10:30 a.m. Division Work Session on **HB 555-FN-A**, appropriating state general fund surplus toward the retirement system unfunded accrued liability.
- 11:00 a.m. Division Work Session on **HB 311-FN-A**, making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for eligible wastewater projects.
- 1:00 p.m. Division Work Session on **HB 506-FN-A**, relative to the construction of a rail trail box tunnel on Exit 4-A in Derry and making an appropriation therefor.
- 1:30 p.m. Division Work Session on **HB 384-FN-A**, relative to building a new legislative parking garage and making an appropriation therefor.

FINANCE - DIVISION II, Room 209, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Department of Education - Presentation on State Aid Programs.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES, Room 305-307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Introductions and Presentation by the Fish and Game Department.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 442-FN**, preventing state resources from being used to enforce lobstering regulations in federal waters and establishing a scuba diver recreational lobster license.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 302-304, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 234-FN**, relative to renewable energy credits.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 246-FN**, relative to uses of moneys in the renewable energy fund.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 161**, relative to customer generators of electricity as group hosts under net metering.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 165**, relative to department of energy procedures in lieu of meeting renewable portfolio standards for biomass.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 166**, relative to the elimination of useful thermal energy from renewable energy classes.
- 3:30 p.m. **HB 81**, establishing a study committee to examine all ancillary charges for propane gas sales.

TRANSPORTATION, Room 201-203, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. **HB 268-FN**, relative to the furnishing of special number plates to the liquor commission, division of enforcement and licensing.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 163-FN**, relative to authorized license plate decals.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 646-FN**, eliminating the vehicle inspection mandate for non-commercial vehicles.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive Session on **HB 260-FN**, prohibiting the operation of motor vehicles by drivers with animals on their laps; **HB 374-FN**, relative to the application process for driver's licenses and the privacy of motor vehicle records; **HB 375-FN**, relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire; **HB 388-FN**, relative to number plates for motor vehicles; **HB 393-FN**, permitting a motor vehicle operator to use only a rear license plate; **HB 597-FN**, relative to race and ethnicity data on driver's licenses, and race and ethnicity data collection; **HB 646-FN**, eliminating the vehicle inspection mandate for non-commercial vehicles; **HB 650-FN**, relative to prohibiting suspension of driver's licenses due to nonpayment of fines or fees.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202-204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 297**, relative to the state's dedicated funds review.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 450-FN**, relative to removing the net operating loss deduction limit on taxable income under the business profits tax.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 288-FN**, relative to taxation of sole proprietorship businesses.
- 11:30 a.m. Executive Session on **HB 60**, camping fees for non-residents; **HB 121-FN**, relative to worldwide combined reporting for unitary businesses under the business profits tax; **HB 145**, relative to the collection of sales taxes of foreign jurisdictions by New Hampshire businesses.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 486-FN**, relative to vehicle registrations and reciprocal toll collection enforcement agreements.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 569-FN**, relative to the state education property tax and the low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief program.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302-304, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee Work Session on **HB 39-FN**, relative to paper billing fees; **HB 42-FN**, relative to the operation of certain homeowners' associations; **HB 73-FN**, relative to the repair of home appliances; **HB 173**, relative to toilet facilities provided by restaurants; **HB 178**, relative to the enforcement of condominium liens for assessments; **HB 239**, relative to condominium disclosure of financial information; **HB 459-FN**, relative to transactions exempt from the regulation of business practices for consumer protection; **HB 465-FN**, restricting use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in certain consumer products; **HB 279-FN**, increasing the penalty for on-premises licensees overserving alcohol.
- 11:00 a.m. Subcommittee Work Session on **HB 146-FN**, relative to the closure of state liquor stores; **HB 167**, relative to nano brewery licensing; **HB 531-FN**, relative to the taxation of tobacco and nicotine products; **HB 612-FN**, relative to the fees for New Hampshire wine manufacturers; **HB 639-FN-A**, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor; **HB 130**, repealing the drug affordability board.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 86**, relative to prohibiting the state from contracting with Chinese government owned or affiliated technology manufacturers.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 225-FN**, relative to prohibiting the use of currency that could be detrimental to privacy rights.
- 2:15 p.m. **HB 227**, relative to fair access to financial services.
- 2:45 p.m. **HB 584**, relative to the Uniform Commercial Code's article on controllable electronic records.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 202-204, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 38-FN**, relative to the conditions for release of a defendant pending trial.
- 10:00 a.m. **HB 46-FN**, relative to the appointment of magistrates and repealing the statutes governing bail commissioners.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 400-FN**, relative to certain assault offenses, bail eligibility for commission of certain assault offenses, and making a false report to a law enforcement officer.
- 12:30 p.m. **HB 549-FN**, relative to definitions of domestic violence.
- 1:15 p.m. **HB 315**, prohibiting provocations based on a victim's actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation from being used as a defense in a criminal case.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 596-FN**, prohibiting the use of racial profiling in law enforcement activities and in sentencing.

EDUCATION, Room 205-207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Full Committee Work Session on **HB 601-FN-L**, relative to state participation in the Medicaid direct certification program for free and reduced price school meals; **HB 529-FN-A-L**, relative to additional aid grants for schools based on free and reduced price meals and fiscal capacity disparity; **HB 435**, relative to relief aid calculation in determining grants for adequate education; **HB 540-FN-L**, relative to adequate education grant amounts for pupils receiving special education services.
- 11:15 a.m. Executive Session on **HB 35**, requiring student identification cards to include the National Eating Disorders Hotline; **HB 45**, establishing a committee to study student loan forgiveness in New Hampshire; **HB 71**, repealing a department of education report on chartered public school funding; **HB 131**, requiring reports concerning school policies on classroom recordings and in-classroom observers; **HB 367-FN-L**, relative to eligibility of students in the education freedom account program; **HB 430-FN-L**, relative to applications for the education freedom accounts program; **HB 487-FN**, establishing a New Hampshire farm-to-school reimbursement program; **HB 578-FN**, establishing the position of reporting administrator in the department of education.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306-308, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 519-FN**, relative to establishing a chief information security officer for the department of information technology.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 285**, authorizing the department of revenue administration to incorporate the New Hampshire equalization manual into the administrative rules.
- 10:45 a.m. Public Hearing on amendment #2023-0086h to HB 285, authorizing the department of revenue administration to incorporate the New Hampshire equalization manual into the administrative rules. The amendment allows the department of revenue administration to incorporate by reference the New Hampshire equalization manual into the administrative rules of the department and also allows the department of revenue administration to develop such forms or returns as may be necessary. Copies of the amendment are available on the General Court Website.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 358**, relative to the filing and adoption of proposed administrative rules.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 274**, relative to the administrative rulemaking process.

FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Judicial Branch - Branch Overview Presentation.
- 1:00 p.m. Department of Environmental Services - Agency Overview Presentation.
- 2:00 p.m. Department of State - Agency Overview Presentation.
- 3:00 p.m. Retirement System of NH - System Overview Presentation.

FINANCE - DIVISION II, Room 209, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Department of Transportation - Agency Overview Presentation.
- 1:00 p.m. Department of Safety - Agency Overview Presentation.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Room 104, LOB

- 11:00 a.m. Presentations from the Department of Health and Human Services on selected issue areas.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 210-211, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 598-FN**, relative to funding maternal mortality reviews.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 264-FN**, relative to amendments and corrections to birth records.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 566-FN-A**, relative to establishing a fund for child care workers and early childhood educators at state licensed child care centers.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 574-FN-A**, re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 565-FN-A**, relative to expanding Medicaid to include certain postpartum health care services.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 580-FN**, establishing a children's vision screening initiative within the state Medicaid program.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 282-FN-A**, relative to including certain children and pregnant women in Medicaid and the children's health insurance program.

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:5), Room 305-307, LOB

- 8:30 a.m. Subcommittee meeting.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:1), Room 305-307, LOB

- 8:40 a.m. (Or immediately following the House meeting.) Regular meeting.

JUDICIARY, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Executive Session on **HB 320-FN**, relative to free speech in interactive computer services; **HB 171-FN**, relative to bodily injury actions against governmental units; **HB 314-FN**, relative to

the expectation of privacy in the collection and use of personal information; **HB 149-FN**, relative to the handling of requests made under the right-to-know law; **HB 254**, relative to remote participation in public meetings under the right to know law; **HB 289-FN**, relative to consultation with legal counsel under the right to know law; **HB 307-FN**, relative to attorney's fees in actions under the right to know law; **HB 308**, relative to a quorum for meetings open to the public to include remote presence; **HB 321-FN-L**, relative to minutes from nonpublic sessions under the right to know law; **HB 347-FN**, establishing a superior court land use review docket; **HB 340-FN**, relative to the transfer of residential property; **HB 379-FN**, requiring that attorneys be appointed to represent indigent tenants during residential eviction proceedings and making an appropriation therefor.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT, Room 301-303, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 489-FN-A**, establishing a county tourism development fund administered by the department of business and economic affairs and making an appropriation therefor.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 202**, relative to property tax abatements.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 203**, relative to publication of annual county budgets.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 226**, enabling municipalities to regulate the distribution and disposal of certain solid waste within landfills.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 236**, relative to condominium conversions under water and waste disposal laws and municipal ordinances.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 265-L**, relative to municipal property tax relief for installation of fire suppression systems.
- 2:20 p.m. **HB 273**, requiring composting and waste recycling to be made available to residents of public housing.
- 2:40 p.m. **HB 237**, relative to the date of asset evaluation for purposes of determining eligibility for certain property tax exemptions.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT, Room 305-307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 186**, relative to waivers for alternative sewage disposal systems.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 205**, relative to testing private wells.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 214**, relative to limitations on the designation of a portion of the Merrimack river.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 310**, requiring developers to secure hydrology analysis certifying adequate water capacity and potability when building new subdivisions.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 398**, relative to notice of PFAS and other groundwater contamination prior to the sale of real property.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 592-FN**, relative to buffers around wetlands.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, Room 302-304, LOB

- 1:30 p.m. Executive Session on **HB 39-FN**, relative to paper billing fees; **HB 42-FN**, relative to the operation of certain homeowners' associations; **HB 73-FN**, relative to the repair of home appliances; **HB 173**, relative to toilet facilities provided by restaurants; **HB 178**, relative to the enforcement of condominium liens for assessments; **HB 239**, relative to condominium disclosure of financial information; **HB 459-FN**, relative to transactions exempt from the regulation of business practices for consumer protection; **HB 279-FN**, increasing the penalty for on-premises licensees overserving alcohol; **HB 146-FN**, relative to the closure of state liquor stores; **HB 167**, relative to nano brewery licensing; **HB 531-FN**, relative to the taxation of tobacco and nicotine products; **HB 612-FN**, relative to the fees for New Hampshire wine manufacturers; **HB 130**, repealing the drug affordability board.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 306-308, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee Work Session on **HB 250-FN**, relative to the accidental death benefit payable to a group II member; **HB 571-FN-A**, relative to the cost of living adjustments for certain group II retirees in the New Hampshire retirement system; **HB 436-FN-L**, relative to group II retirement under transition provisions in the retirement system.
Or 30 mins after Session is over.

Room 104, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. Subcommittee Work Session on **HB 620-FN**, establishing a department of early childhood education and relative to a pre-kindergarten pilot program.
Or 30 mins after Session is over.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS, Room 210-211, LOB

- 1:00 p.m. **HB 428**, relative to mental health practice.

1:30 p.m. Executive Session on **HB 91-FN-A**, relative to privacy obligations of the department of health and human services; **HB 587-FN**, relative to a New Hampshire first designation on the donor registry for anatomical gifts; **HB 397**, relative to the prohibition of the possession of hypodermic needles by minors; **HB 329-FN**, establishing an ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) registry in New Hampshire; **HB 598-FN**, relative to funding maternal mortality reviews; **HB 566-FN-A**, relative to establishing a fund for child care workers and early childhood educators at state licensed child care centers; **HB 264-FN**, relative to amendments and corrections to birth records; **HB 574-FN-A**, re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program; **HB 565-FN-A**, relative to expanding Medicaid to include certain postpartum health care services; **HB 580-FN**, establishing a children's vision screening initiative within the state Medicaid program; **HB 282-FN-A**, relative to including certain children and pregnant women in Medicaid and the children's health insurance program.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN FIRST RESPONDERS (RSA 281-A:17-e), NH Fire Academy, 98 Smokey Bear Blvd, Classroom 2, Concord, NH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Room 202-204, LOB

9:00 a.m. Executive Session on **HB 38-FN**, relative to the conditions for release of a defendant pending trial; **HB 318-FN-A**, eliminating bail commissioners, and relative to the release of a defendant pending trial and establishing new circuit court judge positions; **HB 504-FN**, relative to the adult parole board and making an appropriation therefor; **HB 643-FN-A**, relative to legalizing marijuana; **HB 160**, relative to public display of chest; **HB 201-FN**, relative to changing the penalties for driving without a license; **HB 291-FN**, relative to false reports to certain departments; **HB 287**, removing testing equipment from the definition of drug paraphernalia in the controlled drug act; **HB 470-FN**, relative to fentanyl test strips and other drug checking equipment; **HB 292-FN**, establishing a criminal penalty for theft by a public servant; **HB 302-FN-A**, relative to including education in the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the New Hampshire constitution for New Hampshire law enforcement; **HB 144-FN**, restoring firearm ownership rights to ex-felons.

EDUCATION, Room 205-207, LOB

9:30 a.m. **HB 654**, relative to the one-year certificate of teaching eligibility.

10:15 a.m. Executive Session on **HB 155**, relative to the division of educator support and higher education and relative to surety indemnification for private postsecondary career schools; **HB 168**, relative to surety indemnification for career schools; **HB 170**, requiring the teaching of cursive handwriting and multiplication tables; **HB 626-FN**, requiring the department of education to administer the education freedom account; **HB 267**, relative to criminal records checks in school employment; **HB 380-FN**, relative to non-academic surveys administered by a public school or a chartered public school to its students; **HB 638-FN-L**, relative to the extraordinary need grants to schools; **HB 424-FN**, relative to school lunch payment policies; **HB 429-FN-L**, requiring the offering of breakfast and lunch in all public and chartered public schools; **HB 654**, relative to the one-year certificate of teaching eligibility.

FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB

10:00 a.m. Department of Corrections - Agency Overview Presentation.

1:00 p.m. Department of Revenue Administration - Agency Overview Presentation.

2:00 p.m. Department of Administrative Services - Agency Overview Presentation.

FINANCE - DIVISION III, Room 210-211, LOB

1:00 p.m. Presentations from the Department of Health and Human Services on selected issue areas.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13), Room 305-307, LOB

10:00 a.m. Organizational/Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LOW-GRADE TIMBER AND WOOD EMERGING MARKET COMMISSION (RSA 227-1), NH DNCR Forests and Lands, Main Conference Room, 172 Pembroke Road Concord, NH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, Room 201-203, LOB

9:00 a.m. **HB 62-FN**, relative to adjusting the road toll.

9:30 a.m. **HB 480**, relative to the intersection between route 302 and East Conway Road in Conway.

- 10:30 a.m. **HB 456-FN**, relative to collecting road tolls on the output of separately metered electric vehicle chargers.
- 11:45 a.m. **HB 110**, prohibiting the use of state funds for new passenger rail projects.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 606-FN**, requiring construction of state buildings or state-funded projects to contain electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 511-FN**, relative to requiring the department of transportation to do road maintenance and repairs according to its complete streets program
- 2:45 p.m. **HB 361**, relative to Pease development authority board of directors.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY, Room 302-304, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation by Public Utilities.
- 11:00 a.m. **HB 211**, relative to a report by the department of energy on the effectiveness of the system benefits charge.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 633-FN**, relative to electric distribution company market share, prohibiting certain electric rate increases, and requiring enforcement against Eversource.
- 2:00 p.m. **HB 139**, relative to the definition of “municipal host” for purposes of limited electrical energy producers.
- 3:00 p.m. **HB 219-FN**, relative to certain public utilities statutes.
- 4:00 p.m. Executive Session on **HB 630-FN**, establishing a revolving clean energy accelerator fund in the department of energy; **HB 234-FN**, relative to renewable energy credits; **HB 246-FN**, relative to uses of moneys in the renewable energy fund.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, Room 206-208, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 392-FN**, relative to constitutional convention procedures for delegates.
- 9:30 a.m. **HCR 7**, recognizing the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation.
- 10:15 a.m. **HR 15**, relative to affirming support against the establishment of a state religion.
- 10:30 a.m. **HR 16**, relative to the Internal Revenue Service.
- 10:45 a.m. **HR 7**, calling for the federal government to preserve and protect Medicare and Social Security without cuts to benefits.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive Session on **HB 229-FN**, relative to requiring an official declaration of war for the activation of the New Hampshire national guard; **HB 269-FN**, relative to limiting the authority of New Hampshire delegates to policymaking conventions; **HCR 3**, relative to affirming states’ power over the federal constitution; **HCR 4**, urging Congress to propose a constitutional amendment to establish congressional term limits; **HCR 1**, a resolution applying for a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States; **HR 8**, urging Congress to enact legislation regulating and banning certain semi-automatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices; **HR 9**, calling for the federal government to enact an American Marshall Plan to rebuild economically impoverished communities and strengthen climate resilience infrastructure; **HR 10**, supporting statehood for the District of Columbia; **HR 13**, affirming support for the people of Puerto Rico; **HB 392-FN**, relative to constitutional convention procedures for delegates; **HCR 5**, urging the taking of appropriate legal action against multinational fossil fuel companies for harms incurred from disinformation campaigns about the effects of fossil fuel combustion; **HCR 7**, recognizing the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation; **HR 7**, calling for the federal government to preserve and protect Medicare and Social Security without cuts to benefits; **HR 15**, relative to affirming support against the establishment of a state religion; **HR 16**, relative to the Internal Revenue Service.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

EDUCATION, Room 205-207, LOB

- 9:30 a.m. Executive Session on **HB 521-FN-A**, relative to the department of education payment for placement for an episode of treatment; **HB 529-FN-A-L**, relative to additional aid grants for schools based on free and reduced price meals and fiscal capacity disparity; **HB 437-FN**, relative to a reading assessment and intervention program; **HB 102-L**, requiring high schools to include instruction on the nature and history of communism; **HB 435**, relative to relief aid calculation in determining grants for adequate education; **HB 439-FN**, relative to the duty to provide an education and contracts with private schools; **HB 440-FN**, relative to the uses of education trust fund; **HB 466**, relative to water bottle filling stations in schools; **HB 501**, relative to ages for special education services; **HB 540-FN-L**, relative to adequate education grant amounts for pupils receiving special education services; **HB 601-FN-L**, relative to state participation in the Medicaid direct certification program for free and reduced price school meals; **HB 464-FN**, relative to eligible students in the education freedom account program.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Room 301-303, LOB

- 9:00 a.m. Full Committee Work Session on **HB 301**, relative to recusal by members of the general court for conflicts of interest.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 134-FN**, extending the public employees labor relations act to employees of the general court and relative to the duties of the joint committee on legislative facilities.
- 1:30 p.m. **HB 157**, relative to the joint committee on legislative facilities and sexual harassment policies.
- 2:00 p.m. **HCR 6**, relative to condemning the use of violence against supporters of self-governance.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD (RSA 126-BB:2), Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant St., Concord NH

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**FINANCE - DIVISION I, Room 212, LOB**

- 10:00 a.m. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources - Agency Overview Presentation.
- 11:00 a.m. Department of Justice - Agency Overview Presentation.

FINANCE - DIVISION II, Room 209, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Community College System of New Hampshire - System Overview Presentation.
- 1:00 p.m. University System of New Hampshire - System Overview Presentation.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, Room 305-307, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. **HB 241**, relative to the opportunity of school district employees representing the collective bargaining unit to meet with the public employer as part of collective bargaining negotiations.
- 10:45 a.m. **HB 410**, relative to municipality ranked list promotions.
- 11:30 a.m. **HB 561**, establishing a committee to examine workforce and school accommodations for those with long-term COVID and ME/CFS.
- 1:00 p.m. Executive Session on **HB 48-FN**, relative to employee protections from COVID-19 in the workplace; **HB 57-FN**, relative to the state minimum hourly rate; **HB 58-FN**, prohibiting payment of subminimum wages; **HB 74-FN**, relative to an employee's unused earned time; **HB 118-FN**, prohibiting employers from engaging in certain anti-union activities.

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), Edward Cross Training Center Facility, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke, NH 03275

- 5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202-204, LOB

- 10:00 a.m. Agency Presentations.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Reps Hall, SH**

- 9:00 a.m. **HB 32-FN**, relative to possession or discharge of a firearm in a safe school zone.
- 9:45 a.m. **HB 59-FN**, requiring a background check prior to any commercial firearm sale.
- 10:30 a.m. **HB 76**, imposing a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm.
- 11:15 a.m. **HB 78**, repealing an act prohibiting the state from enforcing any federal statute, regulation, or Presidential Executive Order that restricts or regulates the right of the people to keep or bear arms.
- 1:00 p.m. **HB 106-FN**, relative to extreme risk protection orders.
- 1:45 p.m. **HB 351-FN**, relative to the negligent storage of firearms and relative to firearm safety devices.
- 2:30 p.m. **HB 444-FN**, prohibiting possession of a firearm at a polling place.
- 3:15 p.m. **HB 474-FN**, relative to enforcement of federal firearms laws and establishing penalties.
- 4:00 p.m. **HB 512-FN**, exempting firearms manufactured in New Hampshire from federal laws and regulations.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (RSA 126-A:79-a), REMOTE**

- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting. This meeting will take place by remote conference. To listen in please follow the instructions: Please register for HB 737 Commission Meeting on February 10, 2023 10:00 AM EST at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5594148464891896925>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You also may join the meeting by phone: Call in Number: 1 (213) 929-4212 Access Code: 237-862-334 Webinar ID: 914-210-731

The following email address will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can assist with and alert the committee to any technical issues: Amy.E.Rousseau@DES.NH.gov. You may also call Amy Rousseau at 603-848-1372.

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a), Department of Natural & Cultural Resources, 172 Pembroke Road, Main Conference Room, Concord, NH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Remote access: Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 223 916 359 909
Passcode: nCpDM By Phone: +1 603-931-4944 ,975104183#.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY (RSA 12-J:1), State House, 107 North Main Street, Executive Council Chambers - Room 207, Concord, NH

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2), Room 104, LOB

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

JUDICIARY, Reps Hall, SH

9:00 a.m. **CACR 2**, relating to reproductive freedom. Providing that all persons have the right to make their own reproductive decisions.
10:30 a.m. **HB 271-FN**, repealing the fetal life protection act.
1:00 p.m. **HB 88**, relative to reproductive rights.
2:30 p.m. **HB 224-FN**, repealing the criminal and civil penalties from the fetal life protection act.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

JUDICIARY, Reps Hall, SH

9:00 a.m. **HB 346-FN**, relative to the right of any infant born alive to appropriate medical care and treatment.
10:30 a.m. **HB 562-FN**, requiring informed consent prior to receiving an abortion procedure.
1:00 p.m. **HB 591-FN**, prohibiting abortions after detection of fetal heartbeat.
3:00 p.m. **HB 652-FN**, relative to nonpublic sessions under the right to know law.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NEW HAMPSHIRE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RSA 238-A:2), NH DOT, Room 112-113, 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82230897405?pwd=aGZXRnVENi9lYzA5VDdsNmUxMWRrdz09>
By Phone: +1 312 626 6799 Webinar ID: 822 3089 7405 Passcode: 996541

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

WAYS AND MEANS, Room 202-204, LOB

10:00 a.m. Revenue estimates.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP (RSA 149-M:61), NH DES Offices, Room 208C, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting. Remote attendance:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108>.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2), Edward Cross Training Center Facility, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke, NH 03275

5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Rockingham County Executive Committee Meeting, **Friday, January 27, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.**, Hilton Auditorium, Rockingham County Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the second quarter budget review. A quorum is required. Members must attend in person. Masks and social distancing required. Limited In-Person Access: All non-committee members, please contact Cheryl Hurley, Delegation Coordinator, at 603-679-9369, if planning on attending in person.

Zoom Access is also available by phone: 1-929-205-6099, enter the Meeting ID: 571-325-5541.

Note: Participant IDs will not be provided for this meeting, simply press # to continue, password: 312900.

The following email address will be monitored throughout the meetings by someone who can alert the committee to any issues: rbernier@co.rockingham.nh.us

Rep. John Potucek, Clerk

This is to notify you that the Public Hearing and Meeting with the Full **Strafford** County Delegation has been scheduled for **Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** in Superior Courtroom II of the William A. Grimes Strafford County Justice and Administration Building, Dover, New Hampshire. Public Access via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81881210726?pwd=N0FDOXFKSStHQWxvSctZSDE1bm5XUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 8121 0726 Passcode: 676481 or Dial by your location: +1 646 931 3860.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact Janet Hilber, Administrative Assistant at 603-516-7100.

Rep. Peter Schmidt

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB250, HB 327, HB 345, HB 397, HB 436, HB 447, HB 449, HB 460, HB 463, HB 482, HB 519, HB 525, HB 533, HB 535, HB 537, HB 543, HB 547, HB 560, HB 582, HB 593, HB 600 HB 605, HB 605, HB 612, HB 613, HB 614, HB 615, HB 617, HB 618, HB 624, HB 628, HB 630, HB 639, HB 643.

MEMBERS' NOTICES

The following notices are published in the House Record as a courtesy to the member(s) requesting publication. These are not official public notices and will be limited to legislative policy or legislative social activities and political meetings or events. Publication should not be construed as support for either the events listed or the views espoused by the individual or organization sponsoring the event.

All members who are Free & Accepted Masons are invited to attend a gathering after the next House session in the Clerk's Conference room to talk about our special legislative lodge. Please contact the Clerk if you have any questions.

Speaker Packard

The Legislative Right to Life Caucus will hold a luncheon meeting at the Upham Walker House from **12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 2**. All legislators are invited.

Reps. Mark Pearson and Katy Peternel

There will be a NH Disability Organizations Meet and Greet on **February 2, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.** at the State House Cafeteria. All legislators are invited to join NH's disability organizations to learn about their work and discuss how policy can impact the lives of people with disabilities. This event is co-sponsored by the NH Bipartisan Disability Caucus. Refreshments will be served. For any questions contact: Vanessa.A.Blais@ddc.nh.gov or call 603-271-7040.

Rep. Gaby Grossman

First meeting of the NH House Nullification Caucus will be **4:00 p.m. Saturday, 4 Feb 2023** in the Galway Room of Murphys in Bedford. The House Nullification Caucus is an issue caucus dedicated to expressly reducing the influence of the federal government in New Hampshire.

Rep. Jason Gerhard

AARP New Hampshire cordially invites all House and Senate members to a legislative lunch on **Tuesday, February 7th, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** in the State House Cafeteria. Joins us for sandwiches, beverages, and dessert. AARP volunteers and staff will be on hand to discuss pending legislation, as well as issues important to Granite Staters 50-plus.

Reps. Jason Osborne and Matt Wilhelm

Northeast Delta Dental cordially invites all House and Senate members to their Twenty-Second Annual Legislative Reception on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at their corporate headquarters at One Delta Drive in Concord, New Hampshire. Please RSVP to Siobhan Hutchison at 603-223-1244 or email legreception@nedelta.com.

Reps. Jason Osborne and Matt Wilhelm

The Housing Caucus cordially invites all House and Senate members and staff to their inaugural legislative luncheon, which was rescheduled due to weather, on **Thursday, February 9 from 12 - 1:30 p.m.** in the State House cafeteria for introduction to the caucus and issue of housing.

Rep. Alexander

Please join the New Hampshire Retail Association (NHRA) for the 57th Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn in Concord on **February 16th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** The annual meeting brings together retailers, stakeholders, and legislators for a conversation on the issues impacting New Hampshire's retail industry. Additionally, there will be a presentation of our annual Retailer of the Year Award, Legislator of the Year Award, and Law Enforcement Partner of the Year award. Lunch will be provided. To RSVP, please contact Curtis Picard at curtis@retailnh.com.

Reps. Jason Osborne and Matt Wilhelm

The New Hampshire Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (NHANA) and the New Hampshire Nurse Practitioner Association (NHNP) will be hosting a legislative breakfast on **Tuesday, February 21st, from 8 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** in the State House cafeteria. Note that this has been rescheduled from January 26th. A hearty warm breakfast will be served. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) including CRNAs, NPs and CNMs will be on hand to discuss pending legislation as well as the services they provide to NH residents.

Rep. Mark Pearson

Legislative Breakfast – The annual Water's Worth It! legislative breakfast is set for **Wednesday March 8, 2023** at the Holiday Inn on Main Street in Concord. Check in for the event begins at **7:00 a.m.** with a breakfast buffet. Water quality professionals will present information on drinking water and wastewater treatment challenges in New Hampshire. The keynote speaker this year is Scott Spradling an Emmy award winning former reporter, anchor, and political director for WMUR-TV. In addition, Water Division staff for NH-DES will also address the audience. All legislators and staff are invited to enjoy a hearty breakfast and learn more about New Hampshire's water infrastructure. This event is free.

Please RSVP to info.nhwpca@gmail.com by February 24th to reserve your seat at this important breakfast. The breakfast is sponsored by the NH Water Pollution Control Association in conjunction with a wide-ranging coalition of other NH non-profit water organizations. There is no cost for enjoying breakfast with your legislative peers and attending this event.

Rep. Tom Buco

AMENDMENTS
(LISTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER)

Amendment to HB 36
(2023-0026h)

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government – c

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Sheriffs and Constables; Fees of Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs. Amend RSA 104:31, XIII to read as follows:

XIII. The fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs specified in paragraphs I through IV and paragraphs VII through IX-b may be increased once annually by a vote of the county convention [~~and the total~~]. ***The percentage of the increase shall not exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index of all items for All Urban Consumers, Northeast Region as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor [using the amount published for the month of June in the year prior to the start of the fiscal year on a percentage basis] for the calendar year preceding the vote.***

Amendment to HB 72
(2023-0018h)

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government – c

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 Public Librarian; Qualification and Tenure. Amend RSA 202-A:15 to read as follows:

202-A:15 Public Librarian; Qualification and Tenure. The librarian shall have education of sufficient breadth and depth to give leadership in the use of books and related materials. The librarian shall be appointed by the board of library trustees for a term of office agreed to at the time of employment [~~and until a successor is appointed and qualified~~].

2023-0018h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes a municipality's board of library trustees to appoint librarians for a set term.

Amendment to HB 83
(2023-0119h)

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government – c

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Counties; County Buildings. Amend RSA 28:5 to read as follows:

28:5 County Buildings. The county commissioners may repair, enlarge, or erect county buildings at an expense not exceeding [~~\$5,000~~] **\$25,000**.

2 Counties; Real Estate. Amend RSA 28:7 to read as follows:

28:7 Real Estate. When so authorized by the county convention they may purchase such real estate as may be required for county correctional facilities, including county farms, or other county uses, and may repair, enlarge or erect county buildings at a cost exceeding [~~\$5,000~~] **\$25,000**; and, with like authority, they may sell any of the county's real estate.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

2023-0119h
AMENDED ANALYSIS

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

Amendment to HB 87
(2023-0118h)

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government – c

Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 County Conventions; Powers. Amend RSA 24:13, I to read as follows:

I. The [~~power~~] ***following powers shall be vested in the county convention:***

(a) To raise county taxes[;];

(b) To make appropriations for the use of the county; [~~and~~]

(c) To authorize the purchase of real estate for its use, the sale and conveyance of its real estate[;];

(d) ***To authorize*** the erection, enlargement or repair of its buildings exceeding an expense of [~~\$5,000~~] **\$25,000**[;]; and [~~the issuing of~~]

(e) ***To issue*** bonds for its debts[; ~~shall be vested in the county convention~~].

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**Amendment to HB 197-LOCAL
(2023-0057h)**

Proposed by the Committee on Municipal and County Government – c

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following and renumbering the original section 2 to read as 3:
2 Applicability. Pursuant to RSA 72:27-a, IV:

I. RSA 72:37, as applied pursuant to the amendment of RSA 72:41 in section 1 of this act, shall not require local re-adoption by the municipality and shall apply beginning with the 2024 property tax year.

II. RSA 72:37-b, as applied pursuant to the amendment of RSA 72:41 in section 1 of this act, shall not require local re-adoption by the municipality and shall apply beginning with the 2024 property tax year.

III. RSA 72:38-b, as applied pursuant to the amendment of RSA 72:41 in section 1 of this act, shall not require local re-adoption by the municipality and shall apply beginning with the 2024 property tax year.

IV. RSA 72:39-b, as applied pursuant to the amendment of RSA 72:41 in section 1 of this act, shall not require local re-adoption by the municipality and shall apply beginning with the 2024 property tax year.