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HOUSE CALENDAR

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE:

Pursuant to Part II, Article 3, of the New Hampshire Constitution, the 168th Session of the General Court will organize Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 10:00AM. In accordance with Part II, Article 3, the opening day of the 2023 Session will be on the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in January (January 4, 2023).

Please note that the New Legislator Orientation Program is scheduled for November 29th, 30th, and December 1st.

For planning purposes, please note that state offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24th, and Friday, November 25th (Thanksgiving break).

This will be the last Calendar we mail to the Members of the 2021-2022 session. There will not be a Calendar next week. The week after Thanksgiving (December 1st), the Calendar will be mailed to all Members-Elect, and it will include a listing of temporary seating assignments for Organization Day.

I'd like to remind everyone that it is imperative to adhere to the guideline of staying home if you are sick for any reason. It is our duty to maintain a risk-mitigated and healthy working environment for our staff, members, and the public. Asking you to stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness is our first line of defense.

Please make note that there is a list of LSRs at the end of this Calendar requiring sign off.

Sherman A. Packard, Speaker of the House

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, November 30, 2022

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

AVAILABLE ON:

Friday, December 2, 2022

Friday, December 9, 2022

Friday, December 16, 2022

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

2022 HOUSE DEADLINES

Tuesday, November 22, 2022 (12:00 p.m.)	Last day to file LSRs with complete information Ten day sign-off begins
Wednesday, December 28, 2022 (12:00 p.m.)	Last day to sign-off on all LSRs
Friday, January 20, 2023	Last day to introduce House Bills
	Last day to amend House Rules by majority vote

HOUSE CONTINUING EDUCATION

Managing Difficult Conversations with Colleagues and Constituents

Date: Thursday, December 15th, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Place: Representatives Hall

This 2 hour in-person workshop presents skills for legislators to effectively engage in situations when there is conflict with colleagues. The format is interactive including practice sessions that will enable legislators to apply the skills to practical situations (such as having conversations that could encourage those on the other side to consider legislation or open a dialogue that might lead to negotiation). Many of these same skills can be applied in challenging conversations with constituents. This workshop is open to all Representatives-Elect, and will be facilitated by the Braver Angels organization (braverangels.org). Representatives will be paid mileage for attendance.

NOTICE

Non-returning members of the House are respectfully requested to return keys, access cards, and EZ Pass transponders. You may bring them to the LOB security desk, to the security desk at the Park Street entrance of the State House or mail them to Joseph Burke, Chief of Protective Services Legislative Office Building, 33 North State Street, Room 2, Concord, NH

Joseph E. Burke, Chief, Protective Services

NOTICE

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YouTube channel. The link to the YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/c/NHHouseofRepresentativesCommitteeStreaming

2022 INTERIM STUDY STATEMENTS

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 460, establishing a committee to study cases involving the determination of parental rights and responsibilities. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Kimberly Rice for Children and Family Law. The committee feels this bill deserves future legislation, to be able to study cases and parental rights. We heard many concerning stories of cases in the Family Court system that we feel need to be further investigated. **Vote 10-0.**

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 65, requiring food service establishments to establish food allergy awareness procedures. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jane Beaulieu for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services food safety department has made changes to its rules which include allergy awareness training for restaurant employees. An individual who has life threatening allergies to some foods cannot be guaranteed absolute adherence to the rules due to staff shortages. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 245, relative to the definition of grocery or convenience store. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jane Beaulieu for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. RSA 175:1, XXXVI defines "grocery or convenience store" as "any retail establishment where groceries are regularly and customarily sold for consumption off

premises. Such establishment shall have and maintain groceries which are readily available to the public, the wholesale value of which shall not be less than \$3,000, exclusive of cigarettes, magazines, newspapers, wine and beverages. Such groceries shall be representative of grocery items commonly found in such stores.” This bill’s intention was to remove the requirement that a convenience store carry no less than \$3,000.00 of food items in its inventory. This bill is Not Recommended for Future Legislation because, according to their lobbyist, store owners do not have an issue with the \$3,000.00 inventory of food and food products. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 333, relative to the sale and distribution of kratom products. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Christopher Herbert for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Kratom is not federally regulated and there is no compelling need for New Hampshire to regulate it. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 343, relative to billing for ambulance services. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Anita Burroughs for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill would prohibit balance billing for ambulance bills under the managed care law and would require insurers to reimburse ambulance providers directly. The Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee found that this bill is Not Recommended for Future Legislation because ambulance providers want to continue being able to bill. The committee recommends future legislation to address this issue. Members of the committee will be meeting with stakeholders during the next legislative session with the goal of reintroducing legislation the following year. **Vote 15-1.**

HB 416, allowing hobby distillation of liquors. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. John Potucek for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The bill would allow hobby distillation of liquors. The majority of this committee has voted Not Recommended for Future Legislation on this matter because, according to U.S. Code, the distillation of alcohol is still primarily a federal matter. It is therefore a moot point whether or not the State of New Hampshire permits it. It is still a federally controlled substance. **Vote 15-2.**

HB 488, establishing a committee to study the benefits of allowing New Hampshire citizens to purchase health insurance from out-of-state companies. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Christy Bartlett for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This committee continues to believe that consumers are better served by purchasing insurance from companies licensed and regulated by the New Hampshire Insurance Department. If companies are subject to consumer protection statutes, they would be subject to triple damages. Insurance companies do not want to enter the state under those statutes. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 592-FN, requiring bond from pharmaceutical companies providing vaccines. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jeffrey Greeson for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill was intended to provide NH residents a means of being compensated for injuries sustained as the result of receiving a vaccine. The proposed program was modeled after the federal program but would apply to only those vaccines not covered by the federal program, such as non-seasonal flu, shingles, and COVID. All childhood vaccinations are covered by the federal program and, therefore, would not be covered under the state program. Funding for the program was problematic as a bond, as originally written, would not be feasible. A tax-per-dose as is done at the federal level could have unintended consequences. Because a proper funding mechanism could not be established, the Commerce and Consumer Affairs Committee recommends no further legislative action. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 1019, establishing a committee to study the replacement of certain professional licenses with mandatory minimum liability insurance requirements. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Christy Bartlett for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. An insurance policy does not take the place of licensing requirements enforced by the state. The state offers licensing for many professions and if the licensee does not meet those requirements, the state can cancel the license. If enacted, insurance companies would not be required to write a policy for any profession. The company can deny or cancel coverage. If the insurance company also had to determine whether an applicant met certain minimum standards, the premiums would be much higher, if available at all. General liability policies are only available to cover negligence and minimum limits may not be adequate to make a claimant whole after a claim. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 1028-FN, relative to the form of individual health insurance policies. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Christy Bartlett for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill applies to individual policies with abbreviated coverage, which are only available for short periods and cannot meet the federal requirements of the Affordable Care Act and remain profitable. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 1162, relative to requiring insurance coverage for vaccinations, devices, and medications authorized for emergency use by the United States Food and Drug Administration. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jane Beaulieu for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill is Not Recommended for Future Legislation because there is insurance coverage for these incidents according to the New Hampshire Insurance Department. Information regarding this is available online at the Insurance Department’s legal information page under docket #20-016-AP. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1245-FN, relative to copayments for services rendered by a chiropractor. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Christy Bartlett for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. More payments by insurance companies will increase premiums. The committee understands that some rely on chiropractic care, but few see primary care physicians as often as chiropractors and this is considered a specialty by insurance companies that provide the coverage. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1378, relative to inspection of public lodging houses. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. John Hunt for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The issue at hand does need to be addressed but not in this form. There will be a new bill for next session to better address the problem. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 1501-FN, relative to insurance coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Christopher Herbert for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The committee believed there was no need for this bill since the sunset is still several years away. There is insurance for this rare disorder: Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders (PANDA). **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1502-FN, relative to digital assets and digital securities. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Keith Ammon for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This was an early bill that dealt with cryptocurrencies and digital assets. The committee decided to amend this bill into a non-early and related bill, HB 1503 (Chap. 281, Laws of 2022), to allow for more time for hearings and the development of this complex subject matter. Ultimately, HB 1503 became the vehicle for adopting Article 12 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Article 12 is the Uniform Law Commission's (ULC's) new model legislation on digital assets and "controllable electronic records." New legislation will be filed for 2023 to update NH's statutes to the most recent version of UCC Article 12, which has been made available by the ULC after the passage of HB 1503. Therefore, the committee does not recommend this bill for future legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1556, relative to on-premise and off-premise sales at a beverage manufacturer's facility. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. John Potucek for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill relates to on-premise and off-premise sales at a beverage manufacturer's facility. The majority of this committee has voted not to recommend further action on this matter. With the cash-register technology available in the 21st Century, this bill is not needed. **Vote 16-1.**

HB 1582-FN, repealing the granite state paid family leave plan. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Christy Bartlett for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Deputy Commissioner Bettencourt of the New Hampshire Insurance Department and Deputy Commissioner Lavers of the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security both testified. Met Life has offered a proposal and submitted rates approved to become effective January 1, 2023. The departments want the voluntary program to move forward. It will run for five years with an option to request an additional two years after that period. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1589-FN, prohibiting the sale of products containing intentionally-added PFAS. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Keith Ammon for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This bill would have prohibited the sale of any product containing "intentionally-added" PFAS. After hearing testimony, the committee determined this well-intentioned bill would have unintended consequences. Maine has adopted strict legislation banning PFAS, but whether that state can successfully implement and enforce a ban remains to be seen. The bill may also ban useful products unintentionally, such as products used in the sustainable energy industry. There are currently two active study commissions reviewing this issue, and the results are not yet available. Therefore, the committee does not recommend this bill for further legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1591-FN, eliminating the enforcement division of the liquor commission. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. John Potucek for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The committee believes that this division is paramount to the ongoing enforcement and education efforts of the NH Liquor Commission, and that removing or diverting these efforts would be detrimental to the ongoing education of our youth about drug and alcohol use and abuse, and also to the education and enforcement of alcohol laws within the adult provider and consumer communities. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1595-FN, relative to establishing a statewide food truck license. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jane Beaulieu for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Food truck operators and owners operating in the following cities shall obtain a city food truck license: Bedford, Berlin, Concord, Derry, Dover, Exeter, Keene,

Manchester, Merrimack, Nashua, Plaistow, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Salem. This is an example of local control. The state food truck license shall apply to food truck owners in all other towns. Also, a food truck owner licensed by the state may purchase a two-day operating license in cities for a fee and for events. **Vote 16-1.**

SB 68, requiring an employer to provide reasonable accommodations for pregnant employees. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Dawn Johnson for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Given that current law requires that an employer must rehire an employee after she returns from maternity leave, this bill was found Not Recommended for Future Legislation. **Vote 10-7.**

SB 121, relative to a state-based health exchange. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** Rep. Christy Bartlett for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. There are many issues that this bill does not and cannot address. Perhaps a study committee could address some of them. The New Hampshire Insurance Department would be the administrator. **Vote 17-0.**

SB 287, relative to balance billing for certain health care services. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Christy Bartlett for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. New Hampshire Insurance Department attorney Michelle Heaton said the national “no surprises” act has been put into NH law. Dispute resolution issues have been adjusted as required by court action by the federal government. NHID would prefer to handle the disputes. **Vote 17-0.**

SB 355-FN, requiring online marketplaces to disclose certain information to consumers. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. John Hunt for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. This issue is best addressed at the federal level and there is current legislation that is working its way through Congress. **Vote 15-2.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 205-FN, relative to incarceration under a suspended sentence. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. After a public hearing and several committee work sessions, the committee agreed that this bill should not be recommended for future legislation. This bill would treat all crimes the same with regard to their eligibility for early release. There must be a more nuanced approach to any bill proposing an early release program that acknowledges that there is a difference, for example, between serving a portion of a sentence for a violent crime and a property crime. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 253-LOCAL, requiring law enforcement officers to use body-worn cameras and establishing a grant program to assist local law enforcement agencies to purchase body-worn cameras. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. After a public hearing and two committee work sessions, the committee agreed that this bill should not be recommended for future legislation. Without fully funding the cost of the actual equipment, the software, and the ongoing storage costs, this would be an unconstitutional unfunded mandate. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 526, relative to the fine for the sale or possession of cannabis. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. After a public hearing and several work sessions with an assigned subcommittee and the full committee, the committee agreed that the bill should not be recommended for future legislation. This bill would decriminalize marijuana beyond the current medical cannabis program. With several other more comprehensive bills dealing with this topic, this bill would cause a host of unintended consequences for law enforcement, the public, and the courts. **Vote 12-2.**

HB 1105, relative to earned time credits. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. After a public hearing and a full committee work session, the committee agreed that this bill should be recommended for future legislation. The bill would consolidate various so called “earned time credits,” that reduce time to serve from an inmate’s sentence, to one 60 day opportunity for participating in any program that is authorized and approved by the department that the commissioner deems to be valuable to the prisoner’s rehabilitation. In the current state of the law, there is no statutory limit on how many of these programs an inmate may participate in, and earn 60 days off their sentence for each one. To the majority of the committee, while the stated goal of the current statute, to help rehabilitate the inmate, is laudable; the appearance of the ability to use these programs to substantially reduce the sentence imposed at trial, raises questions about the rehabilitation vs. punishment aspect of incarceration. The committee believes that there exists the ability to balance these two in future legislation. A bill that would both allow victims and the public at large to see that there is indeed a serious punitive aspect to incarceration, and at the same time give inmates an incentive to better themselves while incarcerated. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 1127, relative to posthumous exonerations and annulments. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. After a public hearing and a full committee work session, the majority of the committee agreed that this bill should be recommended for future legislation. The majority felt that the issue should be explored further via new legislation, where during the process, with more hearings and input from the courts, prosecutors and the Attorney General, would help craft a measured, yet effective way for legislation to accomplish this in limited cases where other means were not available. **Vote 10-4.**

HB 1232-FN, reducing the penalty for first offense drug possession and repealing certain mandatory minimum sentences. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. After hearing testimony at the public hearing and further discussion during executive session, the committee agreed that this bill should not be recommended for future legislation. Removing the minimum mandatory sentence for selling drugs within a school zone both removes a valuable law enforcement tool as well as a disincentive to unlawfully sell these harmful substances to children. **Vote 11-4.**

HB 1281-FN, relative to access to firearms confiscated from a person who is subject to a protective order. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The sponsor, after speaking with law enforcement and domestic violence victim support groups, asked that the bill not be recommended for future legislation. The committee agreed. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 292, requiring notice of arrest to a probation and parole officer. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Terry Roy for Criminal Justice and Public Safety. This bill was brought at the request of the parole system due to delays in notification to them that one of their parolees has been involved with law enforcement. The committee worked with the parole system and facilitated a meeting between various members of the parole, sheriffs, and the state police to explore whether or not a non-legislative fix was available. After conferring with the technology department of the state police, it was determined that a simple software fix was available to carry out the actions proposed by this legislation. The parole system agreed that this statute would no longer be necessary and the fix facilitated by the committee and the state police actually provided them with better information, in a more timely fashion than that proposed in the bill. Therefore, the committee agreed that this be not be recommended for future legislation. **Vote 15-0.**

EDUCATION

HB 234, relative to freedom of speech and association on college campuses. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Michael Moffett for Education. This measure is the second one of its kind to go to Interim Study. The earlier free speech issues that prompted this bill reflected legitimate First Amendment concerns, but the University System of New Hampshire (USNH) and Community College System of New Hampshire policies have been improved and all USNH campuses subsequently earned the top free speech ratings from the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE). Also, the wording for this bill could create some unintended consequences. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 1137, relative to the duty of school boards to provide education. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for Education. The committee unanimously recommends that this bill is Not Recommended for Future Legislation. The bill included many duties to be assigned to local school boards. The subcommittee that looked at the bill made this recommendation, but did recognize that several items from the bill could be future legislation such as parental surveys by school districts and inclusion of a link to the Department of Education accountability dashboard. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1141, relative to special education services for children in chartered public schools. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for Education. This bill included a number of items related to the provision of special education in charter schools. Several were just re-statements of federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) law and one other has been accommodated in other legislation. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1229, establishing a committee to study school meal programs in New Hampshire's public schools and non-sectarian schools that accept public funds. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Sue Mullen for Education. The Interim Study subcommittee for this bill voted 5-0 Not Recommended for Future Legislation pertaining to the bill as written. The subcommittee heard comments from professional organizations such as the NH Hunger Project, the American Heart Association, and the NH Department of

Education, and was privy to considerable research conducted by research staff, regarding actions taken by states with similar demographics towards ending student hunger. The committee does not feel additional study on this topic is warranted. However, the committee recognizes that addressing student hunger is both important and necessary. Future legislation regarding how to increase the participation of eligible families, funding mechanisms, accessing maximum federal dollars available, and implementing measures already instituted by states with similar demographics such as Maine, Vermont, New Mexico, Delaware, and West Virginia should be considered. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1295, requiring reports concerning school policies on classroom recordings and in-classroom observers. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Michael Moffett for Education. A subcommittee on this measure met twice and discussed related issues in great detail. This bill has no policy mandate or spending requirement and simply asks school districts to submit a report to the Department of Education (DOE) regarding current classroom observer and recording policies for a “best practices” folder. The recent COVID-related remote learning requirements created new procedural and privacy concerns that this bill would encourage districts to fully address. This measure is similar to 2021 HB 321 (Ch. 139, Laws of 2021) which similarly required reports regarding gifted student policies. DOE personnel participated in the review process for this bill and indicated support for such a measure. The subcommittee voted to recommend this measure for future legislation. **Vote 10-9.**

HB 1313, relative to rights to freedom from discrimination in higher education. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. The committee believes this bill is not necessary. University professors have academic freedom and the responsibility to encourage critical thinking and open communication as part of the higher education process. Academic freedom and sound professional practice by university personnel should encourage and respect diverse view-points in classrooms. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1366, relative to cooperative school board reapportionment. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for Education. The committee does not recommend this bill for future legislation as the apportionment of cooperative school boards is complicated and this bill is not the right vehicle to address the issue. The Interim Study of this bill, which also included study of HB 1399 and HB 1679, was conducted by a committee of the whole. Through testimony and other research gathered during the study, it was determined that to resolve issues associated with reapportionment, withdrawal, and articles of agreement within cooperative school districts requires a more comprehensive, in depth review by a commission or like study group possibly organized by the department. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1373, relative to the best interest of the student for a change of school or assignment. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for Education. This bill had been submitted based upon an issue related to a family’s desire to have their child educated in NH but the district tuitions students to a Massachusetts school. The issue was resolved between the family and school district therefore making this bill unnecessary. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1399, relative to school district withdrawal from a cooperative school district. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for Education. The withdrawal of towns from cooperative school districts is the subject of legislation every year. It is a complicated issue as only two towns have been successful in withdrawal efforts in over 60 years. The majority of the committee felt that the bill should be Recommended for Future Legislation as the concept is so important and possible modifications can be made to a re-submitted bill. It is also important that we continue to try to resolve the withdrawal issue and not wait three years or more for the recommendations of any new study process. Although the committee has also recommended support for a comprehensive study commission, in order to assist those districts currently struggling with cooperative issues as stated in HB 1366, the majority supports moving forward both with the resubmittal of this bill and the comprehensive study. **Vote 10-9.**

HB 1499, relative to chartered public school eligibility for state school building aid. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Rick Ladd for Education. This bill adds chartered public schools to the procedures for consideration, approval, plan requirements, and determination of grants for school building aid. The importance of building aid can’t be understated. This is a program authorized by RSA 198:15-a through which the state provides financial assistance to local school districts for the construction or substantial renovation for educational facilities, grades K-12. Most charter schools currently lease space and the ability to own their buildings or secure financing is cost prohibitive. The intent of this bill is understandable; however, the bill lacks specific details relative to financing, bonding, state obligation amounts per facility (30% to 60%?), governance, local revenue source(s), and more. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 1630-FN, requiring high school students to complete a half year required course in the introduction to philosophy. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Deborah Hobson for Education. This bill establishes a requirement for high school students to have a course in the introduction to philosophy. The committee recognizes the importance of philosophy and logic; however, before adding philosophy as a separate high school graduation requirement, further information and study are needed. **Vote 17-1.**

HB 1664-FN, requiring certain non-public schools or education service providers that accept public funds to perform background checks on all employees and volunteers. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for Education. The majority of the committee feels that this bill should Not be Recommended for Future Legislation. The bill would mandate background checks be performed by non-public schools but we have testimony on multiple related bills that they are already doing background checks without a government mandate. The Diocese of Manchester provided written testimony that they go beyond the requirements for public schools. In addition, the bill calls for background checks on home school parents. Yes, as indicated by the prime sponsor, the intent is that parents would be required to get background checks in order to educate their own children. **Vote 10-9.**

HB 1676-FN-A-LOCAL, relative to making incentive grants for school districts that improve in certain assessment scores. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Michael Moffett for Education. A subcommittee on this measure met twice and discussed related issues in great detail. Some members pointed out that our current system of sending extra money to schools with deficient 3rd grade reading scores was a perverse incentive which rewarded failure. The formula for rewarding improvement on standardized test scores would be developed by the Department of Education (DOE) after consultation with stakeholders. DOE officials have already identified several assessment instruments to consider in implementing this measure. The subcommittee voted to recommend this measure for future legislation. After subsequent discussion with the Education Committee Chair, the recommendation will seek a focus on rewarding mathematics improvement in particular. DOE personnel participated in the review process for this bill and indicated support for such a measure, partially based on the unified sports bill model (2022 HB 1624/Ch. 334, Laws of 2022) which is now law. **Vote 10-9.**

HB 1679-FN, relative to the dissolution and repeal of cooperative school districts. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Glenn Cordelli for Education. The unanimous vote of the committee was that the bill Not be Recommended for Future Legislation. This bill would mandate dissolution of all cooperative school districts by July, 2025. Realizing that many cooperative districts are satisfied with their structure and financing, the bill as originally drafted would create problems for those districts. New cooperative districts are required to develop dissolution agreements so some future language might be developed to eliminate the existing concerns with this bill. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 1680-FN, establishing a foundation opportunity budget program for funding public education. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Alicia Lekas for Education. The majority does not recommend this bill for future legislation. It is the state's duty to define the substantive content of a constitutionally adequate education (*Londonderry v. State*), and the task of developing specific criteria of a constitutionally adequate education is that of the legislature. This bill defaults this responsibility to a formula based upon annual DOE-25 expenses; the form includes expenses associated with adequacy and non-adequacy programs such as cocurricular activities and other locally authorized options that may not be related to the substantive criteria for an adequate education. This bill further raises taxes in a number municipalities and directs excess statewide education property tax (SWEPT) revenues to the state; raising constitutional issues associated with wealthy and property poor municipalities. The majority also cannot support the weighted value system costing amounts for differentiated aid categories. For example, funding the delivery of varied special education services should involve weighted amounts due to the complexity of differing IEP's, but costing differentiated aid for special education using a multiplier of the base by 4.29 per eligible pupil, regardless of the disability, is an excessive amount. It should also be noted that a funding formula alone will not necessarily result in student growth and achievement. Locally controlled, non-funding variables such as community expectation, family support and engagement, quality of school leadership, attitude and professionalism of staff, condition of the learning facility, and other choice options are necessary for student achievement and growth. **Vote 10-9.**

ELECTION LAW

HB 327, requiring that voters show identification when personally delivering absentee ballots to town and city clerks. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Peter Hayward for Election Law. The committee recommends that this bill not be re-introduced as written. Multiple practical and procedural issues must be addressed to implement this legislation. A proposed amendment was written to manage portions of these issues, but further amendments including a legal change to allow the clerk to open an envelope, which is currently forbidden, are also necessary. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 480, relative to verification of ballots cast in an election. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Wayne MacDonald for Election Law. As proposed, this bill provided for public access to the physically cast ballots after the recount period had expired. Currently cast ballots are exempt from such access. The committee understood that the 2020 State Representative election in Windham created a desire to examine cast ballots after election day. The bill had a broadly scoped process that would create many issues at the local level due to lack of definition. The bill states that the public's ability to access ballots would be in a manner that was "least restrictive" to them and which also was "efficient and least cumbersome" to the custodian of the ballots involved. At the same time, there were specific provisions for process that arguably contradicted the 'least restrictive' qualifier. The committee attempted to address the concerns related to the validity of election results by recommending bills that allow for an audit after the 2022 election and also provide for the recount of races in a community in addition to the race being recounted. The committee questioned the necessity of the proposed, additional examination if none of the candidates on either side of the ballot thought a recount was necessary or if a recount had already been conducted. While examination of ballots may be a process that should be provided for, the house Committee on Election Law unanimously agreed that this bill was not the vehicle for that legislation. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 524-FN, requiring the secretary of state to conduct random verification counts of polling place results. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. James Qualey for Election Law. The intent of this bill was to establish post-election procedures to randomly audit polling places in order to determine the accuracy of machine-counted vote totals. The committee unanimously agreed that the concept of post-election vote-count audits has a great deal of merit and would be very useful for evaluating and ensuring the accuracy of New Hampshire vote-counting processes. The committee had recommended two other pieces of audit legislation that have since become law. This bill in its current form still has some issues which need to be addressed, such as determination of an adequate audit scope. It was the view of the committee that it would be more effective to start with a fresh bill on the topic than to continue with this one. Therefore, the committee did not recommend the bill for future legislation. **Vote 15-0.**

HB 551-FN, relative to the statewide voter database. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Barbara Griffin for Election Law. This bill proposed to make the statewide, centralized voter registration database publicly available free of charge. Three primary issues were identified during testimony on the bill. The bill eliminated the fee of which 90% goes back to our towns and cities. While it was believed the impact on the state could be managed, the committee did not receive sufficient input on the impact to local communities. The bill had imprecise language as to when exceptions to supplying particular information could be made. Finally, the language of the bill raised privacy issues by referring to a database that included more than what is currently legally available. The prime sponsor of the bill agreed there were issues with the bill as written and it is expected that he will be proposing a more refined bill in the next term. Accordingly the committee agreed that this in its current form should not be adopted. **Vote 15-0.**

SB 54, (New Title) relative to the absentee ballot application form. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Peter Hayward for Election Law. This bill made changes to the absentee ballot application form so that the applicant provided more information and the process was modified. The majority of the committee believed that with more work and information the bill could be implemented. After study, the committee concluded that the legislation proposes a process that is not possible at this time and that significant amendments are required. Things such as impacts on privacy and the procedural role of the Town and/or City Clerk are inadequately specified. Additionally, the license and motor vehicle information are not available as a verification tool. While the goal of the bill was supported, it needs to come forward as a different bill. **Vote 15-0.**

ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

HB 366, defining animal hoarding. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. This bill would have created procedures for determining if an animal neglect cruelty case resulted from a hoarding disorder and created ways to mitigate the problems for the defendant and the animals. The difficulties of balancing due process issues and animal welfare issues could not be resolved. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 438, relative to the confidentiality of animal records databases. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. This bill would have required specific privacy and security conditions to be applied to the animal transfer database program in the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food. The privacy and security requirements were included in the version of the bill passed in the 2021 budget, so this bill is no longer needed. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 585-FN-LOCAL, allowing the prepayment of dog licensing fees for the duration of a rabies vaccination and reducing fines related thereto. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. This bill would have created the option of registering a dog for the effective duration of a rabies vaccine, which is three years. This would have created logistical problems for municipal clerks. There is no need to change the current procedures. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 627-FN-A, establishing a value added grant matching fund for New Hampshire agricultural producers. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. This bill would have created a grant fund to help value added agricultural producers meet matching requirements for Federal USDA value added producer grants. The proposed amounts and mechanisms would not have achieved the bill's goals and the bill would not serve as a good blueprint for a better approach. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 1111, establishing a commission to study extended producer responsibility. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Megan Murray for Environment and Agriculture. The solid waste subcommittee recommended that a study committee was warranted to allow for expediency and flexibility when conducting the study as to how Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) fits within the scope of RSA 149-M. Many stakeholders, including municipalities and the NH Department of Environmental Services, asked for legislative action on the need for clarity, guidance in product end of use recovery, product stewardship, and EPR. The Environment and Agriculture Committee accepted the subcommittee report and this bill is Recommended for Future Legislation. Due to the nature of EPR, a dissenting opinion was registered that this issue was best suited for the federal government to set a standardized EPR regulatory framework. **Vote 11-1.**

HB 1121, relative to new solid waste sites. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. This bill would have required a bond from the developer of any new landfill that would be sufficiently large to remediate any imaginable future mishap. The bonding procedures, amounts, and other requirements were not workable. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 1652-FN, relative to the recycling of beverage containers. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Peter Bixby for Environment and Agriculture. This bill would have created a beverage container redemption program similar to one proposed for a nearby state. The complexity of the redemption system made it unworkable. This topic is better considered under the rubric of extended producer responsibility, which is cited as a waste reduction approach in the NH 10-yr solid waste plan. Study committee legislation for extended producer responsibility is likely to be filed based on the interim study recommendation of HB 1111. **Vote 11-1.**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1061-FN, relative to the midwifery council. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Mark Alliegro for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill makes the Midwifery Council an advisory board to the Executive Director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC). As introduced, the bill also established an advisory board with a numerical minority of practicing midwives. An attempt to correct this perceived shortfall was introduced in an amendment. However, there was still concern by committee members and the public over the outcome of changing the board's function to advisory only, with all real decision-making power vested in the OPLC. After interim study, the following conclusion was reached by the committee: there would be value in submitting legislation along these lines during the next biennium, using amendment 0948h as the beginning framework. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 1191, relative to electrical work, plumbing, and fuel gas fitting in one or two family housing. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. John Sytek for Executive Departments and Administration. At present, an exception to the building codes permits the owner of a single-family house (provided that the house was his or her primary residence) to do work that would otherwise require a licensed tradesman. He would still have to get the required permits and the work would be subject to inspection. In effect, he would be his own contractor. This is a long-standing tradition in New Hampshire. This bill would expand the exception to permit the owner of a two-family dwelling, one unit of which would be his primary residence, to do such work in the other unit. The subcommittee saw several technical problems with the bill, such as "house flippers" evading the clear intent of the expanded

exception. While such objections could be overcome, the subcommittee had more fundamental concerns. First, an owner doing such work in an adjacent unit could put another family, such as renters, at risk. But second, even if the owner were to work on his own unit, there could be repercussions throughout the entire structure which, obviously, would include the adjacent unit. Accordingly, the subcommittee felt that expanding the exception would be too substantial a change in state policy in the absence of a demonstrated need. Both the policy and the technical details would require far more study than suggested by this bill and the subcommittee voted not to recommend this bill for future legislation. **Vote 11-2.**

HB 1312, relative to water pollution and waste disposal rulemaking. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Tony Lekas for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill came to us because of a situation where a very small business that started just selling ice cream wanted to add a few menu items. The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) became aware of this and required that they install a 1,000 gallon grease trap that seemed to some unreasonable for that business. Representatives from DES and the Building Code Review Board (BCRB) attended the subcommittee meetings. It came out that there appeared to be some overlap and conflict between DES rules and the International Plumbing Code (IPC). There was also concern that DES rules did not deal well with certain small operations. Also, the process for getting a waiver was not clear and was not well known by applicants. DES and the BCRB agreed to meet and come up with proposed solutions. The people at DES and BCRB put a lot of work into this. They will propose rule changes to resolve the conflicts and to make the rules more flexible. They have also committed to improved training for DES inspectors concerning the rule changes and the waiver process which will be made clearer. Both the prime sponsor of this bill and the owners of the business that was the initial subject are happy with this outcome. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 1395, relative to administrative rulemaking authority. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Carol McGuire for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would require the legislature to affirmatively approve all administrative rules, instead of objecting to some of them, and letting the rest go into effect. There was no support in committee for such a drastic change. Procedural revisions suggested for the joint legislative committee on administrative rules need some practical experiments before putting them into law. **Vote 13-0.**

HB 1429-FN-A, establishing licensure for massage establishments. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill requires that massage establishments be registered with the Office of Professional Licensure (OPLC), allowing the agency to confirm that those performing the service are licensed and that the establishment is following proper statutes and rules for this business segment. The committee had concerns with interference with municipal departments and ordinances. During the subcommittee meeting with members of the committee and OPLC, it was determined that prioritizing local authority as part of the OPLC inspection should and could be included in the bill. The subcommittee's recommendation to consider for future legislation was adopted by the committee. The committee minority wanted only local regulation, with no independent OPLC authority. **Vote 8-5.**

HB 1444-FN-A, relative to the registration of medical spas. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jennifer Rhodes for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill would have required medical spas to be licensed by the state. Similar to SB 230, it is important to acknowledge the practitioners of these establishments are licensed by their respective professions. We heard statements in the committee that during the subcommittee work session the term "medical cosmetology" was being considered for future legislation. This would create confusion for the public considering cosmetologists are not allowed to diagnose any medical condition given that they are not doctors. The majority on the committee strongly agree that this bill should not be recommended any further. **Vote 8-6.**

HB 1557, relative to survivor benefit optional allowances under the retirement system. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jeffrey Goley for Executive Departments and Administration. The language in this bill was amended into HB 1497 which has passed the senate and was signed into law by the governor. Therefore this bill is no longer needed. **Vote 14-0.**

HB 1566-FN, relative to the New Hampshire prescription drug affordability board. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. William Marsh for Executive Departments and Administration. The substance of this bill was incorporated into SB 450, which was passed and signed into law. Therefore no further legislation is needed. **Vote 14-0.**

SB 230-FN, relative to the practice of body art. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** Rep. Jennifer Rhodes for Executive Departments and Administration. This legislation would require establishments that provide body art services to be licensed by the state, therefore needing to create a new position within the OPLC to perform the required inspections. It is important to acknowledge the practitioners in these establishments are licensed by their respected fields. **Vote 9-5.**

FINANCE

HB 623-FN-LOCAL, relative to education funding. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** Rep. Mary Heath for Finance. After extensive discussion and reports from the NH Department of Education, testimony from House Education and Finance members identified HB 623 had many unanswered questions. The Interim Study Committee for HB 623 identified Medicaid Direct Certification (MDC) as a possible solution to identify eligible free and reduced lunch students more accurately. Currently, NH's School Funding Formula uses a town's enrollment in free- and reduced-price school meals as the indicator of poverty and determination of the town's adequacy funding from the state. Research shows that school meal program enrollment is an undercount of the actual town poverty level of school age children living in a community. To resolve the undercounting, MDC will increase the number of schools eligible to implement USDA's Community Eligibility Program (CEP) and provide a more accurate count of a community's level of poverty. Therefore, the majority of the committee voted to recommend this concept for future legislation. **Vote 16-2.**

HB 1300-FN-A, making an appropriation to fund the Ash Landfill in Newport. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Kenneth Weyler for Finance. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) has negotiated a settlement with ECON, the non-profit charged with maintenance of the ash landfill, and also ensure that the fund to guarantee the maintenance for 30 years was sufficient. The fund has been restructured and DES is satisfied. Thus, the appropriation is not needed. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 1665-FN-A-LOCAL, establishing a municipal road and bridge disaster relief fund. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Leonard Turcotte for Finance.

The committee unanimously recommends against any future legislation since other legislation and funding have satisfied the intent of this legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

HB 1091, relative to search warrants for individuals engaged in fish and game activities. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Timothy Lang for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. Once the committee looked at the fish and game conservation officer's power statutes and law enforcement powers statutes, it determined that there was no need for a change to the current laws. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1201-FN, relative to damage by bears. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Timothy Lang for Fish and Game and Marine Resources. There was a change in the law in 2021 to deal with mitigating factors and there is no data yet as to whether the mitigating factors are helping this issue. Therefore, this bill is not recommended for future legislation until we have a few years of data. **Vote 16-0.**

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

HB 247, relative to treatment alternatives to opioids. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Mark Pearson for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. While the committee believes this bill is a very sincere attempt to address the genuine problem of over-prescribing opioids, we found this bill to be over-loaded. Instead, several smaller bills, each addressing a particular alternative should be presented. Because insurance coverage comes into play with several of these alternatives, some of these future bills might solely be a Commerce Committee bill or else a two-committee bill with the Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee added. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 602-FN, relative to reimbursements for telemedicine. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Lucy Weber for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The committee was very concerned with the provisions of this bill which removed audio-only or telephonic communications from the array of telemedicine options that would be reimbursed by Medicaid or private insurance. Committee members believe that telephonic treatment is an effective tool for delivery of appropriate evaluation or treatment of both physical and mental health issues. It is especially important for patients who do not have internet access, or who have long distances to travel and lack reliable transportation. There was also general agreement that evaluation or

treatment delivered via telemedicine should be reimbursed at par with similar services delivered in-person. It was agreed that reimbursement rates for other telemedicine services that have no in-person equivalent deserve more study and might be reimbursed differently, but that this issue should be left in the first instance to the Commission to Study Telehealth Services for their recommendations. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1224-FN, prohibiting state and local governments from adopting certain mandates in response to COVID-19; and prohibiting employers and places of public accommodation from discriminating on the basis of vaccination status. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Mark Pearson for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. When the committee first heard this bill some months ago, this bill was but one of many addressing issues surrounding masks and vaccines. Some of these bills passed in either their original or amended form, while other bills were defeated. The majority of the committee was of the belief that, with newer strains of COVID being of lesser virulence, state medical and political leaders can now take some time to determine if where we presently are regarding new laws regarding masks and vaccines is where New Hampshire should be. If some persons believe we are not, they can file new legislation if they so choose. **Vote 12-4.**

HB 1271, limiting the authority of the department of health and human services to mandate vaccinations; and relative to quarantine costs. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Mark Pearson for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. When the committee heard the bill last winter we came to this unanimous opinion: "No one on the committee was of the opinion that, in an emergency, the legislature, even with waiving of certain rules, could respond quickly enough to an authorization of emergency medical care or authorization of vaccination by the Governor or DHHS. If legislative response were deemed necessary either to overrule emergency actions, or make strong recommendations to withdraw such authorizations, JLCAR or the Joint Legislative DHHS Oversight Committee would be better vehicles to respond." Nothing has changed our minds in the meantime. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1290-FN, establishing a task force on precision medicine and biomarker testing. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jeffrey Salloway for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. The Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs deliberated with regard to this bill concerning precision medicine as proposed by the former member from Concord. The committee viewed this initiative positively and worthy of expedient action. To advance the recommendations of the bill the committee had earlier remanded it to the Committee on DHHS Oversight. That committee empaneled an interim task force to initiate activity on the matter of precision medicine. The task force has met and is active. **Vote 17-0.**

SB 290-FN, relative to the practice of auriculotherapy. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Mark Pearson for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs. There is merit to having intermediate steps which define new positions within medicine. Decades ago the category of Nurse Practitioner was established as a mid-step between RN and DO/MD. Auriculotherapy is already part of acupuncture. Before the legislature is asked to authorize a distinct auriculotherapy sub-group carve out, we recommend people interested in practicing auriculotherapy meet with the acupuncture board to see what this latter group recommends for training, licensing and oversight. If the acupuncture board is not interested in helping, interested parties might get together with OPLC for the same purpose. In either case we do not recommend auriculotherapy be authorized without an approved program of training, and with licensing and oversight. **Vote 17-0.**

JUDICIARY

HB 124, adopting the uniform real property transfer on death act. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Edward Gordon for Judiciary. This bill clearly has merit for people who wish to pass property onto others without the formality of probate administration or the creation of a trust. However, the initial bill lacked protections against fraud and undue influence. Therefore, the committee decided that it needed more work. Estate planning practitioners have been working with the committee to revise a proposal which will be acceptable for future legislation. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 248-FN, relative to the judicial retirement plan. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Edward Gordon for Judiciary. This bill would revise the calculation for benefits for judges under the Judicial Retirement Plan. It would have increased the time that judges are required to sit in order to obtain full retirement benefits. The intent would be to reduce the contribution to be made to the plan by the court system. After completing an amortization study, there did not appear to be a substantial financial benefit and no further effort need be made to amend the Judicial Retirement Plan. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 379, relative to electronic notice. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Edward Gordon for Judiciary. This bill defines electronic notice and authorizes electronic notice in lieu of newspaper notifications in statutes that require a city, town, or other political subdivision to provide notice of

a meeting, hearing, or other event. As print media evolves into more web-centered formats, it may eventually become outdated. However, many of our constituents do not have access to or utilize web services daily. In time, we may be able to transition to this type of format but the committee believes that we need to include all citizens who want to keep informed of the activities of their government boards. **Vote 19-0.**

HB 1181-FN, allowing the biological father of an unborn child to petition the court for an injunction prohibiting the biological mother from having an abortion. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** Rep. Marjorie Smith for Judiciary. A strong majority of the committee voted not to recommend this bill for future legislation. Without regard to the health of the pregnant individual, or the potential existence of a fatal fetal anomaly, this bill involves the state in a complicated legal proceeding that could take a minimum of three weeks, and more if DNA testing is required. The individual asserting paternity has responsibility for some court costs and for some medical expenses, but the bill ends paternal responsibility once the pregnancy ends. **Vote 12-7.**

HB 1389-FN, establishing a superior court land use review docket. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Rebecca McBeath for Judiciary. This bill provided for the establishment of a judge to decide land use cases within the existing structure of NH's superior court. While the idea of creating a specialized court to hear cases arising from municipal land use board decisions has some merit, the majority of the committee considered the present status of the NH judicial branch's caseload and the lack of the full complement of 21 superior court judges sitting on the bench and determined that this initiative is not presently appropriate. In addition, it was suggested that targeted judicial training in the state's core land use principles may adequately address the concern which gave rise to this bill. **Vote 14-5.**

HB 1435, relative to the right of a victim of domestic violence to have a support person present when testifying or being deposed. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Edward Gordon for Judiciary. The purpose of this bill is to allow parties in family court proceedings to have a family support person present. The committee fully supports the intention behind the bill and agrees that victims of domestic violence should be supported. However, there are issues with the bill. As written, the bill provides for either party, not just victims, to be supported. Should we be advocating for support for perpetrators? It also restricts the ability of the judge to control the behavior of the support person in the courtroom. There are currently support services currently available from agencies throughout the state and persons filing domestic violence petitions are referred to those agencies by the court. The Governor has also created a domestic violence task force which has made recommendations. **Vote 15-4.**

SB 243, permitting transfer on death deeds for real property. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Edward Gordon for Judiciary. This bill provides a mechanism for the non-probate transfer of real estate through the use of a transfer on death deed. The benefit of such a deed is that it would save those seeking to transfer property from the expense of creating a trust or being subject to probate administration. Twenty-eight states and the District of Columbia have already implemented legislation enabling this type of deed. Unfortunately, testimony revealed that this proposal had significant gaps with regard to notification, acceptance and disclaimer. The committee is expecting to receive a revised proposal from New Hampshire probate practitioners to be the basis for future legislation. **Vote 19-0.**

SB 296, relative to complaint procedures in cases before the commission for human rights. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Mark McLean for Judiciary. This bill would eliminate a respondent's right to remove a case from the NH Commission for Human Rights to the superior court, and reserve that right exclusively to the complainant. The US Supreme Court has held that, because the complainant bears the greater burden of proof in a claim, it is their right to choose the forum where the complaint is to be heard. The committee initially chose to study the bill because there were concerns that passage might lead to an expansion of the case backlog already burdening the commission. After a detailed review of the data, it was determined that the removal rate was very low relative to the case load and that the commission would be able to absorb the few extra cases that were retained. The committee therefore Recommends the Bill for Future Legislation with its original language intact. In the course of the interim study, the subcommittee was presented testimony and data indicating that the case backlog at the commission has grown substantially in the last decade, that the commission's rules have been expired for five years, and that resource constraints have resulted in cases being resolved long after the two-year deadline required by statute. To address these issues, the committee also recommends that an application be made before the Legislative Performance Audit and Oversight Committee for a performance audit of the commission, that the rules be brought up to date and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR), and that resources be added to the commission that are adequate to address its statutory requirements. **Vote 18-1.**

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

SB 209, relative to electronic wage payments. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**
Rep. Joshua Adjutant for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. At a time of financial insecurity for many Americans, the committee was wary of enabling legislation for payroll cards that allow employees to be paid via a prepaid, re-loadable debit card. These cards have historically had unpredictable and inconsistent fees across many different companies, and the committee felt that there were several structural impediments in the bill in its attempt to establish rules and definitions. For the above-mentioned reasons, the committee voted this bill is Not Recommended for Future Legislation. **Vote 12-0.**

SB 377-FN, (New Title) relative to the eligibility of certain injuries of state troopers for workers' compensation. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Joshua Adjutant for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. This bill was introduced with the title "relative to the diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder in state troopers." The Senate amended the bill to in its entirety to "the eligibility of certain injuries or state troopers for workers' compensation" coverage. An example given was a state trooper on their way to work comes across an accident scene or is the closest law enforcement to an emergency call and responds while technically off duty and is injured. Another example was an off-duty state trooper on the way to training who is injured in their cruiser in a vehicle accident. The committee felt changes needed to be made to the law allowing for coverage in these circumstances. The committee wanted the bill to better define the scope under what circumstances that the employee would be covered. The committee also felt other state employees such as Fish and Game officers, County Sheriff's officers and others should also be included. There was an attempt to amend the bill to encompass much of this but there was not consensus prior to the bill deadline. The Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee unanimously agreed that this bill should be Recommended for Future Legislation. **Vote 12-0.**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 1368, relative to recusal by members of the general court for conflicts of interest. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Scott Wallace for Legislative Administration. The committee agrees that, in some instances, in order to maintain the confidence of the NH citizenry and to comply with current constitutional and statutory requirements the best course of action when conflicts of interest arise in the fulfillment of required legislative duties (for example, voting) is recusal. The problem the committee had with the legislation before us was that it remains overly complicated with numerous terms such as special interest, personal interest, non-financial special interest, and conflict of interest only adding to the confusion rather than solving the confusion of what is the right thing to do by the legislator. Future legislation to inform and guide the legislator, using simple terms, to the right course of action in their personal situation and wide range of possibilities seems to be the goal of the committee. **Vote 9-0.**

HCR 9, expressing the appreciation of the general court to Nicole Knox Murphy for her song "My 603." **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Vanessa Sheehan for Legislative Administration. The committee unanimously voted this bill Not Recommended for Future Legislation since the end result desired by the legislation was recognition for the songstress, Ms. Knox. That was achieved when the Speaker of the House presented Ms. Knox with a certificate of appreciation. **Vote 10-0.**

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 132-LOCAL, relative to acreage required to build certain single family housing. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Tony Piemonte for Municipal and County Government. It was determined by majority vote not to be recommended for further legislation. **Vote 10-7.**

HB 1155, relative to persons elected to a local board serving on another board. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Richard Tripp for Municipal and County Government. There being no additional information presented to justify continuation of the bill, the committee voted it not be recommended for further legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1172-FN, requiring composting and waste recycling to be made available to residents of public housing. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jim Maggiore for Municipal and County Government. The majority of the committee voted "not to recommend for future legislation" on HB 1172 – a bill requiring composting and waste recycling to be made available to residents of public housing. The bill lacks the required input from public housing authorities, solid waste disposal companies, and recycling companies necessary to analyze the cost-benefit of such a mandate. The prime sponsor of the bill is open to inviting the necessary agencies and companies to any future discussions on the merits of this or a similar bill. **Vote 10-7.**

HB 1223, relative to meeting attendance requirements for elected members of budget committee and school board. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jim Maggiore for Municipal and County Government. The committee voted unanimously “not to recommend for future legislation” on HB 1223 – a bill relative to meeting attendance requirements for elected members of budget committee and school board. The bill has merit by its general intent. Elected officials have an obligation to attend their required meetings. However, the bill creates potential legal questions on the extent of the authority to vacate someone from their properly elected position. The bill also lacks the process to fill any such vacancy. The mechanics of such a bill must be studied further before any legislation should be reintroduced. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1289, relative to applications for abatements and authority to abate prior years’ taxes for certain homeowners. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Tony Piemonte for Municipal and County Government. It was determined by majority vote not to be recommended for further legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

SB 249, prohibiting planning and zoning ordinances that prohibit short-term rentals. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Richard Tripp for Municipal and County Government. There being no additional information presented to justify continuation of the bill, the committee voted it not be recommended for further legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

SB 378-FN, relative to the disposal of highway or turnpike funded real estate. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. John Cloutier for Public Works and Highways. After brief discussion, the majority of the committee believes this bill is worthwhile for passage into law with some revisions next year. **Vote 17-1.**

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 426, relative to shoreland septic systems. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Robert Harb for Resources, Recreation and Development. The subcommittee discussion revolved around the Septic System Commission report and the NH Board of Realtors’ concerns and local control. During exec session, the committee minority asserted that, while the proposed solution failed, the problem still exists and the committee recommendation should be to recommend for future legislation. The committee as a whole, after further discussion, disagreed and adopted the subcommittee report. **Vote 11-6.**

HB 1167, establishing a maximum contaminant level for perfluorinated chemicals in surface water. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Suzanne Smith for Resources, Recreation and Development. Awareness of the dangers of perfluorochemicals (PFCs) is on the rise in New Hampshire and around the country. New Hampshire has already established minimum contaminant levels (MCLs) for the presence of some of these chemicals in drinking water. NHDES reported that rules which establish MCLs for 4 PFAS compounds for surface water are in final review. Following internal review the proposed rules will be reviewed by stakeholders and after public review will be approved by JLCAR. For these reasons, the committee voted unanimously to not recommend this bill for future legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1440, relative to surface water quality standards for perfluorinated chemicals. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Robert Harb for Resources, Recreation and Development. In testimony, the NH Department of Environmental Services stated this bill is unnecessary as the department is completing rules that the bill requests. Further, the committee heard testimony that the EPA is already undertaking a major initiative to study the effects of PFAS on aquatic organisms which is similar to another effort proposed in this bill. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1452-FN, renaming the department of environmental services the department of environmental protection and assigning the department oversight of private drinking water wells. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Suzanne Smith for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill would change the name of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) and would authorize DES to enter privately owned lands with drinking wells to inspect and take water samples. DES stated that they have success working voluntarily with private land owners and collaborating with local health officers on testing of well water. Giving the agency policing authority to enter private property without permission could jeopardize the good relationship DES has now with homeowners. The committee has also learned that through legislation passed in 2021, private well owners whose wells exceed or are close to maximum contaminant levels for PFAS are eligible for grants to pay for remediation. DES opposed the department name change and the fiscal note stated that the name change would require the state to expend substantial resources to replace or revise the agency’s name on every aspect of its operation. The committee unanimously voted to not recommend HB 1452 for future legislation. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1498-FN, establishing a safety program for off highway recreational vehicles and snowmobiles. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Suzanne Smith for Resources, Recreation and Development. Along with the increased popularity of OHRVs on trails and roadways in NH comes increased accidents and even deaths due to inexperienced riders as well as reckless riding. This bill would establish a safety program for OHRVs and snowmobiles. The committee agreed with all of the stakeholders who testified, that an education safety program is needed. The committee determined that the safety issue was multi-faceted and needed the input of many stakeholders and interested parties. In 2022, a 5-year commission to dig deeply into OHRV use in NH and develop legislation as needed, was passed into law. The Resources, Recreation and Development Committee believes that because of the complexity of the issue of what a safety program would look like, the OHRV Commission should take on this challenge of developing the necessary legislation. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1602-FN, relative to perfluorinated chemicals in drinking water. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Robert Harb for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill required testing for PFAS in drinking water of child care facilities and schools. Testimony from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) asserted that schools, and some daycare centers, are on public water supplies which are already tested. The department is presently sampling facilities with non-public water systems. DES also states that the enforcement of PFAS regulations in schools and daycare centers are a public health responsibility and is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and not the responsibility of DES. This bill would have changed the regulatory structure. DES recommended that the bill not be recommended for future legislation. The majority agreed. However, some members of the committee wished to have the bill recommended for future legislation with a caveat that the bill be so structured as to re-affirm the jurisdictional responsibility of DHHS. **Vote 11-6.**

HB 1618-FN, adding several perfluorinated chemicals to the list of per and polyfluoroalkyl substances with maximum contaminant levels and establishes a cumulative total for the maximum contaminant level of per and polyfluoroalkyl substances. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Suzanne Smith for Resources, Recreation and Development. The committee works closely with NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) on legislation related to per and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals (PFAS) so that clean drinking water is available for all Granite Staters. In past years of legislation, DES was charged with setting maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for PFAS chemicals most often found in the state's drinking water, as well as providing funding so that DES could bring toxicologists on board to better address PFAS contamination. This bill would add several more PFAS substances to the list and add MCLs. It would also establish a cumulative total for the existing MCLs and the additional PFAS substances. The committee understands the importance of clean drinking water, but agreed that DES and their toxicologists are reviewing new PFAS compounds as they appear and that we, as legislators, should defer to the science on this important issue. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1620, identifying part of the Merrimack River as a protected river. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Suzanne Smith for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill proposes to identify a portion of the Merrimack River as a protected river through legislation. Many stakeholders pointed out that although they support the protection of the river, they believe the usual process calling for input from all stakeholders along the portion nominated for protection is vital. During the interim study, the committee did not hear from any stakeholder asking that the process be changed. The committee unanimously voted to not recommend for future legislation. **Vote 17-0.**

HB 1641-FN, relative to vessel registration fees. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jim Creighton for Resources, Recreation and Development. The bill, as introduced, would restructure the vessel registration fees for boats and water craft. While that proposal was determined to not be feasible, the committee learned in testimony that the US Coast Guard has expressed concern that our present boat registration fee, besides funding the registration of the boat, also includes additional funding for certain lake related activities including research, monitoring and eradication of exotic aquatic weeds and species as well as support for state marine patrol. The committee's recommendation that this bill be sent to interim study provided the committee a vehicle to explore ideas to correct the Coast Guard's "concerns." A subcommittee heard testimony from an adhoc working group of stakeholders possessing considerable knowledge of the issue. The working group shared a draft proposal for a legislative Commission to Study Boat Registrations, Renewals, and Fees Collected – the goal being to create the follow-on legislation to implement the necessary corrections to alleviate the Coast Guard's concerns. The subcommittee unanimously recommended further legislation on this issue to the full committee. The full committee concurred. **Vote 16-0.**

SB 257, enabling municipalities to incorporate sewage disposal systems as part of their stormwater utility. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Robert Harb for Resources, Recreation and Development. About half of all New Hampshire residents dispose of their sewage in a septic system. These systems can be very effective at treating waste for pathogens, however they are not effective at treating nutrients, especially nitrogen. This is especially problematic in the Great Bay estuary, but the committee agreed that this bill is not the method of resolving this issue. The subcommittee reported they supported local control and that there were difficulties with this bill as written. Some possible ideas were proposed. The full committee did feel that this matter needed further study and voted to recommend for future legislation. There was minority concern voiced about unforeseen issues emanating from granting local authority without sufficient oversight. In addition, as much of this issue stems from EPA's actions relative to the Great Bay estuary, our Congressional Delegation should note the recent massive increase in EPA funding may be a resource to help their constituents. **Vote 14-2.**

SB 258-FN-LOCAL, relative to the graves of African Americans alive during the period of American enslavement. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Chuck Grassie for Resources, Recreation and Development. During a subcommittee workshop on SB 258, additional testimony was given from the sponsor Senator David Watters; Mr. Benjamin Wilson, Director of the Division of Historical Resources; and the NH Municipal Association. They informed the subcommittee of the ongoing work in dealing with remains which are found outside of marked graves in NH. Each incident requires special treatment to determine the cultural and spiritual handling of found remains. The Division of Historical Resources agreed that there needed to be a more defined process for remains of African Americans buried during the period of American enslavement. Detailed investigation of the sites along with DNA analysis of remains was important to determine the heritage, possible descendants, cultural and special spiritual, or religious requirements which may be needed during reinterment. The subcommittee recommended future legislation. The full committee agreed that there needs to be future legislation but could not agree on what the form of that legislation should be. Some members preferred a bill focusing on improving the standards and procedures on all graves, regardless of ethnicity, while others preferred a bill focusing just on the graves of African Americans alive during the period of African enslavement. **Vote 16-0.**

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 213, relative to the elimination of useful thermal energy from renewable energy classes. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Michael Harrington for Science, Technology and Energy. The purpose of the bill was to remove the category of "useful thermal energy" from the Renewable Portfolio Standard statute. The reason for this removal is to lower electric rates and to promote transparency in government. The cost of the subsidy for useful thermal energy is presently hidden in electric rates. If it is desired to subsidize wood boilers and other types of useful thermal energy, the cost of doing so should not be borne by electric ratepayers who get no unique benefit from the subsidy. **Vote 14-4.**

HB 1248, relative to replacement power for net metering customer-generators. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Fred Plett for Science, Technology and Energy. While the intent of this legislation shows promise regarding replacement power for intermittent energy producers, this bill provided no framework for making such a program workable. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 1635-FN, relative to the purchase of output of limited electrical energy producers and including qualifying storage system. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Lex Berezny for Science, Technology and Energy. This bill was referred to interim study pending passage of a similar Senate bill, SB321. Since the Senate version of this bill passed and was signed into law and superseded the provisions of HB1635, the committee and the prime sponsor of this bill find that no further legislation is needed. **Vote 18-0.**

HB 1644-FN, relative to the placement of telecommunication antennae and establishing a registry for residents who are experiencing biological symptoms from wireless radiation. exposure. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Douglas Thomas for Science, Technology and Energy. The committee heard the interim study report from the subcommittee on HB-1644-FN in which the subcommittee by a vote of 5-1 recommended further legislative action. Although there is still no solid evidence of causation between RF Radiation tower placement and reported health issues, new testimony revealed a lack of public education on the pros and cons of RF Radiation and of communities having a firm understanding on their options regarding placement of towers. Additional legislation related to these specific areas was thought to be of benefit and perhaps best served under the Municipal and County Government committee. Therefore, the committee recommended further legislative action. **Vote 15-3.**

SB 113, relative to the alternative compliance payments for renewable energy obligations not met through the purchase of renewable energy credits. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jose Cambrils for Science, Technology and Energy. The majority found that this bill should not be recommended for further legislation. During testimony on the bill, the primary sponsor recognized that the bill had potential ramifications that were not well understood. Per the sponsor's request the bill was put into Interim Study, where our committee determined that the bill was not viable until its consequences were sufficiently grasped. **Vote 16-1.**

SB 259, relative to the definition of "municipal host" for purposes of limited electrical energy producers. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. JD Bernardy for Science, Technology and Energy. The proposed definitional change to "municipal host" includes quasi-public agencies (undefined) and housing authorities, as well as the Pease Development Authority. These entities are not consistent with the intent of the law applying to true municipalities and do not merit the cost shifting that would occur by receiving net metering benefits. **Vote 11-6.**

SB 264, (New Title) relative to certain references to the department of energy and transferring authority over the low-income electricity assistance program to the department of energy. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Jeanine Notter for Science, Technology and Energy. The public utilities commission, which currently has authority over the low-income electricity assistance program, has been in discussion with the department of energy over the best way to oversee the program. A few technical hurdles stand in the way of a resolution. Both bodies will inform the legislature when and if future legislative changes are needed. **Vote 12-5.**

SB 269-FN, (New Title) establishing a commission to study energy saving weatherization programs. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Troy Merner for Science, Technology and Energy. The committee felt there was no need for this commission as this issue has been extensively studied. Inflation Reduction Act funds from the federal government will soon change the energy efficiency landscape. The NH Department of Energy will be coordinating the expenditure of these funds over several different weatherization programs, which would likely invalidate any study commission findings. **Vote 14-4.**

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

HB 51, apportioning state senate districts. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Steven Smith for Special Committee on Redistricting. The committee recommends that this bill not be introduced as written or as might be otherwise proposed. This bill proposed redistricting of the State Senate Districts. The committee recommended

Interim Study to provide a vehicle for a redistricting plan should another plan fail. State Senate Districts have been adopted and have been implemented for the 2022 election. This bill is not necessary. **Vote 12-0.**

HB 53, apportioning executive council districts. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Steven Smith for Special Committee on Redistricting. The committee recommends that this bill not be introduced as written or as might be otherwise proposed. This bill proposed redistricting of the State's Executive Council districts. The committee recommended Interim Study to provide a vehicle for a redistricting plan should another plan fail.

Executive Council districts have been adopted and have been implemented for the 2022 election. This bill is not necessary. **Vote 12-0.**

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1050, declaring November 11 as Remembrance Day. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Michael Moffett for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. The committee voted unanimously to support the motion of "not recommended" because of the shared sentiment that the current November 11th Veteran's Day commemoration is appropriate and fitting. **Vote 11-0.**

HB 1353, renaming a wing in the New Hampshire veterans' home. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Michael Moffett for State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs. The committee voted 9-3 to support the motion to recommend for future legislation. The majority felt that the concerns that prompted interim study can be addressed next term. **Vote 9-3.**

TRANSPORTATION

HB 522-FN, relative to motor vehicle inspections for new vehicles. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Laura Telerski for Transportation. This bill as written had a number of defects, undefined terms, and open ended questions changing the inspection requirements for “new” vehicles. The committee found this bill not recommended for future legislation. **Vote 9-1.**

HB 628-FN, relative to maximum vehicle speed limitations. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Gregory Hill for Transportation. Due to traffic and speed safety concerns, an increase in speed limits across the state is unwarranted at this time. Future legislation for increases on specific roads and specific speeds can certainly continue to be considered by the Transportation Committee. **Vote 10-0.**

HB 1445-FN, relative to the identification of police vehicles. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Larry Gagne for Transportation. This bill is not recommended for future legislation because it would be an unfunded mandate to local police jurisdictions. It would also hamper law enforcement from being able to get speeders of the road. **Vote 10-0.**

HB 1447, prohibiting state agencies from using face recognition technology. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Ted Gorski for Transportation. Facial recognition software is a relatively new technology. There can be situations in which there can be ‘false positives.’ These is also an issue in regards to civil liberties (i.e. having state agencies hold facial information). However, there are still open issues that needed to be worked out. **Vote 6-4.**

HB 1464, establishing a committee to study the feasibility and implementation of furthering electric vehicle adoption in New Hampshire. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION.**

Rep. Thomas Walsh for Transportation. The committee was unable to reach a consensus of whether to recommend further legislation or not. **Vote 5-5.**

HB 1615-FN, relative to driver education and the driver training fund. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Catherine Rombeau for Transportation. This bill, as written, appears to violate principles of dedicated funds oversight. The prime sponsor has recognized that the bill in its current state is defective. Accordingly, the committee voted not to recommend future legislation. **Vote 10-0.**

HB 1643-FN, modifying the new resident drivers’ license transfer requirement. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Ted Gorski for Transportation. This bill has some merit to look into further. The prime sponsor has worked with state agencies to work out these issues. This bill will also have an impact on the voter registration database. This bill establishes penalties for new residents who fail to abide to NH driver’s license requirements. The committee finds merit in this bill to move forward. **Vote 6-4.**

HB 1658-FN, relative to testing in lieu of license renewal fees. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Daniel Veilleux for Transportation. The execution of this legislation would be fiscally prohibitive and costly to the state. The committee recommends against future legislation. **Vote 10-0.**

SB 308, relative to driver’s licenses for certain visa holders. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Gregory Hill for Transportation. This legislation was filed to help agricultural visa holders. On-going conversations with the Director of Motor Vehicles are needed to protect the public when these workers arrive from countries without reciprocity and with our DMV to determine history and prior drivers education, if any. The committee looks forward to further discussions. **Vote 10-0.**

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 504-FN-LOCAL, relative to the state education property tax and the low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief program. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Richard Ames for Ways and Means. This bill would reform the statewide education property tax (SWEPT) by (1) substantially expanding upon its provision of property tax relief for low and moderate income homeowners, (2) providing for retention by each municipality of 3% of the amount of SWEPT tax collected from municipal taxpayers to cover the costs of collection and outreach to potential beneficiaries of the tax relief program, (3) requiring remission by each municipality of all SWEPT proceeds net of the 3% retention to the state education trust fund, and (4) establishing a study committee to consider extension of relief to renters, development of a new property tax deferral program, and identification of data needed to better evaluate and develop effective property tax relief. Testimony on the bill, followed by committee discussion during an interim study work session, confirmed the need for a more effective statewide property tax relief program. The committee also reviewed arguments advanced in a new superior court case, *Rand v. State of*

NH, directly challenging the constitutionality of the current SWEPT system's allowance for local retention of excess tax proceeds that are not needed locally for adequate education costs, a practice that arguably violates constitutional uniformity and proportionality principles. The SWEPT reform provisions contained in this bill would resolve this constitutional concern and merit further consideration as this constitutional litigation proceeds. Future legislation is needed to address these property tax relief and SWEPT reform issues. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1204-FN-A-LOCAL, reducing the rate of the meals and rooms tax and increasing the revenue sharing of meals and rooms tax revenue with municipalities. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.** Rep. Patrick Abrami for Ways and Means. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously voted 16-0 that this bill not be considered for future action. Any additional tax cuts must be weighed against seeing the impacts of other tax cuts and measures passed in the past two years as well as concerns about a future recession that is a significant possibility. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1500-FN-A, reducing the rate of the communications services tax and repealing the tax in 2025. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Mary Hakken-Phillips for Ways and Means. Despite a gradual decline in collected revenues for the communications services tax, the majority of the committee has declined to enact legislation to reduce and repeal this tax, which collected \$39.6 million into the general fund in 2021. The majority of the committee urges caution in enacting any additional revenue reductions at this time. State revenue streams will be impacted once the past two years of taxation changes take effect, the remaining federal stimulus dollars are spent, the change to single sales factor in business taxes is realized, and the anticipated Paycheck Protection Program refunds and credit carry forward pay outs increase. **Vote 13-3.**

HB 1525-FN-A, establishing a county nursing home capital reserve fund. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Judy Aron for Ways and Means. The committee voted to recommend this bill for future legislation. The committee discussed the increasing problem of the federal government dictating to our state and counties their regulations regarding space requirements, and other construction restrictions, because of rulings from the Federal Guidelines Institute (FGI). These guidelines and regulations are costly to our state and counties because they increase the space requirements which in turn push up the cost of new construction and renovation for buildings, such as county nursing homes. For example, FGI now calls for nursing home facilities to only have private rooms for residents. Since licensing of these facilities depend on adherence to FGI, building to these requirements, some of which may not be totally necessary, is an added cost to our taxpayers. We have no control over these guidelines. Counties may soon find themselves in a position of not being able to afford renovation or construction of their county nursing home facilities because FGI is making these projects cost prohibitive for county taxpayers. The committee thought that while this bill, calling for a state-funded county nursing home capital reserve fund, was not a solution to this issue at this time, that we should perhaps study and keep an eye on this issue. The impact of FGI guidelines on county nursing home facilities, and similar facilities in the state, should be examined. Questions about whether the state should be involved in county nursing home construction cost issues should also be examined. **Vote 16-0.**

HB 1565-FN, relative to the opioid abatement trust fund. **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Patrick Abrami for Ways and Means. The committee voted unanimously that this bill not be considered for future action. The rules for the distribution of opioid settlement money were just finalized. The committee felt that it was too soon to revise the distribution formula for the opioid abatement trust fund. Time is needed to see how the recently approved formula is working. **Vote 16-0.**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE REMOVAL OF UNUSED UTILITY POLES FOLLOWING THE TRANSITION OF EQUIPMENT, LINES, AND CABLES TO NEW UTILITY POLES (RSA 231:182-a), Room 306-308, LOB

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

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

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13), Room 205-207, LOB

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 193-A:10), Granite State Building, 25 Hall Street, Room 101 - First Floor, Concord, NH

2:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82744882591>

Meeting ID: 827 4488 2591 By Phone: +16465588656

For questions about Zoom access, the public may contact: Timothy Carney at homeeducation@doe.nh.gov or 603-271-2634 before the meeting start time.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES (RSA 17-E:1), Room 103, SH

9:10 a.m. (Or immediately following Senate Meeting) Regular meeting.

HOUSE LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE (RSA 17-E:5), Room 103, SH

9:20 a.m. (Or immediately following Joint Facilities meeting) Regular meeting.

LONG-TERM SEACOAST COMMISSION ON DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:6), NH Department of Environmental Services, Portsmouth Regional Office, Room A, Pease International Tradeport, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth, NH 03801

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 126-A:79), DHHS Health Training Room, 3rd Floor, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

3:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom:

<https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/3947758509?pwd=ekp1cjBacVRrTXA2dGIMSW1YL1NYZz09>

Meeting ID: 394 775 8509 Passcode: MCH By Phone: +13092053325, Passcode: 424830

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 21-V:10), Room 100, SH

9:00 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. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3435858814888164108>

STATE PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 216-A:3-kk), DNCR Concord Office, Concord, NH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEXT GENERATION NUCLEAR REACTOR TECHNOLOGY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 125-O:30), NH Department of Environmental Services, Room 208C, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

8:30 a.m. Regular meeting. Zoom link for members of the public: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85100318781>

COMMISSION TO STUDY TELEHEALTH SERVICES (RSA 329:1-f), Room 103, SH

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILD-LIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30), Dept. of Environmental Services, Room 208C, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

NEW HAMPSHIRE OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 126-A:85), Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant St., Concord NH

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom meeting: <https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/4342815040?pwd=OUZJa1p5S1Ywc0dBdDhkY1A1eGVqUT09>

Meeting ID: 434 281 5040 Passcode: 755910

NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a), New Hampshire Veterans Home, Tarr South Conference Room, 139 Winter Street, Tilton NH 03276

9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

STATE COMMISSION ON AGING (RSA 19-P:1), NH Employment Security, 45 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Remote access via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430173115?pwd=bUFER3I5emt3NGVueDBYyW9SZThLUT09>

By Phone: +1 (929) 205-6099 using Meeting ID: 874 3017 3115 and Passcode: 295220

Topic: Scan of Potential State Policy Strategies for Strengthening the Direct Care Workforce Questions? Please contact Rebecca Sky at Rebecca.Sky@nh.gov or 603-271-0527 or 603-848-4204.

**THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY BOARD (RSA 170-G:6-a),
Dolloff Building, 115 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301**

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2), Room 201-203, LOB

10:15 a.m. Regular meeting.

**COMMISSION TO STUDY OFFSHORE WIND AND PORT DEVELOPMENT (RSA 374-F:10), NHDES
Regional Office, Room A, Pease International Tradeport, 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Ports-
mouth, NH 03801**

4:30 p.m. Regular meeting.

GOVERNOR'S OPERATING BUDGET HEARING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-2025, Room 100, SH

9:00 a.m. Opening Session – Governor Sununu
Department of Revenue
Department of Justice

10:00 a.m. Human Rights Commission
Liquor Commission
Employment Security

11:00 a.m. Dept. of Agriculture, Markets and Food
Banking Department
Veterans Home
Pease Development Authority

12:15 p.m. LUNCH

1:15 p.m. Department of Safety
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
Police Standards and Training
New Hampshire Lottery Commission

2:30 p.m. Department of Corrections
Adult Parole Board
Department of Administrative Services
Advocate of Special Education
Conservation Land Stewardship Program
Housing Appeals Board
Office of the Child Advocate
NH State Commission on Aging

3:45 p.m. Adjourn

**LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1), Room 201-
203, LOB**

9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL ON SUICIDE PREVENTION (RSA 126-R:2), 125 Airport Road,
Room 1, Concord, NH 03301**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/j/4502079232?pwd=dVRpNjhnWmJjeEtmblJXY2VjeDd5QT09>
Meeting ID: 450 207 9232 Passcode: 842629 By phone: +16465588656

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**COMMITTEE TO STUDY NEW HAMPSHIRE TEACHER SHORTAGES AND RECRUITMENT INCEN-
TIVES (SB 236, Chapter 150:1, Laws of 2022), Room 103, SH**

10:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

GOVERNOR'S OPERATING BUDGET HEARING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-2025, Room 100, SH

8:30 a.m. University System of New Hampshire
Community College System of New Hampshire
Department of Education

10:00 a.m. Executive Council
Board of Tax & Land Appeals
Insurance Department
Department of Transportation

- 11:00 a.m. Treasury Department
Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)
Community Development Finance Authority
Department of Information Technology
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. Public Employees Labor Relations Board
Governor's Commission on Disabilities
NH Retirement System
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Fish & Game Department
- 2:30 p.m. Developmental Disabilities Council
Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services
Department of Energy
Public Utilities Commission
Office of Consumer Advocate
Site Evaluation Committee
- 3:45 p.m. Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

GOVERNOR'S OPERATING BUDGET HEARING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-2025, Room 100, SH

- 8:30 a.m. Secretary of State
Right to Know Ombudsman
Boxing and Wrestling Commission
Judicial Council
Department of Health & Human Services
- 10:00 a.m. Department of Labor
Department of Business and Economic Affairs
Department of Environmental Services
- 11:15 a.m. Adjourn

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

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Please see the Board website for additional information regarding this meeting: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/new-hampshire-prescription-drug-affordability-board>

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

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. Organizational meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2), University System of NH, 5 Chenell Drive, Suite 301 Concord, NH 03301

- 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a), Department of Revenue, Administration Training Room, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH

- 9:30 a.m. Regular meeting.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2),**

2:00 p.m. Regular meeting. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84327646605?pwd=R0lwOWFVK0w2U2FKYTVyYbXM1MjNhZz09>

Meeting ID: 843 2764 6605 Passcode: 731679 By Phone: +1 301 715 8592

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a), NH Fish & Game Department, West Conference Room, 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301**

1:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

REVISED FISCAL NOTES

The following bills have a revised fiscal note: HB102, HB103, HB347, HB355, HB591, HB611, HB620, HB624, HB1064, HB1130, HB1228, HB1235, HB1237, HB1288, HB1318, HB1335, HB1423, HB1423, HB1456, HB1469, HB1496, HB1521, HB1526, HB1531, HB1535, HB1540, HB1547, HB1586, HB1587, HB1598, HB1604, HB1608, HB1621, HB1622, HB1628, HB1629, HB1632, HB1635, HB1642, HB1647, HB1661, HB1665, HB1677, HB1681, HB1682, SB59, SB92, SB160, SB202, SB226, SB267, SB278, SB294, SB301, SB303, SB324, SB326, SB340, SB346, SB355, SB363, SB366, SB376, SB383, SB385, SB394, SB400, SB401, SB402, SB405, SB407, SB418, SB422, SB423, SB427, SB429, SB430, SB435, SB438, SB452, SB460.

Paul C. Smith, Clerk of the House

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Carroll County Delegation will convene **Monday, December 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** at Carroll County Administration Building, 95 Water Village Road, Ossipee, New Hampshire. The meeting will include the election of officers and appointment of the Executive Committee and: 1. A public hearing on the Carroll County Commissioners' proposed 2023 County budget. 2. A public hearing to consider the Commissioners' request to authorize Tax-Anticipation Note (TAN) borrowing. 3. A public hearing to consider the Commissioners' request to establish a capital reserve fund for the purpose of funding future capital improvement needs. 4. Any other business brought properly before the meeting. The proposed budget will be available on the County website at www.carrollcountynh.net or by contacting Carroll County Executive Coordinator Mellisa Seamans at (603)539-7751 or by email to mseamans@carrollcountynh.net.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the same location.

Rep. Lino Avellani, Chairman

The **Rockingham County** Convention will hold an Organization Meeting on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**, in the Hilton Auditorium at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood, NH. The purpose of the meeting is to Elect Officers and an Executive Committee and to adopt Resolutions. An Executive Committee Meeting will immediately follow to confirm Officers and its Members.

Rep. David A. Welch, Clerk

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.

The Department of Environmental Services, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee will hold a joint hearing pursuant to RSA 483:9-c, II. The joint public hearing on the proposal to conduct a protected instream flow study on the designated Isinglass and Pemigewasset Rivers will be conducted by NHDES personnel on **November 30th at 4:30 p.m.** in Room 112, NH Dept. of Environmental Services Offices, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Schmidl of DES at (603) 271-3280 or Joseph.Schmidl@des.nh.gov.

Rep. Andrew Renzullo

It's back! Sheehan Phinney Capitol Group cordially invites all House members and staff to their annual Welcome Back Reception on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022** at Tandy's Pub & Grille, One Eagle Square (directly across the street from the State House) following the close of session, or at **3:00 p.m.** should the session end early.

Speaker Packard and Rep. David Cote

NOTICE

The members listed below have bills ready for signature in Legislative Services.
David Alukonis, Director

Sponsor	County	District	LSR Number
Adjutant, Joshua	Grafton	16	2023-H-0001-R
Adjutant, Joshua	Grafton	16	2023-H-0019-R
Adjutant, Joshua	Grafton	16	2023-H-0021-R
Adjutant, Joshua	Grafton	16	2023-H-0022-R
Ammon, Keith	Hillsborough	42	2023-H-0087-R
Ankarberg, Aidan	Strafford	07	2023-H-0085-R
Ankarberg, Aidan	Strafford	07	2023-H-0110-R
Ankarberg, Aidan	Strafford	07	2023-H-0111-R
Belanger, Cody	Rockingham	05	2023-H-0122-R
Belanger, Cody	Rockingham	05	2023-H-0125-R
Belanger, Cody	Rockingham	05	2023-H-0137-R
Berry, Ross	Hillsborough	39	2023-H-0100-R
Berry, Ross	Hillsborough	39	2023-H-0128-R
Blasek, Melissa	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0076-R
Blasek, Melissa	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0087-R
Booras, Efstathia	Hillsborough	08	2023-H-0002-R
Booras, Efstathia	Hillsborough	08	2023-H-0166-R
Boyd, Bill	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0063-R
Boyd, Bill	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0090-R
Bradley, Amy	Hillsborough	41	2023-H-0042-R
Cahill, Michael	Rockingham	10	2023-H-0105-R
Caplan, Tony	Merrimack	08	2023-H-0009-R
Chretien, Jacqueline	Hillsborough	41	2023-H-0061-R
Cordelli, Glenn	Carroll	07	2023-H-0010-R
Cordelli, Glenn	Carroll	07	2023-H-0015-R
Cordelli, Glenn	Carroll	07	2023-H-0046-R
Cordelli, Glenn	Carroll	07	2023-H-0129-L
Cushman, Leah	Hillsborough	28	2023-H-0063-R
Cushman, Leah	Hillsborough	28	2023-H-0091-R
Cushman, Leah	Hillsborough	28	2023-H-0178-R
DeSimone, Debra	Rockingham	18	2023-H-0090-R
Edwards, Jess	Rockingham	31	2023-H-0060-R
Egan, Timothy	Grafton	01	2023-H-0023-R
Egan, Timothy	Grafton	01	2023-H-0160-R
Fellows, Sallie	Grafton	08	2023-H-0099-R
Gallager, Eric	Merrimack	20	2023-H-0186-R
Gallager, Eric	Merrimack	20	2023-H-0188-R

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Gallager, Eric	Merrimack	20	2023-H-0189-R
Gallager, Eric	Merrimack	20	2023-H-0192-R
Grote, Jaci	Rockingham	24	2023-H-0041-R
Grote, Jaci	Rockingham	24	2023-H-0202-R
Hamer, Heidi	Hillsborough	19	2023-H-0120-R
Hamer, Heidi	Hillsborough	19	2023-H-0166-R
Harriott-Gathright, Linda	Hillsborough	10	2023-H-0002-R
Harriott-Gathright, Linda	Hillsborough	10	2023-H-0131-R
Healey, Robert	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0119-R
Hill, Gregory	Merrimack	02	2023-H-0123-R
Hobson, Deborah	Rockingham	14	2023-H-0124-R
Hobson, Deborah	Rockingham	14	2023-H-0127-L
Horrigan, Timothy	Strafford	10	2023-H-0038-R
Horrigan, Timothy	Strafford	10	2023-H-0039-R
Hough, Gregg	Belknap	06	2023-H-0117-R
Infantine, William	Hillsborough	16	2023-H-0100-R
Johnson, Dawn	Belknap	05	2023-H-0076-R
Kennedy, Margaret	Merrimack	08	2023-H-0091-R
Kenney, Cam	Strafford	10	2023-H-0019-R
Kenney, Cam	Strafford	10	2023-H-0022-R
Knirk, Jerry	Carroll	08	2023-H-0037-R
Ladd, Rick	Grafton	05	2023-H-0010-R
Ladd, Rick	Grafton	05	2023-H-0015-R
Layon, Erica	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0091-R
Layon, Erica	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0124-R
Layon, Erica	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0128-R
Layon, Erica	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0129-L
Layon, Erica	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0130-R
Layon, Erica	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0166-R
Layon, Erica	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0178-R
Leishman, Peter	Hillsborough	33	2023-H-0101-R
Lekas, Alicia	Hillsborough	38	2023-H-0076-R
Lekas, Alicia	Hillsborough	38	2023-H-0087-R
Lekas, Alicia	Hillsborough	38	2023-H-0200-L
Lekas, Tony	Hillsborough	38	2023-H-0187-R
Lekas, Tony	Hillsborough	38	2023-H-0188-R
Lekas, Tony	Hillsborough	38	2023-H-0189-R
Lekas, Tony	Hillsborough	38	2023-H-0192-R
Lekas, Tony	Hillsborough	38	2023-H-0194-R
Levesque, Cassandra	Strafford	04	2023-H-0069-R
Levesque, Cassandra	Strafford	04	2023-H-0095-R
Litchfield, Melissa	Rockingham	06	2023-H-0081-R
Litchfield, Melissa	Rockingham	06	2023-H-0117-R
Litchfield, Melissa	Rockingham	06	2023-H-0124-R
Litchfield, Melissa	Rockingham	06	2023-H-0127-L
Litchfield, Melissa	Rockingham	06	2023-H-0128-R
Litchfield, Melissa	Rockingham	06	2023-H-0129-L
Litchfield, Melissa	Rockingham	06	2023-H-0170-R
Long, Patrick	Hillsborough	23	2023-H-0019-R
Long, Patrick	Hillsborough	23	2023-H-0021-R
Love, David	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0060-R
Love, David	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0063-R
Love, David	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0090-R
MacKay, James	Merrimack	18	2023-H-0166-R
Mayville, Mary	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0171-R
McLean, Mark	Hillsborough	15	2023-H-0162-R
McMahon, Charles	Rockingham	17	2023-H-0057-R
McWilliams, Rebecca	Merrimack	30	2023-H-0084-R

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Merner, Troy	Coos	01	2023-H-0160-R
Mooney, Maureen	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0010-R
Murphy, Nancy	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0094-R
Murphy, Nancy	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0095-R
Murray, Megan	Hillsborough	37	2023-H-0075-R
Myler, Mel	Merrimack	09	2023-H-0075-R
Nagel, David		06	2023-H-0196-R
Newman, Ray	Hillsborough	04	2023-H-0131-R
Newman, Sue	Hillsborough	04	2023-H-0131-R
Notter, Jeanine	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0060-R
Notter, Jeanine	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0087-R
Notter, Jeanine	Hillsborough	12	2023-H-0091-R
Osborne, Jason	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0046-R
Osborne, Jason	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0060-R
Osborne, Jason	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0063-R
Osborne, Jason	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0087-R
Osborne, Jason	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0090-R
Osborne, Jason	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0091-R
Osborne, Jason	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0119-R
Osborne, Jason	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0133-R
Osborne, Jason	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0134-R
Osborne, Jason	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0205-R
Oxenham, Lee	Sullivan	01	2023-H-0007-R
Packard, Sherman	Rockingham	16	2023-H-0046-R
Pearson, Stephen	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0087-R
Pearson, Stephen	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0162-R
Petrigno, Peter	Hillsborough	43	2023-H-0054-R
Prout, Andrew	Hillsborough	13	2023-H-0076-R
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine	Rockingham	13	2023-H-0128-R
Read, Ellen	Rockingham	10	2023-H-0019-R
Read, Ellen	Rockingham	10	2023-H-0022-R
Read, Ellen	Rockingham	10	2023-H-0130-R
Renzullo, Andrew	Hillsborough	13	2023-H-0162-R
Roy, Terry	Rockingham	31	2023-H-0063-R
Roy, Terry	Rockingham	31	2023-H-0071-R
Ryan, Linda		04	2023-H-0131-R
Schmidt, Peter	Strafford	14	2023-H-0002-R
Schmidt, Peter	Strafford	14	2023-H-0102-R
Schuett, Dianne	Merrimack	12	2023-H-0130-R
Schultz, Kristina	Merrimack	29	2023-H-0002-R
Schultz, Kristina	Merrimack	29	2023-H-0003-R
Schultz, Kristina	Merrimack	29	2023-H-0007-R
Schultz, Kristina	Merrimack	29	2023-H-0008-R
Schultz, Kristina	Merrimack	29	2023-H-0009-R
Schultz, Kristina	Merrimack	29	2023-H-0011-R
Schultz, Kristina	Merrimack	29	2023-H-0130-R
Shurtleff, Steve	Merrimack	15	2023-H-0162-R
Shurtleff, Steve	Merrimack	15	2023-H-0166-R
Smith, Marjorie	Strafford	10	2023-H-0166-R
Smith, Steven	Sullivan	03	2023-H-0151-R
Soucy, Timothy	Merrimack	21	2023-H-0105-R
Stavis, Laurel	Grafton	13	2023-H-0007-R
Stavis, Laurel	Grafton	13	2023-H-0191-R
Tanner, Linda	Sullivan	05	2023-H-0073-R
Telerski, Laura	Hillsborough	11	2023-H-0131-R
Tucker, Edith	Coos	05	2023-H-0160-R
Umberger, Karen	Carroll	01	2023-H-0015-R
Veilleux, Daniel	Hillsborough	34	2023-H-0073-R

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Veilleux, Daniel	Hillsborough	34	2023-H-0075-R
Verville, Kevin	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0060-R
Verville, Kevin	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0063-R
Verville, Kevin	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0087-R
Verville, Kevin	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0090-R
Verville, Kevin	Rockingham	02	2023-H-0091-R
Wallace, Scott	Rockingham	08	2023-H-0060-R
Wallace, Scott	Rockingham	08	2023-H-0063-R
Wallace, Scott	Rockingham	08	2023-H-0090-R
Wheeler, Jonah		33	2023-H-0106-R
Wolf, Dan	Merrimack	07	2023-H-0013-R
Woodcock, Stephen	Carroll	01	2023-H-0074-R
Wuelper, Kurt	Strafford	04	2023-H-0164-R