

BILL WATCH 2025

If a bill is scheduled for a public hearing, use the portal for House (HB) or Senate (SB).

If a bill had had its public hearing but not a vote, email the whole committee (linked)

If the committee has voted, email the full body if it is scheduled for a floor vote.

Pay attention to whether it was ITL (inexpedient to legislate) or OTP (ought to pass) as you will be voting on the committee recommendation.

Look Up a Bill: https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/quickSearch.aspx

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Senate Testimony Portal: <https://gc.nh.gov/remotecommittee/senate.aspx>

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Senate Committee Addresses: https://gc.nh.gov/senate/committees/senate_committees.aspx

VOTING – ELECTION LAW

***SUPPORT CACR4** – Provides that only legal resident citizens who are at least 18 years of age or older who reside in the place they claim as a domicile shall be eligible voters.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_status/pdf.aspx?id=5305&q=billVersion

House Election Law: Retained in Committee. EMAIL Full Committee to OTP.

***SUPPORT SB44** - This bill requires a hand recount on the request of 100 registered voters in one city, town, or municipality using electronic ballot counting machines.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5822&q=billVersion

Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs: EMAIL Full Committee to OTP.

***SUPPORT HB154** - This bill enables voters to request to have their ballots hand-counted

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=4703&q=billVersion

House Election Law: Executive Session: 03/04/2025 01:00 pm LOB 306-308 - EMAIL Full Committee to OTP.

***SUPPORT HB172** - This bill restricts undeclared voters from registering with a party on the same day of a primary in order to vote in a presidential or state primary election.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=4721&q=billVersion

House Election Law: EMAIL Full Committee to OTP.

***SUPPORT HB289** - Prevents a person from claiming domicile if that person is a legal dependent of a person who does not live in New Hampshire. Clarifies that obtaining a driver's license or registering a motor vehicle is intent of maintaining continuous presence within New Hampshire.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5182&q=billVersion

House Election Law: EMAIL Full Committee to OTP.

***SUPPORT HB323** - This bill requires the presentation of a government-issued photographic means of identification to vote. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5449&q=billVersion

House Election Law: EMAIL Full Committee to OTP.

***OPPOSE HB385** - This bill reestablishes exceptions for the requirement to present identification to vote

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5898&q=billVersion

House Election Law: EMAIL Full Committee to ITL.

***OPPOSE HB521** - This bill authorizes online voter registration.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6483&q=billVersion

[House Election Law](#): **EMAIL Full Committee to ITL.**

***OPPOSE HB600** - This bill enables procedures for ranked choice voting and allows municipalities to adopt such procedures. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6737&q=billVersion

[House Election Law](#): **EMAIL Full Committee to ITL.**

***SUPPORT HB686** - Requires anyone who requests an absentee ballot to provide a copy of government issued photo identification alongside their absentee ballot application. Requires that absentee ballot applications be notarized. Requires a person to cure any errors in their application in person and prove their domicile to their city or town clerk. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7341&q=billVersion

[House Election Law](#): **EMAIL Full Committee to OTP.**

MUNICIPAL ISSUES – HOUSING and ZONING BILLS

***YES HB84** - Title: allowing municipalities to collect fees for certain recreational vehicles located on campground properties. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=3380&q=billVersion

[Municipal and County Government](#): **EMAIL Full House to VOTE YES on ITL.**

***NO HB101** – Title: relative to exempting certain elderly homeowners from paying property taxes.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=3669&q=billVersion

[Municipal and County Government](#): **EMAIL Full House to VOTE NO on ITL.**

***NO HB149** - Title: This bill allows both the original and amended warrant article to be voted on by voters at ballot referenda forms of town meeting. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=4698&q=billVersion

[Municipal and County Government](#): **EMAIL Full House to VOTE NO on ITL.**

***SUPPORT HB173** - This bill would maintain the purpose of a petitioned warrant article.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=4722&q=billVersion

[Municipal and County Government](#): **Retained in committee. EMAIL the Full Committee to OTP.**

***SUPPORT HB228** – This bill authorizes written applications for a petitioned article at an annual or special town or school board meeting to identify a primary petitioner who shall be granted the same amount of time to introduce a petitioned article as is granted to the governing body or budget committee to introduce their warrant articles. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5119&q=billVersion

[Municipal and County Government](#): **EMAIL the Full Committee to OTP.**

***SUPPORT HB229** - This bill repeals the authority for non-charter towns, village districts, or counties with unincorporated places to adopt zoning ordinances through alternative procedures.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5120&q=billVersion

[House Municipal and County Government](#): **Public Hearing 03/03/2025 10:10 AM LOB Room 301-303 – USE HOUSE PORTAL TO OTP.**

***OPPOSE HB471** – This bill establishes a commission to study solutions for growth, traffic, planning, and land use and is composed of representatives from 10 specified towns.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6294&q=billVersion

[Municipal and County Government](#): **Public Hearing 03/03/2025 9:00 AM – USE HOUSE PORTAL TO ITL.**

***SUPPORT HB613** - This bill enables local political subdivisions that have adopted the official ballot referendum form of meeting to adopt provisions for an annual choice for a **reduced default budget**.
https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6751&q=billVersion
Municipal and County Government: Public Hearing: 02/27/2025 01:00 PM LOB 301-303 – USE HOUSE PORTAL to OTP.

***OPPOSE HB782** - Title: expanding property tax exemptions and credits; establishing a cap on property tax liability based on income; **establishing a luxury property tax surcharge**; and using funds from the lottery commission to support property tax relief. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7717&q=billVersion
Municipal and County Government: EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL. (Bill is good up until line 31:III)

HOUSING AND ZONING BILLS

***OPPOSE SB55** - This bill provides temporary exemptions from the land use change tax for qualifying housing projects. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6532&q=billVersion
Senate Commerce: EMAIL Full Committee to VOTE ITL.

***OPPOSE SB78** - This bill removes the zoning board of adjustment's discretion for determining when to take an appeal and replaces it with a non-discretionary 30-day period.
https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7756&q=billVersion
SENATE FLOOR DATE 03/06/2025 - EMAIL FULL SENATE TO OPPOSE OTP.

***OPPOSE SB81** - This bill increases the amount of annual real estate transfer tax revenues that are transferred to the affordable housing fund. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7761&q=billVersion
SENATE FLOOR DATE 03/06/2025 – EMAIL FULL SENATE TO OPPOSE OTP.

***OPPOSE SB84** - This bill sets maximum lot sizes for single-family residential uses based on the type of infrastructure servicing the lot. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7765&q=billVersion
SENATE FLOOR DATE 03/06/2025 - EMAIL FULL SENATE TO OPPOSE OTP.

***OPPOSE SB90** - This bill authorizes high-density residential development on commercially zoned land.
https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7774&q=billVersion
Senate Commerce: Public Hearing: 03/04/2025, Room 100, SH, 10:00 aAM; SC 11 – USE SENATE PORTAL TO ITL.

***OPPOSE SB163** - This bill prohibits municipalities from adopting new ordinances, regulations, or policies that establish moratoria or limitations on building permits or approvals for subdivisions and site plans, and repeals existing authority for temporary moratoria or limitations.
https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7892&q=billVersion
Senate Commerce: Public Hearing: 03/04/2025, Room 100, SH, 11:30 AM; SC 11 – USE SENATE PORTAL TO ITL.

***OPPOSE SB174** - This bill prohibits planning boards from differentiating based on the number of bedrooms in a residential development during the hearing and approval process.
https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7939&q=billVersion
Senate Commerce: Public Hearing: 03/04/2025, Room 100, SH, 10:15 AM; SC 11 – USE SENATE PORTAL TO ITL.

***OPPOSE SB175** - This bill grants municipalities the authority to enforce private covenants while prohibiting municipalities and state government from requiring or encouraging covenants as a condition of zoning or land use approval, with exceptions made for workforce housing developments.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7940&q=billVersion

Senate Commerce: Public Hearing: 03/04/2025, Room 100, SH, 10:30 AM; SC 11 – USE SENATE PORTAL TO ITL.

***NO SB188** - Allows independent third-parties, hired by the property owner, to inspect land, buildings, and structures to determine compliance with state and local building codes and establishes private providers as an alternative to local enforcement agencies for conducting building code inspections and plan reviews.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7956&q=billVersion

SENATE FLOOR DATE 03/06/2025 – EMAIL FULL SENATE TO OPPOSE OTP.

OPPOSE SB231 - This bill adopts limits on road frontage requirements and setbacks for wetlands and lot lines to improve housing density, ensuring these requirements do not exceed 50 feet and are consistent with existing shoreland protection and environmental standards.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7880&q=billVersion

Senate Energy and Natural Resources: No hearing date scheduled yet.

***OPPOSE SB279** - Allows housing champion communities to participate in a business loan program administered by the business finance authority and makes an appropriation to fund such loans. II. Makes an appropriation to the department of business and economic affairs for deposit in the housing champion designation and grant program fund.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7995&q=billVersion

Senate Commerce: EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL.

***OPPOSE SB281** - This bill changes the requirements that allow a building to be constructed on a lot adjacent to a class VI roadway. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=8000&q=billVersion

Senate Commerce: Public Hearing: 03/04/2025, Room 100, SH, 10:45 AM; SC 11 – USE SENATE PORTAL TO ITL.

***OPPOSE SB282** - This bill allows residential buildings between 6 and 4 floors above grade to have only one stairway under certain conditions. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=8002&q=billVersion

Senate Commerce: EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL

***OPPOSE SB283** - This bill requires municipalities to exclude below-grade areas from floor-area-ratio (FAR) calculations and review and adjust height limitations as needed to maximize capacity and height potential for new construction.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=8004&q=billVersion

Senate Commerce: Public Hearing: 03/04/2025, Room 100, SH, 11:00 am; SC 11 - USE SENATE PORTAL TO ITL.

***OPPOSE SB284** - This bill limits residential parking spaces to one per unit, with exceptions for certain workforce housing and multi-family developments.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=8005&q=billVersion

Senate Commerce: EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL.

MORE HOUSING AND ZONING BILLS

***OPPOSE HB342** - This bill allows property owners to build on their property without seeking a variance for minimum lot size or lot coverage if the proposed building density conforms to that of the surrounding neighborhood, as verified by the local planning board.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5470&q=billVersion
House Housing: **EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL.**

***OPPOSE HB399** - This bill establishes a commission to study the New Hampshire zoning enabling act.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5913&q=billVersion
Senate Commerce: **Public Hearing: 03/04/2025, Room 100, SH, 11:45 AM; SC 11 – USE THE SENATE PORTAL TO ITL.**

***OPPOSE HB382** - This bill eliminates the authority of municipalities to adopt or enforce regulations that mandate minimum parking requirements. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5895&q=billVersion

House Housing: **EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL.**

***OPPOSE HB572** - This bill creates the “partners in housing” program, a low-interest loan and grant program under the housing champions fund to assist municipalities, counties, and developers in building modestly priced housing, and provides an additional \$10 million in funding for the housing champions fund.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6709&q=billVersion
House Housing: **EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL.**

***OPPOSE HB410** - This bill requires legislative bodies to utilize empirical, scientific evidence to support the adoption or imposition of any extraordinary restriction of residential property.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5924&q=billVersion
House Housing: **EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL.**

***SUPPORT HB457** - This bill prohibits the adoption and enforcement of any zoning ordinance that restricts the number of occupants of a dwelling unit to fewer than 2 occupants per bedroom. The bill also prohibits the adoption and enforcement of any zoning ordinance that discriminates based on familial, non-familial, or marital status. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6132&q=billVersion

House Housing: **EMAIL the Full Committee to OTP.**

***OPPOSE HB459** - This bill prohibits zoning ordinances regarding single-family residential uses from requiring larger acreage sizes than are necessary for community health and safety, given sewer infrastructure.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6134&q=billVersion
House Housing: **EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL.**

***SUPPORT HB465** - This bill provides income verification requirements for housing opportunity zones.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6288&q=billVersion
House Housing: **EMAIL the Full Committee to OTP.**

***YES HB530** - Title: increasing the amount of revenue transferred from the real estate transfer tax to the affordable housing fund. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6492&q=billVersion

House Ways and Means Committee: **EMAIL the Full House to VOTE YES on ITL.**

***OPPOSE HB577** - This bill expands accessory dwelling units by right to include detached units, adds definitions related to accessory dwelling units, and increases the maximum square footage.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6714&q=billVersion
House Housing: **EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL.**

DEAD HB623 - This bill restricts the acquisition of single-family and multi-family housing to natural persons with certain exceptions. It requires any non-natural person acquiring such housing under these exceptions to register and file reports with the secretary of state.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6827&q=billVersion

House Housing: **Laid on Table (Rep. A. Murray): MF RC 149-207 02/06/2025 HJ 4**

***OPPOSE HB631** - This bill allows multifamily or mixed-use developments as a permitted use by right in certain urban municipalities, outlines specific zoning regulations that cannot be imposed on such developments, and provides definitions for key terms. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=6835&q=billVersion

House Housing: **EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL.**

***OPPOSE HB685** - This bill updates the definition of manufactured housing, and establishes the requirement that manufactured housing must be permitted in all residential zoned areas within every municipality in the state, overriding any local zoning ordinances that prohibit or unreasonably restrict its placement. (modular homes, trailers?) https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=7340&q=billVersion

House Housing: **EMAIL the Full Committee to ITL.**

ARTICLE V CONVENTION

These bills had public hearings on January 31, 2025

Please contact the full committee!

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

<https://gc.nh.gov/house/committees/links.aspx?x=3&id=16>

***OPPOSE HCR3** - This resolution **applies** for a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution of the United States. https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=4660&q=billVersion

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: **EMAIL Full Committee to ITL.**

***SUPPORT HCR5** - This concurrent resolution **rescinds** the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 40 passed on May 31, 2012 which is an application to the congress of the United States of America to call a convention pursuant to the terms of Article V of the United States Constitution.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5306&q=billVersion

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: **EMAIL Full Committee to OTP.**

***OPPOSE HB264** - This bill makes it a class B felony for a delegate to a convention called under Article V of the United States Constitution to support or approve proposing an amendment not authorized by the legislature.

https://gc.nh.gov/bill_Status/pdf.aspx?id=5157&q=billVersion

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: **EMAIL Full Committee to ITL**