



New Hampshire Association of Counties

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STATE HOUSE UPDATE

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Governor's Budget

<https://das.nh.gov/budget/Budget2018-2019/GovernorsBudgetBill.pdf#05-95-48>

The Nursing Home and CFI are on page 829-830. For the most part it looks like level expenditures, but for some reason there is an increase in MQIP and Proshare and the General fund payments increase by \$7 million

HB 2 which will have a more detailed number on the county cap and credit will not be out until early next week.

Also in the Governor's speech he called for getting Long Term Care in to the MCO's by the end of the year. <https://das.nh.gov/budget/Budget2018-2019/Executive%20Summary%20Final.pdf>

The Governor did state that he needs to work in partnership with the counties on these initiatives.

HEARINGS NEXT WEEK

Time	Location	Bill	Title
Tuesday			
2/14 09:40 AM	SH 100 (S-Judiciary) Hearing	SB 232	Relative to The Issuance Of A Summons Instead Of Arrest.
Tuesday			
2/14 10:30 AM	LOB 301 (H-Municipal and County Government) Executive Session	HB 303	Relative to Filling Vacancies In The Office Of County Commissioner.
Tuesday			
2/14 10:30 AM	LOB 301 (H-Municipal and County Government) Executive Session	HB 411	Relative to Calculation Of Collection Dates For Local Property Taxes.

Tuesday			
2/14 11:00 AM	LOB 204 (H-Criminal Justice and Public Safety) Executive Session	HB 526	Relative to Rules Relating to Prison Rehabilitation Programs and Inmate Health.
Tuesday			
2/14 01:00 PM	LOB 208 (H-Judiciary) Executive Session	HB 476	Relative to The Duties Of Registers Of Probate.
Tuesday			
2/14 01:00 PM	LOB 301 (H-Municipal and County Government) Executive Session	HB 530	Relative to Charges For Services By The Register Of Deeds.
Tuesday			
2/14 01:00 PM	LOB 301 (H-Municipal and County Government) Executive Session	HB 498	Relative to Certification Requirements For Holding The Office Of Sheriff.
Tuesday			
2/14 01:00 PM	LOB 301 (H-Municipal and County Government) Executive Session	HB 461	Relative to The Acceptance Of Grants By Carroll County.
Tuesday			
2/14 01:00 PM	LOB 301 (H-Municipal and County Government) Executive Session	HB 121	Relative to The Maximum Optional Fee For Transportation Improvements Charged By Municipalities When Collecting Motor Vehicle Registration Fees.
Tuesday			
2/14 01:15 PM	LOB 101 (S-Health and Human Services) Hearing	SB 157	Relative to Network Adequacy and Consumer Rights Under The Managed Care Law.
Wednesday			
2/15 03:00 PM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Subcommittee Work Session	HB 561	Relative to Contributions By Employers Of Part-time Employees Receiving Retirement System Pensions and Relative to Enforcement Of Provisions Concerning Retired Members Working Part-time After Retirement.

On the Floor Next Week

On Senate Calendar

SB 90– adjusting the minimum employer’s contribution rate for unemployment insurance—ITL 4-0

On House Calendar

Consent

HB 645– relative to the retiree health care benefits for future retirees—ITL 17-1

HB 601– relative to referral to the Sununu Youth Services Center for youth administered Narcan– ITL 20-0

HB 346– relative to the payment of wages by an employee—ITL 20-0

HB 120– relative to deposit of county unassigned fund balances in a revenue stabilization account—OTPA 13-0

HB 239– establishing a study committee to study reducing the costs of county government—ITL 11-4

HB 261– relative to background checks for county employees– ITL 13-0

HB 296– allowing counties to authorize and fund forensic audits—OPT 13-0

HB 563– making an appropriation for the Carroll and Strafford county freight rail improvement project and Coos County freight rail improvement project—ILT 16-0

Regular Calendar

HB 643—mandating wearing of body camera by certain law enforcement officers—ITL 13-3

HB 97– relative to the use of drones –OTPA 15-3

HB 212– relative to police attendance at public meeting and functions—ITL 9-4

HB 223– prohibiting recipients of county or municipal funds from using such funds for lobbying—ITL 13-1

HB 272– relative to the election of county commissioners in Carroll County—ITL 9-4

Highlights From This Week

Executive Session Results

- HB 617– Relative to Jury Trials for Imposition of fines in Zoning Violations—OTPA 8-7
- HB 476—Relative to the Duties of Registers of Probate—RESCHEDULED
- HB 292– Relative to a jury Trail for the execution of a tax lien—ITL 13-0
- HB 115– Establishing a State minimum wage and providing for adjustments to the minimum wage—ITL 12-9
- HB 346 –Relative to the Payment of wages to an employee— ITL –20-0
- HB 442– Relative to criminal record checks in the employee application process—ITL 12-9
- HB 130– prohibiting an employer from using credit history in employment decisions—ITL 12-9
- HB 194– permitting employers to pay wages to employees weekly or biweekly—ITL 13-8
- HB 628– Relative to a family and medical leave insurance program—Retained 20-1

Hearings

SB 90– adjusting the minimum employer’s contribution rate for unemployment insurance

- The Department asked the that bill be killed they re-ran the numbers and the groups who had worked on this previously do not want this bill anymore
- Given the testimony it is likely that the will be ITL’d

HB 303– Relative to filling vacancies in the office of County Commissioner

- Rep Gagne introduced his bill with amendment to apply it only to Hillsborough
- A few questions on why shouldn’t this apply to all counties
- Likely this bill will be passed without issue

HB 461– Relative to the acceptance of grants by Carroll County

- This bill would set the policy for Carroll County to accept grants
- Already an informal process going on
- This would be a purely advisory role, nothing binding the decision/recommendations of the committee
- Ken Robichaud spoke on behalf of the Association, opposed to the bill
- The committee asked for a formal delegation count on support or opposition for this bill
- If the delegation count comes back favorably, likely that the committee will pass this bill since the advisory committee’s decision would not be binding

HB 530-relative to charges for services by register of deeds

- Most of the questions focused on the use of the deeds fees to reduce property taxes
- Anna Tilton, Kelley Monahan and Kathi Guay testified on behalf of the Association, opposed
- The committee seemed to be of the opinion that the individual registers know what is best for their county
- Likely this bill will be ITL’d

HB 561– Relative to Contributions by employers of part-time employees receiving retirement pensions...

- This was a second subcommittee meeting of this group
- Likely there will be an amendment that will make this apply only if you take a fulltime position and change it to a part time position
- Without this amendment unlikely that this will pass out of the subcommittee

NOTES

Language for bills is beginning to emerge. If a bill has an official HB or SB number then the language is available to the public. You can review the language of any bill throughout the session at http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/quick_search.html.

There will be 2 session days in the House next week: Wednesday the 15th and Thursday the 16th to deal with the large amount of reported on bills.

HB 223 was pulled off the consent calendar by Rep Cordelli, will be on the regular calendar next week.