



New Hampshire Association of Counties

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STATE HOUSE UPDATE

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HEARINGS NEXT WEEK

Time	Location	Bill	Title
Tuesday			
2/7 09:20 AM	LOB 102 (S-) Hearing	SB 108	Relative to Absentee Ballot Applications.
Tuesday			
2/7 09:20 AM	SH 100 (S-Judiciary) Hearing	SB 198	Relative to Electronic Publication By The Probate Division.
Tuesday			
2/7 10:00 AM	LOB 204 (H-Criminal Justice and Public Safety) Executive Session	HB 643	Mandating The Wearing Of Body Cameras By Certain Law Enforcement Officers.
Tuesday			
2/7 10:00 AM	LOB 208 (H-Judiciary) Executive Session	HB 617	Relative to Jury Trials For Imposition Of Fines In Zoning Violations.
Tuesday			
2/7 10:00 AM	LOB 208 (H-Judiciary) Executive Session	HB 476	Relative to The Duties Of Registers Of Probate.
Tuesday			
2/7 10:00 AM	LOB 208 (H-Judiciary) Executive Session	HB 292	Relative to A Jury Trial For The Execution Of A Tax Lien.
Tuesday			
2/7 10:20 AM	LOB 301 (H-Municipal and County Government) Public Hearing	HB 411	Relative to Calculation Of Collection Dates For Local Property Taxes.
Tuesday			
2/7 10:45 AM	LOB 104 (H-Legislative Administration) Public Hearing	HB 300	Requiring State Employees and State Public Officials to Display Identification Badges When Attending Meetings and Hearings Of The General Court.
Tuesday			
2/7 11:00 AM	LOB 307 (H-Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services) Executive Session	HB 115	Establishing A State Minimum Wage and Providing For Adjustments to The Minimum Wage.

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2/7 11:00 AM	LOB 307 (H-Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services) Executive Session	HB 346	Relative to The Payment Of Wages to An Employee.
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2/7 11:00 AM	LOB 307 (H-Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services) Executive Session	HB 442	Relative to Criminal Records Checks In The Employee Application Process.
Tuesday			
2/7 11:00 AM	LOB 307 (H-Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services) Executive Session	HB 194	Permitting Employers to Pay Wages to Employees Weekly or Biweekly.
Tuesday			
2/7 11:00 AM	LOB 307 (H-Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services) Executive Session	HB 628	Relative to A Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program.
Tuesday			
2/7 01:00 PM	LOB 302 (H-Commerce and Consumer Affairs) Executive Session	HB 308	Requiring Propane Companies to File Notice with The Register Of Deeds Of Underground Propane Tanks.
Tuesday			
2/7 01:00 PM	LOB 308 (H-Election Law) Executive Session	HB 235	Allowing The Use Of An Assisted Living Facility Photo Identification Card For Voter Identification Purposes.
Tuesday			
2/7 01:00 PM	SH 100 (S-Commerce) Hearing	SB 90	Adjusting The Minimum Employer's Contribution Rate For Unemployment Insurance.
Tuesday			
2/7 02:00 PM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Public Hearing	HB 204	Relative to Bonds For Public Employees.
Tuesday			
2/7 02:30 PM	LOB 204 (H-Criminal Justice and Public Safety) Public Hearing	HB 156	Including A Fetus In The Definition Of "another" For Purposes Of Certain Criminal Offenses.
Wednesday			
2/8 09:30 AM	LOB 207 (H-Education) Executive Session	HB 605	Establishing A Scholarship For Students Pursuing Careers In The Service Of Children and The Elderly.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:00 AM	LOB 204 (H-Criminal Justice and Public Safety) Executive Session	HB 285	Relative to The Imposition Of Concurrent and Consecutive Sentences.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:00 AM	LOB 204 (H-Criminal Justice and Public Safety) Executive Session	HB 205	Relative to Flying A Drone Above A Correctional Facility.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:00 AM	LOB 204 (H-Criminal Justice and Public Safety) Executive Session	HB 526	Relative to Rules Relating to Prison Rehabilitation Programs and Inmate Health.

Wednesday			
2/8 10:00 AM	LOB 208 (H-Judiciary) Executive Session	HB 524	Relative to Participation In Meetings Open to The Public.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:00 AM	LOB 208 (H-Judiciary) Executive Session	HB 460	Relative to Minutes Under The Right-to-know Law.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:00 AM	LOB 208 (H-Judiciary) Executive Session	HB 170	Relative to Posting Notice and Minutes Of Public Meetings On The Public Body's Website.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:20 AM	LOB 301 (H-Municipal and County Government) Public Hearing	HB 303	Relative to Filling Vacancies In The Office Of County Commissioner.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:20 AM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Subcommittee Work Session	HB 97	Relative to The Use Of Drones.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:30 AM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Executive Session	HB 645	Relative to Retiree Health Care Benefits For Future Retirees.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:30 AM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Executive Session	HB 631	Establishing A Cash Balance Pension Plan For New Hires and Non-vested Employees.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:30 AM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Executive Session	HB 624	Relative to Group Ii Vested Deferred Retirements, The Age Of Dependents In The Retiree Health Plan, and Retired Judges' Participation In The Retiree Health Plan.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:30 AM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Executive Session	HB 97	Relative to The Use Of Drones.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:30 AM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Executive Session	HB 649	Making Emergency Medical Technicians and Rescue Squad Members Eligible For A Death Benefit If Killed In The Line Of Duty.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:30 AM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Executive Session	HB 171	Prohibiting The State or Its Political Subdivisions From Assisting A Federal Agency In The Collection Of Electronic Data Without A Warrant.
Wednesday			
2/8 10:30 AM	LOB 306 (H-Executive Departments and Administration) Executive Session	HB 653	Relative to Health Care Premium Contributions For Medicare Eligible State Retirees.

Wednesday			
2/8 10:40 AM	LOB 301 (H-Municipal and County Government) Public Hearing	HB 461	Relative to The Acceptance Of Grants By Carroll County.
Wednesday			
2/8 11:00 AM	LOB 301 (H-Municipal and County Government) Public Hearing	HB 498	Relative to Certification Requirements For Holding The Office Of Sheriff.
Wednesday			
2/8 11:20 AM	LOB 301 (H-Municipal and County Government) Public Hearing	HB 530	Relative to Charges For Services By The Register Of Deeds.
Wednesday			
2/8 01:30 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

Senate Calendar

SB 116— requiring notice to affected municipalities of energy facility siting—OTP 5-0

House Calendar

Consent

HB 219— establishing a demographic study committee—OTPA 15-0

CACR 3—relating to disqualification by age. Providing that there be no age disqualification for a judge if any court, judge of probate or sheriff—ITL 17-0

HB 382—Prohibiting electric warrents—ITL 17-0

HB 127— vacancies in county offices—OTP 15-0

HB 144— relative to procedures for adoption of the budget for Rockingham County—OTPA 14-0

HB 167— relative to audit of county funds—OTP 14-1

HB 172— relative to tax anticipation notes in counties—OTP 15-0

HB 189— establishing homestead rights— ITL 14-0

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

Regular

HB 108— relative to municipal record retention and conversion—OTPA 12-1

Highlights From This Week

Executive Session Results

HB 167– Relative to Audits of County Funds—OTP 14-1

HB 144– Relative to procedures for adoption of the Budget for Rockingham County—OTPA 14-0

Amendment changes the effective date to one year out

HB 2223– Prohibiting recipients of County of Municipal Funds from using such funds for lobbying—ITL 13-1

HB 189– Establishing a Homestead Right—ITL 14-0

HB 239– Establishing a study committee on reducing the cost of county government—ITL 12-2

HB 212– Relative to police attendance at public meetings and functions ITL 9-4

HB 296– Allowing counties to authorize and fund forensic audits OTP 13-0

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

Amendment clarifies the language on treasurer authorization to move such funds

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

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

HB 619—relative to medical services for prisoners –Retained

Hearings

HB 308– Requiring Propane Companies to file notice with the register of deeds of underground propane tanks

This bill is targeted at what the sponsor views as inappropriate actions by the propane companies

3 Propane companies testified against it, stating that it would be an administrative nightmare

Most of the questions focused on current practices

I believe the committee will ITL this bill

HB 476—relative to the duties of registers of probate

This was a continuation of the hearing from last week.

Testimony was very similar.

Difficult to read the committee as a whole, but there are some members who seem to side in support of this bill

The Association of Counties signed in supporting the bill

HB 619-relative to medical services for prisoners

This bill is designed to prevent prisoners from negotiating better terms for themselves in exchange for signing the Medicaid waiver

There are some technical issues with the bill that DHHS and Rep Snow are going to work on

This bill has been retained

SB 137—relative to licensure by endorsement granted by the board of nursing.

This is a workforce bill for nurses and creates a 90 day license for non-compact states

The Board of Nursing does not think this bill is a good idea and will not provide for patient safety

This bill is likely to get passed as many of the medical professionals pointed out that they call other states when hiring to ensure that the new employee has an unrestricted license

The Association of Counties signed in supporting this bill

SB 152- relative to criminal history background checks for certain health care workers.

This is to deal with the background check delays

The secondary check for the licensure board is not necessary because they already had a background check done during their education

This bill is going to need some amendments, but likely to pass once sponsors and provider concerns are addressed

HB 628— Relative to a family and medical leave insurance program

Sponsors brought in an amendment that would allow the employee to opt in or out when they are hired; they have the opportunity to enroll during the open enrollment period every year, but once they are in they are in forever

Many of the speakers did not take a formal position and no one spoke in opposition of the bill

Employment Securities took no position on the bill but will need some additional hires to execute this

Difficult to read the committee at this time

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.