



State Conservation Committee

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2022 Legislative Session Watch List

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This watch list is provided to inform conservation district supervisors, associate supervisors, staff, and the public about legislative activity of the New Hampshire Senate and House of Representatives that may impact conservation district activities. In no way is it meant to state or imply positioning (either in support or opposition) of the NH State Conservation Committee to these bills. The State Conservation Committee does not take stances on legislation. This list is only meant to help better inform people around the State about what is going on in their government.

For more information on New Hampshire’s legislative process, go to the State Almanac, which can be found at <https://www.nh.gov/almanac/bills.htm>.

House Bills

Bill, LSR, Sponsor	Description	Comm.	Status/Upcoming Activity
HB 1005, 2282, Thomas	Creates a NH low-grade timber and wood emerging market commission	RR&D	5/24-Signed by Gov. Sununu, mostly effective immediately, one section (repealing RSA 227I:11) is effective 12/1/23. Committee work currently ongoing- http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/statstucomm/details.aspx?id=1573%20&rbl=1&ddlcomms=H22
HB 1014, 2054, Simpson	Allowing public meetings to be held virtually	Jud.	<u>House</u> 3/16-Tabled by role call vote (175-155). <u>Senate</u> Not introduced <i>Bill Outlook-No progress, may be picked up in the future.</i>
HB 1168, 2152, Bixby	Establishes a committee to review soil conditions	E&A	6/17-Signed by Gov. Sununu, mostly effective 6/17/22, Sect. 6 (reimbursements) effective 1/1/23.

			Final Committee Report (Nov/1/22)- http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/statstucomm/reports/1588.pdf
HB 1227, 2382, Grassie	Relative to the definition of prime wetland	RR&D	<u>House</u> 3/20-Tabled through voice vote. <u>Senate</u> Not introduced <i>Bill's Outlook-Progress has stalled. It appears unlikely to make additional progress, although the bill is not officially "killed."</i>
HB 1412, 2746, Foster	Relative to gardening, homesteading, and organic food production. "Right to Garden Act"	E&A	<u>House</u> 2/16- Voted "Inexpedient to Legislate: by Committee (17-0). <u>Senate</u> Not Introduced <i>Bill's Outlook-"Dead"</i>
HB 1419, 2827, Post	Establishment of a NH Civilian Climate Corps advisory commission	ST&E	<u>House</u> 2/22-Voted "Tabled" (184-158) 2/9-Majority committee voted "Inexpedient to Legislate" (12-9) <u>Senate</u> Not Introduced <i>Bill's Outlook-Progress has stalled, but is not considered "dead."</i>
HB 1450, 2116, Caplan	Includes agricultural resources under LCHIP	W&M	<u>House</u> 3/11- Voted to adopt committees report of "Inexpedient to Legislate" 2/24-Committee voted "Inexpedient to Legislate" (19-0) <u>Senate</u> Not Introduced <i>Bill's Outlook-"Dead"</i>
HB 1657, 2158, Simpson	Creates farm to school reimbursement program	Edu	<u>House</u> 2/22-Role call vote adopts committee's report of "Inexpedient to Legislate" (186-164) <u>Senate</u> Not introduced <i>Bill's Outlook-"Dead"</i>

House Committee Information

E&A- Environment and Agriculture (LOB 303);

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committeedetails.aspx?id=2>

Edu- Education (LOB 207); <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committeedetails.aspx?id=1>

Jud. - Judiciary (LOB 208); <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committeedetails.aspx?id=5>

RR&D- Resources, Recreation, and Development (LOB Room 305);

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/links.aspx?x=1&id=13>

ST&E- Science, Technology, and Energy (LOB Room 304);

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committeedetails.aspx?id=15>

W&M- Ways and Means (LOB Room 202);

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committeedetails.aspx?id=19>

Senate Bills

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SB 263, 2982, Watters	Establishes a NH youth environmental education and conservation council	E&NR	<u>Senate</u> 3/17-Voice vote of committee determined it should pass with amendments. <u>House</u> 5/5-Voted "Inexpedient to Legislate" (174-150) by NH House. <i>Bill's Outlook- "Dead"</i>
SB 267, 3006, Giuda	Establishes upland invasive species program with program manager as part of NH-DAMF	E& NR	6/7-Signed by Gov. Sununu, and takes effect 6/30/22.
SB 322, 3056, Perkins-Kwoka	Reduces required membership of a public body physically present at a meeting to 25% to reach a quorum.	Jud.	<u>Senate</u> 2/24-Pending interim study <i>Bill's Outlook-Unknown until results of study are published.</i>
SB 342, 3098, Daniels	Increased exemptions for reporting results of non-public meetings to include matters related to personnel management.	Jud.	<u>Senate</u> 2/3-Committee Report: "Inexpedient to Legislate" <u>House</u> Not introduced. <i>Bill's Outlook- "Dead"</i>
SB 344, 3101, Daniels	Allows for members of public bodies to attend meetings virtually, and still count towards establishing a quorum.	Jud.	<u>Senate</u> This bill was amended prior to passing a full NH Senate vote (3/31/22, 13-11) <u>House</u> 5/5- Voted "Inexpedient to Legislate" (176-155) by NH House. <i>Bill's Outlook- "Dead"</i>
SB 369, 3057, Kahn	Requires the NH Dept of Agr. Markets, and Food to maintain organic certification program, and provides appropriation	E&NR	<u>Senate</u> 3/17-Voice voted "Inexpedient to Legislate" in committee. <u>House</u> Not introduced. <i>Bill's Outlook- "Dead"</i>

Senate Committee Information

E&NR- Energy and Natural Resources (SH Room 103);

http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/senate/committees/committee_details.aspx?cc=41

Judi- Judiciary (SH Room 100); http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/senate/committees/committee_details.aspx?cc=33