



State Conservation Committee

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2024 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.

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Upcoming Public Hearings & Executive Sessions

Date & Time	Location	Bill	Description
Mar. 5 th , 9:45am	SH Room 103	SB 543	Establishing the state environmental adaptation, resilience, and innovation council.
Mar. 6 th , 1:00pm	LOB 301-303	HB 1578	Relative to organic certification and labeling.
Mar. 6 th , 11:00am	LOB 301-303	HB 1463	Establishing a committee to study the effects of laws relative to the production of beef, pork, and poultry.
Mar. 6 th , 11:15am	LOB 301-303	HB 1628	Relative to regulatory authority for apples, coal grading, potatoes, cider, milk, and lumber.

Current Bill Status

Disaster Relief

Bill, LSR, Sponsor	Description	Comm.	Status/Upcoming Activity
SB 348, Innis	Creates an emergency relief fund (\$8 million appropriated) that can be used to provide emergency assistance to farms with significant crop damage due to frosts/freezes and/or flooding between 1/1/23 and 7/30/23.	Finance	2/21/25-Referred to Interim Study
SB 494, Fenton	Relative to establishing a farmer assistance fund.	Finance	2/21/24-Referred to Interim Study

Farmers' Markets

Bill, LSR, Sponsor	Description	Comm.	Status/Upcoming Activity
HB 1090, Aylward	Repealing the prohibition against using "farmers' market" in trade names.	C&CA	Public Hearing- Jan. 30 th 11:00am (LOB 306-308)
HB 1327, Aylward	Redefines "farmers' market" in RSA 21:34a, V and RSA 175:1, XXXI-aa.	E&A	2/22/24-Inexpedient To Legislate
HB 1685, Aylward	Redefining "homestead foods" as "artisan foods" and creating artisan food operation exemptions.	E&A	2/22/24- Referred for Interim Study

Farm Products

Bill, LSR, Sponsor	Description	Comm.	Status/Upcoming Activity
HB 1463, Comtois	Establishes a committee to study the effects of laws related to beef, pork, and poultry production.	E&A	Public Hearing-3/6/24 11:00am (LOB 301-303)
HB 1628, Bixby	¹ Repeals certain regulatory statues that have been preempted by the federal government, ² Moved regulatory authority for apples, cider, and lumber to chapter on standards for farm products, and ³ Requests a committee to study standards for farm products, marketing, and grading commodities.	E&A	Public Hearing-3/6/24 11:15am (LOB 301-303)

Farm-to-School

Bill, LSR, Sponsor	Description	Comm.	Status/Upcoming Activity
HB 1678, Simpson	Creates a two-year pilot program allowing schools to receive \$10/student reimbursement for food grown or harvested in New England.	Edu.	2/15/24-“Ought to Pass with Amendment” 2/15/24-Referred to Finance

Organic Certification

Bill, LSR, Sponsor	Description	Comm.	Status/Upcoming Activity
HB 1184, Bixby	Makes appropriation for organic certification program	E&A	Committee Report-Without Recommendation (2/6/24)
HB 1578, Bailey	Repeals the certification program and the organic processors-handlers certification fund.	E&A	Public Hearing: 3/6/24 at 1:00pm (LOB 301-303)
HB 1618, Wolf	Mandates maintaining a cooperative agreement with USDA.	E&A	2/22/24- Inexpedient to Legislate

Right-to-Know

Bill, LSR, Sponsor	Description	Comm.	Status/Upcoming Activity
HB 1002, Kuttab	¹ Requires a cost estimate for making records available included in request acknowledgement, ² Allows cost of fee for requests that will take more than 10 hours to complete, and ³ Allows public body/agency to request modifications to RTK request that would make meeting request more efficient.	Jud.	2/21/24-Full Committee Work Session

State Environmental Council

Bill, LSR, Sponsor	Description	Comm.	Status/Upcoming Activity
SB 543, Watters	Establishes a state environmental adaptation, resilience, and innovation council.	E&NR	Public Hearing-3/5/24 9:45am (SH Room 103)
HB 1499	Establishes a committee to study the civilian clean energy, community resilience, and conservation corps		House Committee report was “Ought to Pass with Amendment.” 2/21/24- Referred to Senate E&NR Comm.

House Committee Information

C&CA- Commerce & Consumer Affairs (LOB 302-304);

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committeedetails.aspx?id=29>

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>

Exec.-Executive Department and Administration (LOB 306);

<https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committeedetails.aspx?id=3>

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 Committee Information

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

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

Finance- Finance (SH Room 103); https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/Senate/committees/committee_details.aspx?cc=32

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