

NHOHVA 2024 Session

No Hearings Scheduled for the Week of February 26, 2024.

Bill	Sponsor	Title & Comments	Status	Latest Version
<u>CACR</u> <u>15</u>	Osborne	Title: relating to taxation. Providing that a 2/3 vote is required to pass legislation imposing new or increased taxes or license fees, or to authorize the issuance of state bonds and providing that the general court shall appropriate funds for payment of interest and installments of principle of all state bonds. Comments The committee was deadlocked 10-10 so it comes out without recommendation. Would require any new or increased tax or fee to pass the House and Senate by a 2/3 vote instead of a majority vote. If passed, the resolution would go on the election ballot to be voted on by all New Hampshire citizens.	House Ways and Means Committee Report: Without Recommendation for 03/07/2024	Introduced
<u>HB</u> 1052	Richard Brown	Title: relative to the format of excavating and dredging permit applications. Comments The amendment clarifies the type of digital data and forms that can be used to speed up the permitting process for municipalities.	Adopted by the House with Amendment on 02/22/2024	As Amended by the House
<u>HB</u> 1063	<u>Hynes</u>	Title: relative to motor vehicle speed within 10 miles per hour of the speed limit. Comments Seeks to allow motor vehicles to lawfully travel 10 miles per hour over the speed limit in certain circumstances.	House Transportation Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 03/07/2024	Introduced
<u>HB</u> 1122	Thomas Walsh	Title: relative to lights on motor vehicles. Comments Included in the report because of the broad title. Should not impact OHRVs.	Senate Transportation House – Adopted on 02/08/2024 Senate – Public Hearing: 03/05/2024 01:00 pm LOB 101	<u>Introduced</u>



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<u>HB</u> <u>1138</u>	Eamon Kelley	Title: equalizing the fines for operating an OHRV with a driver's license suspended and operating a snowmobile with a driver's license suspended. Comments The intent is to equalize the penalties for operating after suspension with habitual offender penalties for motor vehicles violations.	Senate Transportation House – Adopted on 02/08/2024 Senate – Public Hearing: 03/05/2024 01:30 pm LOB 101	Introduced
<u>HB</u> 1148	Harvey	Title: relative to the fish and game commission. Comments The prime sponsor asked for the bill to be sent to interim study. Perennial attempt to add conservation and environmental groups to the commission.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Referred to Interim Study on 02/22/2024	Introduced
<u>HB</u> 1234	<u>Erf</u>	Title: relative to the repair of class VI roads not maintained by a municipality.	Killed by the House on 02/22/2024	Introduced
<u>HB</u> 1314	Grassie	Title: relative to the comprehensive state development plan. Comments Seeks to amend the Comprehensive State Development Plan (SDP) by enhancing provisions to safeguard natural resources and identify environmental risks.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee Report: Ought to Pass for TBD	Introduced
<u>HB</u> 1359	Len Turcotte	Title: relative to appeals of certain zoning decisions by abutters. Comments Supported by NH Municipal Association, the BIA and NH Builders. Seeks to clarify the term abutters to not allow anyone aggrieved but that you have to be an actual abutter to appeal.	House Municipal and County Government Committee Report: Ought to Pass for TBD	Introduced



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<u>HB</u> <u>1366</u>	<u>Hynes</u>	Title: relative to penalties for the negligent or reckless operation of boats. Comments Would add a penalty for the reckless operation of a boat and additional fines and revocations of a license. Monitor only.	House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Executive Session: 02/23/2024 09:30 am LOB 202-204	<u>Introduced</u>
<u>HB</u> 1467	Gibbons	Title: relative to child passenger protection. Comments Monitoring for potential expansion. Would require passenger restraint systems based on age and prevent children from riding in the front seat before turning 13.	House Transportation Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 03/07/2024	Introduced
<u>HB</u> 1494	Eamon Kelley	Title: relative to OHRVs. Comments The prime sponsor indicated he will be removing Sections 1, 2 and 5 of the bill which changed the definition of OHRV club, dealt with golf cart passengers and included engineering costs in GIA. The bill will focus on the sworn affidavit piece and update the event section to include OHRVs.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Public Hearing held on 02/21/2024	Introduced
<u>HB</u> 1550	<u>Ebel</u>	Title: authorizing municipalities to reduce speed limits seasonally. Comments Would allow a municipality to authorize a seasonal speed limit if petitioned on any part of the highway system in their town that is seasonally congested by pedestrian or bicycle traffic.	House Transportation Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment for 03/07/2024	<u>Introduced</u>
<u>HB</u> 1709	Eamon Kelley	Title: (New Title) establishing the forest carbon commission. Comments The amendment would establish a forest carbon commission.	House Ways and Means (2 nd Committee) Adopted with Amendment on 02/22/2024 Referred to Ways and Means	As Amended by the House



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<u>SB</u> <u>345</u>	Keith Murphy	Title: relative to state park fees for state residents. Comments Floor amendment pushed out the effective date to April 2025. Seeks to require resident fees for use of state parks be no more than 50% of nonresident fees. It also would permit DNCR to set different rates for residents and nonresidents for any given service within the state park but cap resident fees at up to 90% of nonresident fees for the same services.	Adopted by the Senate with Amendment on 02/08/2024	As Amended by the Senate
<u>SB</u> 397	Gendreau	Title: making an appropriation for OHRV trails. Comments The committee will hold the bill to act on all appropriations bill in March. Would make a \$2 million appropriation for remediating OHRV and snowmobile trails damaged by weather-related events in 2023.	Senate Finance Public Hearing held on 01/23/2024	Introduced
<u>SB</u> 418	Gannon	Title: relative to THC concentrations for driving offenses. Comments Seeks to set the maximum THC concentration at 2 ng/ml for driving under the influence of drugs offenses for all motor vehicles including OHRVs.	Senate Judiciary Public Hearing held on 01/11/2024	Introduced
<u>SB</u> 426	Gannon	Title: relative to the possession of controlled drugs in motor vehicles. Comments Attempts to clarify the allowable possession of certain cannabis products in a motor vehicle or OHRV and requiring them to be in a secure container that is the least accessible location for the driver.	Senate Judiciary Public Hearing held on 01/11/2024	Introduced
<u>SB</u> 471	Watters	Title: relative to adding a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on rural highways. Comments Introduced to address an issue on Route 4 in Rollinsford. DOT made it clear this would be done in limited circumstances and with town approval. Would limit speed limits to 45 miles per hour in a newly defined "unimproved rural highway".	Adopted by the Senate on 01/18/2024	Introduced



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<u>SB</u> 491	Jeb Bradley	Title: relative to authorizing municipalities to enter into voluntary agreements with owners of private roads. Comments The amendment changes to the approval to by the legislative body. Would allow municipalities to enter into agreements with owners of private roads to allow for municipal use of the road. An agreement would need the written consent of every owner on the road, could not obligate the town to maintain the road, and clearly specify the types of uses are allowed and which parties are responsible for road maintenance.	Adopted by the Senate on 02/21/2024	As Amended by the Senate
<u>SB</u> 504	<u>Jeb</u> <u>Bradley</u>	Title: relative to land in current use. Comments The prime sponsor indicated the bill was worked on with the Governor and Attorney General to allow for no trespassing signs on conservation easements so signs can be posted on the Northern border to try and cut down on illegal activity. NHTOA and the Farm Bureau worked on an amendment to make it clear this would not change the current use law to change access.	Senate Judiciary Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #0811s for 03/07/2024	Introduced
<u>SB</u> <u>542</u>	<u>Watters</u>	Title: relative to appointments to the fish and game commission. Comments Seeks to enable the Native American Affairs Commission to nominate persons to be considered for the fish and game commission.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources Public Hearing held on 02/13/2024	Introduced
<u>SB</u> <u>551</u>	Innis	Title: relative to making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds. Comments Would appropriate \$600,000 to Warner as matching funds for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant to build a section of the rail trail linking Contoocook Village with downtown Warner.	Senate Finance Public Hearing held on 01/23/2024	Introduced



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2023 RETAINED BILLS					
<u>HB</u> 202	<u>Janigian</u>	Title: relative to property tax abatements. Comments Requested by a study commission to eliminate an inequality between equalization rates used for tax assessments and one for tax appeals.	Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs House - Adopted on 01/03/2024 Senate - Schedule pending	Introduced	
		2024 INTERIM STUDY BILLS			
<u>HB</u> 1530	Hoell	Title: requiring fish and game officers to wear body cameras.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Referred to Interim Study on 02/15/2024	Introduced	
<u>SB</u> 493	Innis	Title: relative to establishing municipal emergency disaster relief loan fund to aid municipalities in a natural disaster.	Senate Finance Referred to Interim Study on 02/08/2024	Introduced	
		2024 KILLED BILLS			
<u>HB</u> 434	<u>Post</u>	Title: relative to flying drones in state parks.	Killed by the House on 01/04/24	Introduced	
<u>HB</u> 1543	Gould	Title: relative to personal electric vehicles (PEVs).	Killed by the House on 02/08/2024	Introduced	
<u>HB</u> 1558	Cole	Title: relative to agent fees for fish and game licenses.	Killed by the House on 02/15/2024	Introduced	
<u>SB 13</u>	<u>Watters</u>	Title: relative to recovery of search and rescue expenses.	Killed by the House on 01/03/24	Introduced	



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<u>SB</u> <u>381</u>	Avard	Title: prohibiting a municipality from designating a road as a private road under certain conditions.	Killed by the Senate on 02/08/2024	Introduced