



**NHOHVA  
2024 Session**

**Hearings Scheduled for the Week of March 18, 2024:**  
**HB 202, relative to property tax abatements. (3/19 Public Hearing)**

Bill	Sponsor	Title & Comments	Status	Latest Version
<a href="#"><u>CACR 15</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Osborne</u></a>	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 bill failed to get the necessary 3/5 vote to pass.	Killed by the House on 03/14/2024	<a href="#"><u>Introduced</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 1052</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Richard Brown</u></a>	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.	Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs  House – Adopted with Amendment on 02/22/2024  Senate – Schedule pending	<a href="#"><u>As Amended by the House</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 1122</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Thomas Walsh</u></a>	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 held on 03/05/2024	<a href="#"><u>Introduced</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 1138</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Eamon Kelley</u></a>	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 Fish and Game was the only testimony at the Senate hearing. 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 held on 03/05/2024	<a href="#"><u>Introduced</u></a>



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<a href="#">HB 1314</a>	<a href="#">Grassie</a>	<p>Title: relative to the comprehensive state development plan.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Seeks to amend the Comprehensive State Development Plan (SDP) by enhancing provisions to safeguard natural resources and identify environmental risks.</p>	<p>Senate Energy and Natural Resources</p> <p>House - Adopted on 03/07/2024</p> <p>Senate – Schedule pending</p>	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1359</a>	<a href="#">Len Turcotte</a>	<p>Title: relative to appeals of certain zoning decisions by abutters.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs</p> <p>House - Adopted on 03/07/2024</p> <p>Senate – Schedule pending</p>	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1366</a>	<a href="#">Hynes</a>	<p>Title: relative to penalties for the negligent or reckless operation of boats.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Would add a penalty for the reckless operation of a boat and additional fines and revocations of a license. Monitor only.</p>	<p>House Criminal Justice and Public Safety</p> <p>Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment for 03/28/2024</p>	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1494</a>	<a href="#">Eamon Kelley</a>	<p>Title: relative to OHRVs.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>House Resources, Recreation and Development</p> <p>Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment for 03/28/2024</p>	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1550</a>	<a href="#">Ebel</a>	<p>Title: authorizing municipalities to reduce speed limits seasonally.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs</p> <p>House – Adopted with Amendment on 03/07/2024</p>	<a href="#">As Amended by the House</a>



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<a href="#"><u>HB 1709</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Eamon Kelley</u></a>	Title: (New Title) establishing the forest carbon commission. Comments The amendment would establish a forest carbon commission.	House Ways and Means (2 <sup>nd</sup> Committee)  Committee Report: Ought to Pass for 03/28/2024	<a href="#"><u>As Amended by the House</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB 345</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Keith Murphy</u></a>	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.	House Resources, Recreation and Development  Senate – Adopted with Amendment on 02/08/2024  House – Schedule pending	<a href="#"><u>As Amended by the Senate</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB 397</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Gendreau</u></a>	Title: making an appropriation for OHRV trails. Comments The Senate President has requested the Governor to fund this using ARPA funding. Will hold the bill until they hear back. 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	<a href="#"><u>Introduced</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB 418</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Gannon</u></a>	Title: (New Title) relative to refusal of consent to testing to determine alcohol concentration and penalties for aggravated driving while intoxicated. Comments Completely changes the bill which sought to set the maximum THC concentration for driving under the influence of drugs offenses for all motor vehicles including OHRVs.	House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  Senate - Adopted with Amendment on 03/07/2024  House – Schedule pending	<a href="#"><u>As Amended by the Senate</u></a>



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<a href="#">SB 426</a>	<a href="#">Gannon</a>	<p>Title: relative to the possession of controlled drugs in motor vehicles.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>The amendment would make it clear it would allow the possession of therapeutic cannabis and add glove box to the list of places not easily accessible to the operator. 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.</p>	<p>Senate Judiciary</p> <p>Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #1137s for 03/21/2024</p>	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 471</a>	<a href="#">Watters</a>	<p>Title: relative to adding a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on rural highways.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>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".</p>	<p>House Transportation</p> <p>Senate – Adopted on 01/18/2024</p> <p>House – Schedule pending</p>	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 491</a>	<a href="#">Jeb Bradley</a>	<p>Title: (New Title) relative to authorizing legislative bodies of municipalities to enter into voluntary agreements with owners of private roads.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>House Municipal and County Government</p> <p>Senate – Adopted on 02/21/2024</p> <p>House – Schedule pending</p>	<a href="#">As Amended by the Senate</a>
<a href="#">SB 504</a>	<a href="#">Jeb Bradley</a>	<p>Title: relative to land in current use.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>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</p>	<p>House Criminal Justice and Public Safety</p> <p>Senate - Adopted with Amendment on 03/07/2024</p>	<a href="#">As Amended by the Senate</a>



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		make it clear this would not change the current use law to change access.	House – Schedule pending	
<a href="#">SB 542</a>	<a href="#">Watters</a>	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	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 551</a>	<a href="#">Innis</a>	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	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>2023 RETAINED BILLS</b>				
<a href="#">HB 202</a>	<a href="#">Janigian</a>	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 – Public Hearing: 03/19/2024 09:15 am LOB 103	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>2024 INTERIM STUDY BILLS</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1148</a>	<a href="#">Harvey</a>	Title: relative to the fish and game commission.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources  Referred to Interim Study on 02/22/2024	<a href="#">Introduced</a>



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<a href="#">HB 1530</a>	<a href="#">Hoell</a>	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	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 493</a>	<a href="#">Innis</a>	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	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>2024 KILLED BILLS</b>				
<a href="#">HB 434</a>	<a href="#">Post</a>	Title: relative to flying drones in state parks.	Killed by the House on 01/04/24	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1063</a>	<a href="#">Hynes</a>	Title: relative to motor vehicle speed within 10 miles per hour of the speed limit.	Killed by the House on 03/07/2024	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1234</a>	<a href="#">Erf</a>	Title: relative to the repair of class VI roads not maintained by a municipality.	Killed by the House on 02/22/2024	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1467</a>	<a href="#">Gibbons</a>	Title: relative to child passenger protection.	Killed by the House on 03/07/2024	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1543</a>	<a href="#">Gould</a>	Title: relative to personal electric vehicles (PEVs).	Killed by the House on 02/08/2024	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1558</a>	<a href="#">Cole</a>	Title: relative to agent fees for fish and game licenses.	Killed by the House on 02/15/2024	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 13</a>	<a href="#">Watters</a>	Title: relative to recovery of search and rescue expenses.	Killed by the House on 01/03/24	<a href="#">Introduced</a>



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**GRANITE**  
**STRATEGIES**

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