



**NHOHVA
2025 SESSION**

Hearings Scheduled for the Week of January 27, 2025:

HB 113, relative to OHRV operation on certain highways within the town of Windsor. (1/29 Executive Session)

HB 127, extending the closing date of the OHRV trails on the Connecticut River Headwaters property from September 30 to Columbus Day. (1/29 Executive Session)

HB 165, relative to the maximum amount of disaster relief funding provided to municipalities after a natural disaster. (1/30 Executive Session)

HB 174, increasing the maximum weight of a utility terrain vehicle to 3,500 pounds unladen dry weight. (1/29 Executive Session)

HB 375, allowing municipalities to designate sections of state and local highways for all terrain vehicles. (1/28 Public Hearing)

HB 513, relative to snowmobiles and trail connectors. (1/29 Executive Session)

SB 54, relative to refusal of consent to testing to determine alcohol concentration and penalties for aggravated driving while intoxicated. (1/28 Public Hearing)

Bill	Sponsor	Title & Comments	Status	Latest Version
HB 84	Faulkner	Title: allowing municipalities to collect fees for certain recreational vehicles located on campground properties. This bill would not apply to OHRVs. It is narrowly defined as campers and motorhomes.	House Municipal and County Government Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 02/06/2025	Introduced
HB 87	Love	Title: prohibiting the posting of land not owned by the poster. This bill would make it a Class B misdemeanor to post land not owned or leased by the poster.	House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 113	Colcombe	Title: relative to OHRV operation on certain highways within the town of Windsor. Supported by Rep. Colcombe, Rep. Ouellete and NHOHVA (letter). Opposed by Abby Evankow, Ann Davis and Claude Pigeon. NH DOT was technically neutral. It would designate for OHRV use the highways from Windsor Road in Windsor from the Hillsborough town line to the intersection of Black Pond Road and Black Pond Road in Windsor from the intersection of Windsor Road to Miller Road.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Executive Session: 01/29/2025 10:15 am LOB 305	Introduced
HB 127	Ouellet	Title: extending the closing date of the OHRV trails on the Connecticut River Headwaters property from September 30 to Columbus Day. Supported by Rep. Ouellete; Mark Brady, Coos County Administrator; Coos County Commissioner Ray Gorman; Darrin Jock, Great Northwoods ATV Club; Steve Wilkie, NHOHVA; Corinne Rober, Bear Rock Adventures; Coos County Sherriff's Office. Governor Ayotte also signed in supporting the bill. Opposed by DNCR, Fish and Game, Abby Evankow, Ann Davis. The bill would allow all OHRV trails on the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters working forest property to remain open until Columbus Day. There is an exception if there are any conservation easement provisions or other contracts, laws or rules to the contrary.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Executive Session: 01/29/2025 10:15 am LOB 305	Introduced

HB 165	Judy Aron	Title: relative to the maximum amount of disaster relief funding provided to municipalities after a natural disaster. Legislation seeks to increase the limit from \$25,000 to \$100,000 the amount a municipality can receive in extra disaster relief funding per year for municipal roads and bridges.	House Municipal and County Government Executive Session: 01/30/2025 02:00 pm LOB 301-303	Introduced
HB 174	Ouellet	Title: increasing the maximum weight of a utility terrain vehicle to 3,500 pounds unladen dry weight. Supported by Rep. Oullete; Steve Wilkie, NHOHVA; Captain Eastman, Fish and Game. Letters of support and sign ins from Polaris, ROHVA and NHADA. Opposed by Abby Evankow; Ann Davis; Claude Pigeon; Jasen Stock, NHTOA. Letter of opposition from the NH Farm Bureau. Would change the maximum weight of UTV vehicles from 2,000 to 3,500 pounds.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Executive Session: 01/29/2025 10:15 am LOB 305	Introduced
HB 202	Harvey	Title: relative to the duties of the fish and game commission. Seeks to reduce the authority of the Fish and Game Commission by putting their duties into an advisory role.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 338	Popovici-Muller	Title: relative to the authority of fish and game officers. Would allow Fish and Game officers to conduct warrantless searches if they have probable cause.	House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 375	Dan McGuire	Title: allowing municipalities to designate sections of state and local highways for all terrain vehicles. Would allow a municipality's governing body to designate any part of any state or local highway, including any bridges or road connectors on those highways, for ATV use. It would not require the DOT and Fish and Game permitting process.	House Public Works and Highways Public Hearing: 01/28/2025 10:00 am LOB 307	Introduced
HB 404	Darby	Title: relative to information on the hike safe card. This bill amends the definition of "family" for the purpose of purchasing a "Hike Safe" card to include domestic partners and their children.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Public Hearing: 02/05/2025 01:00 pm LOB 307	Introduced
HB 426	John MacDonald	Title: relative to property tax exemptions for charitable organizations for the prior tax year. This bill would create a grace period to allow charitable organizations to receive retroactive property tax exemption if they did not file for the abatement before the end of the 2024 tax year.	House Municipal and County Government Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 471	Dunn	Title: establishing a commission to study issues related to growth, traffic, and planning and land use for certain towns. Monitored to see the language but does not apply to NHOHVA and will be removed going forward. It would establish a new commission to study solutions related to growth, traffic, planning, and land use, specifically for ten designated towns: Bedford, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Pelham, and Windham.	House Municipal and County Government Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 513	Schamberg	Title: relative to snowmobiles and trail connectors. The bill may be solved by an amendment being worked on by NHSA and NH DOT who are working with Sutton Ridge Runners snowmobile club to solve	House Resources, Recreation and Development	Introduced

		the issue they are having. It is possible it could be solved without legislation.	Executive Session: 01/29/2025 10:15 am LOB 305	
HB 573	Love	Title: relative to the funding for search and rescue operations of the fish and game department and making an appropriation therefor. Seeks to establish a Fish and Game Search and Rescue Fund, which would receive an additional fee of \$1 for each private boat, OHRV, and snowmobile registered. Additionally, the bill appropriates \$50,000 for purchasing technology to enhance donation collection efforts for search and rescue programs.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 594	Roy	Title: relative to the definition of a way. The bill is introduced at the request of the Department of Justice. It would eliminate alternate definitions of "way" aiming to create a more consistent understanding of what constitutes a "way".	House Transportation Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 625	Bolton	Title: relative to enabling municipalities to levy payments against non-profits at a percentage of their assessed property values. Would enable municipalities to impose a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) on certain non-profit organizations based on the assessed value of property they own. It would mandate those non-profits pay 25% of the municipal property tax rate if the municipality adopts the provision.	House Municipal and County Government Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 629	Leishman	Title: funding the operation maintenance and repair of state dams. This bill aims to fund the operation, maintenance, and repair of state dams through new fees imposed on boat registrations and waterfront properties maintained by state-owned dams.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 655	Spillane	Title: relative to fish and game violations. Would increase penalties for habitual offenders including the ability to suspend a license for repeated violations.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 683	Ouellet	Title: relative to off-highway recreational vehicles. Would eliminate the requirement for petitioners to cover the costs of verified mail notifications to property abutters when seeking authorization for OHRV use. Additionally, it expands the list of counties where OHRV operations on designated highways are permitted, now including Carroll, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack, and Sullivan counties, alongside Coos and Grafton counties.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 715	Gould	Title: relative to personal electric vehicles. Would further regulate the use of personal electric vehicles (PEVs) and require anyone over the age of 16 without a driver license to take an online PEV safety course developed by the DMV.	House Transportation Schedule pending	Introduced
SB 35	Innis	Title: making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds. Would appropriate \$600,000 to the town of Warner as matching funds for a section of the rail trail in Warner.	Senate Finance Public Hearing held on 01/14/2025	Introduced
SB 54	Gannon	Title: relative to refusal of consent to testing to determine alcohol concentration and penalties for aggravated driving while intoxicated. Attempts to increase the penalties for DWIs and refusing to consent to alcohol testing.	Senate Judiciary Public Hearing: 01/28/2025 01:00 pm SH 100	Introduced

SB 239	Watters	<p>Title: requiring the general fund to cover the costs of the fish and game department retirement contributions and technology services.</p> <p>It would require the general fund to cover the costs of the fish and game department retirement contributions and technology services.</p>	<p>Senate Finance</p> <p>Schedule pending</p>	Introduced
SB 274	Fenton	<p>Title: establishing a 4-year pilot program with potential for statewide expansion to improve rail trails in New Hampshire through federal, state, and private funding and making a bonded appropriation therefor.</p> <p>This bill facilitates the transfer of ownership and management responsibilities for four specific rail trails—Presidential (Pondicherry Section), Ammonoosuc Rail Trail, New Littleton-Bethlehem Segment, and Cheshire Rail Trail—from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR). It would also bond for \$7.2 million to fund improvements along the rail trail over a four year period.</p>	<p>Senate Transportation</p> <p>Schedule pending</p>	Introduced