



**NHOHVA
2025 SESSION**

Hearings Scheduled for the Week of February 17, 2025:

HB 87, prohibiting the posting of land not owned by the poster. (2/21 Executive Session)

HB 426, relative to property tax exemptions for charitable organizations for the prior tax year. (2/18 Executive Session)

HB 594, relative to the definition of a way. (2/18 Public Hearing)

HB 625, relative to enabling municipalities to levy payments against non-profits at a percentage of their assessed property values. (2/18 Executive Session)

HB 715, relative to personal electric vehicles. (2/18 Executive Session)

Bill	Sponsor	Title & Comments	Status	Latest Version
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 Executive Session: 02/21/2025 10:00 am LOB 202-204	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. Vote was a bipartisan 198-180. 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 Adopted by the House on 02/13/2025	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 Finance (2 nd Committee) Adopted by the House on 02/13/2025 Referred to Finance	Introduced
HB 174	Ouellet	Title: increasing the maximum weight of a utility terrain vehicle to 3,500 pounds unladen dry weight. Vote was 188-190 on the motion to pass the bill. It would change the maximum weight of UTV vehicles from 2,000 to 3,500 pounds.	Killed by the House on 02/13/2025	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 Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for TBD	Introduced
HB 338	Popovici-Muller	Title: relative to the authority of fish and game officers.	House Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Introduced

		Would allow Fish and Game officers to conduct warrantless searches if they have probable cause.	Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 02/20/2025	
HB 375	Dan McGuire	Title: allowing municipalities to designate sections of state and local highways for all terrain vehicles. Unanimous vote to kill the bill after state agency concerns were raised at the hearing and NHOHVA sign in opposing the bill. Would have allowed 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 Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for TBD (Vote 18-0; CC)	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 Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #0150h for 02/20/2025 (Vote 15-0, CC)	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 Executive Session: 02/18/2025 01:00 pm LOB 201	Introduced
HB 513	Schamberg	Title: (New Title) allowing the department of transportation to execute a right-of-way use agreement, subject to Federal Highway Administration approval, for snowmobile operation along Interstate 89 in the town of Sutton, from NH Route 114, traveling south for one mile. The committee amendment amends the bill to allow the department of transportation to execute a right-of-way use agreement for snowmobile use alone I-89 in Sutton, from NH Rt 114, traveling south for one mile.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Adopted by the House with Amendment on 02/13/2025	As Amended by the House
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.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Public Hearing held on 02/12/2025	Introduced
HB 594	Roy	Title: relative to the definition of a way. Requested by the Department of Justice. Would eliminate alternate definitions of "way" aiming to create a more consistent understanding of what constitutes a "way".	House Transportation Public Hearing: 02/18/2025 10:30 am LOB 203	Introduced

HB 625	Bolton	Title: relative to enabling municipalities to levy payments against non-profits at a percentage of their assessed property values. Strong opposition from the non-profit community and only support from NHMA. 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 Executive Session: 02/18/2025 01:00 pm LOB 201	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 Retained in Committee on 02/12/2025	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 Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #0063h for TBD	Introduced
HB 683	Ouellet	Title: relative to off-highway recreational vehicles. Opposed by Fish and Game, NHTOA, Forest Society, Farm Bureau and the Sierra Club. 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 Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for TBD (Vote 16-1, CC)	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 Executive Session: 02/18/2025 02:00 pm LOB 203	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 held on 01/28/2025	Introduced
SB 239	Watters	Title: requiring the general fund to cover the costs of the fish and game department retirement contributions and technology services. The committee amendment appropriates \$400,000 to help fish and game fund salary increases. The underlying bill would require	Senate Finance Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #0386s for TBD (Vote 6-0)	Introduced

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SB 274	Fenton	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. 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.	Senate Transportation Public Hearing held on 02/11/2025	Introduced
TABLED BILLS				
SB 35	Innis	Title: making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds. The Senate passed the bill and then tabled it as they always do to consider it during the budget process. There is no guarantee it will be funded. Would appropriate \$600,000 to the town of Warner as matching funds for a section of the rail trail in Warner.	Senate Finance Tabled by the Senate on 01/30/2025	Introduced
RETAINED BILLS				
HB 113	Colcombe	Title: relative to OHRV operation on certain highways within the town of Windsor. Prime Sponsor asked for the bill to be retained as they believe they may have a local solution.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Retained in Committee on 01/29/2025	Introduced
KILLED BILLS				
HB 84	Faulkner	Title: allowing municipalities to collect fees for certain recreational vehicles located on campground properties.	Killed by the House on 02/06/2025	Introduced