



**NHOHVA  
2025 SESSION**

**Hearings Scheduled for the Week of February 24, 2025:**

***HB 165, relative to the maximum amount of disaster relief funding provided to municipalities after a natural disaster. (2/24 Division II Work Session)***

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Title &amp; Comments</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Latest Version</b>
<b>HB 87</b>	Love	Title: prohibiting the posting of land not owned by the poster. <i>This bill would make it a Class B misdemeanor to post land not owned or leased by the poster.</i>	House Criminal Justice and Public Safety  Executive Session: 02/21/2025 10:00 am LOB 202-204	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 127</b>	Ouellet	Title: extending the closing date of the OHRV trails on the Connecticut River Headwaters property from September 30 to Columbus Day. <i>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.</i>	Adopted by the House on 02/13/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 165</b>	Judy Aron	Title: relative to the maximum amount of disaster relief funding provided to municipalities after a natural disaster. <i>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.</i>	House Finance (2 <sup>nd</sup> Committee)  Division II Work Session: 02/24/2025 01:00 pm LOB 209	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 202</b>	Harvey	Title: relative to the duties of the fish and game commission. <i>Vote was 14-1. Seeks to reduce the authority of the Fish and Game Commission by putting their duties into an advisory role.</i>	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources  Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 03/06/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 338</b>	Popovici-Muller	Title: relative to the authority of fish and game officers.	Killed by the House on 02/20/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 375</b>	Dan McGuire	Title: allowing municipalities to designate sections of state and local highways for all terrain vehicles. <i>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.</i>	House Public Works and Highways  Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 03/06/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>

<b>HB 404</b>	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  Adopted with Amendment on 02/202/2025	<a href="#">As Amended by the House</a>
<b>HB 426</b>	John MacDonald	Title: relative to property tax exemptions for charitable organizations for the prior tax year. Vote 16-2. 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  Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment for 03/06/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 513</b>	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 House amendment replaces 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.	Adopted by the House with Amendment on 02/13/2025	<a href="#">As Amended by the House</a>
<b>HB 573</b>	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	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 594</b>	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 held on 02/18/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 625</b>	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  Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 03/06/2025 (Vote 18-0, CC)	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 655</b>	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 <a href="#">Amendment #0063h</a> for 03/06/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>

<b>HB 683</b>	Ouellet	Title: relative to off-highway recreational vehicles. Opposed by Fish and Game, NHTOA, Forest Society, Farm Bureau and the Sierra Club. There was a lot of confusion about who would now pay for the verified mail and saw this as a potential large expansion of OHRV use by allowing the 5 other counties to apply for a permit. Voting on it the same day prevented us from clearing up the confusion before the vote.	House Resources, Recreation and Development  Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 03/06/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 715</b>	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  Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 03/06/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>SB 54</b>	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  Committee Report: Ought to Pass for 03/06/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>SB 239</b>	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 the general fund to cover the costs of the fish and game department retirement contributions and technology services.	Senate Finance  Committee Report: Ought to Pass with <a href="#">Amendment #0386s</a> for 03/06/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>SB 274</b>	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	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>TABLED BILLS</b>				
<b>SB 35</b>	Innis	Title: making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds.	Senate Finance  Tabled by the Senate on 01/30/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>

<b>RETAINED BILLS</b>				
<b>HB 113</b>	Colcombe	Title: relative to OHRV operation on certain highways within the town of Windsor.	House Resources, Recreation and Development  Retained in Committee on 01/29/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 629</b>	Leishman	Title: funding the operation maintenance and repair of state dams.	House Resources, Recreation and Development  Retained in Committee on 02/12/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>KILLED BILLS</b>				
<b>HB 84</b>	Faulkner	Title: allowing municipalities to collect fees for certain recreational vehicles located on campground properties.	Killed by the House on 02/06/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 174</b>	Ouellet	Title: increasing the maximum weight of a utility terrain vehicle to 3,500 pounds unladen dry weight.	Killed by the House on 02/13/2025	<a href="#">Introduced</a>