



**NHOHVA
2025 SESSION**

Hearings Scheduled for the Week of March 17, 2025:

HB 127, extending the closing date of the OHRV trails on the Connecticut River Headwaters property from September 30 to Columbus Day. (3/18 Public Hearing)

HB 165, relative to the maximum amount of disaster relief funding provided to municipalities after a natural disaster. (3/17 Executive Session)

Bill	Sponsor	Title & Comments	Status	Latest Version
HB 2	Weyler	Title: relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures. The budget trailer bill currently has language from HB 127 on extending the CT headwaters closing date but House Finance may remove that language. We are also working on getting another two year GIA 80/20 matching language in the budget as DNCR is unlikely to have the new rules finalized in time.	House Finance Public Hearing held on 03/12/2025	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.	Adopted by the House on 03/13/2025	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. 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.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources House - Adopted on 02/13/2025 Senate – Public Hearing: 03/18/2025 09:20 am SH 103	Introduced
HB 165	Judy Aron	Title: relative to the maximum amount of disaster relief funding provided to municipalities after a natural disaster. Division II made the recommendation of OTP which will go before the full Finance Committee. 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) Executive Session: 03/17/2025 01:15 pm LOB 210-211	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.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources House - Adopted with Amendment on 02/20/2025 Senate - Schedule pending	As Amended by the House

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.	Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs House - Adopted with Amendment on 03/06/2025 Senate - Schedule pending	As Amended by the House
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 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.	Senate Transportation House - Adopted with Amendment on 02/13/2025 Senate – Schedule pending	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. Sought 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.	Killed by the House on 03/13/2025	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 Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 03/27/2025 (Vote 16-0, CC)	Introduced
HB 655	Spillane	Title: (New Title) relative to fish and game violations and permits. Would increase penalties for habitual offenders including the ability to suspend a license for repeated violations.	Adopted by the House with Amendment on 03/13/2025	As Amended by the House
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.	Adopted by the Senate on 03/06/2025	Introduced
SB 274	Fenton	Title: (New Title) establishing a 4-year pilot program to improve rail trails in New Hampshire, including the establishment of 2 funds, the rail trails program fund and the emergency trail repair fund, and making appropriations therefor. Will be passed and then tabled for consideration in the Senate's version of the budget. Based on discussions, it does not appear this will be a Senate priority. As amended, transfers ownership of four rail corridors to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. It would also	Senate Finance (2 nd Committee) Committee Report: Ought to Pass for 03/20/2025	As Amended by the Senate

		establish a pilot program to improve rail trails in those corridors, establish a Rail Trail Program fund and Rail Trail Emergency fund and reduce appropriations from the original bill to \$250,000 annually for the rail trails program fund and \$1 for the emergency trail repair fund. It will likely be tabled.		
TABLED BILLS				
SB 35	Innis	Title: making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds.	Tabled by the Senate on 01/30/2025	Introduced
SB 239	Watters	Title: (New Title) appropriating funds to the fish and game department for continuing environmental review and to cover a deficit for previously instituted salary increases.	Tabled by the Senate on 03/06/2025	Introduced
RETAINED BILLS				
HB 113	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	Introduced
HB 629	Leishman	Title: funding the operation maintenance and repair of state dams.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Retained in Committee on 02/12/2025	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
HB 174	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	Introduced
HB 202	Harvey	Title: relative to the duties of the fish and game commission.	Killed by the House on 03/06/2025	Introduced
HB 338	Popovici-Muller	Title: relative to the authority of fish and game officers.	Killed by the House on 02/20/2025	Introduced
HB 375	Dan McGuire	Title: allowing municipalities to designate sections of state and local highways for all terrain vehicles.	Killed by the House on 03/06/2025	Introduced
HB 625	Bolton	Title: relative to enabling municipalities to levy payments against non-profits at a percentage of their assessed property values.	Killed by the House on 03/06/2025	Introduced
HB 683	Ouellet	Title: relative to off-highway recreational vehicles.	Killed by the House on 03/06/2025	Introduced
HB 715	Gould	Title: relative to personal electric vehicles.	Killed by the House on 03/06/2025	Introduced