



NHOHVA 2026 SESSION

Hearings Scheduled for the Week of February 2nd, 2026:

HB 1037, extending the commission to study OHRV use in New Hampshire and adding a member from the department of tourism. (2/4 Public Hearing)

HB 1095, increasing the maximum weight of a utility terrain vehicle to 3,000 pounds. (2/4 Public Hearing)

HB 1140, enabling certain disabled persons to hunt from a motor vehicle. (2/3 Public Hearing)

HB 1410, creating a new classification for electric vehicles. (2/3 Continued Executive Session)

HB 1466, relative to obtaining a certificate of title for certain trailers. (2/3 Continued Executive Session)

HB 1533, relative to the use of electric bicycles and alternative electric micromobility devices. (2/3 Continued Executive Session)

HB 1594, establishing a weight-based tiered registration fee schedule for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. (2/3 Continued Executive Session)

HB 1603, requiring state agencies to provide current and verifiable evidence of a species presence before imposing any land use restriction related to that species' habitat. (2/4 Continued Executive Session)

HB 1682, relative to registration and road access for low-capacity and low-weight battery-operated vehicles. (2/3 Continued Executive Session)

Bills	Sponsor	Title	Last Action	Latest Version
2025 RETAINED BILLS				
HB 113	Riche Colcombe	relative to OHRV operation on certain highways within the town of Windsor. The committee will have a chance to reconsider their actions and come up with a new amendment. An amendment couldn't get passed out of committee so they voted unanimously to send it to Interim Study and hope a new solution can be brought forward.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Recommitted to the Committee on 01/08/2026	Introduced
HB 629	Peter Leishman	(New Title) raising the cost of a boat decal fee and allocating the funds collected by such fees to the dam maintenance fund. As amended, it would create a \$5 fee for maintenance of dams on all boat registrations.	House Finance (2 nd Committee) Division I Work Session: 02/09/2026 10:00 am GP 234	As Amended by the House

2026 BILLS				
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HB 1037	Mike Ouellet	extending the commission to study OHRV use in New Hampshire and adding a member from the department of tourism. OHRV Study Commission extension bill. It would extend the commission for two years and add a member from the division of travel and tourism development.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Public Hearing: 02/04/2026 11:00 am GP 228	Introduced
HB 1057	Deborah Aylward	relative to the maintenance of private roads held in common ownership. Attempts to create cost-sharing procedures for private roads held in common ownership. It says the bill is not intended to impact rights of access over private land but needs to be monitored.	House Public Works and Highways Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 02/05/2026 (Vote 13-0 CC)	Introduced
HB 1058	Donald McFarlane	enabling the carrying of a firearm on an OHRV when such OHRV is being operated on private property. Would enable carrying of a firearm on an OHRV when it is being operated on private	House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Public Hearing held on 01/28/2026	Introduced

		property with express or implied permission or license of the landowner.		
HB 1074	Thomas Oppel	extending the time period for the remission of certain OHGV and snowmobile fees. Seeks to allow agents to pay their collected fees to Fish and Game on the last business day of the month instead of the fourteenth of the month. Was opposed by Fish and Game as it will create a ripple effect of cash flow issues.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 02/05/2026 (Vote 12-1 CC)	Introduced
HB 1095	Mike Ouellet	increasing the maximum weight of a utility terrain vehicle to 3,000 pounds. Would increase the maximum UTV weight to 3,000 pounds unladen dry weight from 2,000 pounds. Last year's attempt was for 3,500 pounds.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Public Hearing: 02/04/2026 01:00 pm GP 228	Introduced
HB 1135	Deborah Aylward	prohibiting the acquisition of prescriptive rights in private roads through adverse use. Attempts to prohibit acquiring rights in private roads or trails through adverse use.	House Municipal and County Government Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 1140	Alexander	enabling certain disabled persons to hunt from a motor vehicle. Would expand the authority of the executive director to grant special authority for someone to hunt from a motor vehicle.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Public Hearing: 02/03/2026 11:00 am SH Reps Hall	Introduced
HB 1410	Thomas Walsh	creating a new classification for electric vehicles. Will have an amendment offered that is being worked on by stakeholders including NHOHVA. Sponsored by the Chair of House Transportation. Would define "out-of-class electric vehicle" for high-powered electric vehicles that don't fall under existing definitions. It also would establish disclosure requirements, operating rules, safety standards, age restrictions and penalties.	House Transportation Continued Executive Session: 02/03/2026 01:00 pm GP 234	Introduced
HB 1466	Thomas Walsh	relative to obtaining a certificate of title for certain trailers. Amendment was not ready for the executive session. Would add an exemption from certificate of title requirements for trailers over 3,001 pounds if their manufacturer's model year is more than 10 years old.	House Transportation Continued Executive Session: 02/03/2026 01:00 pm GP 234	Introduced
HB 1533	Cyril Aures	relative to the use of electric bicycles and alternative electric micromobility devices. Would create regulations for the use of electric bicycles and alternative electric micromobility devices. It would require all class 3 bicycles and devices pay an annual \$50 fee and a new registration and licensing requirements including tests for a license or permit.	House Transportation Continued Executive Session: 02/03/2026 01:00 pm GP 234	Introduced
HB 1594	Nicholas Bridle	establishing a weight-based tiered registration fee schedule for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.	House Transportation	Introduced

		Would create electric vehicle registration fees based on weights and type of vehicle.	Continued Executive Session: 02/03/2026 01:00 pm GP 234	
HB 1603	Sayra DeVito	requiring state agencies to provide current and verifiable evidence of a species presence before imposing any land use restriction related to that species' habitat. Would require state agencies to provide current and verifiable evidence of an endangered or threatened species presence before imposing any land use restriction related to that species' habitat.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Continued Executive Session: 02/04/2026 09:50 am GP 228	Introduced
HB 1626	Robert Wherry	relative to the effectiveness of tourism expenditures. Seeks to require the Department of Business and Economic Affairs to measure and report the return on investment for tourism promotional programs exceeding \$10,000 and to put the information in their annual report.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 02/05/2026 (Vote 16-0 CC)	Introduced
HB 1649	Lorie Ball	prohibiting certain tax dollars from being donated to non-profit organizations. Attempts to prohibit towns, cities, and villages from donating tax dollars for certain non-profit organizations.	House Municipal and County Government Public Hearing held on 01/23/2026	Introduced
HB 1655	Will Darby	establishing a funding source for maintaining state owned dams. Monitoring to make sure it is not broadened. An amendment fixed technical errors DES found but will still need an amendment requested by DRA as it goes to the second committee. Would establish a fee on property that has waterfront access to a body of water created by a state-owned dam.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment for 02/05/2026 (Vote 10-6 RC)	Introduced
HB 1682	Susan Almy	relative to registration and road access for low-capacity and low-weight battery-operated vehicles. Would establish registration surcharges for small battery-operated vehicles of \$20 and \$30 depending on weight with proceeds paid to resident's municipality. It would exempt vehicles used exclusively off-road from registration requirements.	House Transportation Continued Executive Session: 02/03/2026 01:00 pm GP 234	Introduced
HB 1691	Ellen Read	relative to limitations and qualifications for land placed in current use. Attempts to restrict eligibility for current use property tax assessment based on parcel size, zoning, and sustainability criteria, and limits municipal approval percentages. It also would create a retroactive tax liabilities for violations.	House Municipal and County Government Schedule pending	Introduced
HB 1703	Thomas Walsh	relative to establishing a registration fee for bicycles and electric bicycles using state or municipally funded bike paths, trails, or roadways. The prime sponsor understands this bill is not ready for primetime. Seeks to require all bicycles and electric bicycles operated on a public way to be registered with the	House Transportation Public Hearing held on 01/27/2026	Introduced

		DMV. The DMV would be tasked with creating a registration process and fee.		
HB 1751	Bridle	relative to a start park public safety parking surcharge. Would establish a 5% public safety surcharge on paid parking at state park facilities and a dedicated fund to support host municipalities for public safety services provided at the parks.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee Report: Ought to Pass for 02/05/2026 (Vote 14-0; RC)	Introduced
HR 44	Anita Burroughs	concerning the protection of public lands. A resolution urging Congressional support for keeping public ownership of public lands and opposing efforts to rescind the Roadless Rule.	House Resources, Recreation and Development Schedule pending	Introduced
SB 505	David Rochefort	(New Title) relative to applications for guide licenses and repealing the fee for temporary registration of nonresidents relative to OHRVs. Would repeal the 10-Day OHRV temporary registration. It also removes the Fish and Game enforcement grant cap of \$25,000. A request of NHOHVA. A technical amendment was also added relative to guides.	Senate Ways and Means Adopted by the Senate with Amendment on 01/29/2026	As Amended by the Senate
SB 511	Keith Murphy	relative to state park fees for state residents. Another attempt by the prime sponsor to establish a 50 percent reduced rate for state park entry for residents. It also would allow DNCR to create separate fees schedules for specific uses, such as camping, facility rental, parking, and boat rentals. Would also allow for discounted or waived rates for veterans and school groups.	Senate Finance (2 nd Committee) Adopted by the Senate on 01/29/2026 Referred to Finance	Introduced
SB 620	Bill Gannon	relative to refusal of consent to testing to determine alcohol concentration and penalties for aggravated driving while intoxicated. The committee amendment increases the first-refusal suspension from 180 days to 12 months and subsequent-refusal suspension from 2 to 3 years. Would modify periods of suspension stemming from the refusal to consent to DUI testing. It also would modify penalties for aggravated driving while intoxicated.	Senate Judiciary Adopted with Amendment on 01/29/2026	As Amended by the Senate