



**NHOHVA
2026 SESSION**

Hearings Scheduled for the Week of March 16th, 2026:

HB 629, (New Title) raising the cost of a boat decal fee and allocating the funds collected by such fees to the dam maintenance fund. (3/17 Executive Session)

HB 1037, extending the commission to study OHRV use in New Hampshire and adding a member from the department of tourism. (3/18 Public Hearing)

HB 1135, prohibiting the acquisition of prescriptive rights in private roads through adverse use. (3/18 Public Hearing)

HB 1466, relative to obtaining a certificate of title for certain trailers. (3/17 Executive Session)

SB 620, relative to refusal of consent to testing to determine alcohol concentration and penalties for aggravated driving while intoxicated. (3/18 Public Hearing)

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 amendment will allow OHRV use on two sections of Black Pond Road as long as there is a public hearing and approval from the board of selectman.	Senate Transportation House - Adopted with Amendment on 03/05/2026 Senate – Schedule pending	As Amended by the House
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. Division I voted to recommend OTP. As amended, it would create a \$5 fee for maintenance of dams on all boat registrations.	House Finance (2 nd Committee) Executive Session: 03/17/2026 10:00 am GP 230	As Amended by the House
2026 BILLS				
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.	Senate Executive Departments and Administration House - Adopted on 02/19/2026 Senate – Public Hearing: 03/18/2026 09:30 am SH 103	Introduced
HB 1095	Mike Ouellet	(New Title) relative to the maximum weight of utility terrain vehicles. The House amendment increases the allowable weight to 3,499 pounds. Underlying bill 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.	Senate Transportation House - Adopted with Amendment on 03/05/2026 Senate – Schedule pending	As Amended by the House
HB 1135	Deborah Aylward	prohibiting the acquisition of prescriptive rights in private roads through adverse use. Amendment attempts to alleviate NH Municipal Association concerns. Attempts	Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs House - Adopted with Amendment on 03/05/2026	As Amended by the House

		to prohibit acquiring rights in private roads or trails through adverse use.	Senate – Public Hearing: 03/18/2026 01:00 pm SH 103	
HB 1140	Alexander	enabling certain disabled persons to hunt from a motor vehicle. House amendment removes ambiguity around who would qualify. Would expand the authority of the executive director to grant special authority for someone to hunt from a motor vehicle.	Adopted by the House with Amendment on 03/11/2026	As Amended by the House
HB 1466	Thomas Walsh	relative to obtaining a certificate of title for certain trailers. Division II voted 8-0 to recommend passage to the full Finance committee. House amendment incorporates changes requested by DMV. 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 Finance (2 nd Committee) Executive Session: 03/17/2026 10:00 am GP 230	As Amended by the House
HB 1594	Nicholas Bridle	establishing a weight-based tiered registration fee schedule for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. House amendment would clean up language and change weights to match what the DMV already has in their database. Would create electric vehicle registration fees based on weights and type of vehicle.	House Ways and Means (2 nd Committee) Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment for 03/26/2026	As Amended by the House
HB 1603	Sayra DeVito	(New Title) requiring the executive director of the department of fish and game to adopt rules relative to procedures for verifying accuracy of records collected relative to threatened and endangered wildlife and ensuring landowner permission is granted for the gathering of such record. 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.	Senate Energy and Natural Resources House - Adopted with Amendment on 02/19/2026 Senate – Public Hearing held on 03/10/2026	As Amended by the House
HB 1655	Will Darby	establishing a funding source for maintaining state owned dams. Vote was tied 9-9. The majority wants ITL and the majority thinks the bill has good intentions but is using the wrong funding source so they recommend Interim Study. Monitoring to make sure it is not broadened. Would establish a fee on property that has waterfront access to a body of water created by a state-owned dam.	House Ways and Means (2 nd Committee) Committee Report: Without Recommendation for 03/26/2026	As Amended by the House
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 Ways and Means (2 nd Committee) Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 03/26/2026 (Vote 18-0 CC)	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.	Adopted by the House with Amendment on 03/12/2026	As Amended by the House
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.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Senate – Adopted with Amendment on 01/29/2026 House – Schedule pending	As Amended by the Senate
SB 511	Keith Murphy	(New Title) relative to state park fee discounts for state residents. The Senate committee amendment would correct the title to say relative to state park “discounts” for state residents. Another attempt by the prime sponsor to establish a 50% 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 discounted or waived rates for veterans and school groups.	Senate Finance (2 nd Committee) Adopted by the Senate with Amendment on 03/12/2026	As Amended by the Senate
SB 620	Bill Gannon	relative to refusal of consent to testing to determine alcohol concentration and penalties for aggravated driving while intoxicated. As amended by the Senate, 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.	House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Senate – Adopted with Amendment on 01/29/2026 House – Public Hearing: 03/18/2026 02:00 pm GP 159	As Amended by the Senate
INTERIM STUDY BILLS				
HB 1410	Thomas Walsh	creating a new classification for electric vehicles.	House Transportation Referred to Interim Study on 02/19/2026	Introduced
HB 1533	Cyril Aures	relative to the use of electric bicycles and alternative electric micromobility devices.	House Transportation Referred to Interim Study on 02/19/2026	Introduced
KILLED BILLS				
HB 1057	Deborah Aylward	relative to the maintenance of private roads held in common ownership.	Killed by the House on 02/05/2026	Introduced
HB 1058	Donald McFarlane	enabling the carrying of a firearm on an OHRV when such OHRV is being operated on private property.	Killed by the House on 03/05/2026	Introduced
HB 1074	Thomas Oppel	extending the time period for the remission of certain OHRV and snowmobile fees.	Killed by the House on 02/12/2026	Introduced
HB 1626	Robert Wherry	relative to the effectiveness of tourism expenditures.	Killed by the House on 02/12/2026	Introduced

HB 1649	Lorie Ball	prohibiting certain tax dollars from being donated to non-profit organizations.	Killed by the House on 02/19/2026	Introduced
HB 1682	Susan Almy	relative to registration and road access for low-capacity and low-weight battery-operated vehicles.	Killed by the House on 02/19/2026	Introduced
HB 1691	Ellen Read	relative to limitations and qualifications for land placed in current use.	Killed by the House on 03/05/2026	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.	Killed by the House on 02/19/2026	Introduced