



**NHOHVA  
2026 SESSION**

**Hearings Scheduled for the Week of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026:**

**HB 1603, (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. (3/10 Public Hearing)**

Bills	Sponsor	Title	Last Action	Latest Version
<b>2025 RETAINED BILLS</b>				
<b>HB 113</b>	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.	Adopted by the House with Amendment on 03/05/2026	<a href="#">As Amended by the House</a>
<b>HB 629</b>	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 <sup>nd</sup> Committee)  Division I Work Session held on 02/20/2026	<a href="#">As Amended by the House</a>
<b>2026 BILLS</b>				
<b>HB 1037</b>	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 – Schedule pending	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 1058</b>	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	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 1095</b>	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.	Adopted by the House with Amendment on 03/05/2026	<a href="#">As Amended by the House</a>
<b>HB 1135</b>	Deborah Aylward	prohibiting the acquisition of prescriptive rights in private roads through adverse use. Amendment attempts to alleviate NH Municipal Association concerns. Attempts to prohibit acquiring rights in private roads or trails through adverse use.	Adopted by the House with Amendment on 03/05/2026	<a href="#">As Amended by the House</a>

<b>HB 1140</b>	Alexander	enabling certain disabled persons to hunt from a motor vehicle. Committee 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.	House Fish and Game and Marine Resources  Committee Report: Ought to Pass with <a href="#">Amendment #0575h</a> for 03/11/2026 (Vote 14-0; CC)	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 1466</b>	Thomas Walsh	relative to obtaining a certificate of title for certain trailers. 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 <sup>nd</sup> Committee)  Division II Work Session: 03/06/2026 10:00 am GP 230	<a href="#">As Amended by the House</a>
<b>HB 1594</b>	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 & Means (2 <sup>nd</sup> Committee)  Committee Report: Ought to Pass for 03/11/2026 (Vote 18-0 CC)	<a href="#">As Amended by the House</a>
<b>HB 1603</b>	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: 03/10/2026 09:10 am SH 103	<a href="#">As Amended by the House</a>
<b>HB 1655</b>	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 <sup>nd</sup> Committee)  Committee Report: Without Recommendation for 03/11/2026	<a href="#">As Amended by the House</a>
<b>HB 1691</b>	Ellen Read	relative to limitations and qualifications for land placed in current use.	Killed by the House on 03/05/2026	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 1751</b>	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 <sup>nd</sup> Committee)  Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate for 03/11/2026 (Vote 18-0 CC)	<a href="#">Introduced</a>

<b>HR 44</b>	Anita Burroughs	concerning the protection of public lands. A floor amendment wasn't ready in time but will likely be pulled off the table next week. A resolution urging Congressional support for keeping public ownership of public lands and opposing efforts to rescind the Roadless Rule.	Tabled by the House on 03/05/2026	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>SB 505</b>	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	<a href="#">As Amended by the Senate</a>
<b>SB 511</b>	Keith Murphy	relative to state park fees 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 <sup>nd</sup> Committee)  Committee Report: Ought to Pass with <a href="#">Amendment #1032s</a> for 03/12/2026 (Vote 7-0 CC)	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>SB 620</b>	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 – Schedule pending	<a href="#">As Amended by the Senate</a>
<b>INTERIM STUDY BILLS</b>				
<b>HB 1410</b>	Thomas Walsh	creating a new classification for electric vehicles.	House Transportation  Referred to Interim Study on 02/19/2026	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 1533</b>	Cyril Aures	relative to the use of electric bicycles and alternative electric micromobility devices.	House Transportation  Referred to Interim Study on 02/19/2026	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>KILLED BILLS</b>				
<b>HB 1057</b>	Deborah Aylward	relative to the maintenance of private roads held in common ownership.	Killed by the House on 02/05/2026	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 1074</b>	Thomas Oppel	extending the time period for the remission of certain OHRV and snowmobile fees.	Killed by the House on 02/12/2026	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 1626</b>	Robert Wherry	relative to the effectiveness of tourism expenditures.	Killed by the House on 02/12/2026	<a href="#">Introduced</a>

<b>HB 1649</b>	Lorie Ball	prohibiting certain tax dollars from being donated to non-profit organizations.	Killed by the House on 02/19/2026	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 1682</b>	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	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<b>HB 1703</b>	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	<a href="#">Introduced</a>