

Rockingl RPC 2021 Legislative Tracking List (3/15/21)

Bill Number	Bill Category	Bill Title / Prime Sponsor	Tracking by Other Agencies	Full Sponsor List	Analysis	Initial Chamber & Committee	Next / Last Hearing Date	Status in Initial Chamber	Floor Date in Initial Chamber
SB099	Taxation	Relative to the amount of meals and rooms tax revenue that is distributed to municipalities.	NHMA Supports	Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Rep. Abrami, Rock. 19; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Rep. Kelsey, Hills. 7	This bill removes the annual increase limit on the distribution of the meals and rooms tax revenues to municipalities so that 40 percent of net revenues is distributed annually.	Senate Ways and Means	2/8/2021, 9:45am	OTP 5-0 in Committee,	OTP 24-0 by Full Senate, then Tabled 24-0. May be addressed in Budget
CACR9	Taxation	Providing that a municipality may not raise property taxes more than two percent per year and no more than one percent per year on disabled citizens or senior citizens.	NHMA Oppose	Rep. Roy, Rock. 32; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 6; Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. Aron, Sull. 7	NHMA notes that this is a limit on actual taxation level, not just rate, so if a town was able to lower its budget and tax burden in one year it would reset revenue limit at a lower level going forward	House Municipal & County Government	2/9/2021, 9:00am	Report Filed: OTP (Vote 10-9)	TBD Apr 6-8
HB216	Right-To-Know	Relative to public notice of and access to meetings under the right-to-know law. Prime sponsor: Lucy Weber	NHMA Supports this and HB630 that are similar.	<i>Rep. Weber, Ches. 1; Rep. Porter, Hills. 1; Rep. Walz, Merr. 23</i>	This bill establishes requirements for remote access to public meetings under RSA 91-A. Allows remote meetings as long as all participating can hear all other participants. Meeting must be adjourned if electronic connection that allows participation fails.	House Judiciary	2/19/2021, 10:00AM	Report Filed: ITL (Vote 11-10)	TBD Apr 6-8
HB279	Transportation	Relative to the maximum allowable vehicle gross weight for a combination of truck-trailer and single semi-trailer with 4 or more axles. Prime sponsor: Howard Pearl	NHDOT Opposes based on maintenance impact on state highways	Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26; Rep. Lang, Belk. 4; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 9; Rep. Crawford, Carr. 4; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1	This bill increases the maximum gross weight allowed on any tandem axle for a combination of truck-tractor and single semi-trailer with 4 or more axles that carries forest products. Increase from 36K to 40K lbs per axle. Only 4 states allow this weight limit currently on state roads. Federal limit on interstates is 34K/tandem axle.	House Transportation	2/12/21 10:00 AM	In Committee: Exec 2/19	
HB082	Environment	Relative to amending a conservation easement between the state and a landowner. Prime sponsor: Paul Berch	NH Assoc of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) opposes	Rep. Berch, Ches. 1; Rep. Abbott, Ches. 1; Rep. Harvey, Ches. 1	Allows a conservation easement held by the state to be amended if all parties agree including exchanging another parcel in return for easing current use restrictions.	House Judiciary	2/23/21 9:00 AM	Retained in Committee (Tabled)	
HB111	Commissions, Boards	Establishing a cause of action against the state to protect individual rights. Appears to be intended to deal with equity and policing.	NHMA Opposes	Rep. Berch, Ches. 1; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 17; Rep. Schuett, Merr. 20; Rep. Wuelper, Straf. 3; Rep. M. Smith, Straf. 6; Rep. Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Rep. T. Lekas, Hills. 37; Rep. M. King, Hills. 33	This bill creates a cause of action in state court for an injury to an individual caused by an agent of the state of New Hampshire, or any of its political subdivisions, which constitutes the violation of a right under state or federal law. The bill also waives the state's sovereign immunity for deprivations of an individual's rights under state or federal law	House Judiciary	2/23/21 10:15am	Report Filed: OTP (Vote 19-2)	TBD Apr 6-8

HB158	Environment	Relative to the definition of a prime wetland. Prime sponsor: Chuck Grassie	NHPA Support, NHACC support	Rep. Grassie, Straf. 11; Rep. Vail, Hills. 30; Rep. Stevens, Hills. 34	This bill further defines prime wetland for local protection in fill and dredge permits. Municipalities can extend prime wetlands with additional connected narrower area if the narrow wetlands can be shown to have at least 4 prime wetland functions.	House Resources, Recreation & Development	2/10/21 9:00 AM	In Committee	
HB172	Environment	Establishing greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and establishing a climate action plan. Prime sponsor: Joyce Weston	NHACC Watching		This bill establishes greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and authorizes the department of environmental services to inventory greenhouse gas emissions on an annual basis and to develop and report on a 5-year action plan.	House Science, Technology & Energy	2/12/21 9:00 AM	Retained in Committee (Tabled) 3/10	
HB184	Environment - Seacoast	Relative to the operation of personal water craft around the marshlands or flats of the Rye estuary and the New Castle back channel. Prime sponsor: Kate Murray		Rep. K. Murray, Rock. 24	Keeps water craft 300 feet from any marsh in the area described by the bill.	House Resources, Recreation & Development	3/3/21 9:30AM	Report Filed: OTP (Vote 21-0)	TBD Apr 6-8
HB288-FN	Housing	Eliminating the housing appeals board. Prime sponsor: Daryl Abbas	WHCGS Opposes repeal. RPC opposed original legislation to create HAB.	Daryl Abbas, Linda Gould, Regina Birdsell, Terry Roy, Niki Kelsey	Repeals Housing Appeals Board. FN - Savings approx \$1.2M for fiscal years 2022, 2023, 2024. RPC opposed original legislation establishing the HAB.	House Judiciary	Fri 3/5/21 11:30am	In Committee: Exec 3/10	
HB315	Energy - Grid / Portfolio	Relative to the aggregation of electric customers. Prime sponsor: Michael Vose	NHMA initially opposed as would weaken the Community Power Law; NHACC Opposed	Michael Vose , Jacqueline Cali-Pitts, Douglas Thomas, Michael Harrington	Eliminating municipal authority to access competitive markets for energy services; Restricting the energy services available through community power to those that are regulated and are subject to monopolistic control; Removing community power access to data necessary for program implementation; Subjecting cities and towns to regulation by the Public Utilities Commission. Amended to remove negative provisions per Community Power Association.	House Science, Technology & Energy	Full Committee Work Session 3/19 9:00am	In Committee	
HB398	Environment	Making an appropriate to the department of environmental services for funding eligible wastewater projects. Prime sponsor: Thomas Buco		Thomas Buco , David Watters, Peter Leishman, Karen Umberger	This bill makes appropriations to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding eligible wastewater projects under RSA 486. \$5.7M FY 22 & \$6.9M in FYFY23	House Finance	2/9/21 9:30 AM	Tabled but added to SB127	
HB404	Miscellaneous	Relative to the perambulation of town lines. Prime sponsor: Michael Harrington	NHMA Supports	Rep. Harrington, Straf. 3	This bill deletes the frequency provision from the requirement that selectmen perambulate the lines between the towns.	House Municipal & County Government	1/27/21 12:00 PM	Report Filed: ITL (Vote 17-1)	Voted ITL by full House 2/24/21

HB412	Environment - Drinking Water	Making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding public water system projects. Prime sponsor: Thomas Buco		Rep. Buco, Carr. 2; Rep. Umberger, Carr. 2; Rep. Leishman, Hills. 24; Rep. Hatch, Coos 6; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Watters, Dist 4	This bill makes appropriations to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding public water system projects under RSA 486-A. \$500,000 in 2022 & 2023	House Finance	2/9/21 10:00 AM	Tabled but added to SB127	
HB426	Environment	Relative to shoreland septic systems. Prime sponsor: Judith Spang	NHACC Supports	Rep. Spang, Straf. 6; Sen. Watters, Dist 4	This bill requires an assessment study for certain septic systems prior to the sale of certain developed waterfront properties.	House Resources, Recreation & Development	2/10/21 10:30 AM	Retained in Committee (Tabled) 3/11	
HB439	Commissions, Boards	Relative to the powers of city councils. Prime sponsor: Melissa Blasek	NHMA Opposes	Rep. Blasek, Hills. 21; Rep. Cushman, Hills. 2; Rep. Harvey-Bolia, Belk. 4; Rep. Johnson, Belk. 3; Rep. Torosian, Rock. 14; Rep. Wallace, Rock. 12; Rep. Prout, Hills. 37	This bill limits the authority of city and town councils to make bylaws and ordinances to those they are specifically empowered to make. Precedent for future action affecting select boards.	House Municipal & County Government	Not specified	Report Filed: OTP (Vote 10-9)	TBD Apr 6-8
HB586-FN-A-Local	Commissions, Boards	Relative to training and procedures for zoning and planning boards and Relative to financial investments and incentives for affordable housing development. Prime sponsor: Joe Alexander	WHCGS Support; NHMA Monitor	Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 6; Rep. Lascelles, Hills. 20; Rep. Burroughs, Carr. 1; Rep. Umberger, Carr. 2; Rep. Griffith, Hills. 18; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21	Currently tabled in House. Sponsor working to insert provisions in Senate bills	House Municipal & County Government	2/1/21 10:00 AM	Tabled by full House (Vote 175-172)	
HB630	Right-To-Know	Relative to remote board meetings under the right-to-know law and authorizing certain procedures for rulemaking. Prime sponsor: Carol McGuire	NHMA Supports this and HB216 that are similar.		Allows public bodies to hold remote meetings as long as the public has access to the meeting via phone or other electronic means. Meeting must adjourn if public access fails.	House Judiciary	2/19/21 11:00 AM	In Committee: Exec 3/10	
SB053	Miscellaneous	Enabling municipalities to establish a community preservation and resilience program funded in part through a surcharge on real property. Prime sponsor: David Watters	WHCGS Support	Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Rep. Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Rep. Southworth, Straf. 20	This bill enables municipalities to establish a community preservation and resilience program and fund through adoption of a surcharge on real property.	Senate Election Law & Municipal Affairs	2/4/21 9:15am	Rereferred to Committee by full Senate	
SB071	Environment	Establishing a commission to develop science-based emissions reduction goals for the state of NH. Prime sponsor: Tom Sherman		Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Rep. McGhee, Hills. 27; Rep. Oxenham, Sull. 1; Rep. Woods, Merr. 23; Rep. Knirk, Carr. 3	This bill establishes a commission to develop science-based emissions reduction goals for the state of New Hampshire. Consistent with NH Climate Action Plan and regional goals on resiliency	Senate Energy & Natural Resources	3/3/21, 1:15pm	Report Filed: OTP with Amendment, then Tabled pending Amendment	

SB086	Land Use	Adopting omnibus legislation Relative to planning and zoning. Combines LSR 21-0856, LSR 21-0930 and LSR 21-0829 Prime sponsor: Jay Kahn	WHCGS Support; NHPA Support Part II, Watch Part I, No position Part III	Sen. Kahn, Dist 10	This bill adopts legislation relative to: I. Third party inspections conducted pursuant to a planning board approval. II. Establishing the New Hampshire housing and conservation planning program. III. Prohibiting the installation of certain commercially available heating systems and engaging the services of certain energy providers.	Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs	3/4/21	Report Filed: Split into Part II (OTP) & Parts I+III (OTP). Referred to House Municipal and County Govt.	
SB131	Land Use	Omnibus Bill. Sen. Sharon Carson was initial sponsor of Part IX provision relating to Private Roads.	NHPA Opposes Part IX	Sharon Carson , Max Abramson	Part IX of SB131 would require municipalities to reimburse "Qualified Private Communities" for costs of road maintenance. Other provisions of the omnibus are Watch	Senate Transportation	2/17/21, 1:15pm	Report Filed: OTP with Amendment removing Parts IV, VI, IX	
SB142-FN	Land Use	Adopting omnibus legislation Relative to certain study commissions.	NHPA Support	Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19	Part II would establish a Study Commission on barriers to increased land development in New Hampshire.	Senate Executive Departments & Administration	2/11/2021, 9:15am	Report Filed: OTP with Amendment (Vote 5-0)	OTP by Full Senate (Vote 23-1). Refer to House Finance
SB146-FN	Environment	Adopting omnibus legislation Relative to the environment		Sen. Watters, Dist 4	This bill adopts legislation relative to: I. Establishing the coastal program administered by the department of environmental services. II. Establishing a statewide solid waste disposal reduction goal. III. Prohibiting incineration of PFAS in New Hampshire. IV. The prevention of zoonotic disease transmission. V. Tidal waters. VI. Establishing a surcharge on certain saltwater licenses and establishing a fund for derelict fishing gear and coastal cleanup. VII. The acquisition and preservation of agricultural land for food producing in the land and community heritage program. VIII. Class 2 obligations under the electric renewable portfolio standards. IX. Public use of coastal shorelands.	Senate Energy & Natural Resources	3/1/21, 1:00pm	Report Filed: OTP with Amendment (Vote 5-0)	

Agency Acronym Key

NHMA	NH Municipal Association
NHACC	NH Association of Conservation Commissions
WHCGS	Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast
NHPA	NH Planning Association