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## **MEETING MINUTES**

## **Legislative Policy Committee**

## Monday, March 29, 2021; 11:00 A.M. Remote Meeting Via Zoom

Per RSA 91-A:2, III(b) the RPC Chair has declared the COVID-19 Outbreak an emergency and has waived the requirement that a quorum be physically present at the meeting.

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Reviewed status of the five bills included in the municipal watch list:
  - HB025 Capital Budget including provision of funds for Coastal Flooding Model.
     Passed unanimously through Committee. Will go to floor next Wed 4/7
  - HB111 Establishing a cause of action against the state to protect individual rights.
     Passed committee by vote of 19-2. NHMA has spoken out repeatedly against the measure. Will go to House floor 4/7-4/9.
  - HB279 Relative to the maximum allowable vehicle gross weight for a combination of truck-trailer and single semi-trailer with 4 or more axles. Passed committee by vote of 13-6. NHDOT has registered opposition based on accelerated road degradation from heavier trucks. Will go o House floor 4/7-4/9.
  - SB095 Relative to remote board meetings under the right-to-know law and authorizing certain procedures for rulemaking. (Substituted for HB630 from which remote meeting provisions were removed in committee) Passed on Senate floor by vote of 24-0. Awaiting crossover.
  - HB439 Relative to the powers of city councils. Passed committee by vote of 10-9.
     NHMA has spoken out against the measure. Will go to House floor 4/7-4/9.
- 3. Reviewed draft paragraphs on each bill for inclusion in RPC Newsletter. Focus will continue to be on providing information to member communities on which they can choose to act. If RPC submits testimony it will likely be after crossover. An RPC letter would not recommend a particular a vote of yes or no, but simply present information on anticipated implications of the bill from a municipal and regional planning perspective. Target sending out information to municipalities in advance of 4/7-4/9 votes on House floor.
- 4. Next meeting set for Tues 4/13 at 11:00am.
- 5. Adjourn.