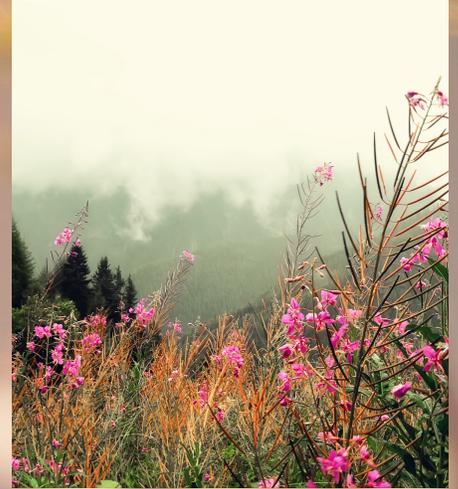
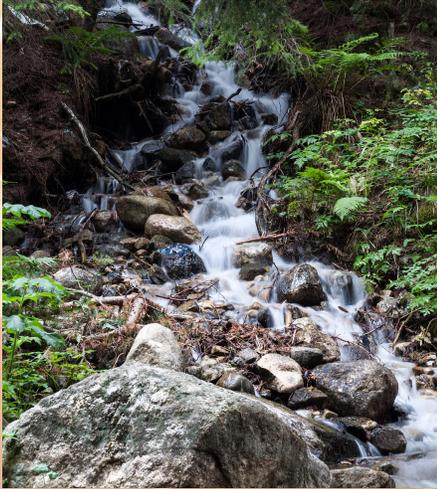


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## Letter from Association President, Commissioner Wendy Piper

Dear Members,

*I am happy to assume the helm of the New Hampshire Association of Counties for the next two years. As I do so, I am aware that I inherit the stewardship of an organization that has been set on a strong course by immediate past presidents, and most notably that we've come through the challenges to structure and membership of the last two years. Partnering with the Dupont Group, we now benefit from strong executive leadership and access to governmental experience and knowledge that we need to run smoothly as an organization and best serve NH counties. I know we all appreciate the hard work and enjoy the collegiality of Kate, Jim, and Danielle as well.*



*Past leaders of the NHAC have had unique challenges to oversee during their tenures. George Maglaras had the imposition of Medicaid Managed Care in our nursing homes to contend with on his watch; Tom Tombarello and Chuck Weed both saw us through changes to personnel and management, and Chuck led the process of enacting Opioid legislation and oversaw the NHAC during the building of a Trust Fund to protect County funds. For the past year, COVID-19 has been with us, and I guess this is where I begin: county government is still on the front lines as it has been during the Opioid crisis. Hopefully, though, the pandemic is in its final year, and federal funding is now coming in to help us recover lost revenue and unforeseen costs.*

*Along with the stress that the pandemic has placed on our resources and personnel, however, it may be that it has created new opportunities. We might think about repurposing our resources to meet current needs. COVID-19 has underscored the need for widespread broadband deployment to meet the needs of schoolchildren and those working remotely and to keep people, especially elders, safe through access to telehealth. NACo is helping with this, of course, and county government is getting involved on the local level as well. Such initiatives can help us to better serve our residents, through cost-effective means. We have all kinds of opportunities, I think, along with the challenges.*

## Letter from Association President, cont...

*Let me just say in closing that I'm so grateful for the work that the Affiliates do. The Commissioners Council meeting in March heard the reports of all the Affiliates. The reports were intended to educate the new Commissioners, but they also served as strong reminders to those of us who are not new — or not exactly new — of all the work that the Affiliates do. We have a robust network and community of dedicated professionals that provides best practices and new ideas so that we can continue to function optimally for our residents.*

*Going forward, I'll consider it my responsibility to keep these lines of communication open and strong; I'll ensure the transparency that the Executive Committee made so clear was important to us; and I'll be sure to bring to your attention the costs and benefits of all new initiatives we undertake.*

*Thank you for your trust and support over the next two years.*

*Sincerely,  
Wendy Piper*



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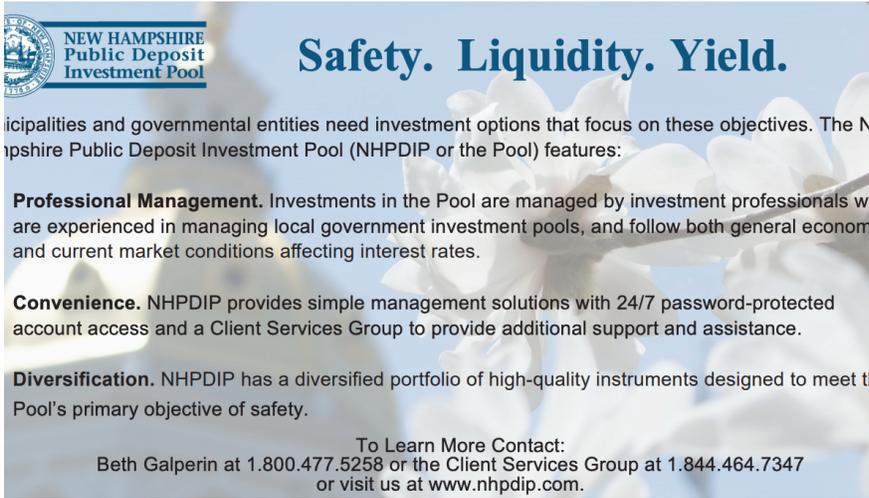
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## Spotlight on Strafford County

### County Spotlight: Strafford County

- Total population estimation: 131,589
- County employee census: Approximately 600
- New projects: County-Wide P25 VHF Simulcast Police/Fire/EMS Communications System
- 2019 Award recipient: 2019 Strafford County Nursing Home Employee of the Year: Regina Smith, Assistant to the Administrator, Riverside Rest Home
- Other recognition: Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the seventh consecutive year



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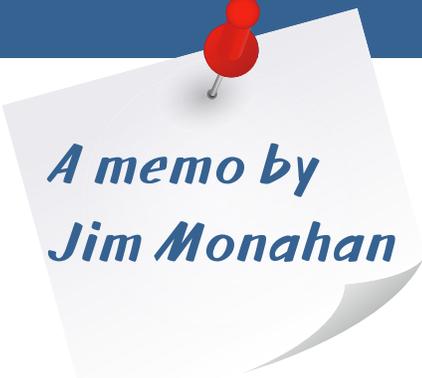
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## County Government Rocks the State Budget Process



*A memo by  
Jim Monahan*

It has been said that the NH State budget process is like a 5-act play. There is the Agency stage in the fall; the Governor's budget presentation in February; the House production of the two budget bills (HBs 1 & 2), which ends in early April; the Senate actions on its version of the budget, by early June; and then a House-Senate Committee of Conference, which brings down the curtain by June 30th. (There is sometimes an encore with a veto, but that is not likely this year).

For county government in NH, there were some challenges associated with the Governor's budget as introduced, which included an 18% increase in the county contribution to Medicaid long-term care costs. This would have translated into a nearly \$43 million increase in local property taxes. But as the House took over the budget writing process in February, the NH Association of Counties worked closely with the House Finance Committee on this section of the budget and was able to make significant bi-partisan gains. These include the following:

- The increase in the county contribution (sometimes referred to as the county cap) will be reduced from 18% to 2%.
- A change was added to State law to require the State to share any benefits associated with changes to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP). This is important because during the national declaration of emergency, the federal government's share increased from 50% to 56.2%.
- In order to capture this FMAP benefit in the current budget, the House version of the spending plan will include a \$9.7 million credit to the county cap for 2021, the current State budget year.
- Language was added to State law which will cap any annual increase in the county contribution to long-term care at 2%. The hope here is that, in the future, the agency and Governor's budget preparations will avoid the massive downshift of costs to property taxpayers, which then need to be fixed by the Legislature.

Beyond the county issues, the budget process has been somewhat easy compared to past years because State revenues have been remarkably strong. That said, the Governor and the Legislature are committed to spending about \$75 million on tax cuts, which will need to come out of the General Fund. The budget, as it leaves the House, also includes a back of the budget cut of \$50 million, which will require the Governor and State agencies to make reductions during the 2-year cycle. However, there is some expectation that as revenues continue to improve and as current year lapses become known, this back of the budget cut can be avoided.

The House budget writers also included a number of policy issues in the budget (HB 2) which are designed to get support from more conservative members of the Republican caucus. These include a requirement for legislative approvals of future declarations of emergencies by the Governor after the first 21 days. In addition, a provision was added to HB 2 which would add restrictions on State, county and local governments and their vendors regarding "propagation of divisive concepts." These two provisions were both policy bills which the Governor had signaled he would veto.

A vote on the budget is planned for April 7th or 8th when the House meets in person. It is expected that the vote will be very partisan. The Senate process will begin on April 12th. While the gains the county governments made in the House process are likely to be the starting point for the Senate Finance Committee, Senators are not members of the county delegations so the Association will need to continue its strong advocacy on the county cap and related issues.



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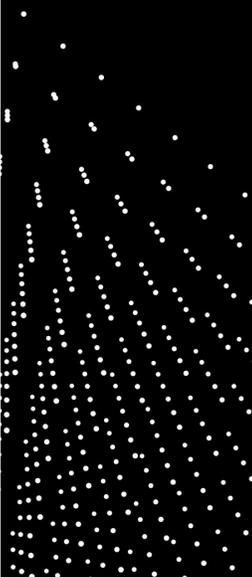
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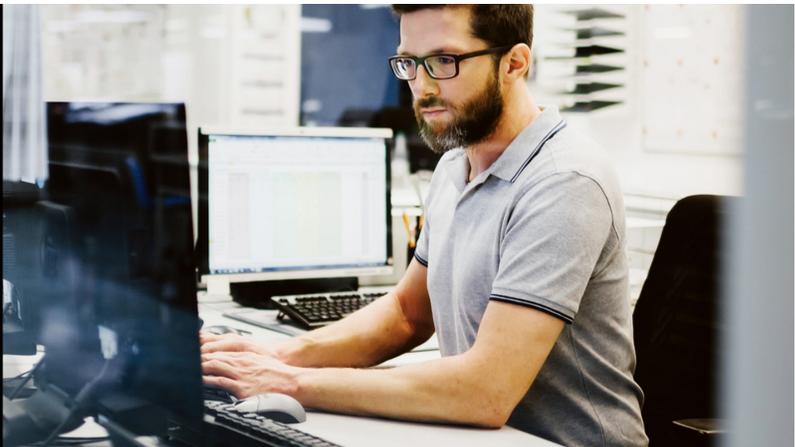
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Bill	Priority	Sponsors	Title & Synopsis	Notes	Status
<a href="#">HB 54</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Barbara Griffin	Apportioning County Commissioner Districts.  This bill establishes new county commissioner districts in accordance with the latest federal decennial census.	Client Note: This is a placeholder bill. We will watch for amendments to come out with changes to the districts.	Committees: Special Committee on Redistricting/H  House Status: Retained In Committee  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 65</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Rosemarie Rung; Rep. Bruce Cohen; Rep. Janice Schmidt; Rep. Joseph Guthrie; Rep. William Marsh	Requiring Food Service Establishments to Establish Food Allergy Awareness Procedures.  This bill requires food service establishments to establish food allergy awareness procedures.	Client Note: Requires food establishments to post a sign that says you must inform servers if you have food allergies. This is a hold over from last year. Would apply to places like Rockingham's Food Service in the Nursing Home.	Committees: Commerce and Consumer Affairs/H  House Status: Retained In Committee  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 75</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Mark Pearson; Rep. Ellen Read; Rep. Gary Merchant; Rep. Gary Woods; Rep. Glenn Cordelli; Rep. Larry Gagne; Rep. Marjorie Porter; Rep. Norman Major; Sen. Jeb Bradley; Sen. Lou D'Allesandro; Sen. Regina Birdsell	Renaming and Adjusting The Membership Of The New Hampshire Commission On Deafness and Hearing Loss.  This bill changes the name of the New Hampshire commission on deafness and hearing loss to the New Hampshire commission for the deaf and hard of hearing and adds members to the commission.	Client Note: Adds a Nursing Home representative to the Committee appointed by the NHAC. The Commission has already created a subcommittee that the NHAC has representation on.	Committees: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs/H; Health and Human Services/S  House Status: Ought to Pass: Ma Vv 02/24/2021  Senate Status: Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-1007s, 04/01/2021; Vote 5-0; Cc
<a href="#">HB 83</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Paul Berch; Rep. Amanda Bouldin; Rep. Carol McGuire; Rep. Charlotte DiLorenzo; Rep. David Meuse; Rep. Deb Stevens; Rep. Kristina Schultz; Rep. Marjorie Smith; Rep. Michael Sylvia	Prohibiting Non-disparagement Clauses In Settlement Agreements Involving A Governmental Unit.  This bill prohibits and renders unenforceable the inclusion of a non-disparagement clause in a settlement agreement involving a governmental unit.	Client Note: This bill prohibits and renders unenforceable the inclusion of a non-disparagement clause in a settlement agreement involving a governmental unit. County Administrators should review	Committees: Judiciary/H  House Status: Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0369h (vote 20-1; Cc)  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 91</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Daryl Abbas; Rep. Douglas Trotter; Rep. Fred Doucette; Rep. Terry Roy; Rep. Timothy Lang	Relative to Death Benefits Of First Responders Who Die From Suicide.  This bill includes suicide under the definition of "killed in the line of duty" when considering eligibility for death benefits of first responders.	Client Note: add suicide as a death that is eligible for a death benefit.	Committees: Executive Departments and Administration/H; Finance/H  House Status: Executive Session: 03/29/2021 09:00 Am Members Of The Public May Attend Using The Following Link: to Join The Webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/92166004660">https://www.zoom.us/j/92166004660</a>  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 101</a> <a href="#">Oppose</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. John MacDonald; Rep. Bill Nelson; Rep. Brodie Deshaies; Rep. Karel Crawford; Rep. Lino Avellani; Rep. William Marsh	Relative to The Close Of A County's Books Of Records.  This bill requires counties to close their books 30 days following the end of the fiscal year unless granted an extension by the commissioner of revenue administration.	Client Note: Brought forward by Carroll County Reps: Counties shall close their books on or before 30 days following the end of the county fiscal year unless the county has been granted an extension by the commissioner of the department of revenue administration. The commissioner may grant one or more 30-day extensions for cause, and shall notify the chairperson of the county convention of each extension and the reasons it was granted. County Administrators should review Every County would need several extensions to comply.	Committees: Municipal and County Government/H  House Status: Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0164h (vote 19-0; Cc)  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 107</a> <a href="#">Oppose</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Catherine Sofkitis; Rep. Janice Schmidt; Rep. Sherry Frost	Relative to The Minimum Hourly Rate.  This bill establishes the state minimum hourly rate at \$22.50 per hour.	Client Note: Changes the minimum wage to 22.50 or the federal wage if it is higher. NHAC has not been contacted for a fiscal note	Committees: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services/H  House Status: Special Order to Regular Calendar Of Next Session Day Without Objection  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 111</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Paul Berch; Rep. Amanda Bouldin; Rep. Dianne Schuett; Rep. Kurt Wuelper; Rep. Marjorie Smith; Rep. Mark King; Rep. Peter Bixby; Rep. Tony Lekas	Establishing A Cause Of Action Against The State to Protect Individual Rights.  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.		Committees: Judiciary/H  House Status: Committee Report: Ought to Pass (vote 19-2; Cc)  Senate Status:

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<p><a href="#">HB 113</a> <b>No Position</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Michael Cahill; Rep. Andrew Renzullo; Rep. Judith Spang; Sen. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka</p>	<p>Relative to Payment For Earned But Unused Vacation or Personal Time.</p> <p>This bill requires an employer to pay an employee for earned but unused vacation time.</p>	<p>Client Note: If an employer offers paid vacation time they must inform employees on accrual, use or limited on vacation time. If you do not have an accrual system unused time is paid on prorated basis. Set up a system for vacation time requests and approvals. After an employee departs an employer must pay for unused vacation time in the next pay period</p>	<p>Committees: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services/H</p> <p>House Status: Majority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate (vote 11-9; Rc) minority Committee Report: Ought to Pass</p> <p>Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 131</a> <b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Gary Woods</p>	<p>Relative to Reporting Of Health Care Associated Infections.</p> <p>This bill clarifies the information that hospitals must report regarding infections.</p>	<p>Client Note: applies to the nursing homes. In addition to reporting types of infections facilities must also report measures to the department. Reporting must be consistent with CMS, CDC, Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program and National Quality Forum. Nursing Home already do a lot of reporting</p>	<p>Committees: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs/H</p> <p>House Status: Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass (vote 17-3; Rc) minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate</p> <p>Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 147</a> <b>No Position</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Daryl Abbas; Rep. David Love</p>	<p>Relative to Assault Against An Elderly Person.</p> <p>This bill creates a first degree assault offense for an assault against a person 65 years of age or older by a person who is more than 10 years of age older than the victim.</p>	<p>Client Note: adds Purposely or knowingly causes serious bodily injury to a person 65 years of age or older where the victim is more than 10 years of age older than the actor. To first degree assault statute. CA's will talk with DOJ</p>	<p>Committees: Criminal Justice and Public Safety/H</p> <p>House Status: Retained In Committee</p> <p>Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 149</a> <b>Support</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Walter Stapleton; Rep. Al Baldasaro; Rep. Jordan Uleny; Rep. Mark Pearson; Rep. Skip Rollins; Rep. Steven Smith; Rep. William Marsh</p>	<p>Extending Certain Civil Immunity to Public and Private Entities During Major Public Health Emergencies.</p> <p>This bill establishes immunity from civil liability for public and private entities during a declared state of emergency due to a public health risk if the entity was acting in good faith and in accordance with public health and safety directives.</p>	<p>Client Note: creates civil limited liability liability as a result of state of emergency. May not go far enough for the nursing homes</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary/H</p> <p>House Status: Retained In Committee</p> <p>Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 206</a> <b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Leonard Turcotte; Rep. Glenn Cordelli; Rep. Hershel Nunez; Rep. Michael Moffett</p>	<p>Relative to Collective Bargaining Agreement Strategy Discussions Under The Right-to-know Law.</p> <p>This bill requires that collective bargaining agreement strategy discussions where only one party is present shall not constitute a meeting open to the public under the right-to-know law.</p>	<p>Client Note: removes negotiation from RTK exemption when only one party is present</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary/H</p> <p>House Status: Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass (vote 11-10; Rc) minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate</p> <p>Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 212</a> <b>No Position</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. James Spillane; Rep. Alan Bershtein; Rep. Terry Roy; Sen. John Reagan; Sen. Kevin Avarad</p>	<p>Relative to Drug Courts and Alternative Drug Offender Grant Programs.</p> <p>This bill allows a drug court to order an offender to participate in social work or mental health consultations as a condition of sentence completion.</p>	<p>Client Note: Allows a drug court to order an offender to participate in social work or mental health consultations as a condition of sentence completion. CA's will review with DOJ</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary/H</p> <p>House Status: Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate (vote 21-0; Cc)</p> <p>Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 213</a> <b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Michael Harrington</p>	<p>Relative to The Elimination Of Useful Thermal Energy From Renewable Energy Classes.</p> <p>This bill removes the inclusion of technologies producing useful thermal energy from the minimum electric renewable portfolio standards.</p>	<p>Client Note: Repeals RPS class I thermal and removes biomass from class III. There are four counties with T-REC projects and significant T-REC revenues: Cheshire (Maplewood Nursing Home), Sullivan County Complex, Merrimack County Correctional Facility, and Rockingham County Complex. Rockingham County in particular would be greatly impacted as they financed a \$260,000 electrostatic precipitator installation on their biomass boiler using future T-RECs as collateral for a CDFR loan.</p>	<p>Committees: Science, Technology and Energy/H</p> <p>House Status: Retained In Committee</p> <p>Senate Status:</p>

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<a href="#">HB 216</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Lucy Weber; Rep. Marjorie Porter; Rep. Mary Beth Walz	Relative to Public Notice Of and Access to Meetings Under The Right to Know Law.  This bill establishes requirements for remote access to public meetings under RSA 91-A.	Client Note: allows meetings to continue electronically and outlines the future rules surrounding public meetings	Committees: Judiciary/H  House Status: Majority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate (vote 11-10; Rc) minority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0680h  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 246</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Robert Renny Cushing; Rep. Latha Mangipudi; Rep. Wendy Chase	Establishing A Protective Order For Vulnerable Adults.  This bill establishes a procedure for protective orders for vulnerable adults.	Client Note: Establishes a procedure for protective orders for vulnerable adults.	Committees: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs/H  House Status: Indefinitely Postpone (rep. Burt); Ma Rc 195-158 02/24/2021  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 247</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. David Lundgren; Rep. David Love; Rep. Karel Crawford; Rep. Linda Massimilia; Rep. Richard Lascelles; Rep. Tom Dolan	Relative to Treatment Alternatives to Opioids.  This bill requires the department of health and human services to create a voluntary nonopioid directive form which may be used for nonopioid treatment options for pain. This bill also establishes insurance coverage for such treatment options.	Client Note: Would require alternative treatments to be undertaken before opioid for all treatment. This bill is severely flawed, highly unlikely that it will pass in its current form	Committees: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs/H  House Status: Retained In Committee  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 258</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Josh Yokela	(new Title) Permitting Wage and Hour Records to Be Approved and Retained Electronically.  This bill requires an employer to permit an employee to electronically sign or acknowledge alterations to such employee's wage and hour records.	Client Note: allows employees to sign electronically to accept changes to their wages/hours	Committees: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services/H; Commerce/S  House Status: Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0168h; Ma Vv 02/24/2021  Senate Status: Remote Hearing: 03/23/2021, 09:10 Am; Links to Join The Hearing Can Be Found In The Senate Calendar
<a href="#">HB 274</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Michael O'Brien; Rep. Robert Renny Cushing; Sen. Cindy Rosenwald	Relative to Payment By The State Of A Portion Of Retirement System Contributions Of Political Subdivision Employers.  This bill provides that the state shall pay 5 percent of contributions of retirement system employers other than the state for group I teachers and group II members.	Client Note: state will pay 5% of an employees retirement contribution starting in 2022	Committees: Executive Departments and Administration/H  House Status: Reconsider (rep. Mcguire); Mf Rc 159-179 02/24/2021  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 302</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Lynne Ober	Relative to The Creation and Use Of Electronic Records By Government Agencies.  This bill clarifies the authority of the department of information technology, in cooperation with the secretary of state and the department of administrative services, to set standards for the creations, retention, and acceptance of electronic records by government agencies.	Client Note: Sets standards for some electronic records.	Committees: Executive Departments and Administration/H; Executive Departments and Administration/S  House Status: Ought to Pass: Ma Vv 02/24/2021  Senate Status: Remote Hearing: 03/31/2021, 09:10 Am; Links to Join The Hearing Can Be Found In The Senate Calendar
<a href="#">HB 315</a> <a href="#">Oppose</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Michael Vose; Rep. Douglas Thomas; Rep. Jacqueline Cali-Pitts; Rep. Michael Harrington	Relative to The Aggregation Of Electric Customers.  This bill revises the procedures applicable to municipal or county aggregators and municipal electric utilities for the aggregation of energy services.		Committees: Science, Technology and Energy/H  House Status: Full Committee Work Session: 03/19/2021 09:00 Am Members Of The Public May Attend Using The Following Link: to Join The Webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/93683395113">https://www.zoom.us/j/93683395113</a> / Executive Session On Pending Legislation May Be Held Throughout The Day (time Permitting) From The Time The Committee Is Initially Convened.  Senate Status:

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<p><a href="#">HB 363</a> <b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Donovan Fenton; Rep. Joe Alexander</p>	<p>Creating A Committee to Study Appointing An Inspector General For Nursing Homes In New Hampshire.  This bill creates a committee to study appointing an inspector general for nursing homes in New Hampshire.</p>	<p>Client Note: creates a Inspector General for Nursing Homes. Nursing Home affiliate should review From David Ross; generated by the high mortality rates in LTC and the desire of he and his co-sponsor to show constituents that they are doing due diligence. I explained the high regulatory environment that we already work in and the duplication that an inspector general would likely create. He said that he fully agreed and that this was only a study committee – if it even passed. He seemed to want to give the impression that he did not think that this was needed – but I suspect that is not his true belief. He shared that he has</p>	<p>Committees: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs/H  House Status: Inexpedit to Legislate: Ma Vv 02/24/2021  Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 372</a> <b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Max Abramson; Rep. Juliet Harvey-Bolia; Rep. Michael Yakubovich</p>	<p>Relative to Enforcement Of The Elections Laws.  This bill permits county and municipal attorneys to enforce election laws.</p>	<p>Client Note: allows county attorneys to prosecute election crimes. Terrifying</p>	<p>Committees: Election Law/H  House Status: Executive Session: 03/10/2021 10:20 Am Members Of The Public May Attend Using The Following Link: to Join The Webinar: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95087806399">https://zoom.us/j/95087806399</a> (if Necessary)  Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 380</a> <b>Support</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Edward Gordon; Rep. George Sykes; Rep. Rick Ladd; Rep. Susan Almy; Rep. Suzanne Smith; Sen. Erin Hennessey</p>	<p>Relative to The Election Of Grafton County Commissioners.  This bill changes the terms of the Grafton county commissioners beginning in 2022 so that one member is elected to a 4-year term at each general election.</p>	<p>Client Note: Allows Grafton County to have a rotating 4 year term for the commissioners. This is repeat bill from last year. NHAC was in support last year</p>	<p>Committees: Municipal and County Government/H; Election Law and Municipal Affairs/S  House Status: Ought to Pass: Ma Vv 02/24/2021  Senate Status: Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 03/25/2021; Vote 5-0; Cc</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 445</a> <b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Glenn Cordell; Rep. Bill Nelson; Rep. Brodie Deshaies; Rep. Jonathan Smith; Rep. Karel Crawford; Rep. Lino Avellani; Rep. Thomas Bucu; Rep. William Marsh</p>	<p>Relative to Competitive Bidding In Carroll County.  This bill establishes a procedure for competitive bidding for purchases made by Carroll county.</p>	<p>Client Note: Only applies to Carroll County. Lays out the rules for competitive bidding</p>	<p>Committees: Municipal and County Government/H  House Status: Retained In Committee  Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 459</a> <b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Norman Silber; Rep. Glen Aldrich; Rep. Harry Bean; Rep. Michael Sylvia; Rep. Michael Yakubovich; Rep. Peter Torosian</p>	<p>Prohibiting A Transfer Of Funds Within An Adopted Budget to A General Ledger Line Item In Such Budget That Contains An Entry Of Zero Dollars.  This bill prohibits a transfer of funds in an adopted budget to a general ledger line that contains zero dollars. This bill also creates a cause of action for violation of such prohibition and establishes penalties.</p>	<p>Client Note: Belknap County Sponsors. Cannot transfer funds into a line that has zero dollars in it. Establishes penalties for doing this.</p>	<p>Committees: Municipal and County Government/H  House Status: Inexpedit to Legislate: Ma Rc 198-153 02/24/2021  Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 517</a> <b>No Position</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Kristina Schultz; Rep. Arthur Ellison; Rep. Cam Kenney; Rep. Cassandra Levesque; Rep. Donald Bouchard; Rep. Laurel Stavis; Rep. Lee Oxenham; Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathright; Rep. Safiya Wazir; Sen. Rebecca Whitley</p>	<p>Relative to The State Minimum Hourly Rate.  This bill increases the minimum hourly rate, increases the base rate for tipped employees, and adjusts both rates annually based on the most recent 12-month average of the consumer price index. The bill also requires a youth minimum wage for employees under 18 years of age.</p>	<p>Client Note: raises the minimum wage to \$15 an hour in steps by 2024</p>	<p>Committees: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services/H  House Status: Retained In Committee  Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 536</a> <b>No Position</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Kristina Schultz; Rep. Dianne Schuett; Rep. Jaci Grote; Rep. Jeffrey Goley; Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathright; Rep. Safiya Wazir; Rep. Timothy Soucy; Sen. Kevin Cavanaugh; Sen. Rebecca Whitley</p>	<p>Relative to Death Benefits For Public Works Employees Killed In The Line Of Duty, and Relative to Workers' Compensation Offsets For Certain Retirement System Benefits.  This bill establishes a state death benefit for a municipal or state public works employee killed in the line of duty. The bill also eliminates the offset for workers' compensation benefits applicable to group 1 accidental death benefit annuities in state retirement system.</p>	<p>Client Note: This bill establishes a state death benefit for a municipal or state public works employee killed in the line of duty. The bill also eliminates the offset for workers' compensation benefits applicable to group 1 accidental death benefit annuities in state retirement system.</p>	<p>Committees: Executive Departments and Administration/H; Finance/H  House Status: Executive Session: 03/29/2021 09:00 Am Members Of The Public May Attend Using The Following Link: to Join The Webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/92166004660">https://www.zoom.us/j/92166004660</a>  Senate Status:</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 545</a> <b>Support</b></p>	<p>Priority Legislation</p>	<p>Rep. Larry Laflamme; Rep. Troy Merner</p>	<p>Relative to The Use Of Certain Out-of-state Banks By The State Treasurer and Municipal and County Treasurers or Trustees.  This bill allows out-of-state banks with a branch in New Hampshire to accept deposits and investments of public funds from the state treasurer and city, town, and school district treasurers.</p>	<p>Client Note: This bill is a request of Coos County. NHAC supported it last year. Allows counties and municipalities to bank with banks that are charter in other states. Right now have to use federally or NH charters</p>	<p>Committees: Municipal and County Government/H  House Status: Committee Report: Ought to Pass (vote 18-0; Cc)  Senate Status:</p>

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<a href="#">HB 557</a> <a href="#">Oppose</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Amanda Bouldin; Rep. Allison Nutting Wong; Rep. Amanda Gourgue; Rep. Andrew Bouldin; Rep. Caroletta Alicea; Rep. Charlotte DiLorenzo; Rep. David Meuse; Rep. John Bordenet; Rep. Kate Murray; Rep. Terry Roy	Relative To The Authority Of State and County Correctional Facilities to Discipline Inmates Using Close or Solitary Confinement.  This bill repeals the authority of commissioner of the department of corrections and a county correctional facility to discipline an inmate using close or solitary confinement.	Client Note: Repeals the authority of correctional facilities to use solitary confinement as a disciplinary measure.	Committees: Criminal Justice and Public Safety/H  House Status: Majority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate (vote 11-10; Rc) minority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0746h  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 560</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Kenneth Weyler; Rep. David Milz; Rep. Laura Pantelakos; Rep. Stephen Pearson; Sen. Regina Birdsall	Relative To The Election Of Rockingham County Officials.  This bill changes the term of the election of county officers in Rockingham county to 4 years beginning in 2022.	Client Note: applies only to Rockingham county. Allows sheriff, county attorney, register of deeds and register of probate to four year terms. If counties are interested in trying to get an amendment to include their counties, reach out to Jim and Kate	Committees: Municipal and County Government/H  House Status: Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0187h (vote 11-8; Rc) minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 590</a> <a href="#">Oppose</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Mary Jane Wallner; Rep. Debra Altschiller; Rep. Kate Murray; Rep. Kristina Schultz; Rep. Saelyn Wnzi; Sen. Cindy Rosenwald; Sen. Rebecca Whitley	Relative to Paid Sick Time.  This bill requires employers to provide paid sick time for employees.	Client Note: requires employers to provide paid sick time	Committees: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services/H  House Status: Inexpedient to Legislate: Ma Rc 202-148 02/24/2021  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 597</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Keith Erf; Rep. Gary Hopper; Rep. Jess Edwards; Sen. Ruth Ward	Relative To The Expectation Of Privacy.  This bill establishes a cause of action for violations of an individual's expectation of privacy in personal information.	Client Note: this bill establishes a cause of action for violations of an individual's expectation of privacy in personal information.	Committees: Judiciary/H  House Status: Retained In Committee  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 598</a> <a href="#">Oppose</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Linda Harriott-Gathright; Rep. Daryl Abbas; Rep. Patricia Klee; Rep. Ray Newman	Relative To The Portion Of A Minimum Sentence to Be Served to Be Eligible For Parole.  This bill provides that an incarcerated person shall be eligible for parole upon the completion of 50 percent of the person's minimum sentence.	Client Note: allows incarcerated individuals to be eligible for parole after they complete 50% of their sentence. County attorneys and corrections should review	Committees: Criminal Justice and Public Safety/H  House Status: Retained In Committee  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 602</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Jess Edwards; Rep. Jason Osborne; Rep. John Hunt	Relative to Reimbursements For Telemedicine.  This bill makes changes to the reimbursement limits for telemedicine. This bill also further defines telemedicine.	Client Note: changes the limitations on reimbursement for telemedicine and eliminates audio as an option	Committees: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs/H  House Status: Retained In Committee  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 605</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Casey Conley; Rep. Dennis Acton; Rep. Melbourne Moran; Rep. Rebecca McWilliams; Rep. Robert Renny Cushing; Rep. Wendy Chase	Relative To The Therapeutic Cannabis Program.  I. Establishes protections for authorized employees of the department of health and human services when possessing or transporting cannabis or cannabis-infused products pursuant to statute. II. Makes various changes to the law regarding the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes, including clarifying the information required on the registry identification cards. III. Adds opioid use disorder to the qualifying medical conditions under the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes law. IV. Adds moderate...	Client Note: creates a therapeutic cannabis program. CA's to review with DOJ	Committees: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs/H  House Status: Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0646h (vote 14-6; Rc) minority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0645h  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 614</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Michael Vose; Rep. David Binford; Rep. Glenn Cordelli; Rep. Howard Pearl; Rep. Jess Edwards; Rep. Juliet Harvey-Bolla; Rep. Timothy Lang	Exempting The State and Political Subdivisions From Payment Of The Costs Of Compliance with The Renewable Portfolio Standard.  This bill requires that the state and political subdivisions be exempted from paying the portion of electricity rates that covers the cost of compliance with the renewable portfolio standard. Providers of electricity shall recover those payments by subtracting exempted amounts from alternative compliance payments to the renewable energy fund.	Client Note: This bill requires that the state and political subdivisions be exempted from paying the portion of electricity rates that covers the cost of compliance with the renewable portfolio standard.	Committees: Science, Technology and Energy/H; Ways and Means/H  House Status: Public Hearing: 03/10/2021 10:00 Am Members Of The Public May Attend Using The Following Link: to Join The Webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/99357402693">https://www.zoom.us/j/99357402693</a> / Executive Session On Pending Legislation May Be Held Throughout The Day (time Permitting) From The Time The Committee is Initially Convened.  Senate Status:
<a href="#">HB 621</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Mark McConkey; Rep. Glenn Cordelli; Rep. Karen Umberger; Rep. Lino Avellani	Allowing Registers Of Deeds to Retain A Portion Of The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program Surcharge.  This bill allows registers of deeds to retain up to 10 percent of the surcharge assessed under the land and community heritage program for the sole purpose of archival restoration of the official land record.	Client Note: This bill allows registers of deeds to retain up to 10 percent of the surcharge assessed under the land and community heritage program for the sole purpose of archival restoration of the official land record.	Committees: Ways and Means/H  House Status: Retained In Committee  Senate Status:

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<a href="#">HB 630</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Rep. Carol McGuire; Rep. Dianne Schuett; Rep. Peter Schmidt; Rep. William Hatch; Sen. John Reagan	Relative to Remote Board Meetings Under The Right-to-know Law and Authorizing Certain Procedures For Rulemaking.  This bill permits public bodies to hold meetings electronically, subject to certain conditions. This bill also permits photocopied and scanned versions of signatures to be used in rulemaking proceedings.	Client Note: Allows public bodies to meet electronically.	Committees: Judiciary/H  House Status: Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0753h (vote 20-1; Cc)  Senate Status:
<a href="#">SB 42</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. John Reagan; Rep. Carol McGuire; Rep. James Spillane; Rep. Paul Tudor; Sen. Bob Giuda; Sen. David Watters; Sen. Erin Hennessey; Sen. Harold French; Sen. James Gray; Sen. Jay Kahn; Sen. Lou D'Allesandro; Sen. Ruth Ward; Sen. Sharon Carson; Sen. Suzanne Prentiss; Sen. Tom Sherman	Restricting Public Officers From Engaging In Certain Private Dealings.  This bill prohibits a public official from providing services valued at more than \$200 to the state or political subdivision in which he or she holds office unless the contract is obtained through open competitive bidding.	Client Note: prohibits elected officials from providing services to their county over a value of \$200	Committees: Executive Departments and Administration/S; Executive Departments and Administration/H  House Status: Public Hearing: 03/24/2021 01:15 Pm Please Click The Link Below to Join The Webinar: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/97152965622">https://zoom.us/j/97152965622</a>  Senate Status: Ought to Pass: Rc 23y-1n, Ma; Ot3rdg; 02/04/2021
<a href="#">SB 61</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. John Reagan; Rep. Alicia Lekas; Rep. Carol McGuire; Rep. Dick Marston; Rep. James Spillane; Sen. Bill Gannon; Sen. Chuck Morse; Sen. Gary Daniels; Sen. Harold French; Sen. James Gray; Sen. Jeb Bradley	Prohibiting Collective Bargaining Agreements That Require Employees to Join A Labor Union.  This bill prohibits collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join or contribute to a labor union.	Client Note: This bill prohibits collect bargaining agreements that requires employees to join the union. Also know as Right to Work Legislation	Committees: Commerce/S; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services/H  House Status: Executive Session: 03/30/2021 09:00 Am Members Of The Public May Attend Using The Following Link: to Join The Webinar: <a href="https://www.zoom.us/j/91970098494">https://www.zoom.us/j/91970098494</a>  Senate Status: Ought to Pass: Rc 13y-11n, Ma; Ot3rdg; 02/11/2021
<a href="#">SB 67</a> <a href="#">Oppose</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Rebecca Whitley; Rep. Kristina Schultz; Rep. Rebecca McWilliams; Rep. Safiya Wazir; Sen. Cindy Rosenwald; Sen. David Watters; Sen. Donna Soucy; Sen. Lou D'Allesandro; Sen. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Sen. Suzanne Prentiss; Sen. Tom Sherman	Relative to Paid Sick Leave.  This bill establishes a paid sick leave program.	Client Note: This would be significant cost to the counties	Committees: Commerce/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate, 04/01/2021
<a href="#">SB 72</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Cindy Rosenwald; Rep. Manny Espita; Rep. Michael O'Brien; Sen. David Watters; Sen. Donna Soucy; Sen. Jay Kahn; Sen. Lou D'Allesandro; Sen. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Sen. Rebecca Whitley; Sen. Suzanne Prentiss; Sen. Tom Sherman	Relative to A State Share Of Retirement System Contributions By Employers.  This bill provides that the state shall pay 15 percent of contributions of retirement system employers other than the state for group I teachers and group II members.	Client Note: For Group I members the State would pay 15% of an employees retirement contribution  For Group II the State would pay the normal allocation and the accrued liability	Committees: Finance/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate, 03/25/2021
<a href="#">SB 74</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Tom Sherman; Rep. Gary Woods; Rep. William Marsh; Sen. Cindy Rosenwald; Sen. David Watters; Sen. Jeb Bradley; Sen. Rebecca Whitley; Sen. Suzanne Prentiss	Relative to Advance Directives For Health Care Decisions.  I. Defines "attending practitioner" and "POLST." II. Redefines "near death" as "actively dying." III. Further defines the role of a surrogate. IV. Repeals the applicability of certain advanced directives.	Client Note: Makes technical corrections to the advanced directive for health care decisions. We have requested the Matt Lagos be added to the work group working on the amendments to this bill	Committees: Health and Human Services/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Remote Hearing: 01/28/2021, 01:15 Pm; Links to Join The Hearing Can Be Found In The Senate Calendar
<a href="#">SB 85</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Jeb Bradley; Rep. Karen Umberger; Rep. Robert Renny Cushing; Rep. William Marsh; Sen. Bill Gannon; Sen. Bob Giuda; Sen. Cindy Rosenwald; Sen. David Watters; Sen. Erin Hennessey; Sen. Gary Daniels; Sen. Kevin Avard; Sen. Kevin Cavanaugh; Sen. Lou D'Allesandro; Sen. Ruth Ward; Sen. Sharon Carson; Sen. Suzanne Prentiss; Sen. Tom Sherman	Establishing A Broadband Matching Grant Initiative and Fund.  This bill establishes the broadband matching grant initiative and fund in the office of strategic initiatives.		Committees: Election Law and Municipal Affairs/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 03/25/2021
<a href="#">SB 88</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Jay Kahn	Adopting Omnibus Legislation Relative to Broadband.  This bill adopts legislation relative to: I. The creation of communications district planning committees. II. Public utility regulation of utility pole attachments. III. The issuance of bonds for financing broadband infrastructure.		Committees: Election Law and Municipal Affairs/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0742s, Rc 23y-1n, Ma; Ot3rdg; 03/18/2021
<a href="#">SB 89</a> <a href="#">Oppose</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. James Gray	Adopting Omnibus Legislation Relative to Election Procedures and Registers Of Probate.  This bill adopts legislation relative to: I. The city chief elections officer. II. Prohibiting the taking of certain photographs within the guardrail. III. Allowing the opening of the absentee ballot outer envelopes and the preprocessing of absentee ballots. IV. Establishing a committee to study post election audit counting devices. V. The duties of the registers of probate.	Client Note: restores the duties of the registers of probate and allows each county to set salary and benefits.	Committees: Election Law and Municipal Affairs/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0825s, 03/25/2021

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<a href="#">SB 91</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. David Watters	(new Title) Adopting Omnibus Legislation On Renewable Energy and Utilities.  This bill adopts legislation relative to: I. Requiring the public utilities commission to adopt rules clarifying policy for the installation, interconnection, and use of energy storage systems by utility customers. II. Hydroelectric generators that share equipment for purposes of interconnection to the electric grid. III. Billing in an aggregation of electric utility customers. IV. Group host credits for net energy metering. V. The purchase of output of limited electrical energy producers in intrastate...	Client Note: Part VI sets up municipal aggregation as an opt in program Part VII has to do with net metering for political subdivisions and moves the cap up to 5MW, although it does restrict the group to the same municipality. The NHAC should not take a position and should instead wait to support Sen Avard's bill on net metering	Committees: Energy and Natural Resources/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0724s, Rc 23y-1n, Ma; Ot3rdg; 03/18/2021
<a href="#">SB 99</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Denise Ricciardi; Rep. Niki Kelsey; Rep. Patrick Abrami; Sen. Bill Gannon; Sen. Erin Hennessey; Sen. Jeb Bradley; Sen. Kevin Avard; Sen. Sharon Carson	Relative to The Amount Of Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue That Is Distributed to Municipalities.  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.		Committees: Ways and Means/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Pending Motion Refer to Finance Rule 4-5; 03/11/2021
<a href="#">SB 109</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Kevin Avard; Rep. Timothy Lang; Sen. Bob Giuda; Sen. Jeb Bradley	Relative to Municipal Host Customer Generators Serving Political Subdivisions.  This bill establishes an exemption under net energy metering for group net metered facilities that generate electricity to offset electrical requirements of a group consisting of political subdivisions.		Committees: Energy and Natural Resources/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0970s, 04/01/2021; Vote 5-0; Cc
<a href="#">SB 123</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Tom Sherman; Rep. Gary Woods; Rep. William Marsh; Sen. Cindy Rosenwald; Sen. Erin Hennessey; Sen. Kevin Cavanaugh; Sen. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Sen. Rebecca Whiteley	(new Title) Relative to Employer Payment Of Required Covid-19 Testing.  This bill waives cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing under accident and health insurance policies.	Client Note: Wait to take a position after the subgroup completes its work	Committees: Health and Human Services/S; Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services/H  House Status: Introduced (in Recess Of) 02/25/2021 and Referred to Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services  Senate Status: Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0621s, Rc 23y-1n, Ma; Ot3rdg; 03/11/2021
<a href="#">SB 132</a> <a href="#">No Position</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Suzanne Prentiss	Adopting Omnibus Legislation Relative to Covid-19.  This bill adopts legislation relative to: I. Employer payment of required COVID-19 testing. II. Establishing a COVID-19 micro enterprise relief fund. III. Requiring a COVID-19 needs assessment of nursing homes and long-term care facilities and making an appropriation therefor. IV. The support and promotion of New Hampshire's live performance industry by the council on the arts.	Client Note: Employer payment of COVID testing is moving to SB 123 and recommend no position until SB 123 work group completes its work	Committees: Health and Human Services/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-1009s, 04/01/2021
<a href="#">SB 134</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Sharon Carson	Adopting Omnibus Legislation Relative to Civil Actions and Criminal Liability.  This bill adopts legislation relative to: I. Prohibiting certain uses of laser pointing devices. II. The revised uniform law on notarial acts and the uniform real property electronic recording act. III. Incarceration under a suspended sentence. IV. Civil liability for damage to highways. V. Procedures for structured settlements. VI. Establishing the New Hampshire collaborative law act. VII. Probate administration, distribution upon intestacy, and powers of attorney and adopting the uniform disclaimer...	Client Note: Section 2 remote notarization	Committees: Judiciary/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0775s, Rc 23y-1n, Ma; Ot3rdg; 03/18/2021
<a href="#">SB 149</a> <a href="#">Support with Amendment</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Tom Sherman	Adopting Omnibus Legislation On Health and Human Services.  This bill adopts legislation relative to: I. Nursing home standards. II. Clarifying Medicaid spend-down requirements and requiring a report to the oversight committee on health and human services. III. Establishing a harm reduction and overdose prevention program in the department of health and human services. IV. Automated pharmacy systems. V. Establishing a rehabilitation bed pilot program. VI. Health facilities providing care in the declared emergency. VII. Confidential sharing of information under...	Client Note: Support Section VI Oppose Section V	Committees: Health and Human Services/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0788s, Rc 23y-1n, Ma; Refer to Finance Rule 4-5; 03/18/2021
<a href="#">SB 162</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Priority Legislation	Sen. Jeb Bradley	Relative to The Department Of Health and Human Services, The New Hampshire Granite Advantage Health Care Trust Fund, and Health Facility Licensure.  This bill makes numerous revisions to funds, positions, and programs within the department of health and human services, including the therapeutic cannabis program; community mental health and behavioral health programs; youth tobacco use; the interstate compact for the placement of children; residential care and child placement licensing procedures; availability of epinephrine auto-injectors and asthma inhalers at recreation camps; the developmentally disabled wait list; the New Hampshire granite...	Client Note: Section 41 - increases the spend down for residents in nursing homes from \$5,000 to \$10,000	Committees: Health and Human Services/S  House Status:  Senate Status: Ought to Pass with Amendments 2021-0778s, and 2021-0850s, Rc 24y-0n, Ma; Refer to Finance Rule 4-5; 03/18/2021