



New Hampshire Municipal Association
2025-2026 Legislative Policy Process

Floor Policy Proposal

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To see if NHMA will SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Support the prevention of the disposal of municipal solid waste, or any other waste, generated outside of New Hampshire in New Hampshire landfills.
Furthermore, we request NHMA support in encouraging the state of New Hampshire to act expeditiously to plan for near and long term municipal solid waste disposal, as well as waste reduction initiatives.

Municipal interest to be accomplished by proposal:
Municipalities need to provide affordable disposal of property owners' municipal solid waste by removing competition for space in existing and potential future landfills. There is also a need to provide assurance to New Hampshire property owners that the removal of solid waste will be a service that can be expected in the future.

Explanation:
Many municipalities in New Hampshire rely on large regional landfills for the disposal of their property owners' trash. The disposal companies that operate in New Hampshire are allowed to accomodate waste from surrounding New England states and beyond (which, in turn, do NOT allow neighboring states' trash to be disposed of in their landfills). Competition for the limited waste disposal resource drives up costs for NH municipalities thereby increasing local taxes. Corporations that bring in other states' solid waste ought not profit at this endeavor at the expense of New Hampshire taxpayers.

A sheet like this should accompany each proposed floor policy and should record the date of the governing body vote approving the proposal. It should include a brief (one or two sentence) policy statement, a statement about the municipal interest served by the proposal, and an explanation which describes the nature of the problem or concern from a municipal perspective and discusses the proposed action which is being advocated to address the problem. Mail to 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, NH 03301; or email to governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org.