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## **Committees of Conference Begin**

This week, both the House and Senate convened, and each body determined if they could accept the amendments made by the other—and, if not, whether they would agree (“accede”) to a committee of conference. Many committees of conference have been formed and posted on the [committee of conference webpage](#), but we are still waiting for a final list of committees to be created and posted. Those committees will be meeting next week. As of this writing, many committee meetings have been scheduled, but many more will be scheduled in the next few days. The deadline for committees to reach agreement (or not) on the bills assigned to them is Thursday, June 6. The House and Senate must take final action on the committee of conference reports by June 13.

There will be at least 33 bills of municipal interest that are scheduled for committee of conference. (Please see our list below.) However, the last motion in the Senate yesterday allows the Senate to decide whether to accede to any committee of conference requests made by the House after

the Senate finished mid-afternoon, so this list may get longer over the weekend. (The House continued to meet for several hours after the Senate ended and made a number of additional committee of conference requests.)

NHMA's top priority bills that have been sent to committee of conference are as follows:

- [HB 1069](#), relative to material subject to disclosure under the Right-to-Know Law.  
This Right-to-Know Law bill would allow anyone anywhere to make a records request of New Hampshire state and local governments and get a response sent to them.  
Already, Right-to-Know Law requests are being routinely used by for-profit companies, at the cost of New Hampshire taxpayers, for commercial purposes. Imagine how much worse it would be if any company in the nation—or world—can make these requests.
- [HB 1400](#), relative to residential parking spaces, landlord-tenant law, unauthorized occupant evictions, and zoning procedures concerning residential housing.  
This so-called “Christmas-tree bill” is a mandate that would limit municipalities to two parking spaces only (instead of one) per unit, which also includes the language of [SB 538](#), the Senate “HOMEnibus” housing bill (as amended by the Senate), plus unrelated language related to squatters.  
Already, municipalities must carefully calculate how many parking spaces are appropriate for the type of residential unit, keeping in mind whether on-street parking is available and whether winter parking bans take effect (and when) and how that affects the ability of residents to store their vehicles somewhere.
- [HB 1521](#), relative to recovery houses.  
This bill mirrors many of the changes to the state building code proposed in amendments BD-21-20-23, BD-21-21-23, BD-21-22-23, RE-21-32-23 R2 by the Building Code Review Board and approved by the legislature yesterday, but would mandate that municipalities cannot institute local ordinances that account for local conditions that need to be addressed to ensure that recovery houses are run safely.

**Local officials are encouraged to contact members of these committees to express their opposition to these bills.**

## Committees of Conference

**Monday, June 3, 2024**

1. HB 458, (New Title) reestablishing the commission to study the assessing of power generation.  
**Senate:** Kevin Avard, Howard Pearl, David Watters  
**House:** Committee Chair: Michael Vose, Douglas Thomas, JD Bernardy, Kat McGhee  
**Meeting:** 06/03/2024 9:00 AM  
**Location:** LOB 302-204
2. HB 1386, relative to prohibiting the disposal of lithium-ion batteries in solid waste landfill facilities, composting facilities, or incinerators.  
**Senate:** Kevin Avard, Howard Pearl, David Watters  
**House:** Committee Chair: Judy Aron, Karen Ebel, Peter Bixby, Jim Creighton  
**Meeting:** 06/03/2024 9:30 AM  
**Location:** LOB 203
3. HB 1600, relative to participation in net energy metering.  
**Senate:** Jeb Bradley, Sharon Carson, Donna Soucy  
**House:** Committee Chair: Michael Vose, Douglas Thomas, Thomas Cormen, Kat McGhee  
**Meeting:** 06/03/2024 10:30 AM  
**Location:** LOB 302-304
4. HB 1521, (New Title) relative to recovery houses.  
**Senate:** James Gray, Keith Murphy, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka  
**House:** Committee Chair: Carol McGuire, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Tom Dolan, Jeffrey Goley  
**Meeting:** 06/03/2024 11:00 AM  
**Location:** LOB 306-308
5. HB 1069, (New Title) relative to material subject to disclosure under the right-to-know law.  
**Senate:** Sharon Carson, Jeb Bradley, Shannon Chandley  
**House:** Committee Chair: Bob Lynn, Scott Wallace, Marjorie Smith, Katelyn Kuttab  
**Meeting:** 06/03/2024 1:30 PM  
**Location:** LOB 206-208
6. SB 499, (Second New Title) relative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Summer EBT program and making

appropriations therefor and relative to providing disaster relief funding to municipalities after a natural disaster.

**Senate:** Committee Chair: Regina Birdsell, Jeb Bradley, Rebecca Whitley

**House:** Keith Erf, Jess Edwards, Mary Jane Wallner, Laura Telerski

**Meeting:** 06/03/2024 1:30 PM

**Location:** SH 100

7. SB 407, (New Title) establishing a ground ambulance cost reporting program and a study by an independent actuarial and accounting expert of the cost of providing ground ambulance services in the state.

**Senate:** Committee Chair: Regina Birdsell, Kevin Avard, Debra Altschiller

**House:** John Hunt, Anita Burroughs, Carry Spier, Keith Ammon

**Meeting:** 06/03/2024 2:00 PM

**Location:** SH 100

## **Tuesday, June 4, 2024**

8. HB 1195, relative to allowing school districts to approve different apportionment methods for school administrative unit costs.

**Senate:** Ruth Ward, Timothy Lang, Suzanne Prentiss

**House:** Committee Chair: Rick Ladd, Glenn Cordelli, Katy Peternel, Mel Myler

**Meeting:** 06/04/2024 9:00 AM

**Location:** LOB 205-207

9. HB 2024, (Third New Title) relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan; relative to adding a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on rural highways; relative to disability pensions for public safety employees who are victims of violence; and making a capital appropriation to the department of corrections toward the replacement of the New Hampshire state prison for men.

**Senate:** Denise Ricciardi, Jeb Bradley, David Watters

**House:** Committee Chair: Mark McConkey, David Milz, John Cloutier, Daniel Eaton

**Meeting:** 06/04/2024 12:00 PM

**Location:** LOB 201

10. SB 534, relative to campaign finance.

**Senate:** Committee Chair: James Gray, Keith Murphy, Donna Soucy

**House:** Steven Smith, James Qualey, Connie Lane, Russell

Muirhead

**Meeting:** 06/04/2024 9:45 AM

**Location:** SH 103

- 11.HB 1202, (New Title) relative to the issuance of permits for the alteration of driveways exiting onto public ways and relative to the definition of disability or special needs under the child care scholarship program.

**Senate:** Denise Ricciardi, Carrie Gendreau, David Watters

**House:** Committee Chair: Mark McConkey, David Milz, John Cloutier, Jess Edwards

**Meeting:** 06/04/2024 12:30 PM

**Location:** LOB 201

- 12.HB 1265, (New Title) relative to the penalty for failure to file school expenditure reports, relative to certain adequacy grants, and requiring mandatory reporting by school districts of school expenses.

**Senate:** Timothy Lang, Keith Murphy, Suzanne Prentiss

**House:** Committee Chair: Rick Ladd, Glenn Cordelli, Margaret Drye, Patricia Cornell

**Meeting:** 06/04/2024 1:00 PM

**Location:** LOB 206-208

- 13.HB 1665, (New Title) relative to student eligibility for education freedom accounts and the scholarship organization's costs of administering the program, extending phase-out grants for education freedom accounts, and revising the definitions of average daily membership in attendance and average daily membership in residence.

**Senate:** Timothy Lang, Jeb Bradley, Suzanne Prentiss

**House:** Committee Chair: Rick Ladd, Glenn Cordelli, Valerie McDonnell, Patricia Cornell

**Meeting:** 06/04/2024 3:00 PM

**Location:** LOB 206-208

### **Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

- 14.HB 318, (Third New Title) relative to bail commissioners, the standards applicable to and the administration of bail, and making an appropriation.

**Senate:** Sharon Carson, Jeb Bradley, Donna Soucy

**House:** Committee Chair: Terry Roy, Linda Harriott-Gathright, Alissandra Murray, Jennifer Rhodes

- Meeting:** 06/05/2024 10:00 AM  
**Location:** LOB 202-204
- 15.HB 1223, (New Title) creating local options for games of chance.  
**Senate:** Timothy Lang, Daniel Innis, Lou D'Allesandro  
**House:** Committee Chair: Len Turcotte, David Rochefort, Julie Gilman, Allan Howland  
**Meeting:** 06/05/2024 10:30 AM  
**Location:** LOB 305
- 16.HB 1292, (New Title) relative to coverage of children under the state retiree insurance plan and relative to federal immigration enforcement.  
**Senate:** Jeb Bradley, Sharon Carson, Lou D'Allesandro  
**House:** Committee Chair: Terry Roy, Jennifer Rhodes, John Sytek, Daniel Fitzpatrick  
**Meeting:** 06/05/2024 11:00 AM  
**Location:** LOB 202-204
- 17.HB 1197, (New Title) relative to criminal background checks and relative to insurance coverage for intrauterine insemination.  
**Senate:** Jeb Bradley, Sharon Carson, Donna Soucy  
**House:** Committee Chair: Terry Roy, John Hunt, Anita Burroughs, Alissandra Murray  
**Meeting:** 06/05/2024 12:00 PM  
**Location:** LOB 202-204
- 18.HB 1215, (Second New Title) relative to development approvals and appeals, and allowing the town of Hampton to discontinue a particular highway in order to lease that property.  
**Senate:** Jeb Bradley, Sharon Carson, Donna Soucy  
**House:** Committee Chair: Joe Alexander, Scott Wallace, Charlotte DiLorenzo, Diane Pauer  
**Meeting:** 06/05/2024 1:30 PM  
**Location:** LOB 305
- 19.HB 1400, (Third New Title) relative to residential parking spaces, landlord-tenant law, unauthorized occupant evictions, and zoning procedures concerning residential housing.  
**Senate:** Bill Gannon, Jeb Bradley, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka  
**House:** Committee Chair: Joe Alexander, Rebecca McWilliams, Joe Sweeney, Dennis Mannion  
**Meeting:** 06/05/2024 2:30 PM  
**Location:** LOB 305

## Currently Unscheduled

- 20.HB 194, (Third New Title) requiring the director of the division of historical resources to compile and maintain a list of public monuments and requiring legislative approval of the amendment or permanent removal of historical markers.  
**Senate:** Howard Pearl, Sharon Carson, David Watters  
**House:** Committee Chair: Andrew Renzullo, Gregory Hill, Marjorie Smith, Steve Shurtleff
- 21.HB 463, (New Title) relative to the establishment of an election information portal and makes an appropriation therefor.  
**Senate:** James Gray, Keith Murphy, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka  
**House:** Committee Chair: Steven Smith, James Qualey, Jason Osborne, Connie Lane
- 22.HB 468, (New Title) establishing a commission to recodify the education laws and making an appropriation therefor.  
**Senate:** James Gray, Ruth Ward, Suzanne Prentiss  
**House:** Committee Chair: Kenneth Weyler, Tracy Emerick, Joseph Pitre, Mary Heath
- 23.HB 1018, (New Title) relative to on-premise and off-premise liquor licenses and relative to land in current use.  
**Senate:** Bill Gannon, Jeb Bradley, Rebecca Whitley  
**House:** Committee Chair: John Hunt, Keith Ammon, Anita Burroughs, Jane Beaulieu
- 24.HB 1079, (Second New Title) relative to critical incident stress management team members and establishing a rural and underserved area educator incentive program for higher education and making an appropriation therefor.  
**Senate:** Regina Birdsell, Howard Pearl, Suzanne Prentiss  
**House:** Committee Chair: Jaci Grote, Mark Proulx, Matthew Simon, Sherry Gould
- 25.HB 1127, (New Title) relative to the revocation and suspension of drivers' licenses and to invalidating out-of-state driver's licenses issued to undocumented immigrants.  
**Senate:** Sharon Carson, Jeb Bradley, Shannon Chandley  
**House:** Committee Chair: Thomas Walsh, George Sykes, Matthew Coker, Ted Gorski
- 26.HB 1259, (New Title) relative to property and casualty insurance laws administered by the insurance department; and making an

appropriation to the department of environmental services to fund regional drinking water infrastructure.

**Senate:** Bill Gannon, Daniel Innis, Donna Soucy

**House:** Committee Chair: John Hunt, Anita Burroughs, Keith Ammon, Carry Spier

27.HB 1313, relative to access to the voter checklist by candidates.

**Senate:** James Gray, Keith Murphy, Donna Soucy

**House:** Committee Chair: Steven Smith, James Qualey, Connie Lane, Russell Muirhead

28.HB 1369, relative to the verification of voter rolls every 4 years.

**Senate:** James Gray, Daryl Abbas, Rebecca Perkins Kwoka

**House:** Committee Chair: Steven Smith, James Qualey, Jason Osborne, Connie Lane

29.HB 1370, (New Title) relative to eliminating voter identification exceptions.

**Senate:** James Gray, Daryl Abbas, Donna Soucy

**House:** Committee Chair: Steven Smith, James Qualey, Jason Osborne, Connie Lane

30.HB 1380, (New Title) relative to brew pub licenses, relative to insurance cost-sharing calculations, and relative to receipt of pharmaceutical rebates by insurers and pharmacy benefits managers.

**Senate:** Regina Birdsell, Kevin Avard, Suzanne Prentiss

**House:** Committee Chair: John Hunt, Anita Burroughs, John Potucek, Carry Spier

31.HB 1596, requiring a disclosure of deceptive artificial intelligence usage in political advertising.

**Senate:** Jeb Bradley, Sharon Carson, Donna Soucy

**House:** Committee Chair: Steven Smith, James Qualey, Connie Lane, Angela Brennan

32.HB 1633, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor.

**Senate:** Jeb Bradley, Timothy Lang, Shannon Chandley

**House:** Committee Chair: John Hunt, Jason Osborne, Anita Burroughs, Jane Beaulieu

33.SB 357, relative to expanding the definition of providers who can certify patients of the therapeutic cannabis program.

**Senate:** Committee Chair: Daryl Abbas, Bill Gannon, Rebecca Whitley

**House:** Erica Layon, David Nagel, Lucy Weber, Gary Merchant



Please check the [committees of conference page](#) on the legislature's website, or each bill's docket, for information about committee members and meetings. As of this publication, committees of conference are still being scheduled. The first meeting of each committee of conference will be posted in the Clerk's Office and on the General Court website at least 24 hours in advance. (Those General Court website postings will be included on the [House](#) and [Senate](#) Meeting Schedule webpages.) Please understand that meetings are often adjourned and rescheduled on short notice, so the website will not always have the most current information.

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