

**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

05/13/25

SENATE FINANCE - 2025 BUDGET RECAP SHEET

Insurance Department

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
The Department requests a Consumer Services Officer position removed in the Governor's proposed budget and not included in the House passed budget be funded. (AU 2520, compare page 382)	DJ Bettencourt, Commissioner	0	\$0	\$92,345	\$97,069	\$189,414

Bills:

None.

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Department of Labor

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. HB 2 Amendment 2025-2111s, Page 3 Amends section 141 to address workers' compensation provisions, including payments for second injuries and updated requirements for claim denials and hearings.	Senator Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Bills:

None.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 141 with the following:

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3 141 New Paragraph; Workers Compensation; Payment for Second Injuries from the Special
4 Fund. Amend RSA 281-A:54 by inserting after paragraph X the following new paragraph:

5 XI. In the event the commissioner denies reimbursement, the employer or employer's
6 insurance carrier may petition the commissioner in writing for a hearing within 30 days of the date
7 of the notice of denial. The petition shall be sent to the commissioner at the department's offices in
8 Concord and shall identify each alleged error of law, fact, or reasoning that the petitioning party
9 wishes to challenge. The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized representative shall
10 schedule a hearing and give notice at least 14 days prior to the date for which it is scheduled. Unless
11 excused for good cause shown, or a party has not received notice, failure of any or all parties at
12 interest to appear at a duly scheduled hearing or to petition for a continuance shall bar such parties
13 from any further action concerning an adverse decision, a decision by default, or a dismissal of a
14 petition for hearing. The scope of the hearing shall be limited to each alleged error of law, fact, or
15 reasoning that the petitioner raised in their petition for hearing. The documentary evidence
16 admissible at the hearing shall be limited to the forms and supporting documentation submitted by
17 the petitioner to the commissioner in support of the denied reimbursement request, and any
18 responsive communications or orders from the commissioner regarding the denied reimbursement
19 request. No later than 30 days after the hearing, the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized
20 representative shall render a decision and shall forthwith notify the parties of it. When appropriate,
21 the commissioner, or their authorized representative, may render a decision at the hearing. Any
22 party in interest aggrieved by the rendered order or decision of the commissioner or the
23 commissioner's authorized representative may appeal to the supreme court pursuant to RSA 541.

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Department of Employment Security

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
No Additional Requests.	George Copadis, Commissioner	O/F	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Bills:

None.

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NH Adult Parole Board

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
Request to fund currently filled Secretary position that was unfunded in Governor's phase. (AU 6532, compare page 649)	Jay Mackey, Director of Operations	G	\$0	\$94,226	\$98,604	\$192,830

Bills:

None.

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Office of Consumer Advocate

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
No Additional Requests.	Donald Kreis, Consumer Advocate	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Bills:

None.

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Public Utilities Commission

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
No Additional Requests.	Daniel Goldner, Chairman	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Bills:

None.

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Banking Department

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
<p>1. HB 2 Amendment Requested Amend section 445 of HB 2 to exclude RSA:12, I(b)(142), moneys deposited in the consumer credit administration license fund under RSA 399-A:24 from the list of funds being charged a 5% assessment fee.</p>	Emelia Galdieri, Bank Commissioner	G	\$0	\$139,105	\$139,105	\$278,210

Bills:

None.

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Pease Development Authority

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
No Additional Requests.	Susie Anzalone, Director of Finance	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Bills:

None.

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Department of Transportation

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. HB 1 Change Request Move \$1,750,000 in each FY 2026 and FY 2027 from winter maintenance to winter retention initiative (AU 2928, compare page 1027) . Net zero impact.	William Cass, Commissioner	HWY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2091s, Page 11 Amend RSA 236:19 (obstructing water; penalty) to add references to railroad.	William Cass / Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2090s, Page 12 Add to RSA 262:32 that the State may pursue reimbursement for the cost to remove vehicles, campers, and other equipment from park and ride facilities.	William Cass / Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2089s, Page 13 Amend RSA 21-I:18 to codify authorization for the Department to manage its encumbrances. This has been the practice for 20+ years.	William Cass / Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2093s, Page 14 Clarify that fee revenue from SB 153, should it become law, will be credited to the highway fund to indirectly support the new position created in the bill.	Senator Gray	HWY	\$0	\$126,557	\$126,557	\$253,114
		HWY-REV	\$0	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$252,000

Bills:

SB 35, making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds. (Senate - Tabled)

Appropriates \$600,000 (general funds) in FY 2026 to be granted to the town of Warner as matching funds for a section of rail trail.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
May 12, 2025
2025-2091s
06/11

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Obstructing Water; Penalty. Amend RSA 236:19 to read as follows:
2 236:19 Obstructing Water; Penalty. Any person who shall place, or suffer to be placed or to
3 remain, any logs, earth or other substances within the limits of a highway *or state-owned railroad*
4 **corridor**, or upon land in the vicinity of a highway *or state-owned railroad corridor* by which
5 the water in a stream, pond or ditch is turned upon the highway *or state-owned railroad corridor*
6 and injures or renders it unsuitable for public *or railroad* travel, shall be guilty of a violation if a
7 natural person, or guilty of a misdemeanor if any other person. If such highway is maintained by
8 the town, the fine shall be for the use of the town and if such highway *or railroad* is maintained by
9 the state, the fine shall be for the use of the department of transportation. Nothing in this section
10 shall be construed as prohibiting the placing of snow within the limits of a highway for the purpose
11 of crossing or recrossing by sleds, logging or farming equipment.

2025-2091s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Adds protections for state-owned railroad corridors.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
May 12, 2025
2025-2090s
06/11

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 New Paragraph; Reasons for Removal and Impoundment. Amend RSA 262:32 by inserting
- 2 after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:
- 3 IX. A vehicle, camper, or other equipment has been towed to and left at a park-and-ride
- 4 facility without written approval of the commissioner. In such cases, the state may seek
- 5 reimbursement for the removal costs from the towing company, the owner, or both.

2025-2090s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Authorizes the department of transportation to remove unauthorized vehicles from park-and-ride lots and recover the costs for doing so.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
May 12, 2025
2025-2089s
11/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 New Subparagraph Management of Encumbrances; Department of Transportation. Amend
- 2 RSA 21-I:18 by inserting after subparagraph (o) the following new subparagraph:
- 3 (p) For items previously approved by the governor and executive council, the department
- 4 of transportation shall have the authority to manage its encumbrances and task orders through the
- 5 assignment, ongoing administration, and liquidation phase of the encumbrance.

2025-2089s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Allows the department of transportation to manage its encumbrances and task orders.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
May 12, 2025
2025-2093s
11/05

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Credit to Highway Fund; Fee for Expedited Driveway Permit Established in SB 153 (2025).
2 2 Amend RSA 236:13, IV-b(b) to read as follows:
3 3 (b) An applicant electing to use the expedited permitting process under this paragraph
4 4 shall pay a \$120 per unit non-refundable permit fee, ***which shall be credited to the highway***
5 5 ***fund.***
6 6 Contingency. If SB 153 of the 2025 general legislative session becomes law, section 1 of this
7 7 act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the effective date of SB 153. If SB 153 does not become law,
8 8 section 1 of this act shall not take effect.
9 9 Effective Date. Section 1 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 2 of this act.

2025-2093s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Provides that upon passage of the law creating an expedited driveway permitting process, the permit fees shall be credited to the highway fund.

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Police Standards and Training Council

	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total
1. Account for additional lapse in FY 2025 and add funding in HB 1 in FY 2026 to reflect decision to delay purchase of "shoot - don't shoot" virtual reality training equipment (AU 7238, compare page 1543).	John Scippa, Executive Director / Senator Gray	GF	(\$250,000)	\$250,000	\$0	\$0

Bills:

None.