

**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

05/29/25

SENATE FINANCE - 2025 BUDGET RECAP SHEET

Department of Revenue Administration	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Sections to Consider Sections 177-180 related to disposition of business tax, tobacco tax, and real estate transfer tax revenue, between the general fund and education trust fund.	Senator Lang	GF-REV	\$0	TBD	TBD	TBD	Hold - Lang
		ETF-REV	\$0	TBD	TBD	TBD	

Department of Administrative Services	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2528s, Page 9 Delays layoff notices and ensures reserves are available for payouts.	Senator Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New
2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2334s, Page 10 Allows the Governor, with prior approval of the Fiscal Committee, to reduce general fund appropriation reductions contained in HB 1 and HB 2 in the event general fund and education trust fund revenues for FY 2026 exceed estimates.	Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$0	Indeterminable	\$0	New
3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2537s, Page 11/ Surplus Statement Adjustment Proceeds of the sale of the Laconia property shall be applied to purchase or improvements of 1 Granite Place.	Senator Lang	GF-REV	\$0	\$0	(\$9,750,000)	(\$9,750,000)	New

Commission on Aging	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Amendment, #2025-2503s, Page 12 Amends sections 77-79, relative to the repeal of the Commission on Aging, creates a fund with a \$200,000 appropriation to fund the part-time Executive Director and overhead costs, allows donations to that fund for future expenses of the Commission, extends terms of Commission members from two (2) years to three (3) years, and directs the Commission to establish an Advisory Council on the system of care for health aging in NH (SB 288).	Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	Hold - Gray/Lang

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New Hampshire Retirement System	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Sections to Consider Sections 20-59, relative to Group II pension reform. Appropriates \$27.5m per a year of General Funds for ten years starting in FY 2026.	Senator Gray	GF	\$0	TBD	TBD	TBD	Hold - Gray
Human Rights Commission	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1a. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2445s, Page 15 Deletes sections 282-300 of HB 2 relative to abolishment of the Human Rights Commission and reassignment of the cases to the Judicial Branch and extra judges. Deletes NH Commercial Court Docket and Housing Appeals Board, previously adopted in committee amendment.	Senator Carson	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Carson
1b. HB 1 Change Request / Amendment #2025-2443s, Page 16 -Restore the Human Rights Commission's budget and delete section 5, VII of HB 1 abolishing its positions. (AU 1041, compare page 371-372) -HB 1 Amendment #2025-2448s, Page 17 Back of the Budget reduction of General Funds of \$521,000 over the biennium (16% reduction). -HB 1 Change Request Restore Human Rights Commission's IT Budget (AU 7676, compare page 55)	Senator Carson	GF	\$0	\$1,328,705	\$1,362,311	\$2,691,016	Hold - Carson
		FED	\$0	\$182,129	\$184,425	\$366,554	
		OTH	\$0	\$14,201	\$33,101	\$47,302	
1c. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2490s, Page 18 Adds requirements to the Human Rights Commission by requiring an annual report addressing audit findings, mandating that its chair be a licensed attorney, and ensuring rules remain current. It also establishes a one-year advisory committee under the Judicial Branch to monitor and support the Commission's progress in implementing corrective actions from the 2025 audit.	Senator Carson	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Carson

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Judicial Branch	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 1 Change Request Request to restore funding for Sheriffs' reimbursements. (AU 2034, compare page 218)	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$1,125,031	\$1,125,031	\$2,250,062	Hold - Gray
2a. HB 1 Change Request (Without Human Rights Commission Cases) Request to restore funding for court security per diem days. (AU 2034, compare page 218)	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$919,324	\$919,324	\$1,838,648	Hold - Gray
2b. HB 1 Change Request (With Human Rights Commission Cases) Request to restore funding for court security per diem days. (AU 2034, compare page 218)	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$177,854	\$165,937	\$343,791	Hold - Gray
3. HB 1 Change Request Request to restore funding for court security per diem training days. (AU 2034, compare page 218)	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$95,456	\$95,456	\$190,912	Hold - Gray
4. HB 1 Change Request Request for additional resources to manage the impacts of the Youth Development Center (YDC) claims cases. (AU 1880, compare page 205)	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$438,946	\$438,561	\$877,507	Hold - Gray
5. HB 1 Change Request (With Human Rights Commission Cases) Request to fund Judge and staff for Human Right Commission Cases.	Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald	GF	\$0	\$539,132	\$548,598	\$1,087,730	Hold - Gray

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Department of Environmental Services	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2052s, Page 21 Appropriates \$5,000,000 per a year for State aid grant wastewater infrastructure projects.	Senator Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000	Hold - Rosenwald
2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-1896s, Page 22 Amends section 217 and 218 by reducing dam fees by 50% compared to HB 2. With the increase in the dam fee, DES moved positions off of General Funds and instead fund them with the fee increase.	Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$329,090	\$335,200	\$664,290	Hold - Lang
3a. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2499s, Page 23 Amends section 165, relative to wetlands council and the appointment of the council.	Senator Watters	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Watters
3b. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2534s, Page 24 Deletes sections 165, relative to reconfiguring criteria to serve on the wetlands council.	Senator Watters	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New
4. HB 2 Amendment # 2025-2504s, Page 25 Amends section 222, relative to Solid Waste Management Fund providing quarterly payments, versus annual payments to NH municipalities to offset associated with solid waste disposal surcharge and reduces civil penalty.	Senator Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Pearl
5. HB 2 Sections to Consider Section 17 and 18 relative to the Solid Waste Facility Site Evaluation Committee and Solid Waste Evaluation Committee Fund.	Senator Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Pearl
6. HB 2 Amendment 2025-2524s, Page 28 Authorizes the Department of Environmental Services, with advisory commission approval, to allocate PFAS settlement funds to public water systems and cover related infrastructure, operational, and administrative costs.	Senator Carson	OTH: Drinking Water Groundwater Trust Fund	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	New

Department of Insurance	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2530s, Page 29 Relative to Portability, Availability, and Renewability of Health Coverage; Health Plan Loss Information.	Senator Lang	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

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Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2430s, Page 30 Delete sections 247–250 of HB 2, which repeals the Division of the Arts. -HB 1 Amendment # 2025-2437s, Page 31 Back of the budget General Fund reduction. -HB 1 Change / Amendment #2025-2434s, Page 32 Delete section 5, XII of HB 1, which abolishes positions within the Division of the Arts and restore the funding. (AU 4100, 4104, 4100, compare page 758-762)	Senator Innis / Senator Rochefort	GF	\$0	\$625,000	\$625,000	\$1,250,000	Hold - Lang
		FED	\$0	\$1,012,038	\$1,034,350	\$2,046,388	
2a. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2491s, Page 33 Restore division of the arts, create a new fund within the Division called the Granite Patron of the Arts Fund allowing for donations to be received as well as creates a new tax credit call the Granite Patron of the Arts Tax Credit allowing up to \$700,000 per a year to be made in donations in which a taxpayers could receive up to \$350,000 in tax credits against the Business Profits Tax and Business Enterprise Tax.	Senator Carson / Senator Lang	GF-Rev	\$0	(\$350,000)	(\$350,000)	(\$700,000)	Hold - Carson/Lang
2b. HB 1 Change Request Funds the Division of the Arts at \$150,000 per a Fiscal Year for personnel and overhead costs. (AU 4100, 4104, 4100, compare page 758-762)	Senator Carson / Senator Lang	GF	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	Hold - Carson/Lang
		FED	\$0	\$1,012,038	\$1,034,350	\$2,046,388	
Department of Safety	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 1 Change / Surplus Statement Adjustment To reflect the deletion of sections 352-362, relative to motor vehicle inspections, restore eight (8) positions in Commercial Enforcement (AU 2305, compare page 574). Associated revenue adjustment will be made on general fund and highway fund surplus statements. In total, there is a net benefit, when compared to House budget, of approximately \$119K to the general fund and \$3.96M to the highway fund over the biennium.	Commissioner Robert Quinn / Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$108,544	\$222,620	\$331,164	Hold - Pearl
		HWY	\$0	\$325,630	\$667,860	\$993,490	
		TOT	\$0	\$434,174	\$890,480	\$1,324,654	
		GF-REV	\$0	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$450,000	
		HWY-REV	\$0	\$1,650,000	\$3,300,000	\$4,950,000	
		TOT-REV	\$0	\$1,800,000	\$3,600,000	\$5,400,000	
		GF-NET	\$0	\$41,456	\$77,380	\$118,836	
		HWY-NET	\$0	\$1,324,370	\$2,632,140	\$3,956,510	
TOT-NET	\$0	\$1,365,826	\$2,709,520	\$4,075,346			
University System of New Hampshire	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 1 Change Bring USNH's general fund total to \$85M per year (AU 1855, compare page 1548).	Senator Gray	GF	\$0	\$33,759,418	\$33,759,418	\$67,518,836	Hold - Gray

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DHHS - Division of Behavioral Health	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2201s, Page 35 Incorporate a modified version of SB 114, providing funding for community mental health supported housing.	Sen. Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,500,000	Hold - Gray

DHHS - Office of the Commissioner	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2251s, Page 36 Add funds for a contract to support Medicaid long-term care eligibility determinations. Partially offset costs by temporarily increasing the annual nursing home license fee from \$25 to \$80, expected to raise approximately \$300,000 per year, resulting in a net cost of \$2.4 million over the biennium.	Sen. Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	Hold - Gray
		GF Revenue - License Fees	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$600,000	
2. HB 2 Sections to Consider Section 100, relative to standing orders for over-the-counter medications.	Sen. Gray	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Gray

DHHS - Division of Economic Stability	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2444s, Page 37 Fund a tier-one call center. Will be used for the purpose of supporting Medicaid eligibility determinations. Also a DHHS request.	Sen. Birdsell / Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$3,825,000		\$3,825,000	Hold - Gray
2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2455s, Page 38 Incorporate a modified version of SB 113, providing funds for DHHS to contract with nonprofits that provide eviction prevention and rehousing services.	Sen. Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000	Policy portion adopted 5/22/25; Money portion (reflected in 2455s) put on hold - Gray
3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2470s, Page 39 Establish the childcare workforce program in statute, and appropriate \$10 million for the biennium.	Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000	Hold - Gray

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DHHS - Division of Medicaid Services	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2067s, Page 41 Delete sections 107 and 108, directing DHHS to institute premiums for those enrolled in the Granite Advantage and Children's Health Insurance Programs. Cost shown here reflects premium revenue assumptions included in the governor's recommended and House-passed budgets.	Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$3,300,000	\$23,000,000	\$26,300,000	Hold - Gray
2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2063s, Page 42 Incorporate components of SB 122, relative to a Medicare Savings Program.	Sen. Rosenwald	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Gray
3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2254s, Page 43 Require DHHS to ensure rate parity for all Medicaid state plan case management services.	Sen. Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Hold - Gray
4. HB 1 Change Request, Pages 44-45 DHHS-requested movement of funds between accounting units to reflect the MET/DSH agreement with hospitals. Net zero impact. (AUs 7943, compare page 1155; and 7948, compare page 1156)	Nathan White, CFO	GF, FF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

DHHS - Division of Long-Term Supports and Services	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2310s, Page 46 Incorporate a modified version of SB 127, funding guardianship services for older adults or adults with disabilities who have been discharged from a hospital to less restrictive settings.	Sen. Birdsell	GF	\$0	\$550,000		\$550,000	Hold - Gray
2. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2522s, Page 47 Fund congregate housing at \$350,000 per year.	Sen. Lang	GF	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$700,000	New
3. HB 2 Amendment #2025-2525s, Page 48 Incorporate SB 125, relative to long-term care eligibility.	Sen. Pearl	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	New

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DHHS - Division of Public Health	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1. HB 1 Change Request Restore family planning funds to the governor's recommended level. (Also a DHHS request; AU 5530, Compare Page 1208)	Sen. Birdsell / Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$839,219	\$839,942	\$1,679,161	Hold - Gray
		FF	\$0	\$997,673	\$994,676	\$1,992,349	Hold - Gray
2. HB 1 Change Request If item 1 above is not adopted, restore federal funds for family planning and appropriate \$500,000 per year of general funds. If adopted, DHHS will provide detail on the specific class lines to which the \$500,000 per year should be distributed. (AU 5530, Compare Page 1208)	Sen. Rosenwald	GF	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	Hold - Gray
		FF	\$0	\$997,673	\$994,676	\$1,992,349	Hold - Gray

DHHS - Division for Children, Youth, and Families	Contact	SOF	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total	Status
1a. HB 1 Change Request Restore residential placement contracts for youth to the governor's recommended level. (DHHS request; AU 2958, Compare Page 1098)	Nathan White	GF	\$0	\$3,057,046	\$3,725,048	\$6,782,094	Hold - Gray
1b. HB 1 Change Request In addition to DCYF, funding for youth residential placements is also found within the Bureau of Children's Behavioral Health. As in 1a above, restore funding to the governor's recommended level. (DHHS request; AU 2053, Compare Page 1291)	Nathan White	GF	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	Hold - Gray
2. HB 1 Change Request If 1a above is not adopted, move \$5 million from FY27 to FY26 to address anticipated need in FY26. (DHHS Request; AU 2958, Compare Page 1098)	Nathan White	GF	\$0	\$5,000,000	(\$5,000,000)	\$0	Hold - Gray

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Reduction in Force Notice and Payment.

2 I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any executive branch
3 department, except for the department of health and human services that has a classified position
4 unfunded or repealed under HB 1 or HB 2 of the 2025 legislative session, whose incumbent cannot
5 be reassigned resulting in employment separation due to position elimination, shall not be given an
6 employment separation due to position elimination or reduction in force notice until June 26, 2025,
7 resulting in a last day of work on July 10, 2025, with payment on July 25, 2025. Departments may
8 request funding from the department of administrative services to cover the final payments made in
9 fiscal year 2026 from funds available in the pay adjustment fund established in RSA 99:4, or the
10 benefit adjustment fund established in RSA 9:17-c, or both.

11 II. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, \$400,000 shall be reserved
12 from the pay adjustment fund and \$250,000 shall be reserved from the benefit adjustment fund and
13 shall not lapse on June 30, 2025. The reserves shall be available for departments to cover the
14 payments made under paragraph I. The remaining balances after payouts have been made shall
15 lapse to the revenue stabilization reserve account established in RSA 9:13-e no later than September
16 30, 2025.

17 III. Any state employee laid off due to their position being unfunded or abolished pursuant
18 to HB 1 or HB 2 of the 2025 legislative session shall be granted a waiver pursuant to Executive
19 Order 2025-02 for any open state position that they are qualified to fill and receive priority
20 consideration.

21 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

2025-2528s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Delays reduction-in-force notices for certain executive branch employees, establishes funding reserves for final payments, and ensures unused funds revert to the state's revenue stabilization reserve.

Sen. Gray, Dist 6
May 21, 2025
2025-2334s
07/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Contingent Appropriation. In the event combined state general and education trust fund
2 revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, as reported in the audited annual comprehensive
3 financial report pursuant to RSA 21-I:8, II(a), exceed the combined plan, and the actual statewide
4 general fund lapse amount meets or exceeds estimates contained on the final general fund
5 comparative statement of undesignated surplus as prepared by the office of legislative budget
6 assistant, any state agency required to reduce state general fund appropriations in fiscal year 2027,
7 pursuant to sections contained in HB 1 and HB 2 of the 2025 general legislative session, may
8 request, with prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, that the governor and
9 council authorize additional funding up to the amounts contained therein. The governor is
10 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
11 appropriated.

2025-2334s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Allows any state agency subject to a state general fund appropriation reductions to request, with prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court, that the governor and council authorize additional funding.

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
May 28, 2025
2025-2537s
07/05

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 One Granite Place. 2023, 79:56 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:
- 2 79:56 One Granite Place. The proceeds of the sale of the former Laconia state school campus
- 3 property shall be applied to any subsequent purchase of land, building, and other improvements at 1
- 4 Granite Place Concord, New Hampshire, and such building shall be used for state government office
- 5 space. Such funds shall not lapse until June 30, 2027.

2025-2537s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Applies the proceeds of the sale of the former Laconia state school campus property to any subsequent purchase of land, building, or other improvements at 1 Granite Place in Concord.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 77-79 with the following:

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3 77 The State and Its Government; State Commission on Aging; State Commission on Aging
4 Established; Membership. Amend RSA 19-P:1, IV-V to read as follows:

5 IV. The members appointed pursuant to subparagraph II(j) shall serve [~~2-year terms~~] **3-year**
6 **terms effective for appointments made after July 1, 2025**; provided that initially such members
7 shall serve staggered terms and no such member shall serve more than 2 consecutive terms, with the
8 exception of the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and recorder, who may service an additional term for
9 a total of 3 terms. A council member whose term of office is expiring may continue beyond the end of
10 the term until reappointed or until a successor is nominated. Legislative members shall receive
11 mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission. The first named
12 member of the house of representatives shall convene the organizational meeting of the commission
13 on or before 45 days of passage of this chapter for the purpose of electing officers serving on the
14 commission. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. If any member is absent without
15 previously being excused by the chairperson for 3 or more regular meetings, the member may be
16 removed upon a majority vote of the commission.

17 V. The commission shall be authorized to select and hire select an executive director by a
18 vote of a majority of the members. The executive director shall be [~~in the classified service of the~~
19 ~~state~~] **a part-time position** and shall perform such duties as the commission may require. The
20 commission shall hold no fewer than 9 regular meetings per year.

21 78 New Section; State Commission on Aging; Advisory Council on the System of Care for
22 Healthy Aging in New Hampshire. Amend RSA 19-P by inserting after section 2 the following new
23 section:

24 19-P:2-a Advisory Council on the System of Care for Health Aging in New Hampshire.

25 I. The commission shall establish an advisory council on the system of care for healthy aging
26 in New Hampshire. The purpose of the advisory council shall be to:

- 27 (a) Improve the well-being of older adults and caregivers;
28 (b) Identify cost-savings and opportunities to increase collaboration, efficiency, and the
29 effectiveness of the service array and service delivery system; and
30 (c) Assist and advise the commissioner of the department of health and human services
31 on the system of care principles and values and implementation of RSA 151-E:22 through 151-E:27.

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1 II.(a) The director of the division of long-term supports and services, or the director's
2 designee, and one member of the state commission on aging shall serve as the permanent co-
3 chairpersons of the advisory council.

4 (b) Additional members of the advisory council representing diverse perspectives shall
5 be appointed by the commission on aging and shall include older adults and family caregivers with
6 relevant experience, members of agencies serving older adults including public, private, consumer
7 advocacy, and non-profit organizations, and individuals with relevant policy expertise.

8 III. The advisory council shall meet at least quarterly and may meet more often at the call of
9 the commission.

10 IV. The duties of the council shall include reviewing and making recommendations
11 regarding all aspects of the implementation of the system of care for healthy aging established under
12 RSA 151-E:22 through 151-E:27. Such duties shall also include addressing the availability of long
13 term supports and services for individuals across the continuum of care, including but not be limited
14 to:

15 (a) Reviewing and making recommendations that improve and shorten the timeline for
16 accessing Medicaid long-term care benefits.

17 (b) Reviewing and making recommendations to remove barriers to hospital discharge for
18 non-acute patients who require post hospital long-term supports and services.

19 (c) Gathering additional data to review the implementation of the system of care for
20 healthy aging, including but not limited to:

21 (1) Licensed long-term care beds in service versus licensed long-term care beds not
22 in service, and recommendations for optimal utilization of limited long-term care bed licenses to
23 increase access to long-term care.

24 (2) Reviewing the availability of long-term services and supports for individuals
25 requiring post hospital or nursing facility care service.

26 (3) Access to Medicaid Choices for Independence waiver services post hospital
27 discharge and recommendations for optimal program utilization.

28 (4) Availability of long-term supports and services for non-Medicaid individuals.

29 (d) Working collaboratively with public and private stakeholders to strengthen the direct
30 care workforce to meet the growing demand for long-term supports and services in New Hampshire.

31 (e) Advising the governor, the senate president, the speaker of the house, the oversight
32 committee on health and human services, as established in RSA 126-A:13, and the commissioner of
33 health and human services on any issue related to long-term services and supports within the
34 system of care for healthy aging.

35 V. A summary of the advisory council's activities, findings, and recommendations shall be
36 included in the commission's annual report submitted under RSA 19-P:3.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL
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1 79 New Section; State Commission on Aging; Fund Established. Amend RSA 19-P by inserting
2 after section 4 the following new section:

3 19-P:5 Fund Established. There is established in the office of the state treasurer a fund known
4 as the New Hampshire commission on aging fund, which shall be kept separate and distinct from all
5 other funds and shall be continually appropriated to the commission. Such fund shall be the
6 depository of all gifts, grants, or donations made to the commission pursuant to RSA 19-P. The
7 payment of the part-time executive director of the commission, the expenses of the commission, and
8 all other overhead costs of the commission, shall be paid from such fund. Any moneys in such fund
9 shall not lapse into the general fund of the state.

10 80 New Subparagraph; State Treasurer; Application of Receipts. Amend RSA 6:12, I(b) by
11 inserting after subparagraph 399 the following new subparagraph:

12 (400) Moneys deposited in the New Hampshire commission on aging fund
13 established in RSA 19-P:5.

14 81 Appropriation. The New Hampshire commission on aging fund established pursuant to RSA
15 19-P:5 is hereby appropriated \$100,000 in general funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and
16 \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. This appropriation shall be used exclusively to
17 support payment of the part-time executive director and the activities of the commission. The
18 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
19 otherwise appropriated.

Sen. Carson, Dist 14
May 26, 2025
2025-2445s
07/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 282-300, relative to consolidating special dockets in the superior
- 2 court, abolishing the human rights commission, and repealing the housing appeals board.

2025-2445s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete:

123. Consolidates the business and commercial dispute docket and the land use review docket of the superior court into one commercial court docket.
124. Abolishes the human rights commission and reassigns cases formerly under their jurisdiction to the superior court.
125. Abolishes the housing appeals board.

Sen. Carson, Dist 14
May 26, 2025
2025-2443s
06/05

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend section 5 of the bill by deleting paragraph VII and renumbering the original paragraphs VIII
- 2 through XIV to read as paragraphs VII through XIII, respectively.

DETAILED PRELIMINARY

Sen. Carson, Dist 14
May 26, 2025
2025-2448s
07/06

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 1 Human Rights Commission; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The human rights
- 2 commission shall reduce general fund appropriations by \$254,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30,
- 3 2026, and by \$267,000 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

BEA ORDINANCE

Sen. Carson, Dist 14
May 27, 2025
2025-2490s
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights. Amend RSA 354-A:3, I to read as
2 follows:
- 3 I. There is hereby created a commission to be known as the New Hampshire commission for
4 human rights, which shall be administratively attached to the department of justice pursuant to
5 RSA 21-G:10, **with additional oversight provided by the director of the department's civil**
6 **rights unit, or designee, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding entered into by the**
7 **department and the commission.** Such commission shall consist of 7 members, who shall be
8 appointed by the governor, with the consent of the council, and one of whom shall be designated as
9 chair by the governor. The term of office of each member of the commission shall be for 5 years.
- 10 2 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights; General Powers and Duties of the
11 Chair. Amend RSA 354-A:4 to read as follows:
- 12 354-A:4 General Powers and Duties of the Chair. The chair shall serve as the chief executive
13 officer of the commission. **The chair shall be a licensed attorney admitted or eligible to**
14 **practice law in this state.** The chair shall promote the efficient transaction of its business and the
15 orderly handling of complaints and other matters before the commission. The chair shall designate
16 commissioners to investigate and commissioners to hold hearings pursuant to RSA 354-A:21 and
17 shall fix the times and places of public hearings. In the event of the chair's absence or inability to
18 act, the vice-chair, or if no vice-chair has been designated, a commissioner designated by the chair
19 shall act in the chair's stead. Otherwise a commissioner shall be designated by the governor to act
20 as chair.
- 21 3 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights; General Powers and Duties of the
22 Commission. Amend RSA 354-A:5, V to read as follows:
- 23 V. To adopt rules, under RSA 541-A, suitable to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and
24 the policies and practices of the commission in connection therewith. **Such rules shall be kept**
25 **current and shall not be permitted to expire. Such rules shall reflect any findings or**
26 **determinations made in audits conducted by the legislative budget assistant pursuant to**
27 **RSAs 14:31 and 14:31-a.**
- 28 4 Trade and Commerce; State Commission for Human Rights; General Powers and Duties of the
29 Commission. Amend RSA 354-A:5, X to read as follows:
- 30 X. To render [biennially] **annually** to the governor, **president of the senate, speaker of**
31 **the house of representatives, senate clerk, house clerk, legislative fiscal committee,** and
32 council a full written report of its activities and of its recommendations. **The report shall include:**

- 1 **(a) A detailed summary of actions taken to address and remediate findings**
2 **identified in the most recent performance audit issued by the legislative budget assistant**
3 **in February 2025, including but not limited to:**
- 4 **(1) Timeliness of case investigations and resolutions, the number of cases**
5 **resolved, the number of outstanding cases before the commission, whether the commission**
6 **has a backlog of cases, and the average time it takes to close a case;**
- 7 **(2) Implementation of a case management system;**
- 8 **(3) Development of strategic planning, internal controls, and performance**
9 **metrics;**
- 10 **(4) Training and oversight of staff and commissioners;**
- 11 **(5) Adoption and enforcement of administrative rules;**
- 12 **(6) Correction of prior audit findings;**
- 13 **(7) Confidentiality and data management improvements; and**
- 14 **(8) Definitions and processes related to legal standards in investigations.**
- 15 **(b) Quantitative performance measures including average time to assign and**
16 **close cases, number of cases exceeding statutory time limits, and comparison to prior years.**
- 17 **(c) Progress updates on administrative rulemaking, strategic plan**
18 **implementation, and IT modernization initiatives.**
- 19 **(d) Status of required statutory filings including biennial reports, statements of**
20 **financial interests, and reconciliations with federal data systems.**
- 21 **(e) Any additional recommendations or needs for legislative action.**

22 **II. The report shall be made publicly available online on the TransparentNH**
23 **website in accordance with executive order 2014-03.**

24 5 Advisory Committee Established. There is established a temporary human rights commission
25 advisory committee to study, monitor, and support implementation of corrective measures identified
26 in the 2025 legislative budget assistant audit. The committee shall exist for a period of one year
27 following enactment and shall be administratively attached to the judicial branch.

28 6 Membership and Compensation.

29 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

- 30 (a) The chief justice of the New Hampshire supreme court, or designee;
- 31 (b) One representative of the department of justice with experience in civil rights or
32 administrative law, appointed by the governor;
- 33 (c) One member of the house judiciary committee, appointed by the speaker of the house
34 of representatives;
- 35 (d) One member of the senate judiciary committee, appointed by the president of the
36 senate;

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- 1 (e) One representative of a nonprofit organization with expertise in anti-discrimination
2 law, appointed by the governor;
- 3 (f) One municipal human rights officer, appointed by the governor;
- 4 (g) One public member with lived experience in housing, employment, or public
5 accommodation discrimination, appointed by the governor.
- 6 II. Legislative members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when
7 attending to the duties of the committee.
- 8 7 Duties. The committee shall:
- 9 (a) Meet at least quarterly, but may recommend extension of its oversight period if
10 substantial progress has not been demonstrated within one year;
- 11 (b) Review the human rights commission's progress in implementing audit
12 recommendations; and
- 13 (c) Provide guidance and support on policy, training, and legal rule development.
- 14 8 Chairperson; Quorum. The designee of the chief justice of the New Hampshire supreme court
15 shall serve as chair;. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the chair. The first
16 meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Four
17 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 18 9 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
19 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
20 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, the New Hampshire supreme court, the administrative office of
21 the courts, the New Hampshire law library, and the state library on or before November 1, 2026.
- 22 10 Effective Date. Sections 5-9 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 9, 2025
2025-2052s
07/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Department of Environmental Services; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the
2 department of environmental services the sum of \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,
3 and the sum of \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, which shall be nonlapsing, for
4 the purpose of making payments to communities for projects that have previously been awarded
5 state aid grant funding for eligible and completed wastewater infrastructure projects, per RSA 486,
6 as approved by the governor and executive council. Any remaining funds not used for making
7 payments on existing grants may be used to award new grants. The governor is authorized to draw
8 a warrant for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Appropriates funds to the department of environmental services for the purpose of making payments to communities for projects that have previously been awarded state aid grant funding for eligible and completed wastewater infrastructure projects.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing sections 217 and 218 with the following:
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- 3 217 Water Management and Protection; Dams, Mills, and Flowage; Annual Registration Fee.
4 Amend RSA 482:8-a to read as follows:
5 482:8-a Annual Registration Fee. Annual registration fees for dams shall be payable to the
6 department on January 1 of each calendar year. Yearly dam registration fees shall be based on
7 classification as follows: Low hazard potential = [~~\$400~~] **\$600**; Significant hazard potential = [~~\$750~~]
8 **\$1,125**; High hazard potential = [~~\$1,500~~] **\$2,250**. If the hazard classification designated by the
9 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a dam differs from the classification designated by the
10 department, the annual dam registration fees shall be based on the classification designated by the
11 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission except that a dam which is classified as a non-menace dam
12 by the department shall be exempt from the annual dam registration fee for as long as the dam is
13 classified by the department as a non-menace dam. Revenues from this annual registration are to be
14 collected by the department and deposited in the dam maintenance fund established in RSA 482:55
15 to be used for the inspection of dams.
- 16 218 Water Management and Protection; Dams, Mills, and Flowage; Preliminary Filing of
17 Information. Amend RSA 482:9, II(a)-(d) to read as follows:
18 (a) Non-hazard potential dam [~~\$2,000~~] **\$3,000**
19 (b) Low hazard potential dam [~~\$3,000~~] **\$4,500**
20 (c) Significant hazard potential dam [~~\$4,000~~] **\$6,000**
21 (d) High hazard potential dam [~~\$4,000~~] **\$6,000**

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 165 with the following:

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3 165 Department of Environmental Services; Wetlands Council. Amend RSA 21-O:5-a, I(f) to
4 read as follows:

5 (f) Eight members of the public appointed by the governor and council for a term of 3
6 years or until a successor is chosen. One of these shall be a member of a municipal conservation
7 commission at the time of appointment~~], and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire~~
8 ~~Association of Conservation Commissions] and shall be submitted by the New Hampshire~~
9 **Association of Conservation Commissions**; one shall be a supervisor, associate supervisor,
10 former associate supervisor, or former supervisor, of a conservation district at the time of
11 appointment~~], and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Association of~~
12 ~~Conservation Districts] and shall be submitted by the New Hampshire Association of~~
13 **Conservation Districts**; one shall be a municipal official other than a member of the conservation
14 commission at the time of appointment~~], and be nominated by the New Hampshire Municipal~~
15 ~~Association] and shall be submitted by the New Hampshire Municipal Association~~; one shall
16 be a natural resource scientist~~], and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire~~
17 ~~Association of Natural Resource Scientists] submitted by the New Hampshire Association of~~
18 **Natural Resource Scientists**; one shall be a member of the construction industry~~], and be one of 3~~
19 ~~nominees submitted by the Associated General Contractors of New Hampshire] and shall be~~
20 **submitted by the Associated General Contractors**; one shall be a member of the marine
21 industry~~], and be one of 3 nominees submitted by the New Hampshire Marine Trades Association]~~
22 **and shall be submitted by the New Hampshire Marine Trades Association**; one shall have
23 experience in environmental protection and resource management at the time of appointment~~], and~~
24 ~~be one of 4 nominees submitted, 2 each, by the New Hampshire Audubon Society and the Society for~~
25 ~~the Protection of New Hampshire Forests] and shall be jointly submitted by New Hampshire~~
26 **Audubon and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests**; and one shall be a
27 farm or forest landowner~~], and be one of 2 nominees submitted, one each, by the New Hampshire~~
28 ~~Farm Bureau Federation and the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association] and shall be~~
29 **jointly submitted by the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation and the New Hampshire**
30 **Timberland Owners Association**. One member of the council shall be elected annually as
31 chairperson by the members of the council.

Sen. Watters, Dist 4
May 28, 2025
2025-2534s
07/05

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 165, relative to reconfiguring criteria to serve on the wetlands
- 2 council.

2025-2534s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Delete:

80. Reconfigures some criteria to serve on the wetlands council.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 222 with the following:

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3 222 Public Health; Solid Waste Management Fund. RSA 149-R:4-6 are repealed and reenacted
4 to read as follows:

5 149-R:4 Purpose and Use of the Fund.

6 I. The fund shall be used to support the administration and implementation of the
7 department's solid waste technical assistance, planning, regulatory and permitting activities,
8 including, but not limited to, waste reduction and diversion technical assistance, reducing the
9 expense to municipalities of hazardous waste materials disposal and recycling, long term solid waste
10 management planning, education and outreach efforts, and administration of payments in
11 accordance with paragraphs II and III.

12 II. The fund shall be used to provide quarterly payments to New Hampshire municipalities
13 for source reduction and recycling efforts to offset payments made by the municipality associated
14 with the solid waste disposal surcharge established under RSA 149-R:5, based upon the tonnage of
15 solid waste for which the municipality was financially responsible for disposal at a New Hampshire
16 landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility. Administration of the payment program shall be in
17 accordance with procedures established by rulemaking under the authority of RSA 149-R:6, IV and
18 V. Such rulemaking shall specifically address the unique circumstances for municipalities that own
19 and operate a facility that is subject to RSA 149-R:5, or that are part of a solid waste district that
20 owns and operates such a facility, to ensure that the costs incurred by those municipalities are offset
21 consistent with this chapter.

22 III. The fund shall be used to provide matching grant funding to New Hampshire
23 municipalities, private entities, and businesses for projects that will provide a demonstrated,
24 significant improvement in waste diversion methods and contribute to a reduction of wastes,
25 including hazardous waste materials, requiring disposal, including a regional or municipal materials
26 recovery facility operated by a public or private entity, and other regional recycling efforts.

27 IV. The fund may be used to hire consultants or contractors, or to pay other necessary
28 expenses directly associated with approved activities in this chapter.

29 V. The department is authorized to solicit funds from any source, including the United
30 States Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies, gifts, donations of money,
31 grants, legislative appropriations, or any matching funds and incentives. Notwithstanding RSA 4:8

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1 and RSA 14:30, VI, the commissioner may accept and deposit such funds directly into the solid waste
2 management fund to be used for the purpose described in RSA 149-R:4.

3 149-R:5 Solid Waste Disposal Surcharge.

4 I. Beginning January 1, 2026, solid waste disposed of at a New Hampshire landfill,
5 incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility shall be subject to a surcharge at the rate of \$3.50 per ton.
6 Notwithstanding RSA 149-M:4, XXII, materials used as cover material at landfills shall not be
7 subject to the surcharge.

8 II. Such surcharge shall be paid quarterly to the department by each holder of a permit
9 issued pursuant to RSA 149-M for a New Hampshire landfill, incinerator, or waste-to-energy facility
10 for the solid waste disposed at such facility, on forms and with supporting documentation as
11 provided for in rulemaking conducted pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, I, II, and III.

12 III. The first payment of the surcharge shall be due to the department no later than April
13 30, 2026 and within 30 days of each quarter's end thereafter.

14 IV. The department shall deposit surcharges collected under this section into the fund.

15 V. Failure to pay surcharges within 30 days of the date due shall result in the assessment of
16 interest at a rate established by rule pursuant to RSA 149-R:6, VII. The commissioner may waive
17 all or any portion of interest for good cause. The department shall deposit interest collected under
18 this section into the fund.

19 149-R:6 Rulemaking. The commissioner shall adopt rules, after public hearing and pursuant to
20 RSA 541-A, relative to:

21 I. The time, amount, and manner of payment of solid waste disposal surcharges.

22 II. Required records to be kept by facility permit holders of the type and quantity of solid
23 waste disposed.

24 III. Certified reports required to be submitted with surcharge payments by facility permit
25 holders.

26 IV. The time, amount, and manner of payments to New Hampshire municipalities pursuant
27 to RSA 149-R:4, II.

28 V. Certified reports required to be submitted by municipalities requesting payments
29 pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, II.

30 VI. Administering matching grants pursuant to RSA 149-R:4, III.

31 VII. Establishment of the interest rate applied to late payments pursuant to RSA 149-R:5,
32 V.

33 149-R:7 Penalties and Other Enforcement.

34 I. Any person who violates any of the provision of this chapter or any rule adopted under
35 this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation. Each day a
36 surcharge is not paid after it is due in accordance with RSA 149-R:5, III shall be a separate violation.

- 1 II. In addition to an action to recover unpaid surcharges and interest owed, any violation of
2 the provisions of this chapter or of any rule adopted under this chapter, may be enjoined by the
3 superior court upon application of the attorney general.
- 4 III. The provisions of RSA 7:15-a shall not apply to the collection of unpaid surcharges, and
5 all money collected under this section shall be deposited into the fund.
- 6 149-R:8 Biennial Report. The department shall include in its biennial report required under
7 RSA 149-M:29, II, information relative to the activities and finances of the solid waste management
8 fund.

Sen. Carson, Dist 14
May 28, 2025
2025-2524s
08/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New Paragraph; Compensation for Public Water Systems; PFAS. Amend RSA 485-H:6 by
2 inserting after paragraph I-a the following new paragraph:

3 I-b. Pursuant to settlements received under section I-a, the department of environmental
4 services, with consent of the drinking water and groundwater advisory commission, shall establish
5 an application approval process and determine the prorated compensation amount for each public
6 water system with PFAS detections based on the amount public water systems spent or will spend
7 on infrastructure to mitigate PFAS compounds minus the amount received from other funding
8 sources. If there is sufficient funding available, the department may, with the consent of the
9 drinking water and groundwater advisory commission, use that funding to offset the cost of
10 operation and maintenance of infrastructure related to mitigating PFAS. The department of
11 environmental services, with the consent of the drinking water and groundwater advisory
12 commission, may receive reimbursement for costs associated with personnel and analytical costs it
13 incurred to collect the information required for the submissions of claims under the PFAS public
14 water system settlement agreements or to provide assistance in PFAS litigation against
15 manufacturers brought by the state of New Hampshire.

2025-2524s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Requires the department of environmental services to establish an application and approval process to determine the prorated compensation amount for each public water system with PFAS detections based upon certain factors.

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
May 28, 2025
2025-2530s
05/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 Portability, Availability, and Renewability of Health Coverage; Health Plan Loss Information.
2 Amend RSA 420-G:12-a, II to read as follows:
3 II. Upon written request from any large employer, every health carrier, third-party
4 administrator, pooled risk management program under RSA 5-B or any other type of multiple
5 employer health plan shall provide that employer's loss information within 30 calendar days of
6 receipt of the request. The loss information shall include all physician, hospital, prescription drug,
7 and other covered medical claims specific to the employer's group plan incurred for the 12-month
8 period paid through the 14 months which end within the 60-day period prior to the date of the
9 request. ***It shall also include deidentified large claim information for claimants over***
10 ***\$50,000 to include medical and pharmacy claims, primary and secondary diagnosis,***
11 ***coverage type (employee, spouse or dependent), and employment status (active or terminated).***
12 An employer shall not be entitled by this section to more than [2] 4 loss information requests in any
13 12-month period; however, nothing shall prohibit a carrier from fulfilling more frequent requests on
14 a mutually agreed-upon basis.

2025-2530s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Expands the type of health plan loss information available to certain large employers.

Sen. Innis, Dist 7
Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1
May 23, 2025
2025-2430s
07/11

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 247 through 250, relative to the division of the arts.

2025-2430s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

DELETE:

111. Repeals the division of the arts in the department of natural and cultural resources.

Sen. Innis, Dist 7
Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1
May 23, 2025
2025-2437s
07/06

Amendment to HB 1-A

1 1 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources; General Fund Appropriation Reductions. The
2 department of natural and cultural resources shall reduce general fund appropriations in AU 03-35-
3 035-353510, Division of the Arts, by \$341,370 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and by
4 \$152,641 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Sen. Innis, Dist 7
Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1
May 23, 2025
2025-2434s
07/09

Amendment to HB 1-A

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting section 5, paragraph XII, and renumbering the original paragraphs XIII
- 2 and XIV to read as XII and XIII, respectively.

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Sen. Carson, Dist 14
Sen. Lang, Dist 2
May 27, 2025
2025-2491s
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 247-250, relative to repealing the division of the arts.

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3 1 The State and Its Government; State Treasurer and State Accounts; Application of Receipts.
4 Amend RSA 6:12, I(b)(103) to read as follows:

5 (103) Moneys deposited in the ~~[state-art]~~ **granite patron of the arts** fund under
6 RSA 19-A:9.

7 2 The State and Its Government; Council on the Arts; State Art Fund; Granite Patron of the
8 Arts Fund. RSA 19-A:9 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

9 19-A:9 Granite Patron of the Arts Fund.

10 I. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a fund to be known as the
11 granite patron of the arts fund, which shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds and
12 shall be continually appropriated to the division of the arts and the New Hampshire council of the
13 arts. Such fund shall be the depository of all gifts, grants, federal funds, or donations made to the
14 division of the arts or the New Hampshire council of the arts pursuant to RSA 19-A and RSA 12-A:2-
15 K, IV. Implementation expenses, the expenses of the division and council, any employees of the
16 division or council, and operations and initiatives of the division and council shall be paid from such
17 fund. Any moneys in such fund shall not lapse into the general fund of the state.

18 II. The division and the council are authorized to institute programs to solicit and receive
19 any gifts, grants, donations, or to receive federal matching funds made for the encouragement of the
20 arts and to deposit such gifts, grants, or donations in the New Hampshire council on the arts fund
21 under this section. The division and the council shall acknowledge receipt of any gifts, grants, or
22 donations within 15 days of receipt on a form provided by the commissioner of the department of
23 revenue administration.

24 3 New Paragraph; Taxation; Business Profits Tax; Credits. Amend RSA 77-A:5 by inserting
25 after paragraph XVI the following new paragraph:

26 XVII. There shall be allowed a granite patron of the arts tax credit, according to the
27 following:

28 (a) The credit shall be the lesser of 50 percent of donations made to the granite patron of
29 the arts fund or the proportional share of the maximum aggregate credit amount allowed. The
30 department of revenue administration shall oversee and administer the granite patron of the arts
31 tax credit, and may make additional rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, concerning the credit under this

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1 paragraph. No carry forward of this credit shall be allowed. The maximum credit allowed for all
2 taxpayers shall be \$350,000 per fiscal year.

3 (b) Taxpayers shall apply for the tax credit on forms provided by the commissioner and
4 shall be accompanied by information or records required by the commissioner. Such application
5 shall be filed no later than June 30 following the tax year during which the donations occurred.

6 (c) A determination on the final amount of the credit awarded by the commissioner to
7 each taxpayer claiming the credit shall be made no later than September 30 of each year.

8 4 New Section; Business Enterprise Tax; Granite Patron of the Arts Credit. Amend RSA 77-E
9 by inserting after section 3-e the following new section:

10 77-E:3-f Granite Patron of the Arts Credit. The unused portion of any granite patron of the arts
11 tax credit awarded by the commissioner under RSA 77-A:5, XVII, shall be available to apply to the
12 business enterprise tax.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19
May 15, 2025
2025-2201s
05/09

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Community Mental Health Center
2 Housing Grants. The sum of \$1,500,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, is appropriated to
3 the department of health and human services to support existing mental health housing stocks and
4 develop expansion of existing facilities. Said sum shall be nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to
5 draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. The
6 department of health and human services shall issue a request for grant applications for the purpose
7 of awarding housing grants to community mental health centers to retain and create new housing in
8 the community. Grants may be disbursed for up to \$50,000 per bed. The department shall initiate
9 the request for grant applications and grant disbursement by December 1, 2025.
10 2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services; Community Mental Health Center
11 Supported Housing Programs. The sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and
12 the sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are appropriated to the department of
13 health and human services for community mental health center supported housing programs
14 operated by community mental health centers designated under administrative rule He-M 425.03.
15 Said sum shall be nonlapsing and used for the purpose of covering non-billable services for supported
16 community housing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money
17 in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
18 3 Department of Health and Human Services; Rates for Community Mental Health Supportive
19 Housing Programs for High Acuity Patients. The department of health and human services is
20 directed to adjust the Medicaid reimbursement rates for community mental health center housing
21 programs for high acuity individuals needing 24/7 support who otherwise might not be able to be
22 discharged from New Hampshire Hospital. The current rate of approximately \$278 a day shall be
23 increased to \$350 a day and shall be eligible for a 50 percent federal match.

2025-2201s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Makes appropriations to the department of health and human services for the purpose of increasing community housing options for individuals suffering from mental illness.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19
May 19, 2025
2025-2251s
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Department of Health and Human Services; Processing of Medical Assistance Applications;
2 Hiring Consultant; Appropriation.

3 I. The sum of \$3,000,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to
4 the department of health and human services for the purpose of hiring a contractor to provide
5 staffing support to assist with Medicaid long-term care eligibility. The department shall begin a
6 competitive bidding process on or before September 30, 2025, to hire a contractor to begin on or
7 before December 31, 2025, subject to governor and executive council approval, for the purposes of
8 this section. In addition to providing staffing support, the contractor shall develop a plan for the
9 efficient processing of long-term care applications by or before June 30, 2026. The governor is
10 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
11 appropriated. The department may accept and expend additional federal funds without prior
12 approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.

13 II. For the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the annual licensing fee set forth in RSA 151:5,
14 IV for nursing homes shall be \$85 per licensed bed and \$60 of said fees collected by the department
15 of health and human services during this period shall be deposited into the general fund of the state.
16 The purpose of this is to partially offset the appropriation set forth in paragraph I in this section.
17 The remaining \$25 per licensed bed will continue to go into account 05-95-95-952010-5146.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

2025-2251s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Appropriates money to the department of health and human services for the purpose of hiring a contractor to provide staffing support to assist with Medicaid long-term care eligibility.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19
Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 26, 2025
2025-2444s
07/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Department of Health and Human Services; Appropriation; Tier-One Call Center. There is
2 hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services the sum of \$3,825,000 for the
3 biennium ending June 30, 2027, for the purpose of financing a tier-one call center. The department
4 may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the
5 general court. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the
6 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2025-2444s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

ADD:

1. Appropriates the sum of \$3,825,000 to the department of health and human services to fund a tier-one call center.

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19
May 26, 2025
2025-2455s
06/07

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. The sum of \$3,000,000 for the
2 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and the sum of \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
3 are hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the housing
4 stabilization fund to contract with nonprofits that provide eviction prevention and rehousing
5 services. Funding may be used for assistance with rental deposits, rental guarantees, or rental
6 assistance. The department of health and human services shall annually report the usage of this
7 fund with regional breakdowns according to populations including families with children, low-income
8 seniors, and veterans.

2025-2455s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Makes appropriations to the department of health and human services for homeless prevention services.

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New Section; Childcare Workforce Program. Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 4-i
2 the following new section:

3 126-A:4-j Childcare Workforce Program.

4 I. "Eligible childcare programs" or "eligible programs" means programs operating in New
5 Hampshire with an active childcare license or that are license-exempt and enrolled in the
6 department of health and human services childcare scholarship program. Eligible programs shall
7 include those who serve children from birth through age 12 and are also referred to as center-based,
8 family-based, early childhood education, early learning, outside of school time, before and after
9 school, and summer camp programs, as well as non-profit and privately-owned center-based and
10 family-based childcare programs.

11 II. The department shall develop and implement a grant application process for eligible
12 programs, and may consider additional grant amounts for childcare programs enrolled in or in
13 preparation to enroll in the granite steps for quality in recognition of their extra effort and
14 commitment to continuous quality improvement. Grant amounts shall be determined by the
15 department after all applications have been received and approved.

16 III. Grants received by the programs may be used in the following ways:

- 17 (a) Deposit into an eligible, tax-advantaged health savings account or flexible spending
18 account;
- 19 (b) Mentor credentialing and support networks for mentors;
- 20 (c) Sign-on and/or retention incentives and/or wage increases;
- 21 (d) Professional costs such as training hours, CPR, or memberships in professional
22 organizations;
- 23 (e) Childcare tuition assistance;
- 24 (f) Credit towards the employee's share of the cost of their health insurance plan;
- 25 (g) Paid time off equivalent;
- 26 (h) Childcare tuition discount;
- 27 (i) Student loan repayment;
- 28 (j) Telemedicine coverage; or
- 29 (k) Payment towards a physical, first-aid certification, CPR certification, background
30 check, or other credential required for the childcare position.

31 IV. If grant application requests exceed available funding, preference shall be given to
32 eligible childcare programs which are:

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- 1 (a) Enrolled in New Hampshire's childcare scholarship program; and
2 (b) Connected to the work of their related early childhood regional network, as
3 determined by the department.
- 4 V. The department of health and human services shall incorporate in its biennial
5 appropriation request pursuant to RSA 9:4 an amount necessary to fully fund the childcare
6 workforce programs contained in this section.
- 7 VI. Any programs, grants, or other benefits conferred under this section shall be subject to
8 availability of funding.
- 9 2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. The sum of \$10,000,000 is hereby
10 appropriated to the department of health and human services for the biennium ending June 30,
11 2027, for the purpose of financing recruitment and retention bonus and benefit grants for New
12 Hampshire childcare employers under RSA 126-A:4-j. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant
13 for said sums out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 9, 2025
2025-2067s
07/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by deleting sections 107-108.

2025-2067s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Deletes paragraphs 42 and 43, which direct the department of health and human services to file a Medicaid waiver and state plan amendment to institute premiums based on income for individuals participating in the granite advantage health care program and households with children participating in the Medicaid program.

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
May 9, 2025
2025-2063s
05/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New Section; Financial Eligibility for Medicare Savings Program. Amend RSA 167 by
2 inserting after section 4-f the following new section:
3 167:4-g Medicare Savings Program. The department shall administer the Medicare savings
4 program as described in 42 U.S.C. section 1396a(a)(10)(E) in accordance with federal law and this
5 section.
6 I. Financial eligibility for the Medicare savings program shall include a resource disregard,
7 thereby eliminating the resource test.
8 II. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall adopt rules
9 under RSA 541-A relative to the Medicare savings program in accordance with the requirements of
10 this section.
11 III. On or before November 1, 2025, the department of health and human services shall
12 prepare and submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services any amendments to the state
13 Medicaid plan necessary for implementation of the Medicare savings program, including eliminating
14 the financial eligibility resource test as provided in paragraph I.
15 2 Effective Date. Section 1 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

Sen. Pearl, Dist 17
May 19, 2025
2025-2254s
05/11

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 1 New Section; Rate Setting for Medicaid State Plan Case Management Services. Amend RSA
2 126-A by inserting after section 18-b the following new section:
- 3 126-A:18-c Rate Setting for Medicaid State Plan Case Management Services.
- 4 I. Annually, on or before October 1, the department of health and human services shall
5 establish unit rates for all case management services paid under the Medicaid state plan which
6 better reflect the average cost to deliver services. The department shall ensure rate parity for all
7 Medicaid state plan case management services using the billing code T1016. For the biennium
8 ending June 30, 2027, the department shall achieve such rate parity in a budget-neutral manner
9 within the department's appropriated budget.
- 10 II. The department shall consider the factors of economy, efficiency, quality of care, and
11 access to care, in accordance with guidelines in federal regulations.

2025-2254s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Directs the department of health and human services to annually establish rates for Medicaid state plan case management services to better reflect the cost of such services and to create rate parity for such services within the program.

Agency Request						
5/28/2025						
Department:	Health and Human Services					
Accounting Unit:	7943, Uncompensated Care					
Compare Report Page:	1155					
Description:	Adjust budget to account for MET/DSH agreement with hospitals.					
	FY 2026			FY 2027		
Expenditure Class	House Passed	Change	Revised Budget	House Passed	Change	Revised Budget
041 AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE	44,351	(33,946)	10,405	46,060	(33,946)	12,114
102 CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVIC	333,812	-	333,812	343,827	-	343,827
515 HOSPITAL UNCOMPENSATED CARE	88,367,481	(67,823,980)	20,543,501	91,776,316	(67,823,980)	23,952,336
TOTAL	88,745,644	(67,857,926)	20,887,718	92,166,203	(67,857,926)	24,308,277
Source of Funds						
FEDERAL FUNDS	44,394,998	(33,945,936)	10,449,062	46,106,132	(33,945,936)	12,160,196
MISC REVENUE	44,350,646	(33,911,990)	10,438,656	46,060,071	(33,911,990)	12,148,081
TOTAL	88,745,644	(67,857,926)	20,887,718	92,166,203	(67,857,926)	24,308,277

Agency Request						
5/28/2025						
Department:	Health and Human Services					
Accounting Unit:	7948, Medicaid Care Management					
Compare Report Page:	1156					
Description:	Adjust budget to account for MET/DSH agreement with hospitals.					
	FY 2026			FY 2027		
Expenditure Class	House Passed	Change	Revised Budget	House Passed	Change	Revised Budget
041 AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE	468,181	33,946	502,127	479,725	33,946	513,671
101 MEDICAL PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS	846,569,197	67,823,980	914,393,177	855,908,161	67,823,980	923,732,141
535 OUT OF HOME PLACEMENTS	37,500,000	-	37,500,000	38,625,000	-	38,625,000
563 COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES	21,108,024	-	21,108,024	21,741,266	-	21,741,266
TOTAL	905,645,402	67,857,926	973,503,328	916,754,152	67,857,926	984,612,078
Source of Funds						
FEDERAL FUNDS	461,662,223	33,945,936	495,608,159	467,431,500	33,945,936	501,377,436
MISC REVENUE	330,331,624	33,911,990	364,243,614	342,089,816	33,911,990	376,001,806
GENERAL FUNDS	113,651,555	-	113,651,555	107,232,836	-	107,232,836
TOTAL	905,645,402	67,857,926	973,503,328	916,754,152	67,857,926	984,612,078

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- 1 1 New Section; Long-Term Care; Guardianship Contracted Services. Amend RSA 151-E by
2 inserting after section 27 the following new section:
3 151-E:28 Guardianship Contracted Services.
4 I. When all other resources are exhausted, hospitals seeking to assist older adults or adults
5 with a disability as defined in RSA 151-E:24 with discharge from a hospital setting to a less
6 restrictive setting may seek to have a guardian or conservator appointed by the probate court,
7 pursuant to RSA 464-A, for any older adult or adult with a disability who:
8 (a) Requires an alternative decision maker to assist with discharge;
9 (b) Is deemed incapacitated by a court of competent jurisdiction; and
10 (c) Cannot secure guardianship services through any other alternative.
11 II. The department shall contract with office of the public guardian to provide publicly
12 funded guardianship slots for individuals in need of guardianship pursuant to paragraph I.
13 III. Hospitals seeking to assist adults with discharge shall apply to the department for
14 access to the publicly funded guardianship slots.
15 IV. Availability of publicly funded guardianship slots shall be subject to the availability of
16 funding.
17 2 Appropriation; Department of Health and Human Services. The sum of \$550,000 for the
18 biennium ending June 30, 2027 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human
19 services. Said appropriation shall be used for 50 slots to provide publicly funded guardianship for
20 individuals as set forth in RSA 151-E:28. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum
21 out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

22 3 Effective Date. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect September 30, 2025.

2025-2310s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

1. Authorizes hospitals seeking to assist older adults or adults with a disability with discharge from a hospital setting to a less restrictive setting to seek to have a guardian or conservator appointed by the probate court, and makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to fund guardianship slots.

Sen. Lang, Dist 2
May 28, 2025
2025-2522s
05/06

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

- 1 Amend the bill by replacing section 95 with the following:
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3 95 Congregate Housing; Appropriation. The sum of \$350,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30,
4 2026, and the sum of \$350,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, are hereby appropriated to
5 the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding congregare housing
6 provided for under the Medicaid waiver pursuant to RSA 151-E and congregare services provided for
7 in RSA 161-F:37. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in
8 the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

2025-2522s

AMENDED ANALYSIS

Replace:

36. Makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for congregare housing.

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1 1 Long-Term Care; Eligibility. Amend RSA 151-E:3 to read as follows:
2 151-E:3 Eligibility.

3 I. A person is ~~[medicaid]~~ **Medicaid** eligible for nursing facility services or Medicaid home
4 and community-based care waiver services if the person is:
5 (a) Clinically eligible for nursing facility care because the person requires 24-hour care
6 for one or more of the following purposes:

7 (1) Medical monitoring and nursing care when the skills of a licensed medical
8 professional are needed to provide safe and effective services;
9 (2) Restorative nursing or rehabilitative care with patient-specific goals;
10 (3) Medication administration by oral, topical, intravenous, intramuscular, or
11 subcutaneous injection, or intravenous feeding for treatment of recent or unstable conditions
12 requiring medical or nursing intervention; or

13 (4) Assistance with 2 or more activities of daily living ~~[involving]~~ **which include**
14 **but are not limited to** eating, toileting, transferring, **mobility**, bathing, dressing, and continence.
15 **For purposes of this section “mobility” means the need to be physically steadied, assisted, or**
16 **guided in ambulation, or unable to propel a wheelchair alone or appropriately and**
17 **require the assistance of another person;** and

18 (b) Financially eligible as either:

19 (1) Categorically needy, as calculated pursuant to rules adopted by the department
20 under RSA 541-A; or
21 (2) Medically needy, as calculated pursuant to rules adopted by the department
22 under RSA 541-A.

23 II. Skilled professional medical personnel employed by or designated to act on behalf of the
24 department shall determine clinical eligibility in accordance with the criteria in subparagraph I(a).
25 The clinical eligibility determination shall be based upon an assessment tool, approved by the
26 department, performed by skilled professional medical personnel employed by the department, or by
27 an individual with equivalent training designated by the department. The department shall train
28 all persons performing the assessment to use the assessment tool. For the purposes of this section,
29 "skilled professional medical personnel" shall have the same meaning as in 42 C.F.R. section
30 ~~[42-50(d)(4)(ii)]~~ **432.2**.

31 II-a. Subject to written approval by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, financial
32 eligibility rules in paragraph II shall include eligibility if the person's countable income is at or

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1 below the nursing facility special income standard, as defined in 42 C.F.R. 435.236, for the Medicaid
2 program or the person incurs allowable medical expenses each month, including the anticipated cost
3 of waiver services, which when deducted from the individual's income would reduce the individual's
4 income to an amount that is no higher than the nursing facility special income standard. The
5 department shall submit a request for such approval within 30 days of the effective date of this
6 paragraph.

7 III. [Repealed.]

8 IV. If the skilled professional medical personnel employed by or designated to act on behalf
9 of the department are unable to determine that an applicant is eligible following the clinical
10 assessment tool pursuant to paragraph II, the ~~[skilled professional medical personnel]~~ **department**
11 shall obtain **a determination for the need for long term care from the applicant's primary**
12 **care physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse. The**
13 **department shall request information from and give substantial weight to other** clinical
14 information provided by the applicant's ~~[physician or nurse practitioner, including, but not limited to~~
15 ~~diagnosis, prognosis, and plan of care recommendations, and consider information from other~~
16 ~~licensed practitioners, including occupational or physical therapists, if available. All clinical~~
17 ~~information obtained shall also be used in the preparation of the initial support plan] **other known**~~
18 **health care providers, including but not limited to specialty care physicians, case**
19 **management providers, or occupational or physical therapists, including diagnosis,**
20 **prognosis, and plan of care recommendations. All clinical information obtained by the**
21 **department shall be reviewed by skilled professional medical personnel employed by or**
22 **designated to act on behalf of the department for an eligibility decision.**

23 2 Effective Date. Section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.