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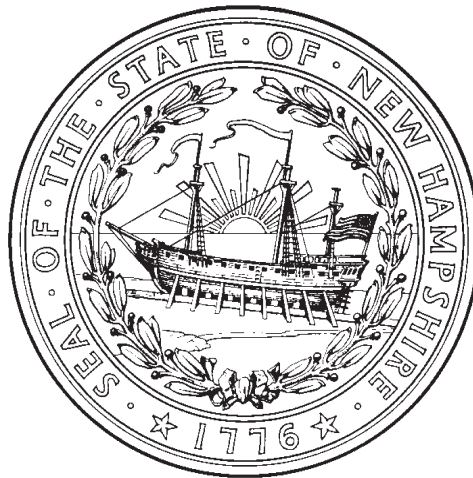
Senate Meeting Schedule Website Address:

<https://gc.nh.gov/senate/schedule/dailyschedule.aspx>

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Links are also available on the Senate Meeting Schedule.



Second Year of the 169th Session of the
New Hampshire General Court

SENATE CALENDAR

VETO MESSAGES

February 6, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 268

I vetoed a nearly identical bill to this one last year. I made it clear this issue needed to be addressed in a thoughtful, narrow way that protects the privacy, safety, and rights of all Granite Staters. Unfortunately, there is minimal difference between Senate Bill 268 and the bill I vetoed last year, which Governor Sununu vetoed the year prior.

For the reasons stated above and in my previous veto statement of HB 148, I am vetoing Senate Bill 268.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

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July 2, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 434

This bill is similar to the bill I vetoed last year. As a parent, I understand and appreciate the concerns parents have about their children being exposed to age-inappropriate or objectionable materials in schools. At the same time, existing New Hampshire law already requires school districts to adopt a policy allowing an exception to specific course material based on a parent's determination that the material is objectionable. See RSA 186:11:IX-c. Parents must be notified at least two weeks in advance of course materials that involve human sexuality, sexual education, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression. If a parent objects in writing, New Hampshire law further requires an alternative agreed upon between the school district and the parent.

As current law provides a mechanism for parents through their local school district to exercise their rights to ensure their children are not exposed to inappropriate materials, I have vetoed Senate Bill 434.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

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June 12, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 468

I do not support the cultivation of marijuana in our state.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 468.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

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July 15, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 475

I fully support making it easier to foster animals as they await safe, loving homes. Unfortunately, SB 475 includes the same problematic language from House Bill 1766, which I vetoed last month. The language in both of these bills makes it harder to respond to animal abuse and neglect cases, costs taxpayers more money, and could lead to forced euthanasia of abused but otherwise healthy animals.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 475.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

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July 10, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 481

The budget I signed last year stated that "All proceeds and revenue from the sale of the SYSC shall be deposited in the youth development center claims and administration settlement fund, established in RSA 21-M:11-a." Given the history of the facility, I believe it is appropriate to dedicate revenues from the sale of the SYSC to the settlement fund.

For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill 481.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

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July 2, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 535

Senate Bill 535 weakens existing law by creating a new category of residential breeder and exempts these breeders from any meaningful oversight and regulation. By exempting residential breeders (who transfer up to 50 animals in a calendar year) from the successful pet vendor program, the State risks an increase in animal abuse, neglect, and disease. New Hampshire has a strong history of protecting animal rights and continues to work toward ending the abuse of puppies, kittens, and other animals. This bill is a step in the wrong direction.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 535.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

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June 19, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 552

I have continued to ask the Legislature to address this issue in a thoughtful, narrow way, while protecting the privacy, safety, and rights of all Granite Staters. Unfortunately, there is minimal difference between this bill, the bill I vetoed earlier this year, the one I vetoed last year, and the one vetoed in 2024 by Governor Sununu. Trying the same thing again isn't going to get a different result. For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill 552.

For these reasons I have vetoed SB 552.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

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July 2, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 627

I have clearly said that I do not support raising the tolls. I will continue to focus on making New Hampshire more affordable for all and a destination for tourists in the region.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 627.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

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June 19, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 661

Risk pools are cooperative self-insurance organizations that allow our municipalities, counties, and school districts to manage health care costs and other risks instead of utilizing commercial insurance. Predictability is essential to deliver on this goal, which means reserves driven by actuarial expertise and operations following industry best practices. Unfortunately, both bills reforming risk pool operations fail to deliver on these needs. HB 1491 creates a "choose-your-own-regulator" model that dilutes necessary oversight. SB 661 arbitrarily caps reserves to manage liabilities as well as mandating an immediate policy change impacting current health care policies for hundreds of municipalities and school districts across the state. As we have seen from recent risk pool failures, this is an important policy area to get right and these proposals need more work.

For those reasons I have vetoed HB 1491 and SB 661.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

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MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026

RACING AND CHARITABLE GAMING STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 284:6-c)

10:00 a.m.	14 Integra Drive	Regular Meeting
	Concord, NH	

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE (RSA 14-B:2)

10:00 a.m.	Room 103, SH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22)

9:00 a.m.	Department of Business and Economic Affairs Caswell Conference Room 100 North Main Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

NEW HAMPSHIRE-IRELAND TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22-a)

9:30 a.m.	Department of Business and Economic Affairs Suite 100 100 North Main Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)

9:30 a.m.	Department of Revenue Administration Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Equalization Subcommittee
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROGRAMS STUDY COMMISSION (RSA 79:32)

10:00 a.m. Room 154, GP Regular Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)

9:00 a.m. 25 Hall Street Regular Meeting
Concord, NH

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRUG OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW COMMISSION (RSA 126-DD:1)

2:00 p.m. Executive Council Chambers Regular Meeting
Room 207, SH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

COMMITTEE TO STUDY SITING AND MAINTENANCE RULES REGARDING CERTAIN INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY (IDD) AND ACQUIRED BRAIN DISORDER (ABD) COMMUNITY RESIDENCES (HB 1763, Chapter 181, Laws of 2026)

10:00 a.m. Room 158, GP Organizational Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE (RSA 187-A:28-a)

10:00 a.m. University of New Hampshire's Regular Meeting
Health Sciences Simulation Center
25 Colovos Road
Durham, NH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Executive Council Chambers Regular Meeting
Room 208, SH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

11:00 a.m. Room 230, GP Regular Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

NH COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS PLAN ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 195-H:2)

10:00 a.m. Granite Edvance Regular Meeting
3 Barrell Court
Concord, NH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

9:30 a.m. Room 158, GP Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF OHRVS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 215-A:44-a)

10:00 a.m. Department of Natural and Cultural Regular Meeting
 Resources (DNCR)
 North Country Resources Center
 629B Main Street
 Lancaster, NH
 Microsoft Teams meeting
 Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/241495340819419?p=qq4LbXLNGjX2ftQyMQ>
 Meeting ID: 241 495 340 819 419
 Passcode: F6wv3Bu6
 Dial in by phone
 +1 603-931-4944,,419544554#
 Phone conference ID: 419 544 554#
 Join on a video conferencing device
 Tenant key: nhgov@m.webex.com
 Video ID: 118 412 845 8

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)

9:00 a.m. Room 228, GP Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;
 <https://youtube.com/live/quN9fJwqRCs?feature=share>

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)

9:30 a.m. Room 228, GP Regular Meeting
 The You Tube link to view the meeting livestream is;
 <https://youtube.com/live/quN9fJwqRCs?feature=share>

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

10:00 a.m. NHDES Regular Meeting
 29 Hazen Drive
 Concord, NH

NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4)

2:00 p.m. Department of Natural Regular Meeting
 and Cultural Resources
 172 Pembroke Road
 Concord, NH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

COMMISSION TO STUDY REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO THE ROAD TOLL, ROAD TOLL REGISTRATION CHARGES, AND REVENUE ALTERNATIVES TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, INCLUDING ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES AND THEIR RESULTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT (RSA 21-J:49)

10:00 a.m. Room 231, GP Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

**TEMPORARY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO STUDY, MONITOR,
AND SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF CORRECTIVE MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN THE 2025
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT AUDIT (HB 2, Chapter 141:369, Laws of 2025)**

10:00 a.m. Room 234, GP Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Executive Council Chambers Regular Meeting
Room 208, SH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS (RSA 227-M:4)

9:00 a.m. NH Fish and Game Department Regular Meeting
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2026

THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADDICTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Executive Council Chambers Regular Meeting
Room 208, SH

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2026 BILLS REMAINING ON THE TABLE:

SENATE BILLS: 123, 404, 446, 466, 474, 476, 478, 479, 483, 517, 553, 558, 561, 566, 583, 612, 613, 616, 626, 631, 635, 645, 650, 651, 654, 659, 662, 664

HOUSE BILLS: 54, 112, 121, 186, 246, 704, 751, 1043, 1064, 1121, 1128, 1217, 1299, 1421, 1447, 1544, 1566, 1571, 1597, 1600, 1709, 1808, 1818, 1828

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2026 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 56, 182, 429, 430, 440, 448, 453, 464, 475, 482, 490, 492, 502, 503, 524, 529, 540, 560, 562, 573, 586, 589, 592, 598, 614, 615, 624, 627, 667, 670

HOUSE BILLS: 59, 126, 131, 241, 244, 348, 396, 451, 661, 649, 705, 707, 723, 1010, 1031, 1037, 1042, 1088, 1109, 1127, 1141, 1194, 1195, 1197, 1199, 1207, 1245, 1260, 1268, 1279, 1300, 1312, 1348, 1362, 1363, 1365, 1376, 1381, 1415, 1422, 1433, 1502, 1523, 1537, 1541, 1563, 1565, 1573, 1576, 1584, 1588, 1598, 1681, 1718, 1723, 1726, 1727, 1738, 1763, 1766, 1771, 1772, 1775, 1807, 1837, 2026

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NOTICES

With several national conferences and other events taking place throughout the Summer and Fall, please remember that any costs that are waived, forgiven, reduced, prepaid, or reimbursed from an organization such as NCSL or CSG, that are related to your attendance at the event, must be reported on an “Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report” and filed with the Secretary of State’s Office. The forms can be downloaded from the Legislative Ethics Committee’s website [RSA 14-C - Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report - August 2019.pdf \(state.nh.us\)](https://www.state.nh.us/leg/ethics/RSA14C-HonorariumorExpenseReimbursementReport-August2019.pdf) . Payments received from the Senate do not have to be reported on the form. If you have any questions on ethics filings, please feel free to contact Rich Lambert, Executive Administrator of the Legislative Ethics Committee, at richard.lambert@gc.nh.gov or at (603) 271-3326.

Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senate President

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SENATE CALENDAR SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Senate Calendar will begin its summer schedule of being published every two weeks.

The schedule for the Senate Calendar is as follows:

Thursday, August 06, 2026

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Thursday, September 03, 2026

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, September 07, 2026

Monday, September 21, 2026

Friday, September 25, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 26, 2026

Friday, November 27, 2026

Friday, December 18, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25, 2026

Labor Day (State Holiday)

First day for incumbents seeking re-election to file Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) with complete information.

Last day for incumbents seeking re-election to file Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) with complete information.

First day for Senators to file Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) with complete information.

Veterans’ Day (State Holiday)

Last day for the Office Legislative Services to accept drafting requests for Senate Bills, Senate Concurrent Resolutions, and Senate Joint Resolutions with complete information for the 2027 Senate Session.

Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)

Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)

Last day for prime sponsors to sign off on legislation.

Christmas Day (State Holiday)