

# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

## Quiet—*For Now*

Despite a House Session this week and a Senate Session scheduled for next week, there is little of municipal interest, other than continuing negotiations on the budget, that we haven't already mentioned in prior *Legislative Bulletins*. Next week will see the Municipal & County Government Finance Committee executive session that we mentioned in [last week's Bulletin](#). We are also waiting for the Senate Judiciary Committee to hold executive sessions on a number of bills, including [HB 307](#), the attorney's fees bill, which we wrote about in [Bulletin #14](#). We believe that bill will be discussed at the executive session scheduled for **Tuesday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m. in State House Room 100**, and we are hopeful that the Senate Judiciary Committee will recommend [HB 307](#) as Inexpedient to Legislate.

We anticipate that it will be several more weeks before we know the Senate's position on the budget as the Senate has until Thursday, June 8 to act on both [HB 1](#), the budget, and [HB 2](#), the budget trailer bill. (Because both [HB 1](#) and [HB 2](#) were both assigned to Senate Finance as their initial committee, there would be no second committee for them to go to after Senate Finance makes its recommendation and the Senate votes on both.) If the House and Senate policy committees wrap up most, if not all, of their work next week or the following, there will likely be very little to report until the Senate decides on its position on the budget.

## Fast Democracy Update

As we wrote about in [Bulletin #1](#), NHMA launched a new feature on our website this year: a [live bill tracker](#). This bill tracker enables visitors to our website to see what bills NHMA is following and allows visitors to subscribe to daily or weekly (published Fridays) updates on either all the bills that we're tracking or specific bill topics. We are pleased to report that we have heard great feedback on our move to digitalization and greater transparency both from our members and from legislators. We have had a

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number of great conversations this session about Fast Democracy, but we would love to hear more from our members as we start the process of thinking about how to better use Fast Democracy next year. What did you like? What did you dislike? How could we improve? Please shoot us an email at [governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@nhmunicipal.org) and let us know your thoughts. And remember—you can subscribe to updates, or change your subscription preferences, at any time.

### Hearing Schedule

Please [click here](#) to find a list of hearings next week on bills that NHMA is tracking. Please note that the linked PDF only covers hearings scheduled for the next week. For the most up-to-date information on when bills are scheduled for a hearing, please use our [live bill tracker](#).

<b>2023 NHMA UPCOMING MEMBER EVENTS</b>	
May 8	<b>Webinar:</b> Municipal Treasurer Training 101 – 6:00 p.m.
May 10	<b>Webinar:</b> Secure Your Operational Technologies with Government Funding – 12:00 p.m.
May 17	2023 Hard Road to Travel Workshop (Hybrid) – 9:00 a.m.
Please visit <a href="http://www.nhmunicipal.org">www.nhmunicipal.org</a> for the most up-to-date information regarding our upcoming events. Click on the Events& Training tab to view the calendar. For more information, please call NHMA’s Workshop registration line: (603) 230-3350.	