

Legislative Update

- General Issues
 - [HB 1033](#), anti-lobbying legislation – Tabled.
 - Remote meetings legislation ([SB 344](#)) – ITL
 - [HB 1494](#), telephone company ROW exemption - ITL
 - Public comment at public meetings ([HB 1195](#)) – Only schools
 - [HB 597](#), vague “privacy” bill – Passed House, Senate hearing last week – Unlikely rec.
 - [HB 1073](#), the attorney-client privilege exemption repeal bill – Passed House, Senate next
 - [SB 443](#), local building code amendments now sent to Building Code Review Board for review about conflicts w/State Code/Central Filing – Awaiting S. Finance Rec.
 - [HB 1417](#), 7.5 percent state contribution – Barely made it past ITL, House Finance unlikely to recommend.
 - [HB 1070](#), the default budget recalculation bill – Passed H., Party Line
 - [HB 412](#), funding 11 forgotten water projects – Waiting for H. Fin. Recommendation.
- Election Bills
 - [HB 1064](#), hand-counting ballots – ITL
 - [HB 1247](#), hand-counting folded ballots (absentee) – ITL
- Zoning Bills
 - House Appeals Board Legislation
 - [HB 1307](#), modifying authority and duties of HAB – Passed H.
 - Repeal Failed in House - [HB 1216](#), repealing HAB – ITL
 - [SB 249](#), short-term rentals, allowing STRs everywhere –Passed S. w/Amend on Voice
 - [SB 400](#), omnibus housing bill – Supported by Governor – Passed Senate
 - requires the Office of Planning and Development (OPD) to offer training to land use board members free of charge;
 - requires municipalities to publish notice of land use fees;
 - allows a court to require the posting of a bond and to award attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party in an appeal to the superior court;
 - expands the tax incrementing financing (TIF) district statute, RSA 162-K, to include acquisition of real property to construct workforce housing;
 - requires land use boards to make specific written findings of fact to support their decisions; and
 - creates a voluntary housing champion certification program, providing preferential access to state resources such as discretionary state infrastructure funds in exchange for achieving champion status.
 - [HB 1021](#), Land or structures for religious purposes: No zoning ordinance or site plan review regulation shall prohibit, regulate or restrict the use of land or structures for religious purposes –Passed H. on Voice
 - [HB 1177](#), Single-family lots for up to 4 residential units: Must allow as a matter of right any single-family lot in a residential zoning district served by water and sewer to be used for four residential dwelling units. - Tabled
 - Killed ZO Bills -
 - [SB 244](#), ADUs/variances: existing nonconforming structures must be allowed to be converted to dwelling units
 - [HB 1068](#), Tiny houses: requires tiny houses to be allowed in all residential zoning districts

- [HB 1087](#), Lot sizes: No ordinance can require more than a 10,000 square foot lot size for single family housing lots where such lots are serviced by a municipal or community water and sewer infrastructure
 - [HB 1098](#), Parking spaces per occupied dwelling: Can't require more than one parking space per dwelling
 - [HB 1219](#), Parking requirements for religious institutions: Limits the ability of planning boards to regulate parking for religious institutions
- Vaccine legislation
 - [HB 1210](#) – Vehicle in H. for Vaccine Exemptions – Passed/A in H.
- Health Officer Bills
 - [HB 1272](#), Limiting the authority of town health officers – Passed H.
 - [HB 1268](#), Repealing the authority to enact city ordinances for the well-being of the city – Passed H., Consent.
- Other Issues
 - [HB 1598](#), legalizing cannabis and selling at state-run stores – May have Gov. support
 - [HB 1565](#), opioid abatement trust fund – Interim Study
 - [HB 611](#), fluoride ban - Tabled
 - [SB 298](#) & [SB 304](#), repeal of anti-discrimination law – ITL
 - [HB 1204](#), Meals & Rooms Increase Percent/Decrease Tax Bill – Interim Study
 - [SB 437](#), local option fee for municipal transportation - ITL
 - [SB 338](#), local option municipal occupancy fee - ITL