

2019 Webinar Series



Legislative Half-time

Presented by:

- ▶ *Margaret Byrnes, Executive Director*
- ▶ *Cordell Johnston, Government Affairs Counsel*
- ▶ *Barbara Reid, Government Finance Advisor*

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Our Presenters



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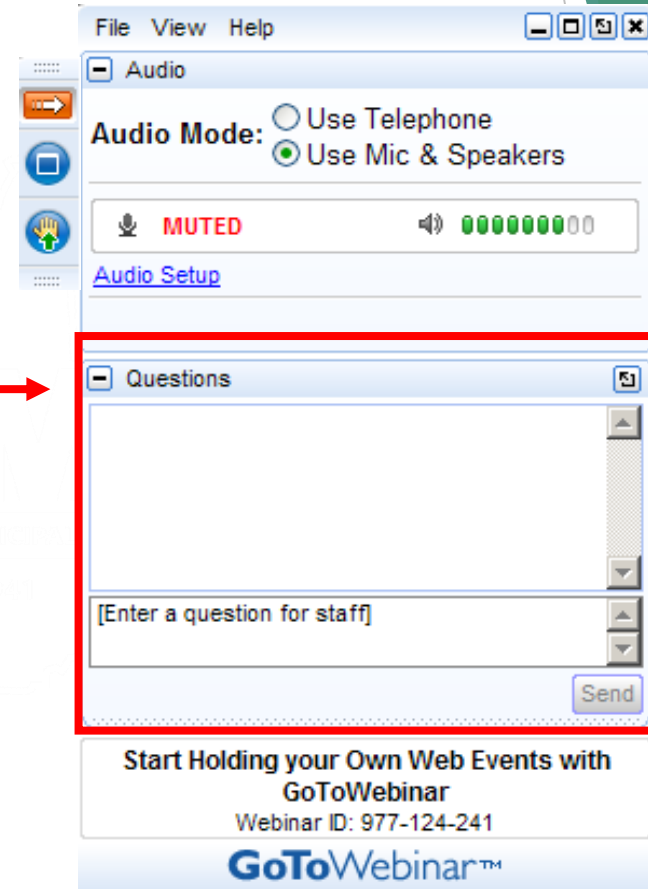


Barbara Reid
Government Finance Advisor

How to Participate Today



- Open and close your panel →
- Submit text questions
- Q&A addressed during the webinar session →
- Poll question for your entertainment

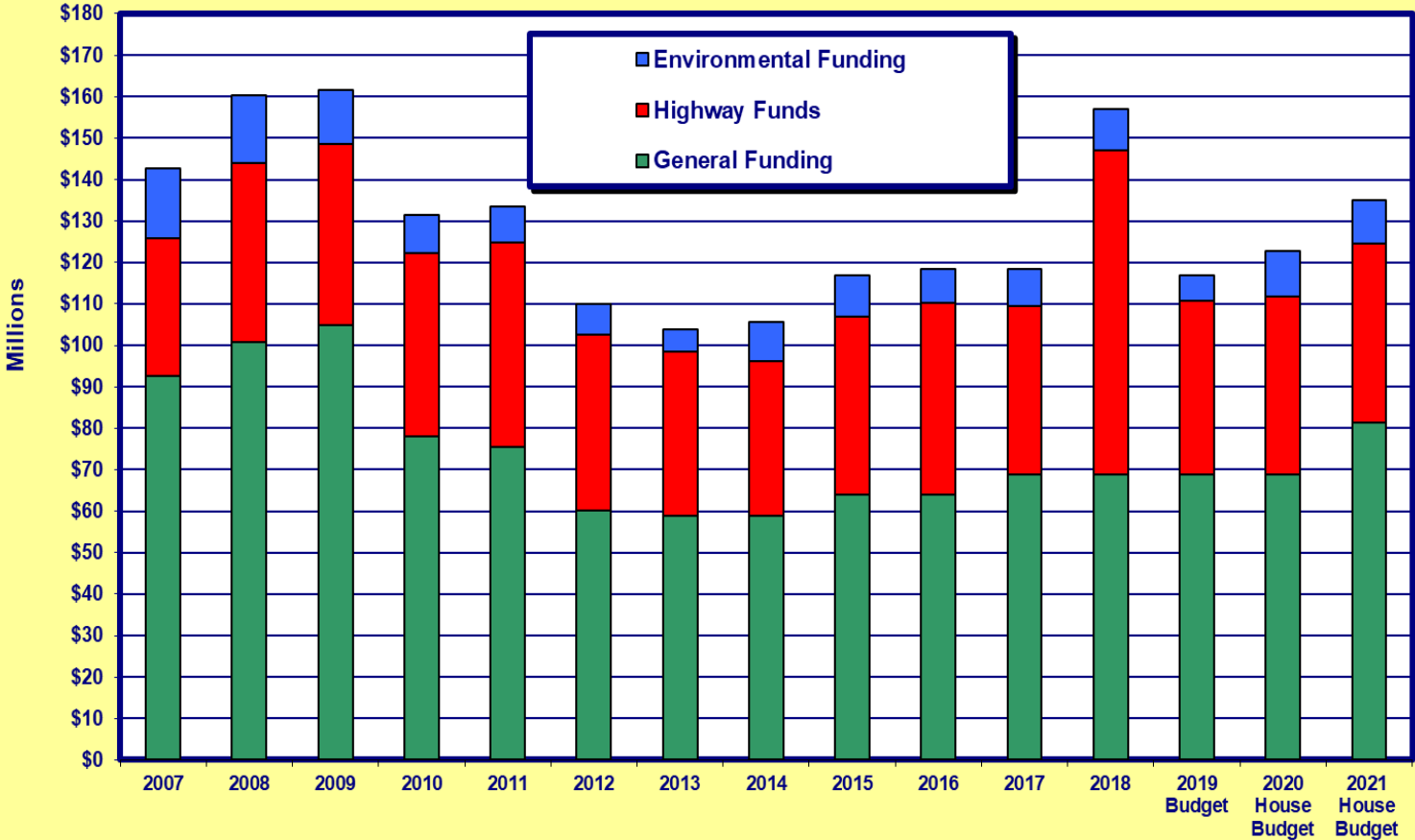


HB1/HB2 - FY 20/21 Budget



STATE AID TO MUNICIPALITIES: 2007-2021 (Excluding Education)

Data Source: NHLBAO State Aid Chart Dated 4/8/19



General Funding: Meals & Rooms (catch-up formula suspended FY10-14, FY16, FY18-21), Revenue Sharing (suspended FY10-21), Municipal Aid \$12.5 in FY21, State Retirement Contributions (Discontinued 2013)

Environmental Funding: Excludes Grants from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund

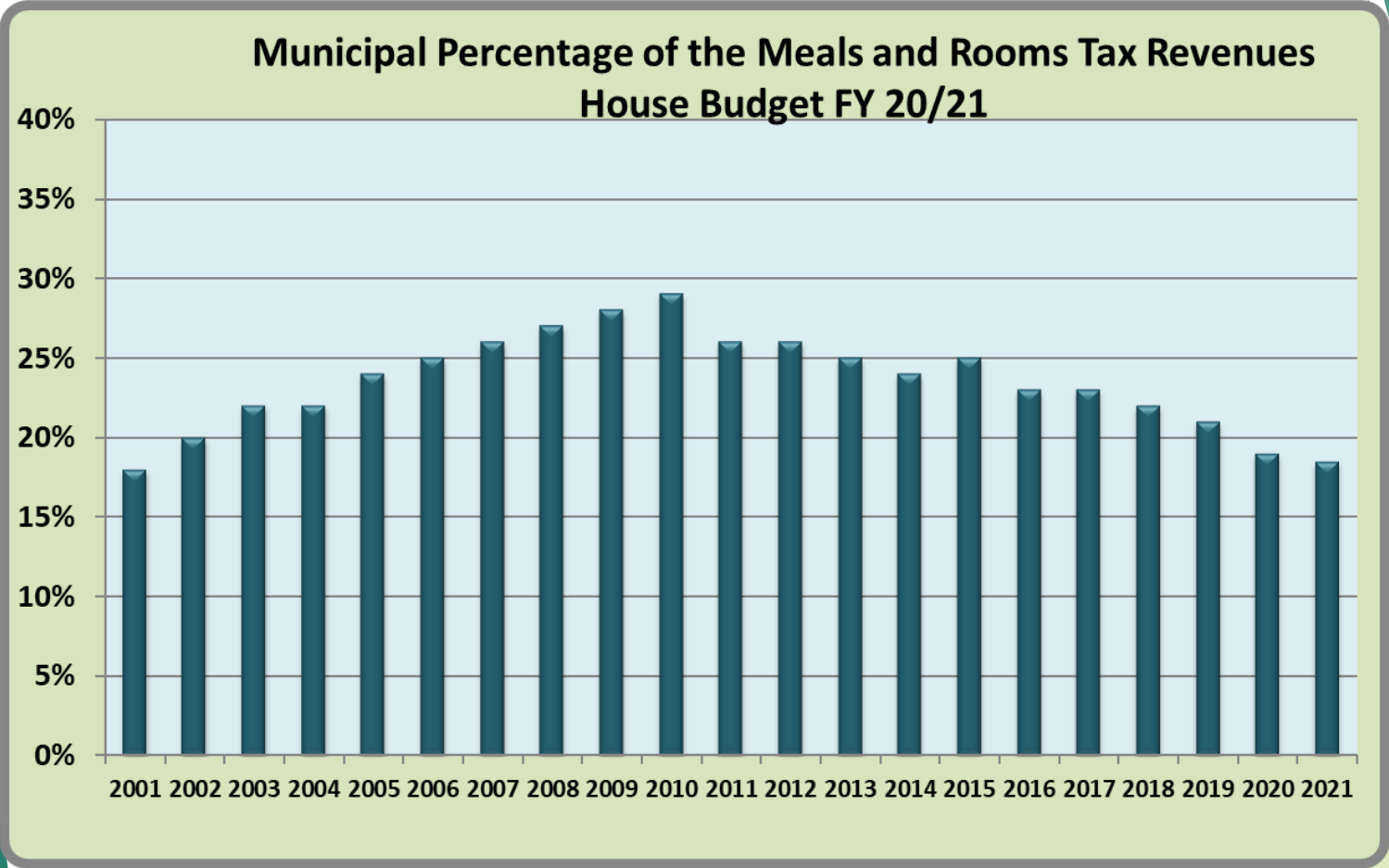
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- ▶ Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution - \$68.8 Million each year



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- ▶ Municipal Aid - Revenue Sharing/SB301 - \$12.5 Million



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- ▶ Highway Block Grants (\$35 Million) and Bridge Aid (\$6.8 Million)



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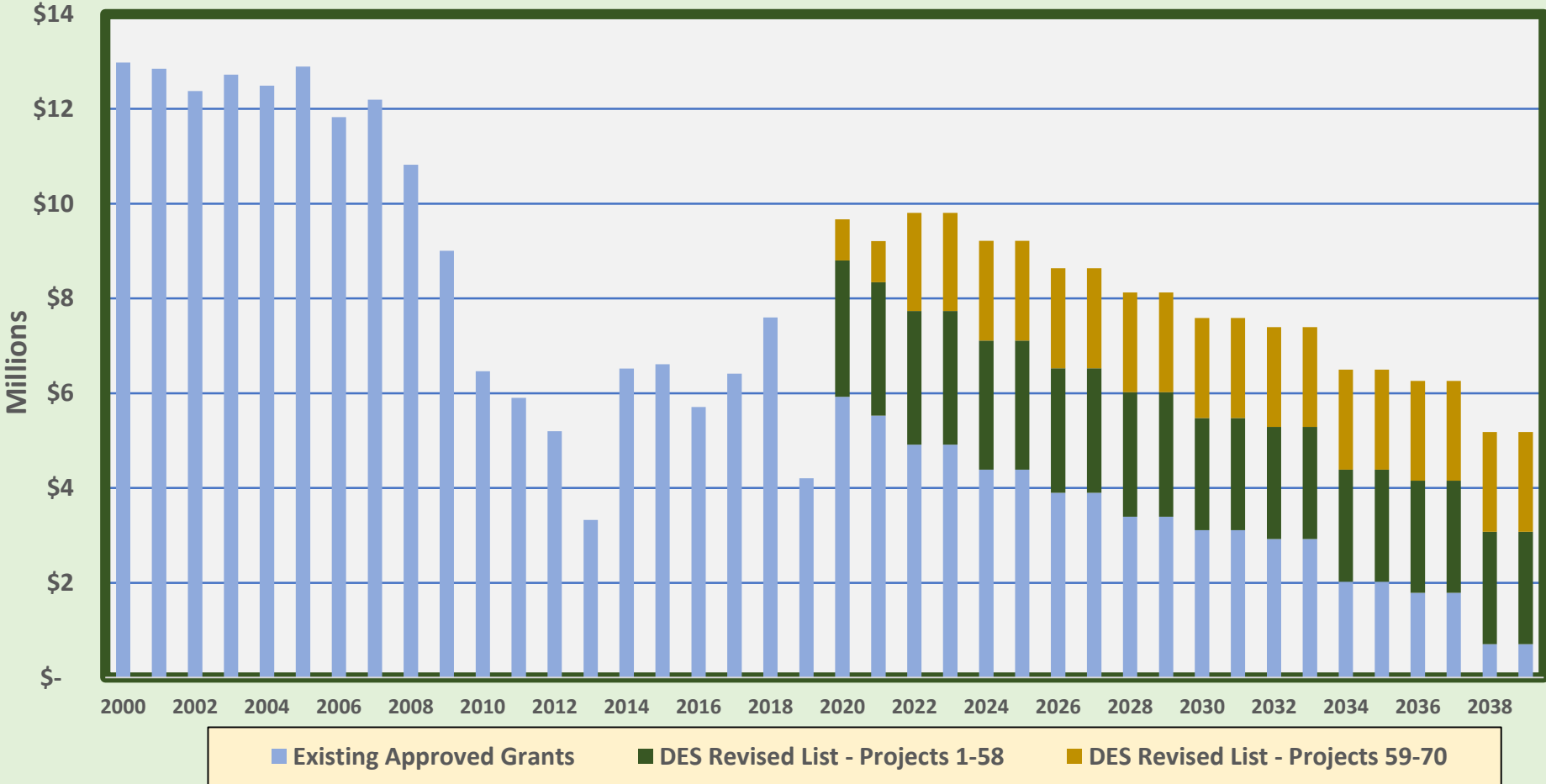
- ▶ State Aid Grants for Wastewater Projects
 - ▶ SB254 (NHMA Policy Bill)
 - ▶ HB352 (NHMA Policy Bill)



HB1 / HB2 - FY 20/21 Budget



State Aid Grants for Pollution Control (Wastewater Projects)



HB1 / HB2 - FY 20/21 Budget



- ▶ Education Funding - New formula for targeted funding



HB1 / HB2 - Revenues

- ▶ Capital Gains, Sports Betting, Tax on E-Cigarettes
- ▶ Retained by Committee
 - ▶ HB538 - 4 cent gas tax increase
 - ▶ HB478 - Road usage fee

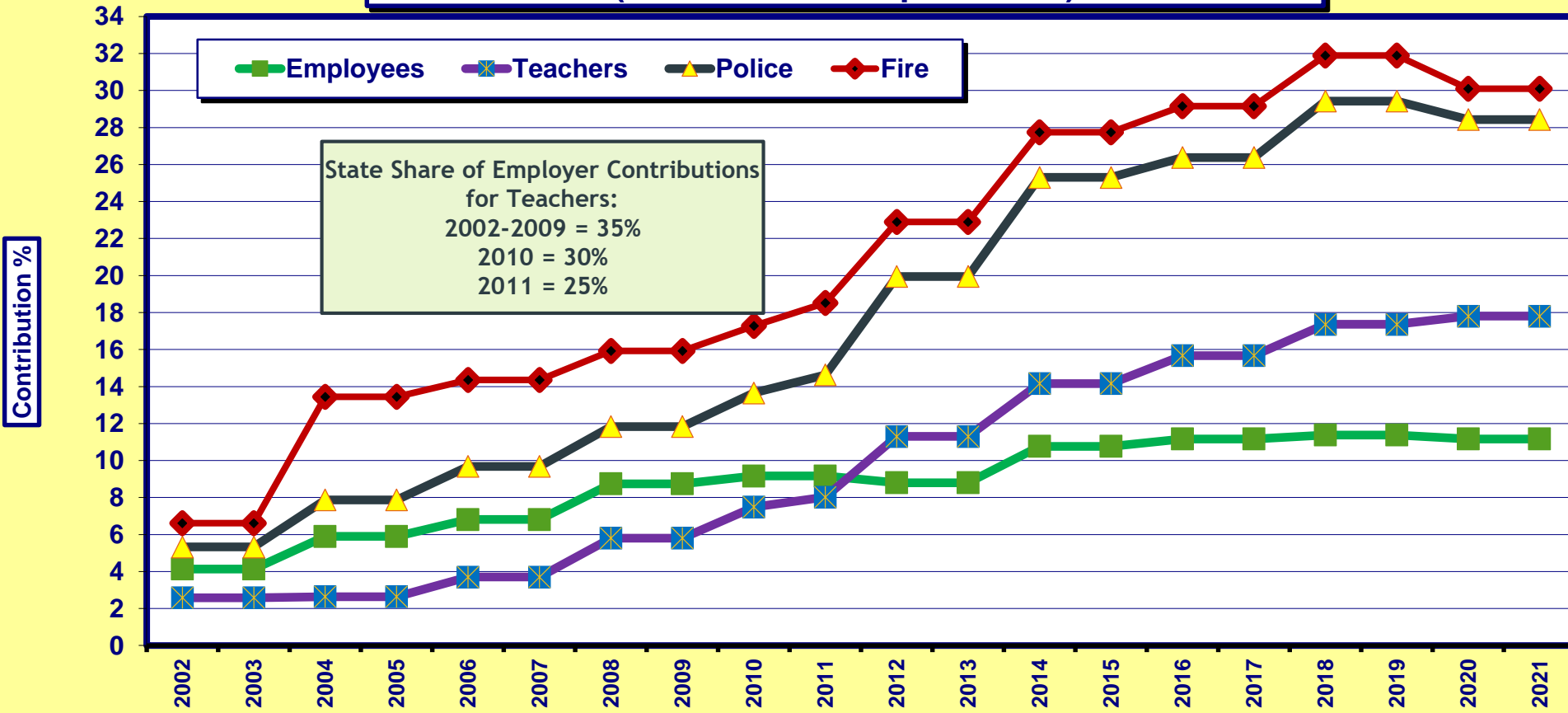


Retirement Bills

- ▶ HB497 - 15% State Contribution (\$44 Million per year)
- ▶ HB418 - Limit on PT Employment of Retirees
- ▶ HB616 - Retiree COLA (\$78 Million over 20 years)



**NHRS Local Employer Rates - Net of State Contributions
(Per \$100 of Compensation)**

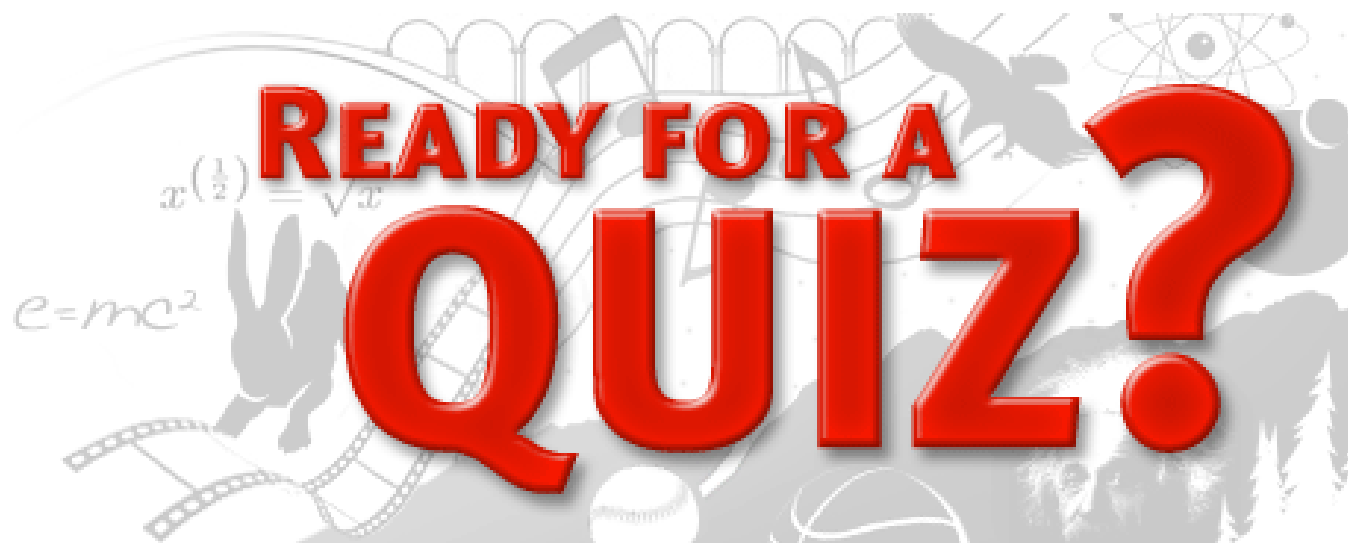


Local Option Fees

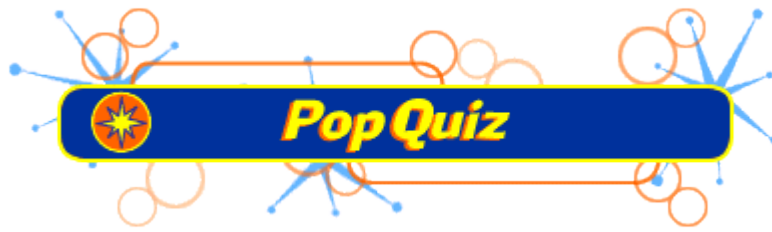


- ▶ HB409 - Transportation Improvement Fee (\$5 to \$10)
- ▶ HB641 - Local Option Hotel Occupancy Fee (\$2)





**READY FOR A
QUIZ?**



In 2015, New Hampshire was recognized as having the oldest average age in the nation for a state legislator holding office. What was this average age?

56

62

66

72

76

Utility Valuation

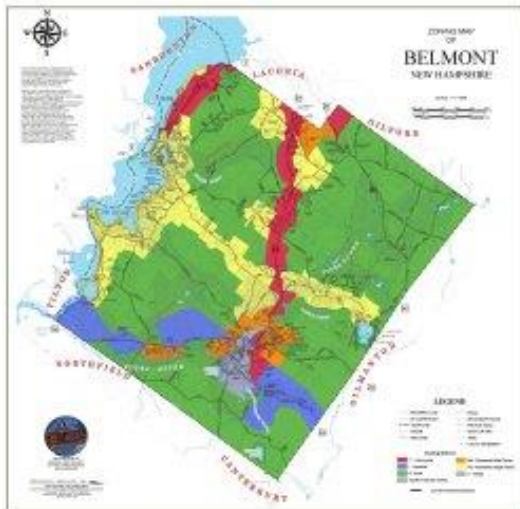


- ▶ HB700 - Establishes methodology for valuation of utility distribution assets



Land Use

- ▶ SB152 - Requires planning boards to develop scope of inspection and solicit proposals from multiple bidders before selecting an inspector
- ▶ SB306 - Establishes housing appeals board regarding questions of housing and housing development



SB 2



- ▶ HB415 - Modifies process to adopt official ballot referendum form of town meeting
- ▶ HB618 - Default budgets



Solid Waste Reporting

- ▶ SB79 - Required reporting on waste reduction



Right-to-Know Law



- ▶ HB729 - Establishes citizen's appeals commission and office of ombudsman
- ▶ SB313 - Establishes citizen's appeals commission and office of ombudsman




HAS YOUR CITY OR TOWN ORDERED NHMA'S *NEW* RIGHT-TO KNOW LAW BOOK?

Order Today

If not, it's time to order NHMA's new reference guide for public officials when confronted with the numerous legal issues surrounding New Hampshire's Right-to-Know Law.

"Must-have" reference guide for every city and town!





**Only \$55 for Members
\$95 for Non-members**

Includes Top Ten Compliance Tips
Public Meeting & Governmental Records Posters
Is it a Meeting Flow Chart
Remote Participation Checklist
And More!

The Right-to-Know Law (RSA Chapter 91-A) affects every aspect of local government in our state. Every board, committee, commission, and sub-committee in every town, city and village district in New Hampshire must comply with this law. As a result, all local officials and employees must understand the law and their responsibilities regarding both public meetings and governmental records.

Go to NHMA's online store at www.nhmunicipal.org/shop to order your reference copy today!

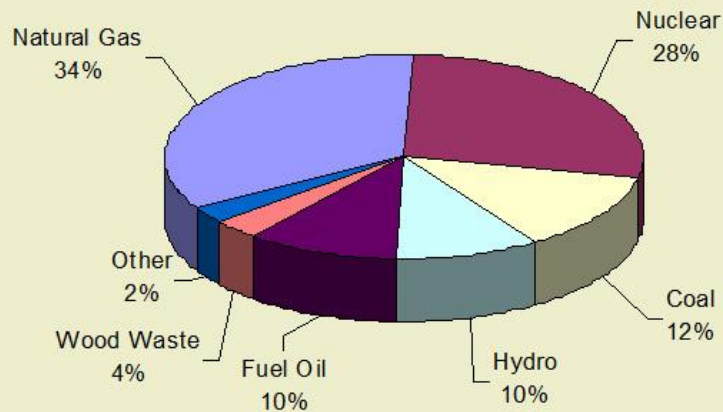
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Net Metering

- ▶ SB159
- ▶ HB365

NH Electricity Generation by Primary Fuel Type



Building and Fire Codes



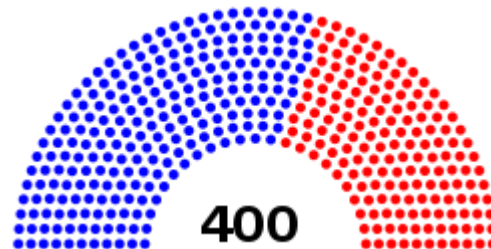
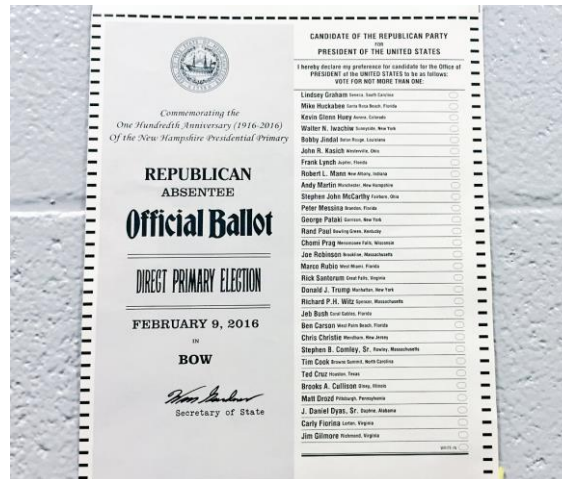
- ▶ HB247 - State building code (NHMA Policy Bill)
- ▶ HB562 - State building code (NHMA Policy Bill)
- ▶ HB259 - Building code violations
- ▶ HB303 - Certification of building code compliance inspectors
- ▶ HB710 - Adoption of state building code and fire code amendments
- ▶ SB113 - Municipal authority regarding state building code



Absentee Ballots & Redistricting



- ▶ HB611
- ▶ HB706
- ▶ SB8



Health Facilities Licensing



- ▶ SB97 - Relative to special health care services licensing



Water Quality Standards



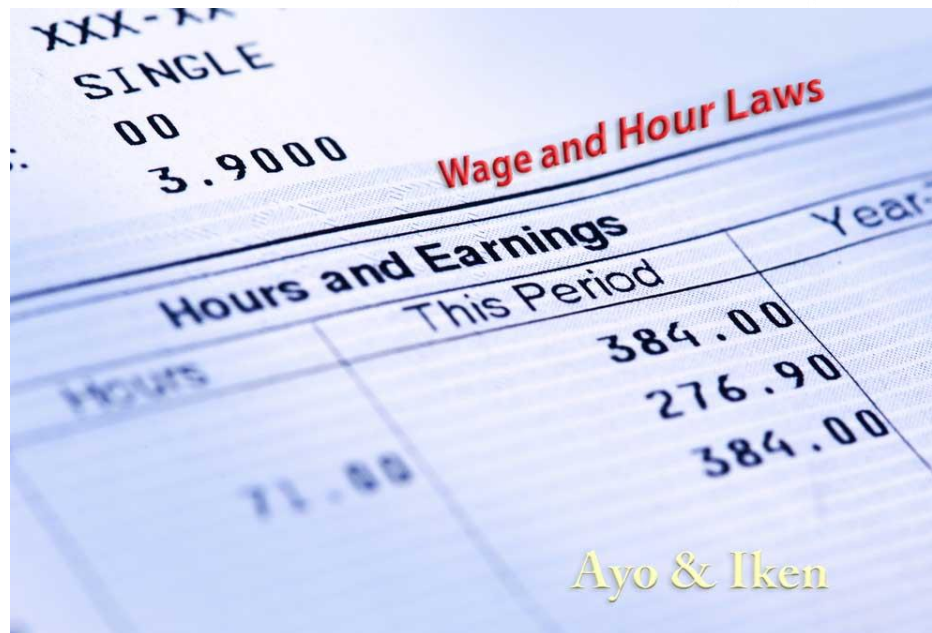
- ▶ HB261 - Arsenic standards
- ▶ NHDES Rulemaking/PFAS Standards

The **CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA)** requires states to establish water quality standards and conduct assessments to ensure that surface waters are clean enough to support human and ecological needs.

Labor and Employment



- ▶ SB271 - Requires certain public workers to be paid prevailing minimum hourly wage and benefits



Postponement of Elections



- ▶ SB104 - Postponement of municipal and school elections



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Upcoming Webinars & Workshops



How to Avoid Costly Mistakes!

Wage & Hour Compliance Workshop for Cities and Towns

Only
\$35.00

9:00 am—12:30 pm
Friday, May 10, 2019

NHMA Offices
25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord

Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) can be complicated, and many municipal employers unintentionally violate the law with common mistakes such as failing to properly pay employees for hours worked, incorrectly computing overtime, or misapplying overtime exemptions.

Steven McKinney, the Community Outreach Specialist for the Northern New England District Office of the United States Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, will discuss some of the most common FLSA pitfalls and errors, how to avoid these costly mistakes, and options for correcting unintentional underpayment.

Other topics will include volunteers, compensatory time, special exemptions that may apply to local government.

Registration Now Open!

To register online, please visit www.nhmunicipal.org and click on the Calendar of Events.

Cancellation must be received 48 hours in advance. If cancellation is not received 48 hours in advance, NHMA will charge you \$20 to cover workshop costs, including any meals.

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Upcoming Webinars & Workshops



2019 Local Officials Workshops

HealthTrust 

FREE workshops for seasoned and new municipal officials and employees of NHMA member municipalities.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Wednesday, April 10—Rochester (Frisbie Hospital Conference Center)
Tuesday, April 16—Peterborough (Community Center)
Wednesday, May 8—Lebanon (River Valley Community College, Lecture Hall)
Tuesday, May 21—Sugar Hill (The Meeting House)
Saturday, June 8—Concord (NHMA Offices)

Presented by NHMA's Legal Services attorneys, these workshops provide municipal officials with tools and information to effectively serve their communities. Topics will include the Right-to-Know Law, ethics and conflicts, town governance, municipal roads, and more. Ample time allowed for questions, answers, and discussion. Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of NHMA's 2019 edition of the publication, *Knowing the Territory*.

9:00 am— 4:00 pm
Registration begins at 8:30 am. Continental breakfast will be provided.

12:00 noon —1:00 pm
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN*
*with the exception of the Rochester workshop

 **Time provided for attendees to get lunch!**

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THURSDAY May 30, 2019



\$40.00

SAVE the DATE!

1:30 A.M.—4:00 P.M. • NHMA Offices • Concord, NH

Managing Public Rights of Way: 5-G Deployments & Taxation

This continuing legal education seminar will cover the evolving pressures on municipalities for access to public rights of way for wireless telecommunications, broadband fiber and traditional telephone and electrical poles and conduits, and the changing requirements for taxing private company uses of the public rights of way.

Both emerging technologies and new laws are challenging the way municipalities have traditionally managed their public rights of way, and being pro-active is the best approach. This seminar will provide specific guidance on staying ahead of these developments, with examples of documents and procedures.

Presenters include Kate Miller, Partner at DTC Lawyers and DTC Associate Brendan A. O'Donnell.

Register online today at www.nhmunicipal.org and look for the workshop under Calendar of Events.


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Regional Right-to-Know Workshops

The Right-to-Know Law and Governmental Records

Join NHMA's Executive Director Margaret Byrnes and Legal Services Counsel Stephen Buckley who will share strategies to assist municipalities in handling governmental record matters arising under the Right-to-Know Law.

Handling governmental records requests requires an understanding of all aspects of request processing including: the requirements for availability, storage, electronic records, redaction, cost estimates, mandated access for certain records and appointments for review of records.

Guidance will be provided on determining what is a governmental record, and when and how access and copies of public records must be provided. This workshop will also address what records are exempt from disclosure, along with whether a record request that would require a search for multiple documents must be fulfilled or whether a request impermissibly seeks to create a record that does not exist. In addition, guidance will be provided on the retention of governmental records and how claims under the Right-to-Know Law are enforced.

**1:30 pm—4:00 pm
Friday, May 3, 2019**

**Dover Police Department
46 Chestnut Street
Dover NH 03800**

**1:30 pm—4:00 pm
Tuesday, August 6, 2019**


**Moultonborough Safety Complex
1035 Whittier Highway
Moultonborough, NH 03254**

WORKSHOP COSTS

\$35 WITHOUT PUBLICATION

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CHECK THIS OUT!

A Guide to Open Government: New Hampshire's Right-to-Know Law
Cost of workshop is \$55 with this publication!

**6:30 pm—8:30 pm
Tuesday, July 23 2019**

**County Hall Building
12 Court Street
Keene, NH 03431**

WORKSHOP COSTS

\$35 WITHOUT PUBLICATION

\$55 WITH PUBLICATION

The Right-to-Know Law and Governmental Meetings

Join Executive Director Margaret Byrnes and Legal Services Counsel Stephen Buckley who will discuss the requirements for holding a proper public meeting, as well as the exceptions to the meeting requirement (the so-called "non-meetings"). Then the attorneys will discuss the purposes for which public bodies may hold a nonpublic session, as well as the procedural requirements for a proper nonpublic session. This workshop will also address difficult "meeting" issues, such as communications outside a meeting and electronic means of communicating.



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