



2023 Legislative Preview

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Agenda

- NHMA's Legislative Policy Positions
- The Balance of Power
- The 2023 Session
- How to Advocate to Policymakers
- NHMA's Bill Tracker



NHMA's Legislative Policy Positions

Newly Adopted for 2023-2024





2023-2024 Legislative Policy Positions

- Adopted September 2022 for the 2023-2024 Legislative Years
- 17 Specific Policy Areas, and 11 Principles
- No Major Shifts in Policies or Principles
 - Rewrites and clarifications
 - Adoption of policies related to key areas of legislative interest
- [Read NHMA's 2023-2024 Policies & Principles](#)

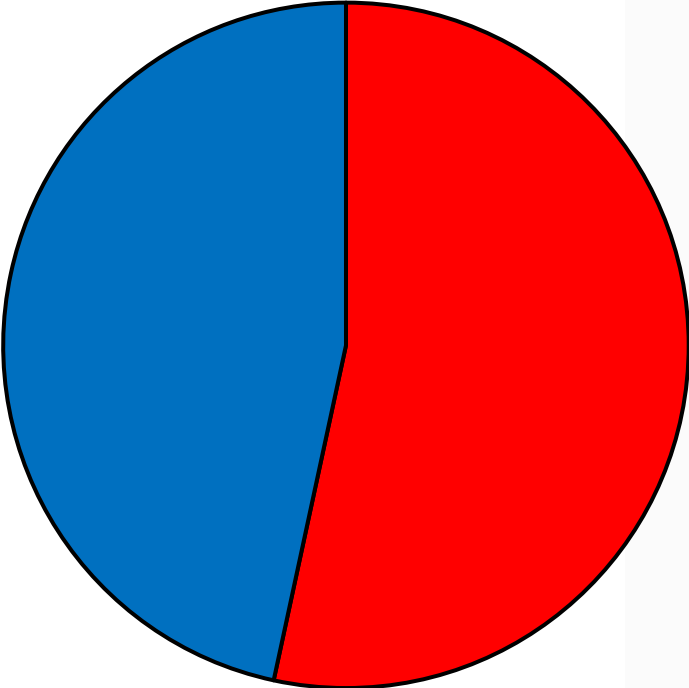


The Balance of Power

Some Insights for the Session

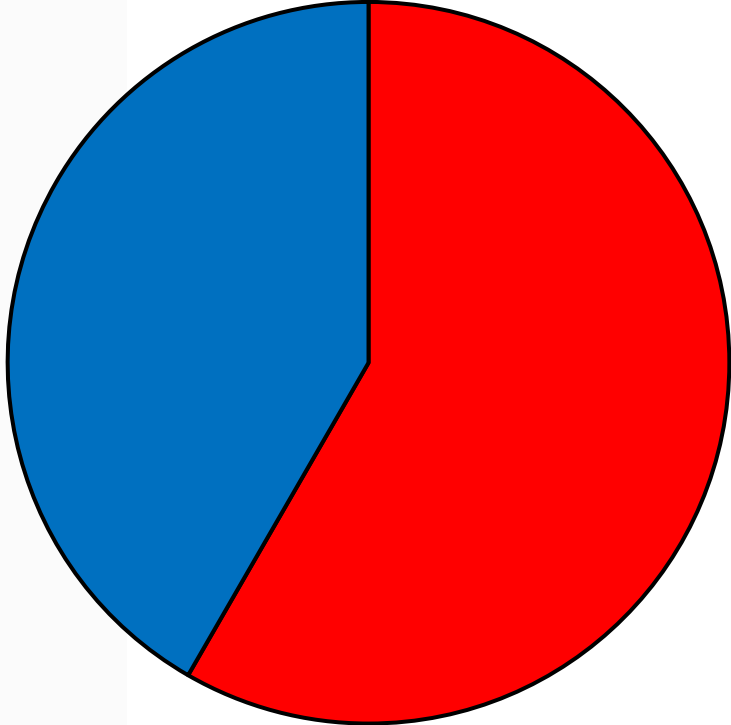
2021-2022 Balance of Power

House



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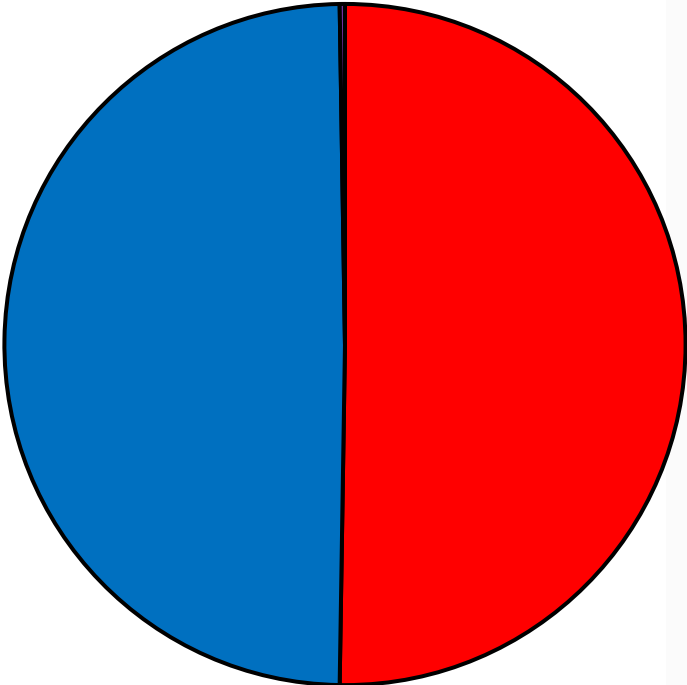
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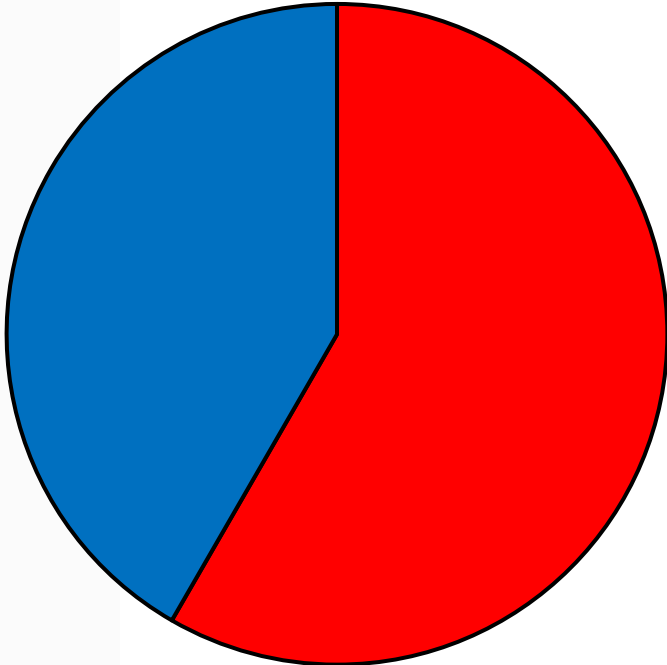
2023-2024 Balance of Power

House



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Senate



■ Republicans ■ Democrats

It Will Be Incredibly Difficult to Get Traction in the House

Every House session is going to come down to how many of which side shows up.

There will be no way to predict this number.

Delta could be +/- 10 for every bill.



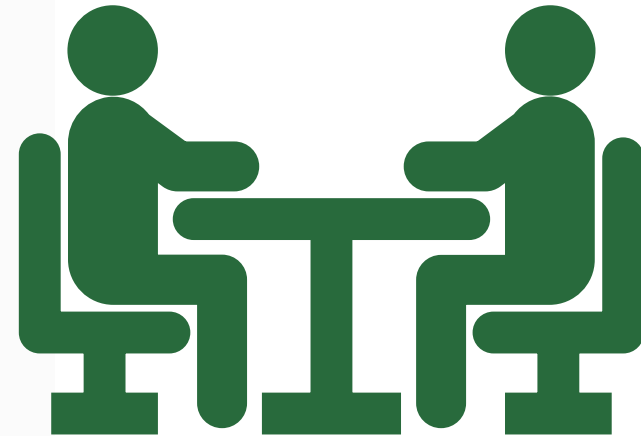
This is very different from every other year.

2022 delta was 20-30, favoring the Republicans.

Had to put in effort where we didn't want the majority party to get what it wanted.

House Committee Recommendations Have Limited Usefulness this Session

- Committee recommendations will only tell us whether everyone agrees on the bill, or whether we will have to see who shows up on voting day.
- This means that we will have to be very strategic about when to whip votes for or against something, as we'll be asking both sides to cross the aisle.



House Statistics 2022

~1/8 of votes were bipartisan

Sponsorship statistics varied

- “Moderates” – 1/3 – 1/2 of sponsored bills were bipartisan.
- Everyone else – 1/5 or less of sponsored bills were bipartisan.

Top Cosponsors

1. Jeas C. Edwards (R) - 6 times
2. Jeb Bradley (R) - 5 times
3. Glenn Cordelli (R) - 4 times
4. Sharon M Carson (R) - 4 times
5. Timothy P. Lang (R) - 3 times
6. Steven D. Smith (R) - 3 times
7. Sherman A. Packard (R) - 3 times

8. Kimberly A. Rice (R) - 3 times
9. Fred G. Doucette (R) - 3 times
10. Bob J. Giuda (R) - 3 times
11. Maureen C. Mooney (R) - 3 times
12. Deborah L. Hobson (R) - 3 times
13. Carol M. McGuire (R) - 3 times
14. Joe H. Alexander (R) - 3 times

15. Lex Berezny (R) - 3 times
16. Tim Baxter (R) - 3 times
17. Nick D. White (R) - 3 times
18. Bill Gannon (R) - 3 times
19. Erin Hennessey (R) - 3 times
20. Ruth Ward (R) - 3 times

Most frequently votes with...

1. Erica J. Layon (R) - 860 times
2. Stephen E. Boyd (R) - 856 times
3. Walter Spilsbury (R) - 856 times
4. Judy F. Aron (R) - 852 times
5. Lisa C.M. Post (R) - 844 times
6. Kenneth L. Weyler (R) - 844 times
7. Daryl A. Abbas (R) - 840 times

8. William S. Foster (R) - 840 times
9. John C. Janigian (R) - 840 times
10. Carol M. McGuire (R) - 840 times
11. Jeanine M. Notter (R) - 840 times
12. James R. Qualey (R) - 840 times
13. Lino M. Avellani (R) - 836 times
14. Bob J. Greene (R) - 836 times

15. Joseph A. Pitre (R) - 836 times
16. John M. Potucek (R) - 836 times
17. Fred G. Doucette (R) - 832 times
18. Jeffrey Greeson (R) - 832 times
19. Dawn M. Johnson (R) - 832 times
20. Richard W. Lascelles (R) - 832 times

Bipartisan votes only - most frequently votes with...

1. Daryl A. Abbas (R) - 80 times
2. Andrew J. Boudin (D) - 80 times
3. Fred G. Doucette (R) - 80 times
4. Muriel C. Hall (D) - 80 times
5. John C. Janigian (R) - 80 times
6. Timothy P. Lang (R) - 80 times
7. Russell Muirhead (D) - 80 times

8. Megan A. Murray (D) - 80 times
9. Howard C. Pearl (R) - 80 times
10. Joseph A. Pitre (R) - 80 times
11. Rosemarie Rung (D) - 80 times
12. Laurel Stavis (D) - 80 times
13. Joyce Weston (D) - 80 times
14. Richard M. Abel (D) - 76 times

15. Benjamin C. Baroody (D) - 76 times
16. Jane E. Beaulieu (D) - 76 times
17. Donald J. Bouchard (D) - 76 times
18. Anita D. Burroughs (D) - 76 times
19. Gerri D. Cannon (D) - 76 times
20. John R. Cloutier (D) - 76 times

Party-line votes only - most frequently votes with...

1. Lino M. Avellani (R) - 760 times
2. Tom Ploszaj (R) - 760 times
3. William S. Foster (R) - 756 times
4. Jeffrey Greeson (R) - 756 times
5. James R. Qualey (R) - 756 times
6. Judy F. Aron (R) - 752 times
7. Jose E. Cambrils (R) - 752 times

8. Mark C. Alliegro (R) - 748 times
9. Dawn M. Johnson (R) - 748 times
10. Erica J. Layon (R) - 748 times
11. Carol M. McGuire (R) - 748 times
12. Diane Pauer (R) - 748 times
13. Lisa C.M. Post (R) - 748 times
14. Paul A. Terry (R) - 748 times

15. Glenn Bailey (R) - 744 times
16. Melissa Blasek (R) - 744 times
17. Stephen E. Boyd (R) - 744 times
18. Bob J. Greene (R) - 744 times
19. Jeanine M. Notter (R) - 744 times
20. John M. Potucek (R) - 744 times

Defections from party majority only - most frequently votes with...

1. Michael D. Abbott (D) - 52 times
2. Richard M. Abel (D) - 52 times
3. Richard Ames (D) - 52 times
4. Jane E. Beaulieu (D) - 52 times
5. Paul R. Bergeron (D) - 52 times
6. John Bordenet (D) - 52 times
7. Donald J. Bouchard (D) - 52 times

8. Anita D. Burroughs (D) - 52 times
9. Jacqueline A. Cali-Pitts (D) - 52 times
10. Gerri D. Cannon (D) - 52 times
11. Tony Caplan (D) - 52 times
12. Jacqueline H. Chretien (D) - 52 times
13. John R. Cloutier (D) - 52 times
14. Charlotte I. DiLorenzo (D) - 52 times

15. Daniel A. Eaton (D) - 52 times
16. Michael A. Edgar (D) - 52 times
17. Arthur S. Ellison (D) - 52 times
18. Manny Espitia (D) - 52 times
19. Barry Faulkner (D) - 52 times
20. Dru Fox (D) - 52 times

Defections from both party majorities - most frequently votes with...

1. Glenn Bailey (R) - 20 times
2. Mac Kittredge (R) - 20 times
3. Denise M. Smith (R) - 20 times
4. Aidan Ankarberg (R) - 20 times
5. Lex Berezny (R) - 20 times

8. Andrew J. Prout (R) - 20 times
9. Matthew Santonastaso (R) - 20 times
10. Jonathan H. Smith (R) - 20 times
11. Julius F. Soti (R) - 20 times
12. Scott Wallace (R) - 20 times

15. Dennis E. Green (R) - 16 times
16. Mark C. Alliegro (R) - 16 times
17. Louise Andrus (R) - 16 times
18. Barbara Comtois (R) - 16 times
19. William S. Foster (R) - 16 times

Matthew B. Wilhelm (D)

Top Cosponsors

1. Rebecca G. Whitley (D) - 7 times
2. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (D) - 7 times
3. Tony Labranche (I) - 5 times
4. David H Watters (D) - 5 times
5. Donna M. Soucy (D) - 5 times
6. Tom Sherman (D) - 4 times
7. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 4 times

8. Suzanne M Prentiss (D) - 4 times
9. Robert Renny Cushing (D) - 3 times
10. David E. Cote (D) - 3 times
11. William M. Marsh (D) - 3 times
12. Cam E. Kenney (D) - 3 times
13. Megan A. Murray (D) - 3 times
14. Casey M. Conley (D) - 3 times

15. Rebecca J. McWilliams (D) - 3 times
16. Joshua F. Query (D) - 3 times
17. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 2 times
18. Latha D. Mangipudi (D) - 2 times
19. Sherry A. Frost (D) - 2 times
20. Ellen D. Read (D) - 2 times

Most frequently votes with...

1. Muriel C. Hall (D) - 912 times
2. Michael P. Pedersen (D) - 908 times
3. Laura D. Telerski (D) - 904 times
4. Michael D. Abbott (D) - 900 times
5. Gary L. Woods (D) - 900 times
6. Latha D. Mangipudi (D) - 896 times
7. Megan A. Murray (D) - 896 times

8. Ray E. Newman (D) - 896 times
9. Richard M. Abel (D) - 892 times
10. Michael A. Edgar (D) - 892 times
11. Mary A. Hakken-Phillips (D) - 892 times
12. Sue A. Newman (D) - 892 times
13. Arthur S. Ellison (D) - 888 times
14. Barry Faulkner (D) - 888 times

15. Julie D. Gilman (D) - 888 times
16. Richard Ames (D) - 884 times
17. Jane E. Beaulieu (D) - 884 times
18. Eric B. Gallager (D) - 884 times
19. Gaby M. Grossman (D) - 884 times
20. Donald J. Bouchard (D) - 884 times

Bipartisan votes only - most frequently votes with...

1. Muriel C. Hall (D) - 108 times
2. Megan A. Murray (D) - 108 times
3. Rosemarie Rung (D) - 108 times
4. Michael D. Abbott (D) - 104 times
5. Richard M. Abel (D) - 104 times
6. Anita D. Burroughs (D) - 104 times
7. John R. Cloutier (D) - 104 times

8. Fred G. Doucette (R) - 104 times
9. Michael A. Edgar (D) - 104 times
10. Dru Fox (D) - 104 times
11. Mary A. Hakken-Phillips (D) - 104 times
12. Joan L. Hamblet (D) - 104 times
13. Heidi M. Hamer (D) - 104 times
14. John C. Janigian (R) - 104 times

15. Aboul B. Khan (R) - 104 times
16. James R. MacKay (D) - 104 times
17. Latha D. Mangipudi (D) - 104 times
18. Kate R. Murray (D) - 104 times
19. Sue A. Newman (D) - 104 times
20. Michael P. Pedersen (D) - 104 times

Party-line votes only - most frequently votes with...

1. Arthur S. Ellison (D) - 792 times
2. Muriel C. Hall (D) - 792 times
3. Laura D. Telerski (D) - 792 times
4. Gary L. Woods (D) - 792 times
5. Michael D. Abbott (D) - 788 times
6. Ray E. Newman (D) - 788 times
7. Lucius Parshall (D) - 788 times

8. Michael P. Pedersen (D) - 788 times
9. Joe Schapiro (D) - 788 times
10. Richard M. Abel (D) - 784 times
11. Barry Faulkner (D) - 784 times
12. Eric B. Gallager (D) - 784 times
13. Chuck W. Grassie (D) - 784 times
14. Mary A. Hakken-Phillips (D) - 784 times

15. Timothy O. Horrigan (D) - 784 times
16. Latha D. Mangipudi (D) - 784 times
17. Sue A. Newman (D) - 784 times
18. Jane E. Beaulieu (D) - 784 times
19. Julie D. Gilman (D) - 780 times
20. Gaby M. Grossman (D) - 780 times

Defections from party majority only - most frequently votes with...

1. Daryl A. Abbas (R) - 12 times
2. Patrick F. Abrami (R) - 12 times
3. Dennis F. Acton (R) - 12 times
4. Joe H. Alexander (R) - 12 times
5. James C. Allard (R) - 12 times
6. Mark C. Alliegro (R) - 12 times
7. Louise Andrus (R) - 12 times

8. Judy F. Aron (R) - 12 times
9. Lino M. Avellani (R) - 12 times
10. Glenn Bailey (R) - 12 times
11. Harry H. Bean (R) - 12 times
12. Lex Berezchny (R) - 12 times
13. John M. Callum (R) - 12 times
14. Jose E. Cambrils (R) - 12 times

15. Barbara Comtois (R) - 12 times
16. Glenn Cordelli (R) - 12 times
17. Kevin B. Craig (R) - 12 times
18. Jim L. Creighton (R) - 12 times
19. Brodie S. Deshaies (R) - 12 times
20. Fred G. Doucette (R) - 12 times

Defections from both party majorities - most frequently votes with...

No results

Senate Statistics: 2022

~1/3 of votes were bipartisan

Sponsorship statistics were opposite

Most Senators saw ~2/3 of their bills have bi-partisan sponsorship

Only ~1/3 were party-line

Top Cosponsors

1. Erin Hennessey (R) - 29 times
2. David H Watters (D) - 26 times
3. Sharon M Carson (R) - 18 times
4. Bill Gannon (R) - 16 times
5. Harold F. French (R) - 14 times
6. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 10 times
7. Bob J. Giuda (R) - 10 times

Most frequently votes with...

1. Denise Ricciardi (R) - 764 times
2. Chuck Morse (R) - 760 times
3. Bill Gannon (R) - 756 times
4. Sharon M Carson (R) - 752 times
5. Ruth Ward (R) - 740 times
6. Erin Hennessey (R) - 712 times

Bipartisan votes only - most frequently votes with...

1. Denise Ricciardi (R) - 280 times
2. Tom Sherman (D) - 280 times
3. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 276 times
4. Donna M. Soucy (D) - 276 times
5. Sharon M Carson (R) - 272 times
6. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 272 times

Party-line votes only - most frequently votes with...

1. Chuck Morse (R) - 480 times
2. Bill Gannon (R) - 468 times
3. Ruth Ward (R) - 468 times
4. Denise Ricciardi (R) - 464 times
5. Sharon M Carson (R) - 452 times
6. Harold F. French (R) - 452 times

Defections from party majority only - most frequently votes with...

1. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 48 times
2. Jay Kahn (D) - 48 times
3. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (D) - 48 times
4. Suzanne M Prentiss (D) - 48 times
5. Tom Sherman (D) - 48 times
6. Donna M. Soucy (D) - 48 times

Defections from both party majorities - most frequently votes with...

1. Chuck Morse (R) - 8 times
2. Sharon M Carson (R) - 4 times

8. Ruth Ward (R) - 9 times
9. Tom Sherman (D) - 8 times
10. Denise Ricciardi (R) - 7 times
11. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (D) - 6 times
12. Chuck Morse (R) - 6 times
13. Rebecca G. Whitley (D) - 5 times
14. Jay Kahn (D) - 5 times

7. Harold F. French (R) - 708 times
8. Bob J. Giuda (R) - 660 times
9. John Reagan (R) - 648 times
10. Donna M. Soucy (D) - 368 times
11. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 356 times
12. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 356 times

7. Suzanne M Prentiss (D) - 272 times
8. David H Watters (D) - 272 times
9. Bill Gannon (R) - 268 times
10. Erin Hennessey (R) - 268 times
11. Chuck Morse (R) - 264 times
12. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (D) - 264 times

7. Bob J. Giuda (R) - 428 times
8. Erin Hennessey (R) - 412 times
9. John Reagan (R) - 412 times
10. Donna M. Soucy (D) - 28 times
11. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 24 times
12. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 16 times

7. David H Watters (D) - 48 times
8. Rebecca G. Whitley (D) - 48 times
9. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 44 times
10. Erin Hennessey (R) - 24 times
11. Denise Ricciardi (R) - 12 times
12. Bill Gannon (R) - 8 times

3. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 4 times
4. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 4 times

15. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 5 times
16. Donna M. Soucy (D) - 5 times
17. John Reagan (R) - 5 times
18. Patrick F. Abrami (R) - 4 times
19. Suzanne M Prentiss (D) - 4 times
20. Timothy P. Lang (R) - 4 times

13. Tom Sherman (D) - 356 times
14. David H Watters (D) - 344 times
15. Suzanne M Prentiss (D) - 340 times
16. Jay Kahn (D) - 324 times
17. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (D) - 324 times
18. Rebecca G. Whitley (D) - 300 times

13. Ruth Ward (R) - 264 times
14. Jay Kahn (D) - 256 times
15. Harold F. French (R) - 240 times
16. Rebecca G. Whitley (D) - 240 times
17. Bob J. Giuda (R) - 232 times
18. John Reagan (R) - 216 times

13. Tom Sherman (D) - 12 times
14. David H Watters (D) - 8 times
15. Suzanne M Prentiss (D) - 4 times
16. Jay Kahn (D) - 4 times

13. Ruth Ward (R) - 8 times
14. Sharon M Carson (R) - 8 times
15. John Reagan (R) - 8 times
16. Harold F. French (R) - 4 times

5. John Reagan (R) - 4 times
6. Donna M. Soucy (D) - 4 times

Top Cosponsors

1. David H Watters (D) - 54 times	8. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 27 times	15. David E. Cote (D) - 5 times
2. Rebecca G. Whitley (D) - 44 times	9. Erin Hennessey (R) - 21 times	16. Matthew B. Wilhelm (D) - 4 times
3. Tom Sherman (D) - 41 times	10. Jeb Bradley (R) - 17 times	17. Bill Gannon (R) - 4 times
4. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (D) - 39 times	11. Harold F. French (R) - 8 times	18. Ruth Ward (R) - 4 times
5. Suzanne M Prentiss (D) - 35 times	12. Sharon M Carson (R) - 7 times	19. Mel Myler (D) - 4 times
6. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 30 times	13. Marjorie K. Smith (D) - 5 times	20. Jerry L. Knirk (D) - 3 times
7. Jay Kahn (D) - 29 times	14. Robert Renny Cushing (D) - 5 times	

Most frequently votes with...

1. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 812 times	7. Jay Kahn (D) - 764 times	13. Bill Gannon (R) - 316 times
2. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 796 times	8. Rebecca G. Whitley (D) - 716 times	14. Ruth Ward (R) - 316 times
3. Suzanne M Prentiss (D) - 788 times	9. Jeb Bradley (R) - 368 times	15. Chuck Morse (R) - 304 times
4. Tom Sherman (D) - 784 times	10. Erin Hennessey (R) - 364 times	16. Harold F. French (R) - 284 times
5. David H Watters (D) - 784 times	11. Sharon M Carson (R) - 352 times	17. Bob J. Giuda (R) - 276 times
6. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (D) - 780 times	12. Denise Ricciardi (R) - 340 times	18. John Reagan (R) - 272 times

Bipartisan votes only - most frequently votes with...

1. Denise Ricciardi (R) - 280 times	7. Suzanne M Prentiss (D) - 272 times	13. Chuck Morse (R) - 260 times
2. Tom Sherman (D) - 280 times	8. David H Watters (D) - 272 times	14. Jay Kahn (D) - 256 times
3. Jeb Bradley (R) - 276 times	9. Bill Gannon (R) - 268 times	15. Harold F. French (R) - 240 times
4. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 276 times	10. Erin Hennessey (R) - 268 times	16. Rebecca G. Whitley (D) - 240 times
5. Sharon M Carson (R) - 272 times	11. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (D) - 264 times	17. Bob J. Giuda (R) - 232 times
6. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 272 times	12. Ruth Ward (R) - 264 times	18. John Reagan (R) - 216 times

Party-line votes only - most frequently votes with...

1. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (D) - 500 times	7. Tom Sherman (D) - 480 times	13. Denise Ricciardi (R) - 28 times
2. Suzanne M Prentiss (D) - 500 times	8. Rebecca G. Whitley (D) - 464 times	14. Ruth Ward (R) - 20 times
3. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 496 times	9. Erin Hennessey (R) - 68 times	15. Harold F. French (R) - 20 times
4. Jay Kahn (D) - 496 times	10. Jeb Bradley (R) - 48 times	16. Bill Gannon (R) - 16 times
5. David H Watters (D) - 496 times	11. John Reagan (R) - 40 times	17. Bob J. Giuda (R) - 16 times
6. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 488 times	12. Sharon M Carson (R) - 36 times	

Defections from party majority only - most frequently votes with...

1. Jeb Bradley (R) - 28 times	6. Ruth Ward (R) - 28 times	11. Tom Sherman (D) - 12 times
2. Sharon M Carson (R) - 28 times	7. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 24 times	12. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 12 times
3. Bob J. Giuda (R) - 28 times	8. Bill Gannon (R) - 24 times	13. John Reagan (R) - 8 times
4. Chuck Morse (R) - 28 times	9. Erin Hennessey (R) - 24 times	14. Suzanne M Prentiss (D) - 4 times
5. Denise Ricciardi (R) - 28 times	10. Harold F. French (R) - 16 times	15. David H Watters (D) - 4 times

Defections from both party majorities - most frequently votes with...

1. Kevin J. Cavanaugh (D) - 8 times	4. Rebecca Perkins Kwoka (D) - 4 times	7. Sharon M Carson (R) - 4 times
2. Lou D'Allesandro (D) - 8 times	5. Ruth Ward (R) - 4 times	8. John Reagan (R) - 4 times
3. Chuck Morse (R) - 8 times	6. Jeb Bradley (R) - 4 times	

2023 Statistics

- Senators have until January 12th for final sign-off, and the House Rules Committee gave some waivers for late filing of bills (notably the budget bill), so it is too early to say what kind of bipartisan sponsorship is likely this year.
- However, it stands to reason that on policy issues where there is an impetus among both party's leadership in the House and Senate leadership to "do something," we're probably more likely to see compromises reached and bills arrive on the Governor's desk. Why?
 - The conversation can be between leadership coalitions rather than various groups within parties.
 - The number of policy areas that are likely to garner bipartisan interest in compromise is small, so few conversations likely to be ongoing.
- The bigger question this year is the budget trailer bill and what policies will be in it.

The 2023 Session

Bills to Watch: NHMA Policy Bills, Policy Topics, and Bills of Interest



Legislative Preview

- An exercise in trying to predict what ideas will catch fire in a dynamic environment comprised of over 424 individuals, all with different ideas about what, exactly, should happen.
- Impossible to predict how many of these bills will be relevant in June 2023.
- However, we do know that the big one will be the budget trailer bill, HB 2.
 - We are confident that HB 2 will contain substantive policies that will impact New Hampshire.
 - Not yet sure what impact those policies will have on municipalities.
 - The final version of HB 2 will likely begin to take shape after cross-over, with final policy decisions being made in the last hour of the last day of the Committee of Conference that is almost certain to happen.

Bill Data: January 9, 2022

More than 1,000 LSRs filed – More than any prior election year.

More than 50 LSRs withdrawn – more than a dozen with a municipal component.

283 bills being tracked by NHMA, so far.

Conversations going with dozens of legislators and lobbyists about their bills and bill ideas.

Some Important Policy Topics

Marijuana – Several bills being advanced. Unclear whether pre-session negotiation. However, House Majority & House Minority Leaders support the same one.

Bail Reform – Ongoing negotiations between interested legislators, but unclear how that will develop.

Composting – Big push coming to start putting composting infrastructure in place, particularly for food scraps, as a way to stave off landfills reaching capacity.

Primary Date – Lots of conversation surrounding moving the date of the state primary.

State Funding – Perpetual issue made more difficult by infusion of federal dollars, which will shortly be drying up.

Some Important Bills: NHMA Policy Bills

HB 50: relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers – restoring a portion of the state’s share of employer costs for police, teachers, and firefighters in NHRS.

LSR 297: relative to remote participation in public meetings under the right to know law – providing for a local option remote participation of members of public bodies in public meetings.

LSR 787: relative to town council-town manager form of local government – clarifying that towns that have adopted RSA 49-D have the same powers and authority as municipalities that adopted RSA 49-C.

One to Kill

HB 51: relative to requiring towns and school districts use warrant articles for lobbying agents – this year's attempt at killing lobbying by public entity groups.

LAND USE



HB 63

relative to religious use of land and structures.

LSR 2023-0135

establishing a superior court land use review docket.

LSR 2023-0410

relative to condominium conversions under water and waste disposal laws and municipal ordinances.



HOUSING

- LSR 2023-1045

relative to New Hampshire housing champion designation for municipalities.

- HB 44

relative to permissible residential units in a residential zone

- LSR 2023-0499

requiring construction of state buildings or state-funded housing to contain electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.

Local Authority



- HB 93
authorizing municipalities to reduce speed limits seasonally
- Cannabis bills – There are many.
- Bail Reform bills – There are several.

Elections

LSR 2023-0012

enabling ranked-choice voting for state party primary elections and municipal elections

LSR 2023-0169

relative to changing the date of the state primary election and adding a run-off election if necessary

LSR 2023-0356

relative to the handling of the absentee ballot envelope prior to Election Day

LSR 2023-0462

relative to eliminating voter identification exceptions



ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT



HB 139

relative to the definition of "municipal host" for purposes of limited electrical energy producers.

HB 212

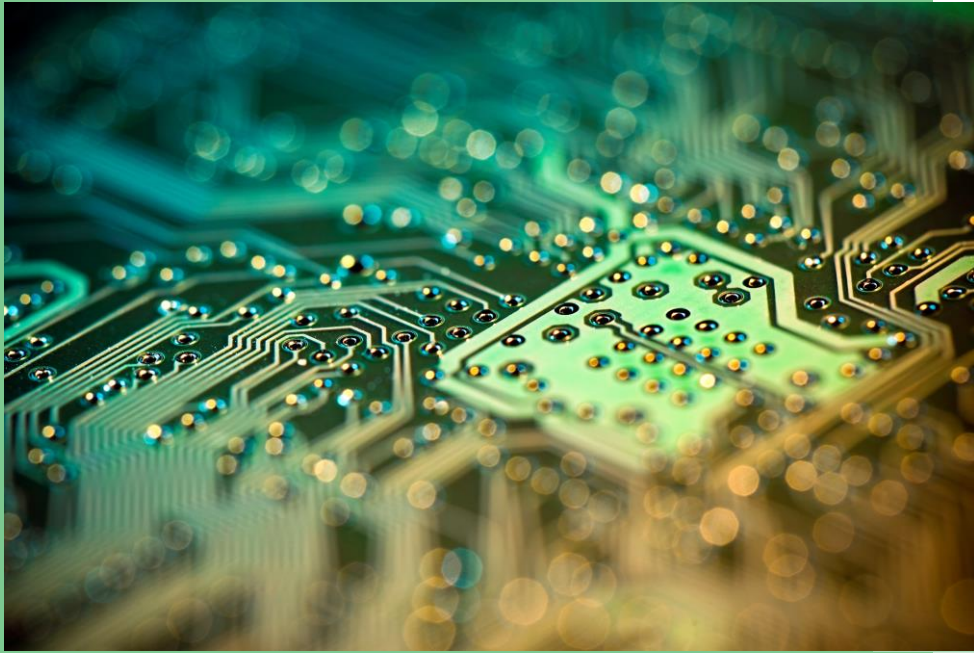
appropriating funding for investigations, testing, and monitoring relative to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

LSR 2023-0492

prohibiting the disposal of certain food waste.

LSR 2023-0725

relative to landfill siting.



Information Technology

- LSR 2023-0386
relative to telephone carrier of last resort obligations.

HB 182

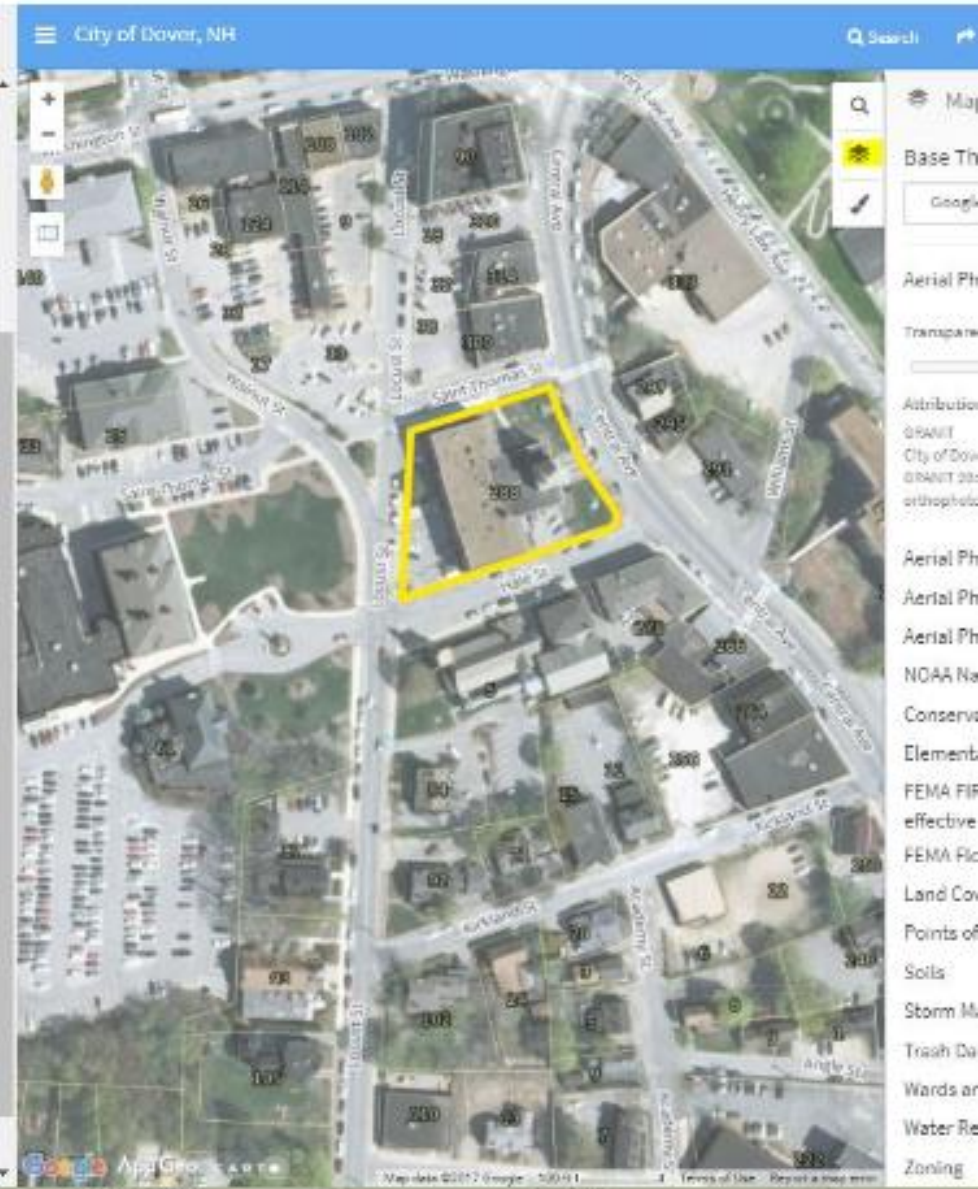
prohibiting discharge of volunteer firefighters or volunteer emergency medical technicians from other employment.

LSR 2023-0395

adopting section 1910 OSHA standards for public sector employees in New Hampshire.

LABOR

Property Taxes/Assessing



- HB 98, HB 99 & LSR 2023-0330- relative to the low and moderate income homeowners property tax relief program.
- HB 197- relative to the proration of property tax exemptions.
- LSR 2023-0158-repealing the collection of the state education property tax.
- LSR 2023-0350-providing that property tax exemptions granted prior to a home sale shall not be applied to the new homeowner.
- LSR 2023-0416-relative to the date of asset evaluation for purposes of determining eligibility for certain property tax exemptions.
- LSR 2023-0512-enabling municipalities to adopt a child tax credit.
- LSR 2023-0641- relative to the authority of selectmen or assessors to abate taxes.
- LSR 2023-0888- enabling municipalities to adopt a property tax credit for child day care agencies.

16 Bills filed relative to the NH Retirement System

HB 50 & LSR 2023-0801

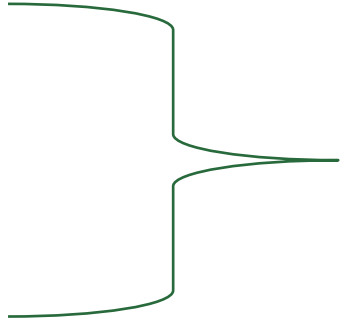
relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.

LSR 2023-0697- appropriating state general fund surplus toward the retirement system unfunded accrued liability.

HB 183-relative to employment of retired firefighters at the fire academy.

LSR 2023-0217-relative to special duty hours worked by retired police members in the retirement system.

- LSR 2023-0398
- LSR 2023-0337
- LSR 2023-0338
- LSR 2023-0407
- LSR 2023-0473
- LSR 2023-0508
- LSR 2023-0713



Bills propose changes or modifications to GROUP II



State Aid to Municipalities through the State Budget Process

Biennial State Operating Budget and Trailer Bill.

- **HB 1 and HB2** comprise the state operating budget

Appropriations are contained in HB1

The trailer bill (HB2) contains statutory changes necessary to implement the budget for the two-year period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

The state Budget has an **effective date of July 1, 2023.**



MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING and STATE AID SOURCES

General Funds:

Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue Distribution
State Revenue Sharing (Suspended 2010-2021)
State Normal Retirement Contribution (Repealed 2013)
Railroad Tax Distribution
State Municipal Aid Grants (One-Time Surplus: Added 2020-2021)

Environmental:

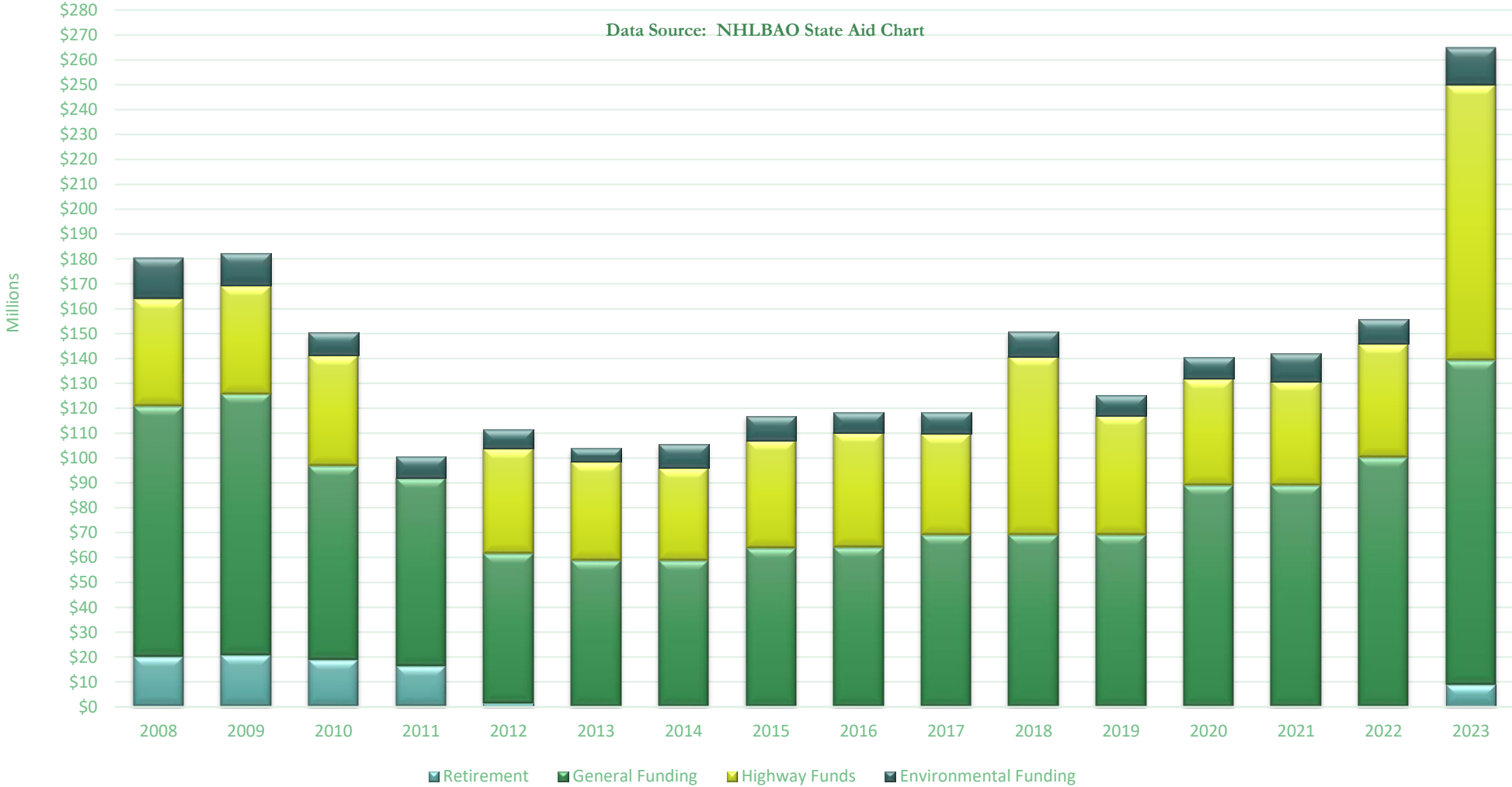
Flood Control
Landfill Closure Grants
Public Water System Grants
Pollution Control Grants – State Aid Grants (SAGs)
Water Supply Land Protection Grants

Highway:

Highway Block Grants
Highway Construction Aid
State Municipal Bridge Aid

NHMA's advocacy tool, *Municipal State Aid and Revenue Sharing (History & Trends) Booklet* is now available for download.

STATE AID TO MUNICIPALITIES: 2008-2023 (Excluding Education)



General Funding: Meals & Rooms (catch-up formula suspended FYs10-14,16,18-21, New Formula FY22),
 Revenue Sharing (suspended FY10-23),
 Municipal Aid One-Time from Surplus (added FY20-21),
 State Retirement Contributions (Reduced FY10, Discontinued in 2013, One-time payment from surplus FY23)
 Environmental Funding: Excludes Grants from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund

How to Advocate to Policymakers

Some Suggestions for the Year(s) Ahead

Always Remember
the Purpose of
Advocacy: To
Accomplish a Goal



In advocating, you want to have a clearly defined goal.



All of your actions should lead to accomplishing that goal.



Therefore, *also* avoid anything detrimental to the goal.

Stay Informed

The Legislative Bulletin is NHMA's primary means of communicating legislative information to member towns and cities.

- Sent via email and posted on the [NHMA website](#).

The Legislative Bulletin highlights important bills as they move through the legislative process.

It also serves as a communication vehicle for action needed from your municipality, including :

- Requests for letters or calls in support or opposition.
- In person testimony

Occasionally, NHMA issues legislative alerts by email for special purposes, during legislative session.

NHMA hosts a series of webinars during the session to brief members on the key bills impacting NH municipalities , their effect if passed by the legislature, current status, and any action needed by member towns and cities.

Ways to Engage your Legislator

- ✓ Provide your legislators with summaries of issues that are important to your town or city;
 - ✓ include accurate facts and data.
- ✓ Invite them to address a council meeting;
 - ✓ participate in city/town-hosted events;
 - ✓ visit public meeting
 - ✓ highlight projects or facilities that are important to your municipality
- ✓ Conduct “informal” meetings;
 - ✓ invite business and community leaders, non-profit partner and other stakeholder groups.
- ✓ Respond to NHMA Legislative Bulletin or a legislative alert will frequently ask for your assistance in analyzing the effects of a bill or in communicating with legislators.

NHMA Bill Tracker: FastDemocracy

The New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) represents the interests of cities and towns before the New Hampshire General Court (House and Senate) and various state agencies based on its member-adopted [principles and policies](#). The New Hampshire legislative session happens each year between the months of January and June. Each legislative cycle, NHMA tracks state actions that could significantly affect New Hampshire's 234 municipalities.

In addition to the weekly Legislative Bulletin, NHMA provides members access to FastDemocracy, an online bill tracking platform, for efficient, real-time updates to legislative activity of interest to members. Members do not need to create a FastDemocracy account to access this information, but they are able to create an account if they wish.

Click on the subgroups below to see information on bills from either the previous, or current legislative cycle within each category, and view the NHMA's stance on the measures. Subscribe to the bill list(s) to receive daily or weekly email updates, including new bill actions and upcoming hearings.

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<p>NH 2023 LSR 2023-0832</p> <p>relative to the payment of salaried employees.</p> <p> Keith Murphy</p> <p>Track Bill</p>					
<p>NH 2023 LSR 2023-0833</p> <p>establishing a first responder career development, recruitment, and retention program.</p> <p> David Watters</p> <p>Track Bill</p>					
<p>NH 2023 LSR 2023-0836</p> <p>relative to the definition of "way" in driving or operating under the influence of drugs or liquor.</p> <p> Regina Birdsell</p> <p>Track Bill</p>					

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Upcoming Webinars and Workshops



Join Us for One of the 2023 Regional Legislative Preview Briefings!

NHMA will be providing regional **legislative briefings** around the state on bills of municipal interest proposed for this legislative session for local officials and legislators. Please consider joining us for one of these regional briefings.

[Check out our Events Calendar!](#)



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Upcoming Webinars and Workshops



2023 Town & School Moderators Hybrid Workshops

9:00 am - 1:30 pm, SB Town Meetings, **Saturday, January 7** and Traditional Town Meetings, **Saturday, February 4**. \$65 in-person/\$55 virtual. Review of laws governing the annual meeting and the role of the town and school moderator.

[Check Out Calendar of Events!](#)



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Upcoming Webinars and Workshops



10 Steps to Successful Succession Planning Webinar

12:00 noon - 1:00 pm, Wednesday, February 8, 2023. Join Ray Gordon, Administrator for the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program, who will outline the 10 steps to successful succession planning.

[REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!](#)

Upcoming Webinars and Workshops

Right-to-Know Law Workshop for Law Enforcement

9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Thursday, February 9. Join NHMA's Stephen Buckley and Jonathan Cowal who will share insights and strategies to assist law enforcement agencies in handling governmental record requests arising under the RSA 91-A, the Right-to-Know Law.

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Questions?

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