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Abbreviations:

AA – Amendment Adopted
 DV – Division Vote
 ITL – Inexpedient to Legislate

MA – Motion Adopted
 OTP – Ought to Pass
 OTP/A – Ought to Pass w/Amendment

RC – Roll Call
 S/O – Special Order
 VV – Voice Vote

Bill numbers link to the bill’s text
 Floor Vote dates link to the bill’s docket

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CACR 15 Jason Osborne	providing that a 2/3 vote is required to pass legislation imposing new or increased taxes or license fees, or to authorize the issuance of state bonds and providing that the general court shall appropriate funds for payment of interest and installments of principle of all state bonds.	Oppose 12/19/23	Marty	Ways & Means 1/31/24 @ 9:30 Work Session 2/13/24 @ 10:00 Exec Session 2/14/24 @ 10:00: Without Recommendation 10-10 LOB Room 202-204	3/7/24:			
HB 274 Laurie Sanborn	relative to the administrative rulemaking process. This bill directs agencies to notify legislative policy committees and known stakeholders of proposed rulemaking under RSA 541-A. The bill also directs the agency to pay attorneys fees in cases in which the agency adopted rules after final objection by the joint legislative committee on administrative rules and a finding by the court that the rule is invalid.	Oppose 1/17/23	Marty	ED&A 2/1/23 @ 1:00 Work Session 2/21/23 @ 10:00 Exec Session 3/8/23 @ 1:30: Retained Hearing on Amd. #2293h 11/6/23 @ 10:30 Exec Session 11/8/23 @ 10:00: OTPA #2293h 19 – 0 Consent LOB Room 306-308	1/3/24: OTPA #2293h MA VV	ED&A 3/6/24 @ 9:00 SH Room 100		

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HB 472 Karel Crawford	relative to the placement of seasonal docks. This bill allows the executive director of the fish and game department to adopt rules temporarily restricting the use of temporary seasonal docks and anchored seasonal platforms to protect endangered wildlife species.	Oppose 1/17/23	Mike M./ Dan	RR&D 1/25/23 @ 1:00 Exec Session 2/8/23 @ 10:30: Retained Hearing on Amd. #2284h 11/1/23 @ 10:45 Exec Session 11/1/23 @ 11:00: OTP/A #2284h 19-1 Consent LOB Room 306-308	1/3/24: OTP/A #2284h MA VV	Energy		
HB 1002 Kately Kuttab	relative to fees for records under the right-to-know law. This bill establishes parameters for when a public body may charge a fee for records provided under RSA 91-A.	Support 12/19/23	Marty	Judiciary 1/17/24 @ 9:00 Exec Session 1/22/24 @ 9:00: OTP/A #0197h 12-8 Work Session 2/21/24 @ 1:00 Exec Session 3/6/24 @ 10:00 LOB Room 206-208	2/1/24: OTP/A #0197h MA RC 193-179 2/8/24: Recon: MA RC 195-183; Recommit MA VV			
HB 1024 Brian Cole	relative to the use of air rifles for hunting game. This bill expands the allowed use of air rifles to take game.	Oppose 12/19/23	Dan/Andy	Fish & Game 1/30/24 @ 11:00 Exec Session 1/30/24 @ 2:30: I/S 17-0 Consent LOB Room 307	2/22/24: I/S MA VV			

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HB 1026-FN	relative to resisting arrest. This bill establishes an affirmative defense to the crime of resisting arrest that the arrest was unlawful or constitutional.	Oppose 12/19/23	Kevin/ Dave	Criminal Justice 1/18/24 @ 11:00: ITL 20-0 Consent LOB Room 202-204	2/1/24: ITL MA VV			
HB 1029 Greg Hill	relative to exempting certain persons from requiring a New Hampshire landing license if such persons are not landing for the purpose of the sale of the lobster or crab they have caught.	Oppose 12/19/23	Cheri	Fish & Game 2/6/24 @ 10:00 Exec Session 2/6/24 @ 2:30: ITL 10-9 LOB Room 307	3/7/24:			
HB 1069 Jess Edwards	(New Title) relative to material subject to disclosure under the right-to-know law. This bill (as amended): I. Clarifies a public body or agency's ability to accept record requests by electronic means and to provide such records electronically. II. Replaces the word "citizen" with "person" throughout the chapter.	Oppose 12/19/23 Support 2/21/24	Marty	Judiciary 1/17/24 @ 9:45 Exec Session 1/22/24 @ 9:00 2/1/24 @ 3:45: OTP/A #0406h (NT) 19-0 Consent LOB Room 206-208	2/15/24: OTP/A #0406h MA VV	Judiciary		
HB 1077 Dennis Mannion	relative to allowing the use of any-action carbines in certain hunting areas.	Oppose 12/19/23	Dan/Andy	Fish & Game 1/30/24 @ 10:30 Exec Session 1/30/24 @ 2:30: ITL 17-0 Consent LOB Room 307	2/8/24: ITL MA VV			

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HB 1100 Ellen Read	relative to coyote hunting. This bill prohibits hunting coyote during certain months to coincide with coyote pup rearing.	Oppose 12/19/23	Dan/Andy	Fish & Game 2/6/24 @ 1:30 Exec Session 2/6/24 @ 2:30: ITL 14-5 LOB Room 307	3/7/24:			
HB 1116 James Spillane	relative to certain firearms to be used for taking of game. This bill allows for the use of rifles and certain pistols for the taking of game.	Oppose 1/16/24	Monitor Dan/Andy	Fish & Game 1/30/24 @ 10:00 Exec Session 1/30/24 @ 2:30: OTP/A # 0349h 11-6 LOB Room 307	2/8/24: OTP/A # 0349h MA RC 221-157	Energy		
HB 1121 Judy Aron	relative to creating certain wetlands permit exemptions after a natural disaster or flooding event.	Oppose 12/19/23	Dianne/ Magee	RR&D 1/17/24 @ 3:00 Work Session 1/31/24 @ 9:00 Exec Session 1/24/24 @ 10:00: LOB Room 305				
HB 1138-FN Eamon Kelly	equalizing the fines for operating an OHRV with a driver's license suspended and operating a snowmobile with a driver's license suspended.	Support 12/19/23	Michael E.	Transportation 1/9/24 @ 11:00 Exec Session 1/16/24 @ 2:00 1/30/24 @ 2:00: OTP 16-3 LOB Room 203	2/8/24: OTP MA VV	Transportation 3/5/24 @ 1:30 LOB Room 101		

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HB 1143 Rosemarie Rung	including control of cyanobacteria blooms under the NH clean lakes program. This bill requires DES to provide remedial actions for cyanobacteria blooms under the NH clean lakes program.	Oppose 12/19/23	Dianne/ Magee/ Mike M.	RR&D 1/31/24 @ 10:00 Exec Session 2/7/24 @ 10:00: OTP/A #0369h 20-0 Consent LOB Room 305	2/22/24: OTP/A #0369h MA VV			
HB 1148 Cathryn Harvey	relative to the fish and game commission. This bill makes changes to the fish and game commission including notice of appointment, qualifications, and misconduct and removal from office.	Oppose 12/19/23	Kevin	Fish & Game 2/6/24 @ 10:30 Exec Session 2/6/24 @ 2:30: I/S 18-1 Consent LOB Room 307	2/22/24: I/S MA VV			
HB 1228 Claudine Burnham	relative to establishing a fish and game guides committee to determine qualifications for licensure of fish and game guides. This bill establishes a guides committee to determine qualifications and make recommendations for licensing fish and game guides and for administering exams.	Oppose 12/19/23	Kevin/ Dave	Fish & Game 1/30/24 @ 1:30 Exec Session 1/30/24 @ 2:30: ITL 15-2 Consent LOB Room 307	2/8/24: Off Consent ITL MA DV 312-61			
HB 1277 Mike Harrington	establishing a committee to study alternatives for funding the operation, maintenance, and repair of state owned dams.	Support 2/20/24	Monitor/ Mike D. Scott*	RR&D 2/14/24 @ 11:00 Exec Session 2/21/24 @ 10:00: ITL 20-0 Consent LOB Room 305	3/7/24:			

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HB 1304-FN-L Jim Creighton	relative to vessel registration and boat fee decals. This bill modifies the procedure for registration of vessels by requiring the issuance and display of a boat fee decal for the payment of boat fees.	Support 12/19/23	Garret	Transportation 1/9/24 @ 1:00 Exec Session 1/16/24 @ 2:00 1/30/24 @ 2:00: OTP/A #0069h 19-1 Consent LOB Room 203 Finance Work Session 3/5/24 @ 10:55 LOB Room 209	2/8/24: OTP/A #0069h MA VV; 2nd Cmte			
HB 1325-FN Tom Mannion	relative to allowing private ownership of small tailed monkeys, raccoons, foxes, otters, skunks, and kangaroos.	Oppose 12/19/23	Dan/ Andy	Enviro & Ag 2/20/24 @ 2:00 Work Session 2/21/24 @ 10:00 Exec Session 3/5/24 @ 10:00 LOB Room 301-303				
HB 1417-FN Ellen Read	relative to wild trout management.	Oppose 12/19/23	Dianne/ Magee	Fish & Game 2/6/24 @ 9:30 Exec Session 2/6/24 @ 2:30: ITL 16-2 Consent LOB Room 307	2/15/24: ITL MA VV			
HB 1420 Carroll Brown	relative to communications between agencies and citizens. This bill requires agencies to promptly reply to inquiries, complaints, and requests for assistance.	Oppose 12/19/23	Marty/ Nicola	ED&A 2/14/24 @ 10:00 Exec'd: I/S 20-0 Consent LOB Room 306-308	2/22/24: Indef. Postpone MA RC 228-141			

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HB 1424 James Spillane	relative to pistols permitted for taking game. This bill makes changes to the caliber of pistol that may be used to lawfully take deer.	Oppose 1/16/24	Monitor Dan/Andy Kevin/ Dave	Fish & Game 1/9/24 @ 10:40 Exec Session 1/30/24 @ 2:30: OTP/A #0350h 17-0 Consent LOB Room 307	2/8/24: OTP/A #0350h MA VV	Energy		
HB 1429-FN-A Lisa Mazur	establishing a procedure for DES to transfer ownership of dams to municipalities or others, including making loans.	Oppose 2/20/24	Mike D. Scott*	RR&D 1/10/24 @ 1:00 Exec Session 1/24/24 @ 10:00: OTP/A #0227h 19-0 LOB Room 305 Ways&Means 2/20/24 @ 1:30 Work Session 3/6/24 @ 9:30 Exec Session 3/6/24 @ 1:30 LOB Room 202-204	2/8/24: OTP/A #0227h MA VV; 2 nd Cmte			
HB 1484-L Eamon Kelly	relative to current use taxation for certain forested lands. This bill excludes from current use property tax classification any forest land which is used for the generation of emission reduction tons or equivalent carbon credits.	Oppose 12/19/23	Dan	Ways & Means 1/17/24 @ 11:30 Exec Session 2/6/24 @ 1:00 ITL 20-0 Consent LOB Room 202-204	2/15/24: ITL MA VV			

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HB 1494 Eamon Kelley	relative to OHRVs. This bill modifies the definition of OHRV clubs as well as vehicle registration requirements for other off-road vehicles and the distribution fees and grant-in aid funds	Oppose 12/19/23	Michael E.	RR&D 2/21/24 @ 11:00 LOB Room 305				
HB 1503-FN Erica Layon	relative to the definition of wetlands. This bill excludes certain areas from the definition of wetlands.	Oppose 12/19/23	Mike D.	RR&D 2/21/24 @ 1:00 LOB Room 305				
HB 1521 Kelly Potenza	requiring agencies to respond to issues raised by the public during the rulemaking process. This bill requires agencies adopting an administrative rule to provide, prior to effectiveness, a detailed explanation for overruling each argument against the rule, and post comments on their webpage.	Oppose 12/19/23	Marty	ED&A 2/14/24 @ 10:30 LOB Room 306-308				

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HB 1527-FN Ellen Read	relative to criminal trespass. This bill: I. Amends the manner in which a property owner may post on his or her property to protect against trespass to include purple paint markings; II. Establishes criminal penalties with respect to trespass on land so marked; and III. Prohibits the removing, defacing, or destroying of purple paint markings.	Oppose 12/19/23	Kevin/ Dave	Criminal Justice 2/9/24 @ 11:00 Exec'd: ITL 10-8 LOB Room 202-204	3/7/24:			
HB 1530-FN J.R. Hoell	requiring fish and game officers to wear body cameras.	Oppose 12/19/23	Kevin/ Dave	Fish & Game 1/30/24 @ 2:00 Exec Session 1/30/24 @ 2:30 2/6/24 @ 2:30: I/S 18-0 Consent LOB Room 307	2/15/24: I/S MA VV			
HB 1532 Jonathan Smith	relative to land owner rights and responsibility pertaining to game cameras and tree stands. This bill allows a tree stand to be erected from August 1 to June 1. This bill also allows for the placement of game cameras on a property with the owners' permission.	Oppose 12/19/23	Kevin/ Dave	Fish & Game 2/6/24 @ 11:30 Exec Session 2/6/24 @ 2:30: I/S 18-1 Consent LOB Room 307	2/22/24: I/S MA VV			

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HB 1558-FN Brian Cole	relative to agent fees for fish and game licenses. This bill raises the fee collected by a fish and game agent for each type of license issued on a license form.	Oppose 12/19/23	Kathy	Ways & Means 1/17/24 @ 10:30 Exec Session 2/6/24 @ 1:00: ITL 20-0 Consent LOB Room 202-204	2/15/24: ITL MA VV			
HB 1703-FN Mike Granger	relative to the sale of kangaroo and caribou meat. This bill allows for the raising, butchering, and sale of kangaroo and caribou meat	Oppose 1/16/24	Oppose Dan/Andy	Enviro & Ag				

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**SB 310 Howard Pearl	(New Title) relative to bear registration and federal duck stamps.	Support 12/19/23	Dan/Andy /Marty	Energy 2/13/24 @ 9:45 Exec'd: OTP/A #0675s (NT) 5-0 Consent SH Room 103	2/21/24: OTP/A #0675s MA VV	Fish & Game		
SB 336-FN Keith Murphy	relative to misrepresentation by public employees. This bill establishes that a public officer or employee who knowingly makes a fraudulent statement or material misrepresentation to a member of the public in the course of employment shall be subject to disciplinary action through the disciplinary procedures of the employer or licensing board.	Oppose 12/19/23	Kevin/ Dave	ED&A 1/24/24 @ 9:45 Exec'd: I/S 5-0 Consent SH Room 103	2/8/24: I/S MA VV			
SB 346-FN David Watters	prohibiting the use of dogs while hunting coyotes.	Oppose 12/19/23	Dan/Andy	Energy 1/9/23 @ 9:15 Exec'd: ITL 3-1 SH Room 103	2/15/24: Tabled MA VV			
SB 389 Jeb Bradley	relative to extending trout season for catch and release to December 31.	Oppose 1/16/24	Oppose/ Dianne/ Magee/ Marty	Energy 2/13/24 @ 9:00 Exec'd: I/S 5-0 Consent SH Room 103	2/21/24: I/S MA VV			

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SB 390 David Watters	relative to defining "critical habitat". This bill defines "critical habitat" relative to endangered species.	Oppose 12/19/23	Dan/ Mike M.	Energy 2/13/24 @ 9:30 SH Room 103				
** SB 503 David Watters	relative to requiring a criminal background check when applying for a fish and game guide license.	Support 12/19/23	Kevin/ Dave/ Marty	Judiciary 1/24/24 @ 1:00 Exec Session 2/22/24 @ 1:00 3/5/24 @ 1:00 SH Room 100				
SB 533 Debra Altschiller	relative to physical quorums at public meetings. This bill enables public bodies to allow one or more members of the body to participate in a meeting by electronic means.	Oppose 12/19/23	Marty	Judiciary 2/1/2024 @ 10:00 Exec Session 2/22/24 @ 1:00: ITL 3-2 SH Room 100	3/7/24:			
SB 539-FN-A-L Keith Murphy	Establishing a procedure for the DES to transfer ownership of dams to municipalities or others, including making loans.	Oppose 2/20/24	Monitor/ Mike D. Scott*	Energy 1/30/24 @ 9:15 SH Room 103				
SB 542 David Watters	relative to appointments to the fish and game commission. This bill enables the Native American affairs commission to nominate persons to be considered for the fish and game commission.	Oppose 12/19/23	Kevin	Energy 2/13/24 @ 10:00 SH Room 103				

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**SB 544 Howard Pearl	replacing the deer seal system with a confirmation number system.	Support 12/19/23	Dan/Andy /Marty	Energy 1/9/24 @ 9:30 Exec'd 1/9/24: OTP 5-0 Consent SH Room 103	1/18/24: OTP MA VV			
SB 548-FN Timothy Lang	removing gray squirrels from the definition of game animals.	Oppose 12/19/23	Dan/Andy	Energy 1/9/23 @ 9:00 Exec'd: I/S 5-0 Consent SH Room 103	2/15/24: I/S MA VV			
SB 549-FN Lou D'Allesandro	relative to procedures for inspection and transfer of dams and establishing a committee to study alternatives for the funding, operation, maintenance, and repair of state-owned dams.	Support 2/20/24	Monitor/ Mike D. Scott*	Energy 1/30/24 @ 9:00: OTP/A #0567s 5-0 Consent SH Room 103	2/15/24: OTP/A #0567s MA VV			