

Rockingham Planning Commission

Legislative Tracking Chart

(Updated 5/17/2019)

LSR #	Bill Number	Bill Title / Prime Sponsor	House Committee	Next / Last House Hearing Date	House Status	Senate Committee	Next / Last Senate Hearing Date	Senate Status	Enrolled / Committee of Conference / Governor Action	RPC Position	RPC Analysis
Commissions, Boards											
2019-0064	<a href="#">HB136</a>	Increasing the maximum period for zoning board of adjustment to hold a public hearing. Prime Sponsor: Linda Tanner	Municipal and County Government	1/16/19 10:30 AM LOB 301	Passed / Adopted	Election Law and Municipal Affairs	3/27/19 9:30 LOB 102	Passed/Adopted	<b>Signed by Governor Effective Date: 7/9/2019</b>	Watch	Gives ZBA 15 more days to hold public hearing from 30 to 45 days
2019-0483	<a href="#">HB312</a>	New title: Establishing a committee to study tiny houses Prime Sponsor: Dave Testerman	Municipal and County Government	5/2/2019 10:00 AM LOB 301	<a href="#">Passed/Adopted Enrolled with Amendment #2019-1882e</a>	Election Law and Municipal Affairs	4/10/19 at 9:45 LOB 305	Passed/Adopted		Watch	Establishes committee to study issues associated with state and local permitting of tiny houses suitable for year-round occupancy, including both tiny houses of permanent foundations and tiny houses on wheels. Such issues shall include building codes, fire codes, conflicts with local land use ordinances and regulations, and other local codes. Report due 11/1/19
2019-0590	<a href="#">HB370</a>	Relative to membership on city and town planning boards. Prime Sponsor: John Cloutier	Municipal and County Government	2/5/19 10:00 AM LOB 301	Passed / Adopted	Election Law and Municipal Affairs	4/10/19 10:00 AM LOB 102	Passed/Adopted		Watch	Allows any 2 planning board members to serve on other committees, board, or commission except only 1 on conservation commission, governing body, or other land use board.
2019-1027	<a href="#">SB069</a>	Relative to short-term rentals. Prime Sponsor: Martha Fuller Clark				Election Law and Municipal Affairs	1/30/19 10:15 AM LOB 102	Rereferred to Committee - 3/21/19		Watch	Allows municipalities adopt regulations for short-term rentals. Short-term: rental of 1 or more rooms in a residential unit for occupancy for tourist or transient use for less than 185 consecutive days.
2019-0634	<a href="#">SB152</a>	Relative to third party inspections conducted pursuant to a planning board approval. Prime Sponsor: Jay Kahn		Not yet scheduled		Election Law and Municipal Affairs	3/13/19 10:00 AM LOB 102	Rereferred to Committee - 3/27/19		Watch	Requires planning boards to solicit 3 or more proposals from qualified firms based on scope of work developed by the planning for such reviews. Also requires planning boards to select the lowest bidder.
Energy											
2019-0563	<a href="#">HB464</a>	Relative to the definitions of solar energy systems and wind-powered energy systems for assessed value or real estate exemptions. Prime Sponsor: Clyde Carson	Science, Technology, and Energy	2/12/19 3:00 PM LOB 304	<a href="#">Passed /Adopted w/amend #2019-0804H</a>	Energy and Natural Resources	4/30/19 9:30 AM SH 109	<a href="#">Ought to Pass w/Amendment #2019-1967s</a>		Watch	Updates definitions of solar energy systems and wind-powered energy systems.
2019-0177	<a href="#">SB159</a>	Relative to net energy metering limits for customer generators. Prime Sponsor: Jeb Bradley	Science, Technology, and Energy	4/24/19 2:30 PM LOB 304	Retained in Committee	Energy and Natural Resources	3/19/2019 8:45 AM SH 103	<a href="#">Passed/Adopted with Amendment</a>		Watch	Increases current limit of 1 MW to 5 MW for net-metering customers.
Environment											
2019-0555	<a href="#">HB326</a>	Relative to the definition of prime wetland. Prime Sponsor: Chuck Grassi	Resources, Recreation, and Development	2/13/19 1:45 PM LOB 305	<a href="#">Passed with amend #2019-0672H</a>	Energy and Natural Resources	4/23/19 9;45 AM SH 103	<a href="#">Ought To Pass w/Amendment #2019-19888s</a>		Watch	Allows municipalities to provide evidence that a wetland may be a prime wetland of width less than 50 feet.
2019-0783	<a href="#">HB682-FN</a>	Establishing a water resources fund in the department of environmental services. Prime Sponsor: Judith Spang	Executive Departments and Administration, Finance	3/13/19 2:00PM LOB 202	<a href="#">Passed with Amendment</a>	Energy and Natural Resources	4/23/19 10:00 AM SH 103	<a href="#">Ought to Pass - Sen. Felts Moved to Laid on Table - Pending Motion 5/15/2019</a>		Watch	Renames wetlands and shoreland review fund as the water resources fund. Clarifies certain application and permit fees are non-refundable. Repeals the terrain alteration fund.
2019-1056	<a href="#">SB164</a>	(New Title) establishing a committee to study unprotected drinking water sources and estimating the costs of protecting such sources. Prime Sponsor: Shannon Chandley	Resources, Recreation, and Development	4/10/2019 11:40 SH 103	<a href="#">Ought to Pass w/Amendment #2019-1743h</a>	Energy and Natural Resources	2/5/19 9:00 AM SH 103			Watch	Establishes a committee to study long-term sustainability of the drinking water and groundwater trust fund. NHACC has a representative on the commission.
2019-0623	<a href="#">SB202-FN-A</a>	<b>(New Title) establishing a stormwater management and flood resilience fund within the department of environmental services and making an appropriation to the fund.</b> <b>Prime Sponsor: David Watters</b>	Executive Departmens and Administration	4/3/2019 2:00 LOB 306		Energy and Natural Resources	1/29/19 11:40 AM SH 103	Laid on Table		Watch	Establishes stormwater management and flood resilience fund within DES. \$100,000 dedicated to high-priority monitoring, \$400,000 requested appropriated for fund.

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<b>Environment - Drinking Water</b>											
2019-0398	<a href="#">HB261</a>	Requiring the commissioner of the department of environmental services to revise rules relative to arsenic contamination in drinking water. Prime Sponsor: Chuck Grassie	Resources, Recreation, and Development	2/12/19 10:00 LOB 305	<a href="#">Passed with amend #2019-0028H</a>	Energy and Natural Resources	4/16/2019 9:45 SH 103	<a href="#">Ought To Pass w/Amendment #2019-1983s</a>		Watch	Gives commissioner 120 days after passage of bill to adopt rules to set arsenic contamination levels to 0.5 parts per billion.
2019-0535	<a href="#">HB495</a>	Establishing a commission on drinking water. Prime Sponsor: Robert Renny Cushing	Resources, Recreation, and Development	2/26/19 1:00 PM LOB 305-307	<a href="#">Passed / Adopted w/amend #2019-0697H</a>	Energy and Natural Resources	4/16/19 8:30 AM SH 103			Watch	Establishes the long term seacoast commission on drinking water. Annual reports. Sunsets in 2029.
<b>Environment - Seacoast</b>											
2019-0626	<a href="#">HB475</a>	Establishing shoreland septic system study commission. Prime Sponsor: Judith Spang	Resources, Recreation, and Development	3/5/19 10:00 AM LOB 305	<a href="#">Passed / Adopted w/amend #2019-0938H</a>	Energy and Natural Resources	4/11/2019 1:20 LOB 101	Passed/Adopted	<b>Signed by Governor Effective Date: 5/15/2019</b>	Watch	Establishes a shoreland septic system study commission. Wide representation on commission including a regional planner.
2019-0534	<a href="#">HB494</a>	Relative to the removal of contaminants from the Coakley Landfill. Prime Sponsor: Robert Renny Cushing	Environment and Agriculture	2/26/19 10:00 AM LOB 303	Passed / Adopted	Energy and Natural Resources	4/16/19 10:30 SH 103			Watch	Directs DES to pursue a remedy regarding removal of contaminants from the Coakley Landfill.
2019-1019	<a href="#">SB207</a>	Relative to the rules adopted by the department of environmental services pursuant to the 2014 report of the coastal risks and hazards commission. Prime Sponsor: David Watters	Executive Departments and Administration	4/3/19 2:00 PM LOB 306	<a href="#">Ought to Pass w/amendment #2019-1602H</a>	Energy and Natural Resources	2/5/19 9:45 AM SH 103	<a href="#">Passed / Adopted w/Amend #2019-0652S</a>		Watch	Requires a 5-year update to the 2014 report "Sea-Level Rise, Storm Surges, and Extreme Precipitation in Coastal New Hampshire: Analysis of Past and Projected Trends."
<b>Housing</b>											
2019-0209	<a href="#">SB15-FN-A</a>	Making an appropriation to the affordable housing fund. Prime Sponsor: Jeb Bradley	Finance	4/23/19 10:00 LOB 210-211	Retained in Committee	Finance	2/5/19 1:00 PM SH 103	Passed / Adopted		Watch	Directs state treasurer to set up for an annual transfer of \$5,000,000 from the real estate transfer tax to the affordable housing fund.
<b>Land Use</b>											
2019-0889	<a href="#">SB043</a>	Establishing a commission to study barriers to increased land development in New Hampshire. Prime Sponsor: Martha Fuller Clark	Municipal and County Government	4/16/2019 10:00 LOB 301	<a href="#">Ought to Pass with Amendment #2019-1520h</a>	Energy and Natural Resources	1/22/19 10:15 AM SH 103	<a href="#">Passed / Adopted w/Amend #2019-0071S and Amend #2019-0217s</a>		Watch	Commission to study barriers to increased land development. Interim report 11/1/19, final report 11/1/20. I commission member from RPCs.
<b>Municipal Concerns</b>											
2019-0734	<a href="#">HB443</a>	Relative to municipal watering restrictions. Prime Sponsor: Rebecca McBeth	Municipal and County Government	2/5/19 11:00 AM LOB 301	<a href="#">Passed / Adopted w/Amend #2019-0397H</a>	Election Law and Municipal Affairs	4/24/19 11:15 AM LOB 102	<a href="#">Ought to Pass with Amend #2019-1889s</a>		Watch	Allows local governing bodies to restrict water use from residential and commercial for outdoor lawn watering after a declared statement of drought has been made.
2019-0906	<a href="#">SB103-Local</a>	Authorizing municipalities to engage in multi-town bonding projects. Prime Sponsor: Jeanne Dietsch	Municipal and County Government	4/30/19 11:00 AM LOB 301		Election Law and Municipal Affairs	3/20/19 10:30 AM LOB 102	Passed/Adopted		Watch	Towns may issue multi-town bonds for any project including but not limited to broadband infrastructure and emergency service equipment.
<b>Transportation</b>											
2019-0512	<a href="#">HB409</a>	Relative to the maximum optional fee transportation improvements charged by municipalities when collecting motor vehicle registration fees. Prime Sponsor: Ivy Vann	Municipal and County Government	3/5/19 10:00 AM LOB 301	Passed / Adopted	Election Law and Municipal Affairs	4/25/19 1:00 PM LOB 102	<a href="#">Ought to Pass</a>		Submit Testimony	Increases maximum amount municipalities may vote to charge from \$5 to \$10.
2019-0855	<a href="#">SB214</a>	Relative to transportation projects. Prime Sponsor: David Watters	Public Works and Highways	5/1/19 10:00AM LOB 201	<a href="#">Ought to Pass w/Amendment #2019-1979h</a>	Transportation	2/19/19 1:35 PM LOB 103	<a href="#">Passed / Adopted</a>		Watch	DOT to study a type 2 sound barrier program as part of 10-year plan. Also required to provide mitigation for existing or potential environmental and historical effects of transportation projects.
2019-1046	<a href="#">SB221</a>	Establishing a commission to study highway fund revenue for hybrid and electric vehicles. Prime Sponsor: David Starr	Public Works and Highways	4/23/19 1:00 LOB 201	Inexpected to Legislate	Transportation	2/12/19 2:15 PM LOB 103	<a href="#">Passed / Adopted w/Amend #2019-0604S</a>		Watch	Establishes a commission to study revenue alternatives to road toll for electric-powered and hybrid vehicles for funding improvements to the state's highways and bridges. NHMA has a representative to the commission.
2019-0277	<a href="#">SB185</a>	Establishing a rail trail corridors advisory committee to update the state rail trail plan and making an appropriation therefor. Prime Sponsor: Jay Kahn	Public Works and Highways	4/17/19 11:00 LOB 201	<a href="#">Ought to Pass w/ Amendment #2019-1618h</a>	Transportation then Finance	1/29/19 2:25PM LOB 103	<a href="#">Passed/ Adopted</a>		Submit Testimony	Worthwhile bill to update 2005 State Rail Trail Plan that was really just an inventory. Strong list of cosponsors including Sens. Birdsell, Feltes, Carson, Watters, Hennessey.