

City Council Legislative Subcommittee Meeting

Conference Room A

7:30 a.m.

Friday, March 13, 2015

- I. Greeting: Mayor Lister
- II. Hotel Occupancy Fee: SB 253- Enabling Legislation for cities to charge hotel occupancy fee of \$1 per night to defer costs of municipal services. Senator Martha Fuller Clark, Mayor Lister and City Manager John Bohenko.
- III. Meals and Rooms update: Amendment to SB 213 relative to the disposition of meals and room tax revenues to towns and cities. Tabled to go to Study Committee. Jane Ferrini
- IV. Update on NHMA policy bills: Summary of NHMA Testimony on HB 1 and HB 2, including Meals and Room, Environmental State Aid Grants, Highway Funding, Revenue Sharing, Flood Control PILOTS and FEMA match. Chris Dwyer
- V. Statewide Education Property Tax (SWEPT): HB 680- Relative to establishing a uniform rate for SWEPT, the collection of SWEPT through DRA and setting a homestead exemption of \$250,000. ITL. HB 562- Repealing limitation on the total education grant distributed to municipalities. Ought to Pass referred to Finance Committee. Jane Ferrini
- VI. Bills to Watch – Status Report- Subcommittee Members, Delegates and Staff
 - A. Assessing: HB192- Prohibit use of DRA utility values in appeals of local property tax assessments. Ought to Pass. HB 547- Establishing the exemption from property taxation for telecommunications poles and conduits. Ought to Pass with Amendment. HB 224- Pollution Control Abatements- repeal of RSA 72:12-a, water and air pollution control facilities tax exemption status. ITL. Rosann Maurice Lentz
 - B. Right to know: Status on pending right to know legislation- HB 646- Bill allowing municipality to charge fee for production of right to know requests. Ought to Pass with Amendment. HB 285- Municipalities review of written legal correspondence without attorney being present. Ought to Pass with Amendment. SB 243 – Clarifies nonpublic session when discussing litigation. In Committee. HB 108- Content and sealing of minutes for nonpublic session. Ought to Pass with Amendment. HB 606- Cost of public record filed electronically. Ought to Pass with Amendment. Jane Ferrini
 - C. Environmental: HB 208- Repealing the NH Greenhouse Gas initiative program. Amended Passed House. SB 83 – Conservation Commissions. ITL. Peter Britz
 - D. Planning: Accessory Use – SB 146 Allowing Assessory Dwelling Units. Ought to Pass with Amendment. SB 175- Blighted Property. Rereferred to Municipal Affairs Committee. Rick Taintor
 - E. Residency: HB 112 Relative to domicile for voting purposes. Ought to Pass with Amendment. SB 4- Relative to domicile for voting purposes. Referred to Committee. SB 179- Relative to eligibility to vote. Referred to Committee. HB 559 – Relative to nonresidents domiciled for registration of motor vehicles. Passed House. Jane Ferrini
- VII. Schedule Next Meeting.
- VIII. Adjournment.