

AGENDA
City Council Legislative Subcommittee
Friday, April 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room A, 1 Junkins Ave., Portsmouth, NH

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- I. Greeting: Mayor McEachern
- II. Approval of February 7, 2025 Minutes
- III. Discussion by Portsmouth Delegation regarding crossover bills, legislative issues of interest and the State budget, including but not limited to downshifting costs to municipalities by reducing funding for: meals and rooms; housing; State Aid Grants (SAG); transportation (Coast); Regional Planning Commissions and the Arts.
- IV. Update on bills the City is supporting, opposing or tracking:
 - A. **HB 97** (support) - SAG Funding (*retained in committee*)
 - B. **HB 197** (support) - State to pay 7.5% of employer portion of retirement for teachers, police and fire (*retained in committee*)
 - C. **SB 113** (support) - State funding for homeless (*tabled*)
 - D. **HB 137** (support) - Allow municipalities to retain excess SWEPT (*ITL*)
 - E. **HB 544** (support) - Hotel occupancy fee (*ITL*)
 - F. **HB 595** (support) - Coastal resiliency zones (*retained in committee*)
 - G. **HB 760** (support) - Relative to utility default service (*tabled*)
 - H. **HB 439** (tracking) - Prohibiting use of local funds for lobbying (*indefinitely postponed*) and **HB 314** (tracking) - Prohibiting use of local funds for lobbying (*retained in committee*)
 - I. Remit SWEPT bills (oppose): **HB 675** (Amended and now only addresses a school tax cap (track); **HB 669** (*ITL*) and **HB 739** (*Mayor testified in opposition*) before Senate Finance on April 1, 2025)
 - J. Housing bills that have crossed over to Senate (support) – **HB 342** - Approval process for new construction (suggested amendment); **HB 457** - Occupancy of housing units; **HB 572** - Partners is Housing (Exec in House on April 1, 2025); **HB 577** - ADU amendments (*City registered in support before Senate Commerce*); **HB 604** - Loan forgiveness for low income homeowners who build ADUs (*retained in committee*)
- V. Discussion regarding Committee's position on the following bills:
 - A. **SB 297** (oppose) – Risk Pool Management Programs (Health Trust) (Introduced House Commerce and Consumer Affairs)
 - B. **SB 188** (oppose) – Third party Inspections (Introduced House Housing Committee)
 - C. Housing/Zoning – General discussion of bills that support housing
HB 631 – Residential permitted by right in commercial districts (Introduced to Senate Commerce, Planning Director recommends the City to support)

VI. Adjournment

For status on bills, the Senate and House Calendars and to subscribe to bills go to <https://www.gc.nh.gov>. For NHMA's Legislative Bulletins go to <https://www.nhmunicipal.org/legislative-bulletins> and for NHMA's bill tracking service go to <http://www.nhmunicipal.org/nhma-bill-tracker-fastdemocracy>

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