

AGENDA
City Council Legislative Subcommittee
Rescheduled to Monday, February 9, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room A, 1 Junkins Ave., Portsmouth, NH

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1. Greeting: Mayor McEachern
2. Approval of April 4, 2025 Minutes
3. Review of City's Legislative Principles - Committee to Review existing Legislative Principles and policy on submitting testimony. Committee to discuss new principles and amendments to existing principles to recommend for City Council approval
4. Bills the City has registered in support and testified:
 - A. Mayor: Testimony in support of SB 634 - Hotel Occupancy (Senate voted ITL)
 - B. CC2: HB 1800 and HB 1787 – CC2's written testimony in opposition for payment of excess SWEPT to State
 - C. School Board Chair to discuss draft open letter to Governor on risks of statewide open enrollment
5. Mayors' Roundtable update – Mayor:
 - A. Mayors' written testimony in support of two risk pool bills, SB 605 and HB 1474. These bills would create two different risk pools (assessment and nonassessment) and require separate oversight and governance provisions for each risk pool
 - B. Mayors' written testimony in support of SB 626, a bill that would define citizens in Right to Know statute as New Hampshire Residents
6. Discussion of priorities for testimony on legislative issues of interest to the City.
See bill list attached
7. 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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LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE – AMENDED BILL LIST - FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Recommendations: **T=Track** **O=Oppose** **S=Support**

HOUSING

	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Title</u>
T	HB 1007	Subject: relative to manufactured housing
T	HB 1009	Subject: relative to municipal parking requirements for residential units
O	HB 1010	Subject: relative to residential development on commercially zoned land
T	HB 1017	Subject: relative to accessory dwelling units and workforce housing
T	HB 1026	Subject: relative to the definition of manufactured housing
O	HB 1065	Subject: relative to multi-family and mixed-use development in commercially zoned areas
T	HB 1103	Subject: allowing municipalities to utilize community revitalization tax relief credits on a wider variety of properties and structures
T	HB 1136	Subject: relative to accessory dwelling units
T	HB 1145	Subject: relative to affordable housing investment fees
O	HB 1196	Subject: repealing the state housing champion designation and grant program
O	HB 1251	Subject: relative to restricting municipal downzoning inconsistent with existing neighborhood density
T	HB 1303	Subject: authorizing municipalities to adopt zoning ordinances related to the protection, management, or replacement of tree canopy

- O** [HB 1349](#) Subject: relative to exemptions from multi-family zoning requirements for small or low-density communities
- T** [HB 1357](#) Subject: permitting in all residentially zoned areas by right the placement of newly constructed manufactured homes
- O** [HB 1461](#) Subject: encouraging municipalities with sewage systems to extend system service to neighboring communities
- T** [HB 1496](#) Subject: repealing the cap on residential parking spaces
- T** [HB 1525](#) Subject: relative to zoning restrictions concerning dwelling unit occupancy
- S** [SB 419](#) Subject: relative to the housing champion designation and program and the affordable housing fund and making appropriations
- T** [SB 435](#) Subject: relative to the zoning board of adjustment variance criteria
- T** [SB 436](#) Subject: relative to zoning board of adjustment membership criteria
- T** [SB 508](#) Subject: relative to the zoning board of adjustments appeal period
- T** [SB 564](#) Subject: prohibiting certain municipal development restrictions

MUNICIPAL

- O** [HB 348](#) Subject: eligibility for local assistance
- O** [HB 751](#) Subject: authorizing parents to enroll their children in any public school in the state, and creating a limited exemption from parental consent required for certain recordings under the parental bill of rights
- O** [HB 1002](#) Subject: repeal solar energy systems tax exemption
- T** [HB 1064](#) Subject: liability of governmental units
- O** [HB 1184](#) Subject: issuance of no trespass orders on municipal property

- S** [HB 1195](#) Subject: zoning requirements for child day care providers
- O** [HB 1359](#) Subject: payment of NHMA dues
- O** [HB 1360](#) Subject: legislative oversight of NHMA
- S** [HB 1433](#) Subject: child care tax credit
- O** [HB 1474](#) Subject: amends meals and rooms distribution by reducing distributions to property rich communities
- S** [SB 605](#) Subject: special assessment requests from pooled risk management programs
- S** [HB 1491](#) nonassessment risk pools with different oversight and governance
- S** [HB 1580](#) Subject: taxation of non-primary residences
- T** [HB 1609](#) Subject: limiting use of state, county or municipal funds and property for construction and operation of certain immigrant detention facilities
- S** [HB 1648](#) Subject: homestead property tax exemption
- T** [HB 1786](#) Subject: second home tax
- O** [SB 418](#) Subject: prohibiting municipalities from regulating homestead foods
- S** [SB 419](#) Subject: Housing Champion
- S** [SB 490](#) Subject: task force to study housing at Pease
- T** [SB 590](#) Subject: use of municipal revolving funds to support electrical services under approved electric aggregation plan
- T** [SB 626](#) Subject: define citizens in Right to Know law as New Hampshire residents
- T** [SB 633](#) Subject: voluntary surcharge to fund Council on the Arts

ITL [SB 634](#) Subject: hotel occupancy fee \$2 per night

T [SB 651](#) Subject: legalization of cannabis