2019 Webinar Series





Legislative Wrap-up

Presented by:

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- Cordell Johnston, Government Affairs Counsel
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Our Presenters





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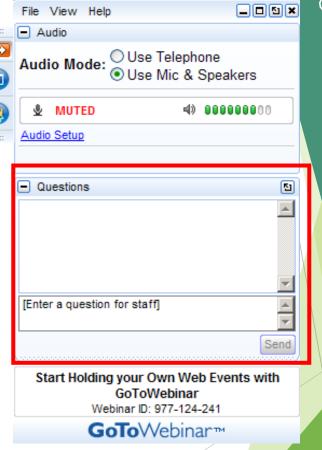


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How to Participate Today

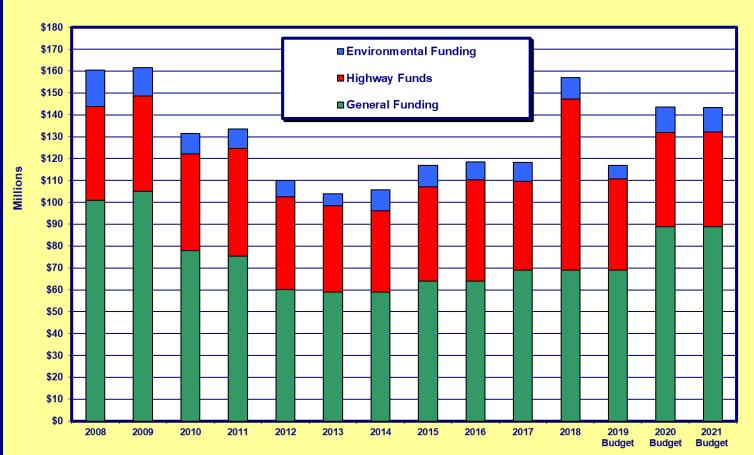
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- Open and close your panel
- Submit text questions
- Q&A addressed during the webinar session
- Poll question just for kicks





Data Source: NHLBAO State Aid Chart Dated 6/20/19





General Funding: Meals & Rooms (catch-up formula suspended FY10-14, FY16, FY18-21), Revenue Sharing (suspended FY10-21), Municipal Aid \$20 in FY20 & FY21, State Retirement Contributions (Discontinued 2013)

Environmental Funding: Excludes Grants from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund



- Municipal Aid \$20 million each year FY 20 and FY 21
- Based on number of students and number of free/reduced lunch eligible students
- List by municipality in Legislative Bulleting #26 at www.nhmunicipal.org
- Paid by October 1 each year, unanticipated revenue in FY20

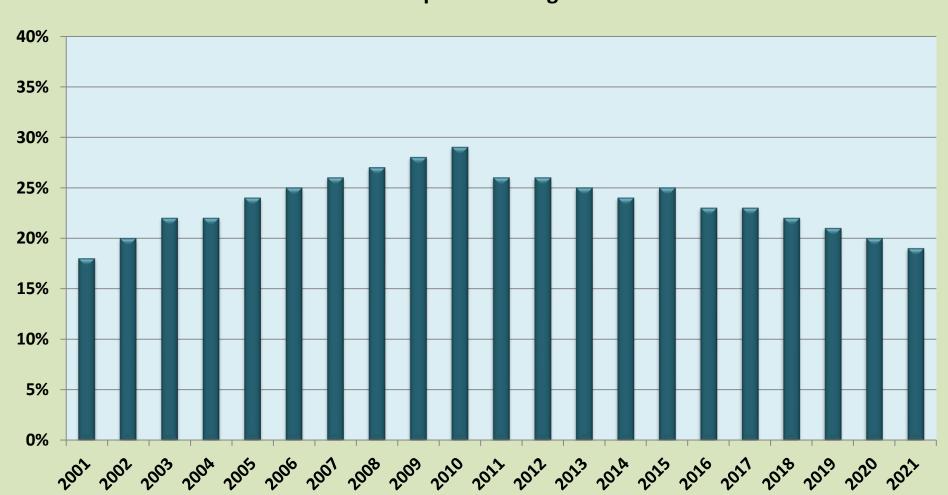


Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution - \$68.8 Million each year

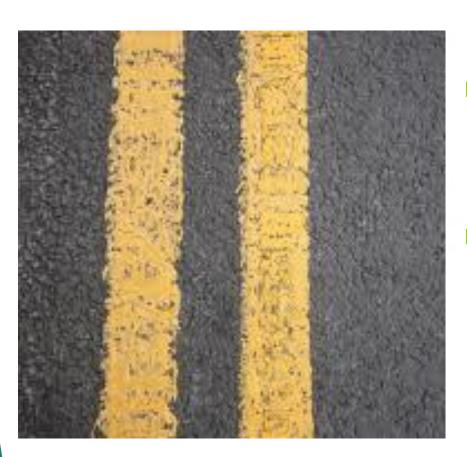




M&R Distribution: Municipal Percentage 2001 - 2021



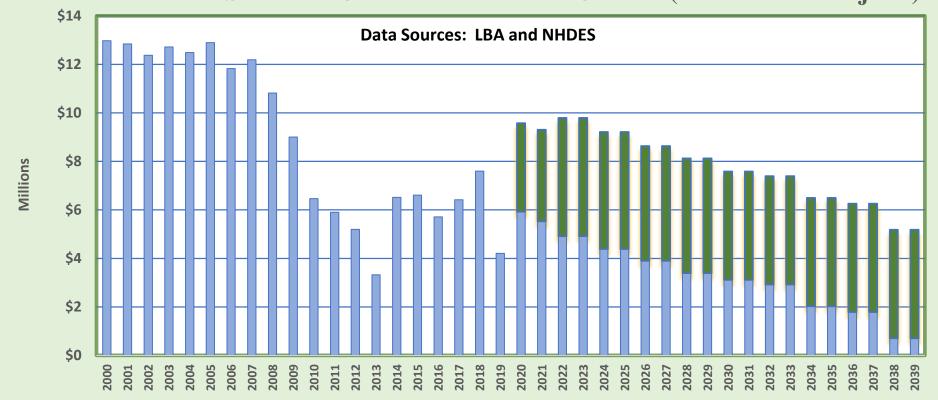




- Highway Block Grants -\$35 million/year
 - Distributed based on road mileage and population
- Municipal Bridge Aid -\$6.8 million/year
 - ▶ 10 year waiting list







- Education Funding New formula for targeted funding
- List by municipality in Legislative Bulleting #26 at www.nhmunicipal.org

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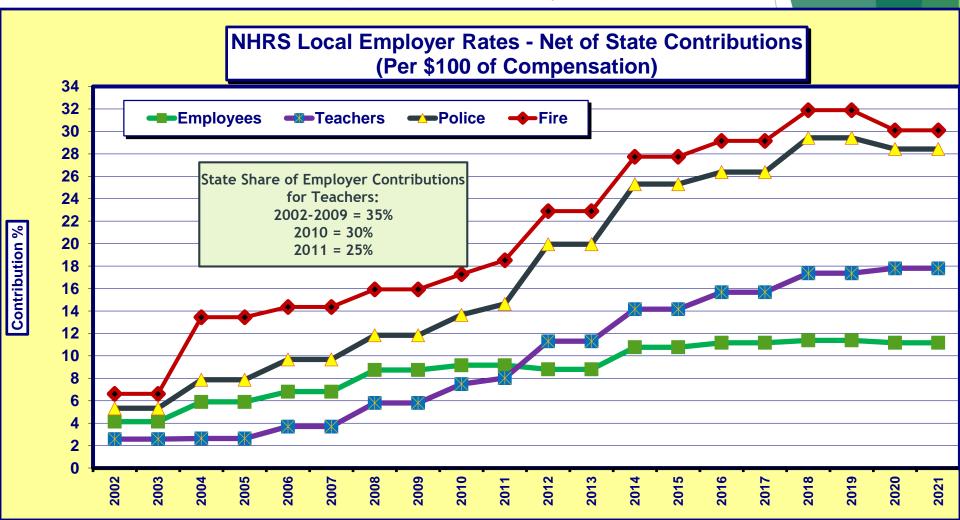
EDUCATION FUNDING ANALYSIS PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES* - FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

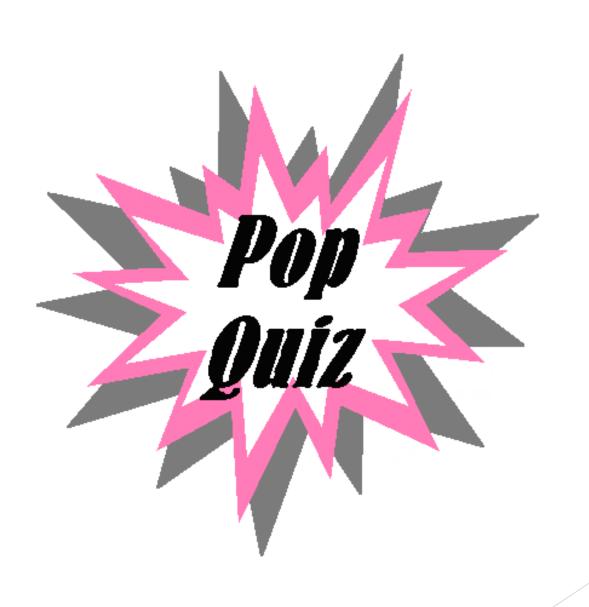
Includes Total Education Grant,	CURRENT LAW			AMENDMENT 2019-2592h		DIFFERENCE	
Statewide Education Property Tax (SWEPT) Raised and Retained, & Kindergarten Grants Based on Keno	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2020 2019-2592h vs. CURRENT LAW	FY 2021 2019-2592h vs. CURRENT LAW
State Total	\$ 926,215,492	\$ 924,904,439	\$ 918,716,326	\$ 959,684,101	\$ 1,022,013,899	\$ 34,779,662	\$ 103,297,573
Acworth	682,706	714,218	704,403	765,757	796,914	51,539	92,511
Albany	741,669	728,839	716,222	786,155	799,283	57,316	83,061
Alexandria	1,192,050	1,222,221	1,210,884	1,285,797	1,308,054	63,576	97,170
Allenstown	4,360,948	4,283,145	4,193,982	4,690,175	5,281,025	407,030	1,087,043
Alstead	1,657,410	1,650,402	1,621,551	1,790,051	1,885,326	139,649	263,775
Alton	3,620,446	3,639,836	3,639,836	3,599,626	3,599,626	(40,210)	(40,210)
Amherst	7,323,988	7,357,491	7,357,491	7,462,200	7,462,200	104,709	104,709
Andover	1,530,321	1,573,970	1,565,472	1,625,480	1,681,072	51,510	115,600
Antrim	2,542,861	2,534,996	2,486,700	2,764,191	2,966,221	229,195	479,521
Ashland	1,288,792	1,259,245	1,248,239	1,334,706	1,370,163	75,461	121,924
Atkinson	3,050,002	3,039,353	3,039,353	3,039,353	3,039,353	-	-
Auburn	3,670,479	3,813,737	3,810,969	3,824,810	3,920,490	11,073	109,521
Barnstead	3,901,769	3,924,220	3,888,683	4,139,407	4,475,978	215,187	587,295
Barrington	6,220,566	6,355,624	6,326,605	6,580,355	7,158,735	224,731	832,130
Bartlett	2,248,625	2,241,551	2,241,551	2,214,454	2,214,454	(27,097)	(27,097)

Retirement Bills

- ▶ HB 497 15% State Contribution (\$44 Million per year) Died
- ▶ HB 418 Limit on PT Employment of Retirees Died
- ▶ HB 616 Retiree COLA (\$116 Million over 20 years) Passed









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How many bills were retained or re-referred by the House and the Senate this year?

Utility Valuation

► HB700 - Establishes methodology for valuation of utility distribution assets





Land Use

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 SB306 (Included in HB2) - Establishes housing appeals board regarding questions of housing and housing development



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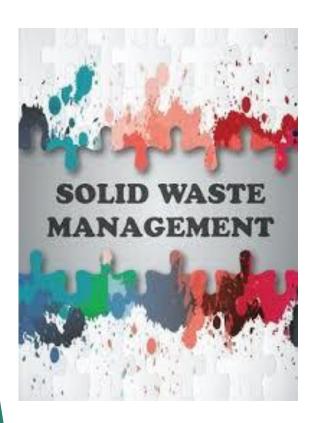
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- ► HB415 Modifies process to adopt official ballot referendum form of town meeting
- ► HB618 Default budgets. Passed both chambers, both House did not concur with Senate amendment Bill died



Solid Waste Reporting

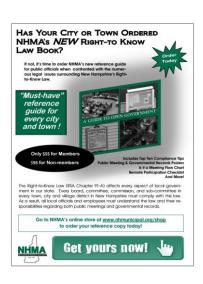


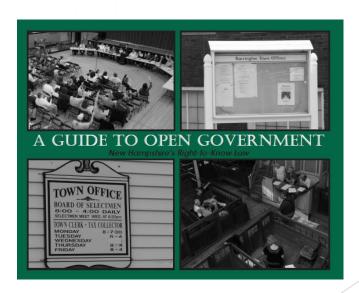


► SB79 - Required reporting on waste reduction - *Retained*

Right-to-Know Law

- SB313 Would have established citizen's appeals commission and office of ombudsman - Did Not Pass
- ► HB396 Must give reason for delay and cite exemption if request is denied.
- HB329 Exempts for records pertaining to IT systems if release would aid a security breach.



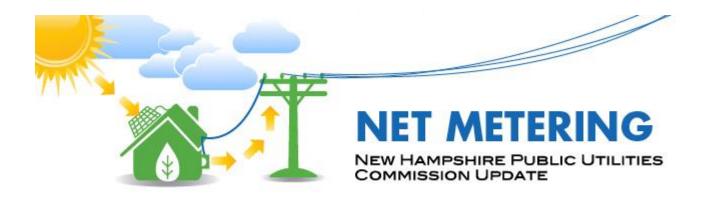




Net Metering



► HB365 - Increases cap for customer-generators to 5 megawatts. Vetoed by Governor; Override Vote in September



Building and Fire Codes

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- ► HB562 Updates state building code to 2015 edition (NHMA Policy Bill)
- ► HB259 Building code violations
- ► HB303 Certification of building code compliance inspectors Re-referred
- HB710 Adoption of state building code and fire code amendments; appeals from local building code board of appeals
- SB113 Municipal authority regarding state building code Re-referred



Absentee Ballots & Redistricting

- HB611 Allows anyone to vote by absentee ballot
- HB706 Independent redistricting commission



Health Facilities Licensing

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► SB97 - Relative to special health care services licensing - Amended to create study committee



Local Option Fees





- ► HB 409 Transportation Improvement Fee (\$5 to \$10) -Passed
- HB 641 Local Option HotelOccupancy Fee (\$2) Died

Water Quality Standards





- HB 261 Stricter
 Arsenic Standard of 5
 PPB, effective 7/1/21
- NHDES Rulemaking/PFAS Standards

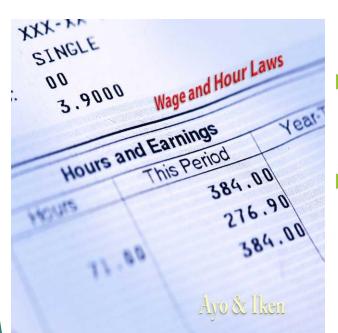
Retained by House Committee

- ► HB 538 4 cent gas tax increase
- ► HB 478 road usage fee



Labor and Employment





- SB271 Requires certain public workers to be paid prevailing minimum hourly wage and benefits
- SB100 Prohibits question about criminal history

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Postponement of Elections

► SB104 - Postponement of municipal and school elections









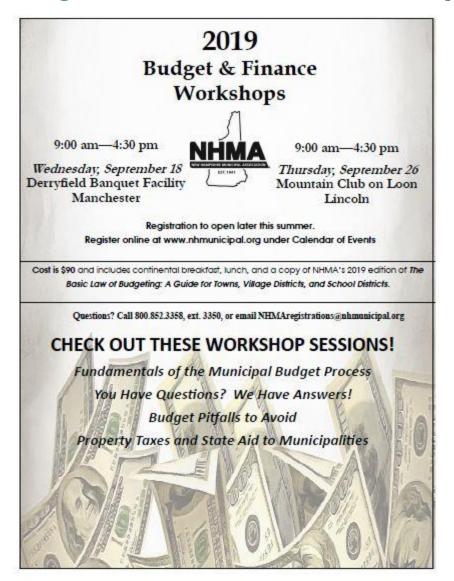
























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