



NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION



## A Halftime Report: The Legislature at Cross-over

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## How to Participate Today

- Open and close your Panel
- Submit text questions
- Q&A addressed at the end of today's session
- Couple of pop quizzes today for your entertainment





## *Legislative Halftime*

### Agenda

#### I. State Budget Matters

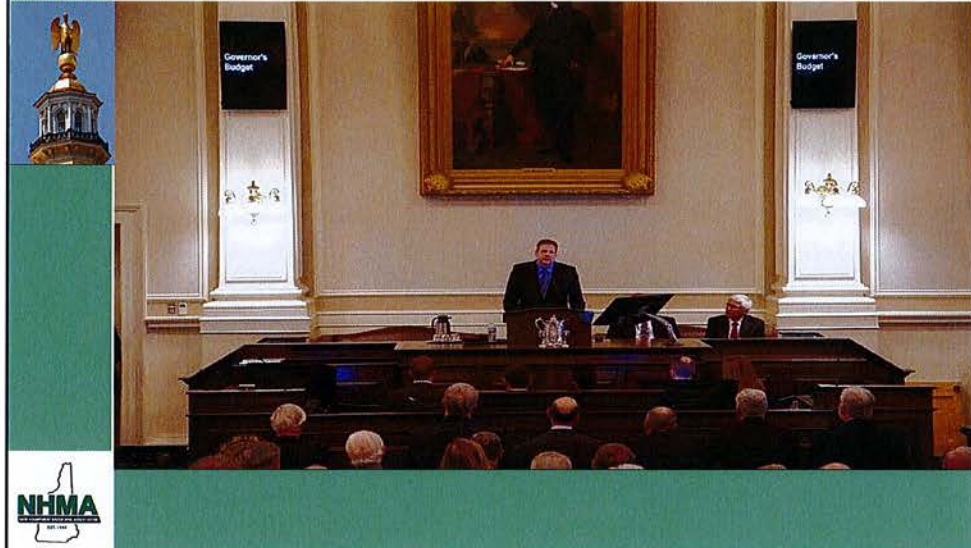
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#### II. Policy Matters

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## Governor's Budget Proposal HB 1 and HB 2



- Infrastructure Revitalization Fund – from 6/30/17 surplus, estimated at \$84 million.
- Meals & Rooms Distribution – flat funded at \$68.8 million (same as FY 17).

## House Finance Committee Recommendations



<b>Aid by Category:</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>
Meals & Rooms Distribution	\$ 68,805,057	\$ 68,805,057
Municipal Aid for Property Tax Relief	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 25,000,000
Highway Block Grants	\$ 35,195,500	\$ 35,346,717
Additional Highway Block Grants	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 0
Municipal Bridge Aid	\$ 6,800,000	\$ 6,800,000
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Highway Construction Aid	\$ 0	\$ 900,000
Environmental Grants	\$ 7,332,728	\$ 5,383,716
Additional Environ. Grants (HB 119)	\$ 1,114,346	\$ 1,114,346
Flood Control	\$ 866,250	\$ 866,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$175,113,881</b>	<b>\$144,216,086</b>

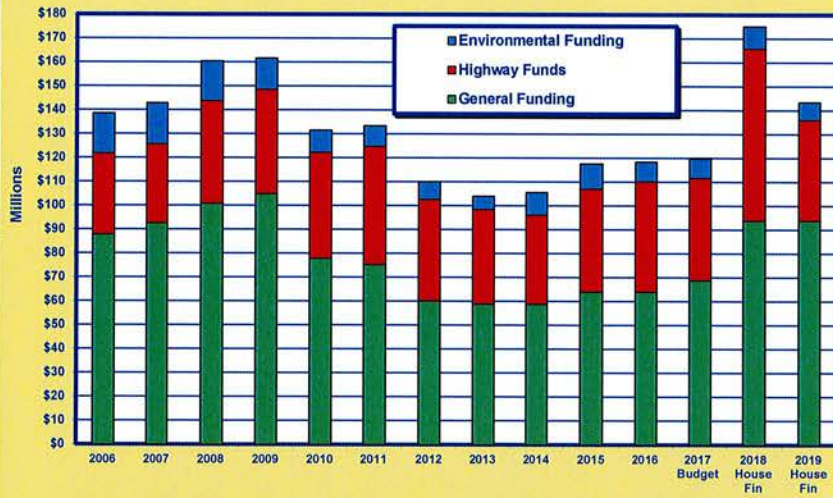


- Meals & Rooms Distribution – flat funded
- Municipal Aid – allocated on per capita basis
- Highway Block Grant – 12% of Highway Fund revenues
- Additional Highway Block Grant – FY 18 only, 43% increase
- Bridge Aid – 10-year waiting list
- Additional Bridge Aid – advance 20 projects, red list bridge focus
- Environmental Grants – existing obligations, fund from Drinking Water Trust
- Additional Environmental Grants – HB 119, 12 projects
- Flood Control – fully funded regardless of payments from other states
- Police Academy – fully funded with general funds



### STATE AID TO MUNICIPALITIES: 2006-2019 (Excluding Education)

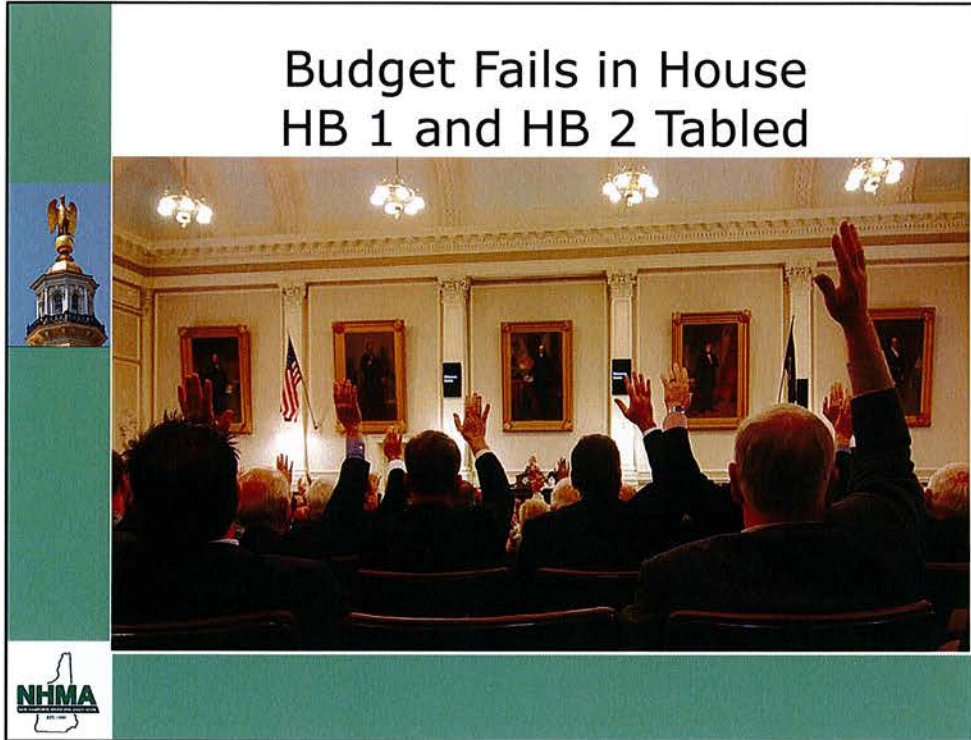
Data Source: NHLBAO and House Finance (FY 18-19)



Environmental includes: Flood Control, Landfill Closure, Public Water Systems, Pollution Control, and Water Supply Land Protection  
 General Funding: Meals & Rooms, Railroad, Revenue Sharing (suspended FY10-19), State Retirement Contributions (Discontinued 2013).

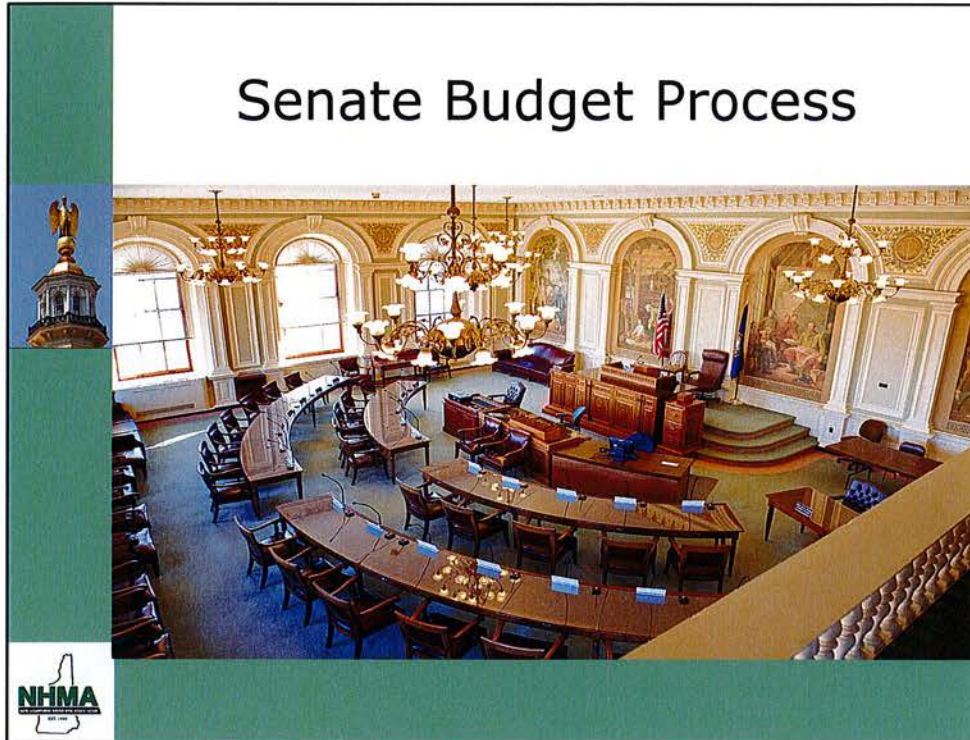


## Budget Fails in House HB 1 and HB 2 Tabled



- House unable to obtain simple majority vote on any budget proposal.
- No official “House position” on any budget items, including the \$25 million municipal aid, \$30 million for municipal roads and bridges.

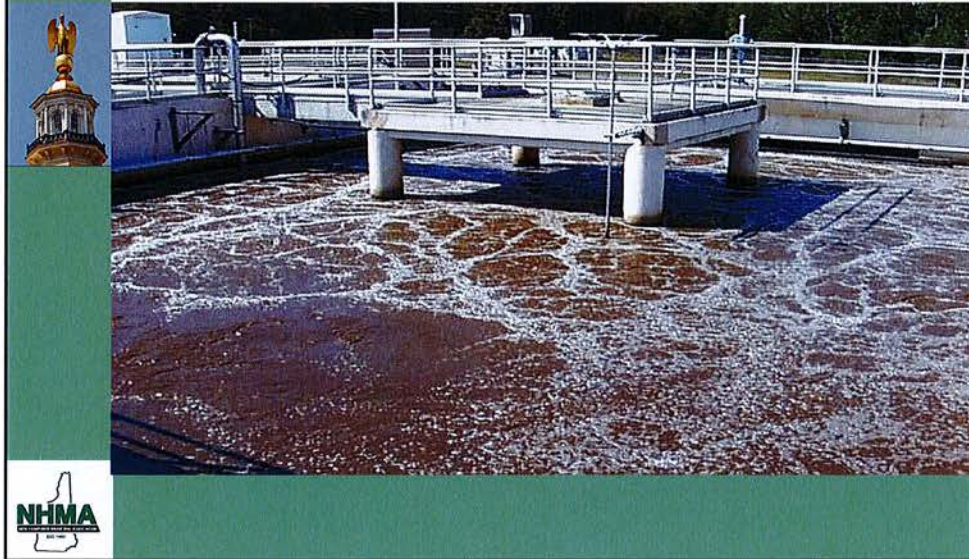
# Senate Budget Process



Amend HB 144 (budget) and HB 517 (trailer bill) with Governor's proposal to provide a beginning budget document in the Senate.



## Environmental Grants for Water/Sewer Projects HB 119 and SB 57



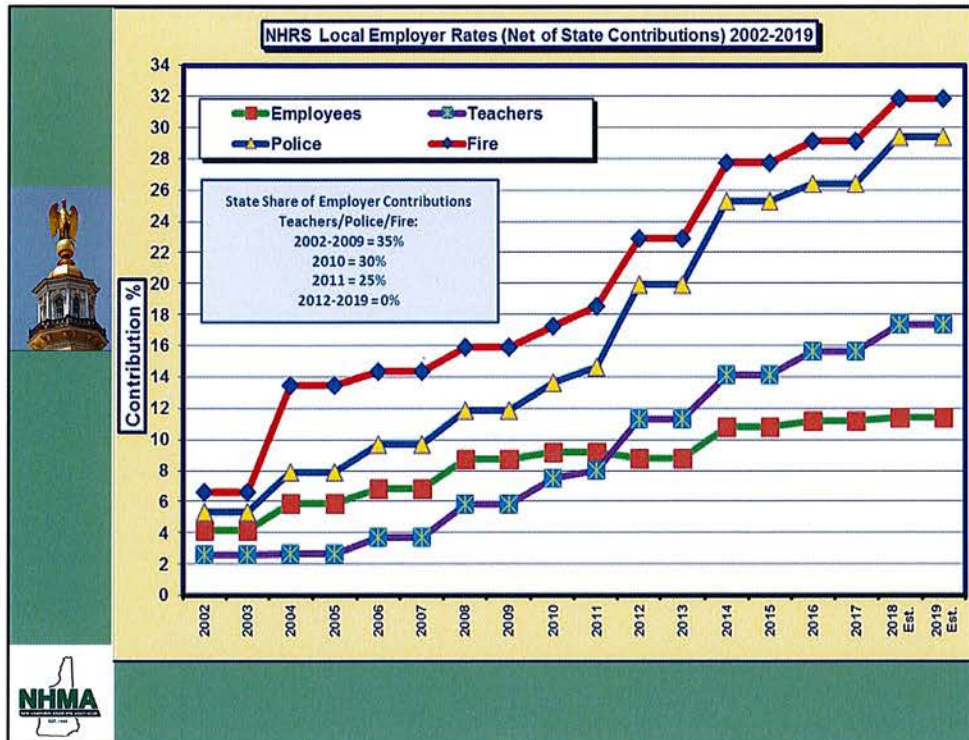
HB 119: funds 12 projects on the delayed and deferred list for \$2.2 million over the biennium, killed in House but included in Finance Committee budget.

SB 57: funds 7 projects completed before the effective date of the moratorium along with the 12 projects in HB 119.

## Roads and Bridges SB 38



- \$30 million for additional Highway Block Grants distributed under the current apportionment formula.
- \$6.8 million additional bridge aid for 8 -10 projects.



- HB 413: reinstate a portion of the state retirement contribution for teacher, police and firefighters.
- Passed the House 267-83 vote but retained in House Finance Committee.



## Working After Retirement HB 561



HB 561 Started out dealing with retirees working after retirement.

- 9% (2,300) retirees working PT, Average <20 hours, < \$500/week
- Amended to require employer contributions toward the NHRS unfunded liability if
  - an employer converts or replaces a full-time position with one or more part-time positions within 12 months of a position becoming vacant, or
  - an employer fills a full-time position with an interim, temporary, or part-time employee

within 12 months



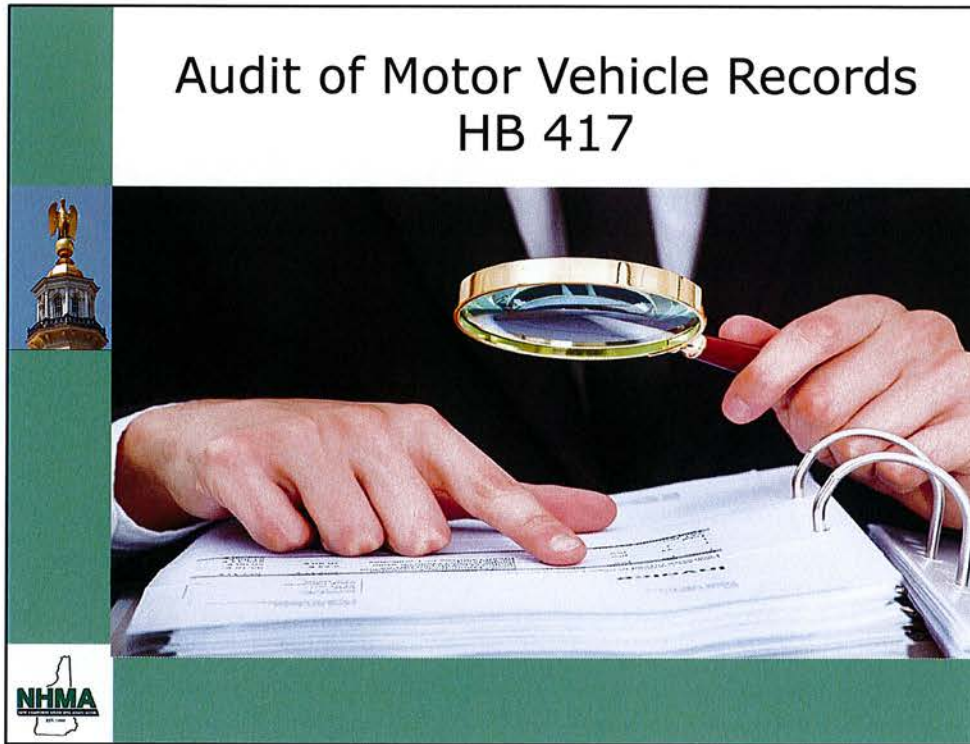
## Transportation Improvement Fund HB 121



HB 121: increases from \$5 to \$10 the additional local option that may be assessed with annual motor vehicle registration fees.

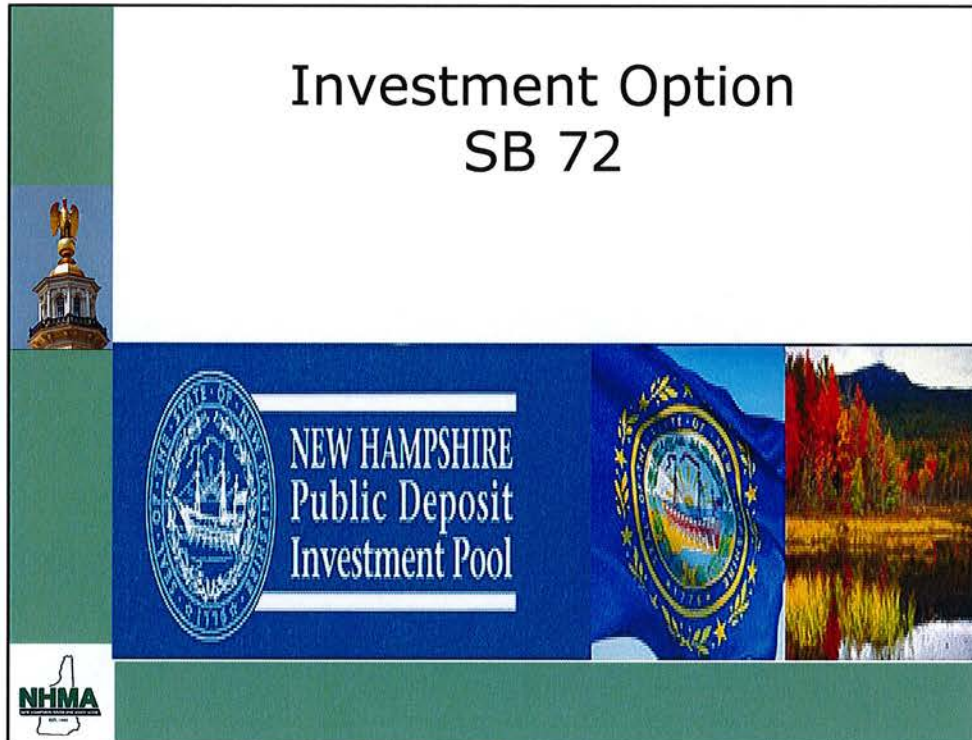
- Local decision to use money for a variety of transportation improvements: roads, bridges, sidewalks, bike paths, bus service.

# Audit of Motor Vehicle Records HB 417



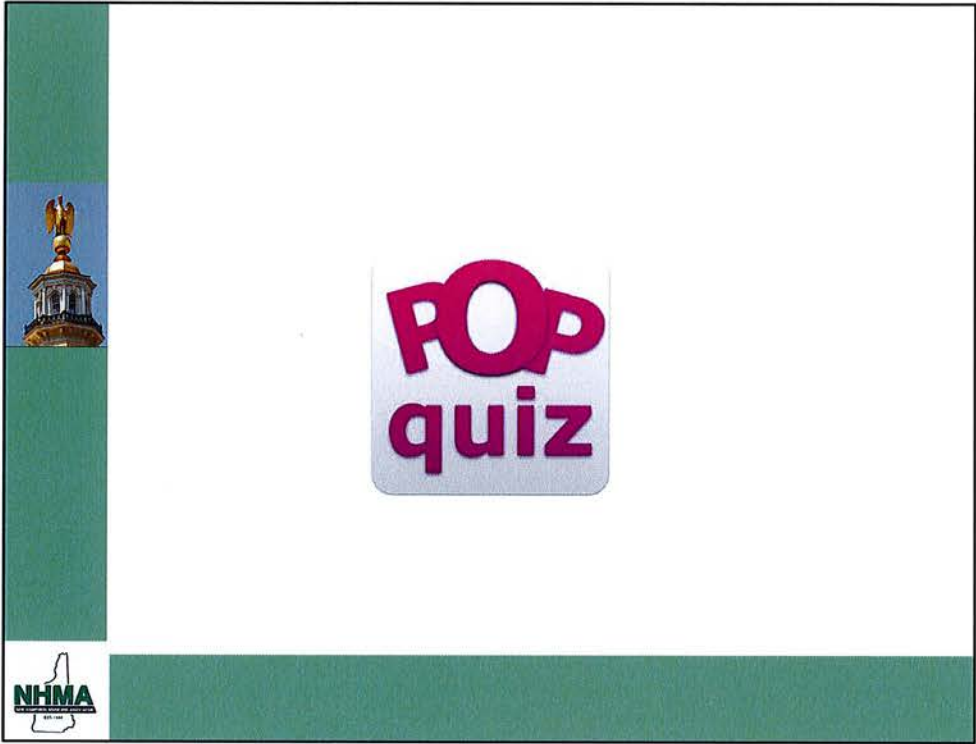
HB 417: clarifies municipal auditors right to access motor vehicle records.

# Investment Option SB 72



SB 72: authorize NH Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP) to offer certificates of deposits.

Amended to create a study committee with report issued by November 1, 2018.



**What is the average age of a New Hampshire state lawmaker?**



- 1. 5**
- 2. 38**
- 3. 46**
- 4. 62**
- 5. 71**



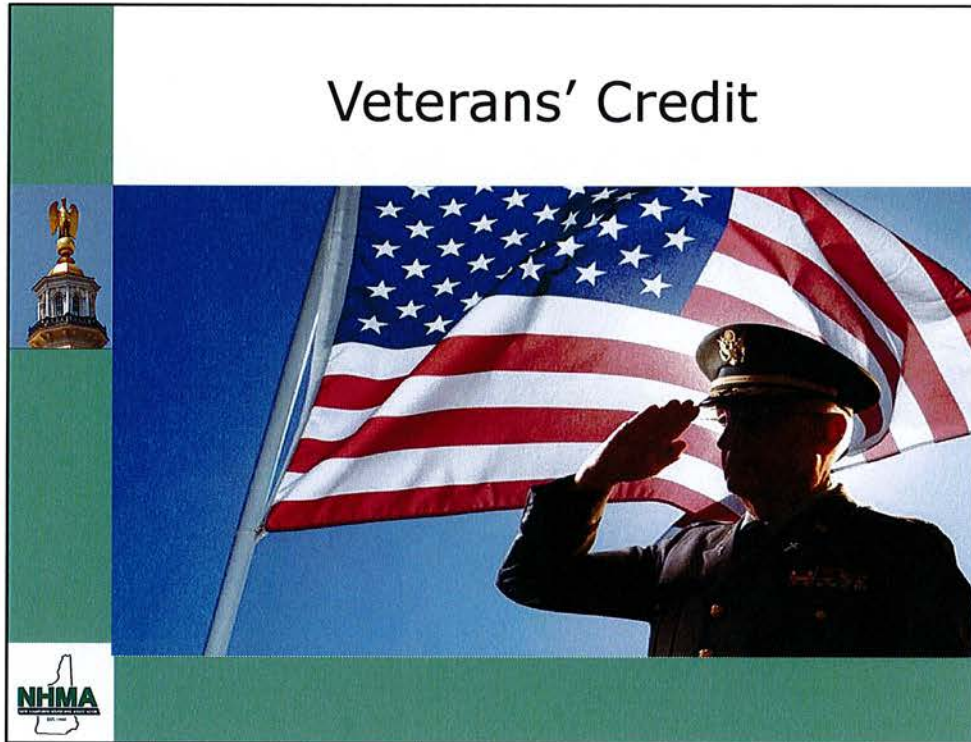


## Town Meeting Results



HB 329: relative to ratification of town meeting results.

## Veterans' Credit



SB 80: phase-in of the "All Veterans' Credit."

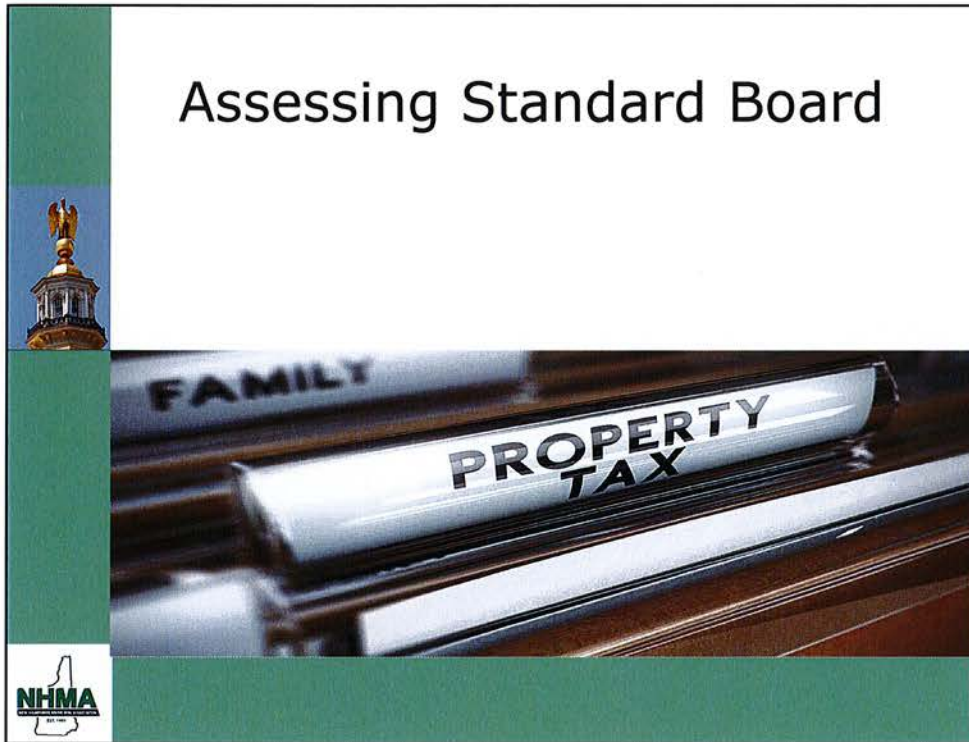
SB 168: increasing the optional amount of the veterans' credit from \$500 to \$1,000.

# Valuation of Utility Property



HB 324: relative to the valuation of utility property.

# Assessing Standard Board

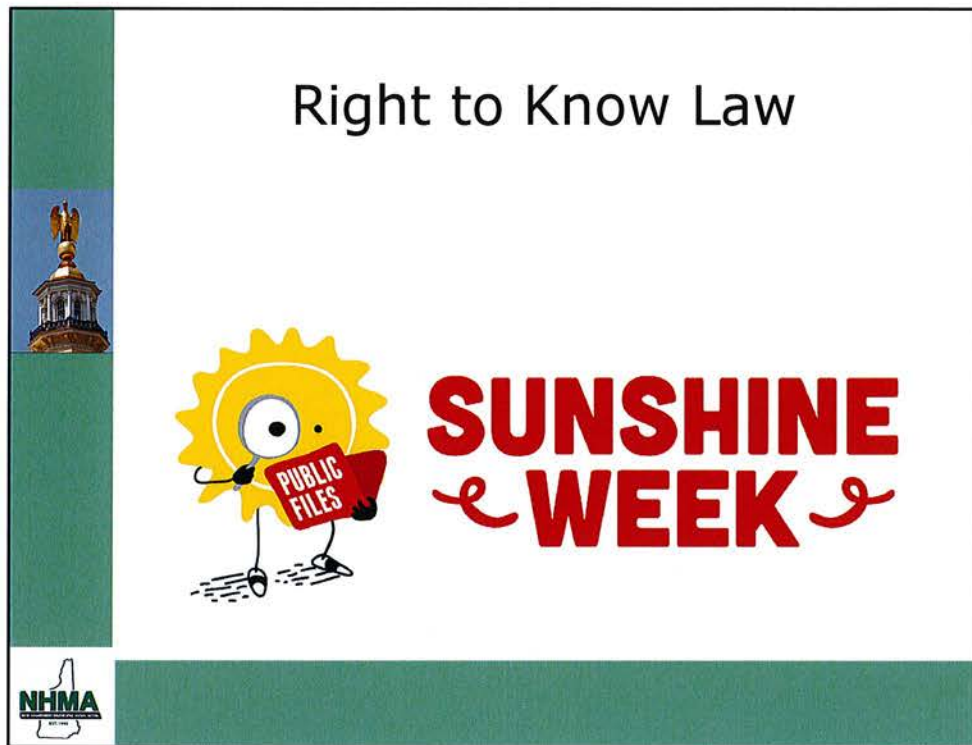


**HB 254: relative to membership on the assessing standards board.**

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HB 323: relative to membership on the assessing standards board.





HB 365: relative to awarding attorney's fees under the right-to-know law.

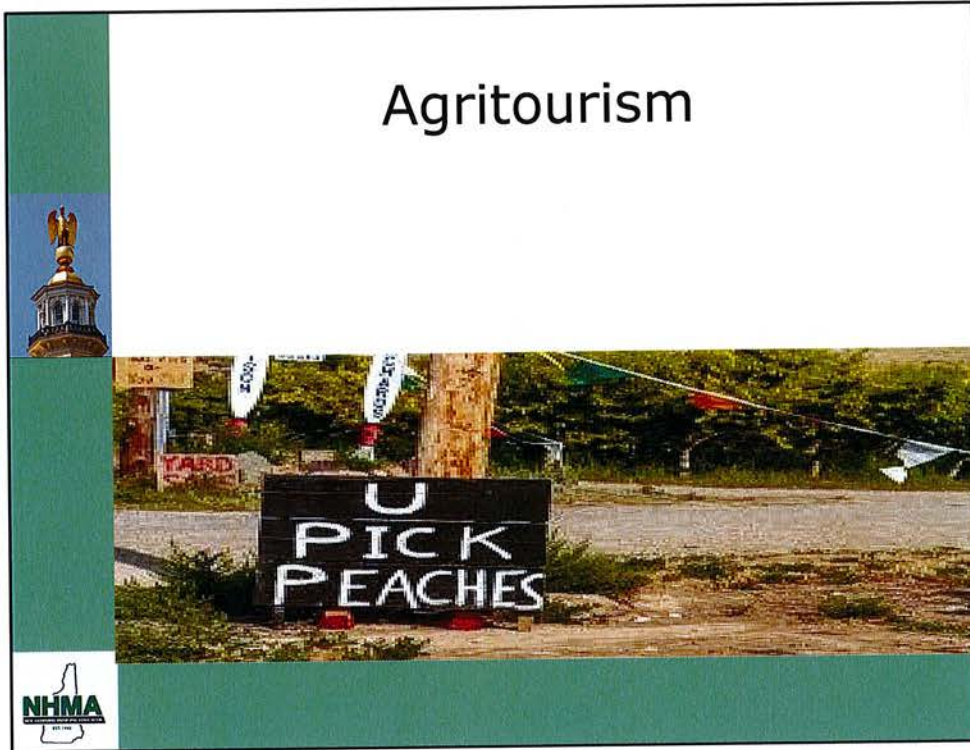
HB 178: establishing a commission to study processes to resolve right-to-know complaints.

HB 524: remote participation in a meeting under the right-to-know law.

HB 170: posting notice and minutes.



# Agritourism



SB 169: relative to the definition of agritourism.

# Accessory Dwelling Units



HB 265: relative to accessory dwelling units.

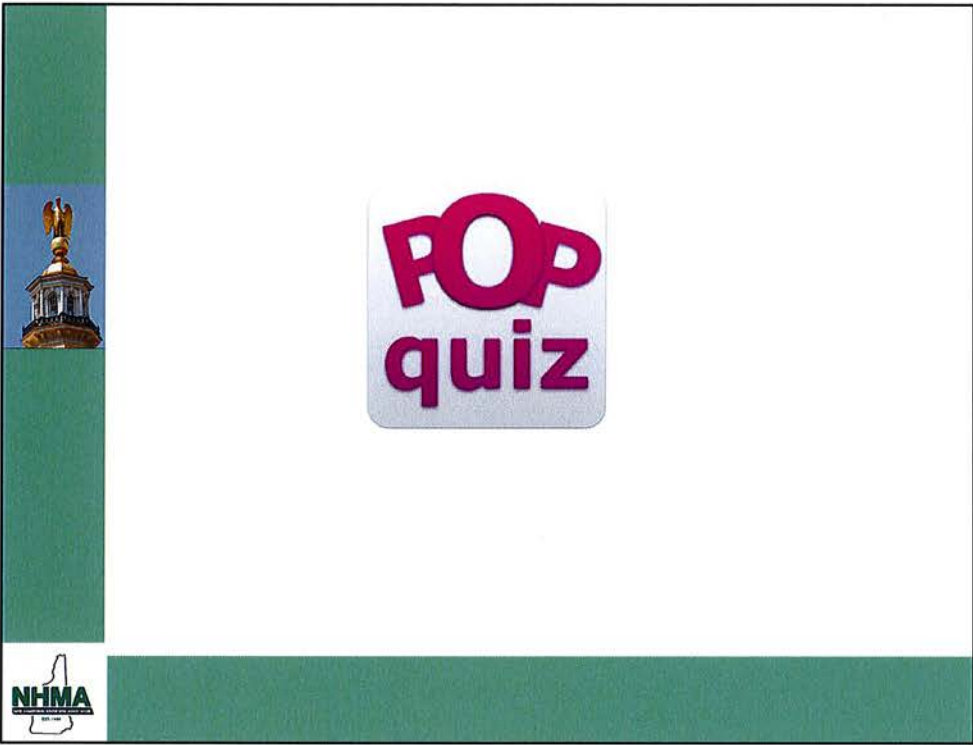
SB 173: relative to the use of accessory dwelling units.

## Bonding for Expansion of Internet Service



HB 191: relative to the authority of towns to issue bonds for the expansion of Internet service.

SB 170: relative to the authority of towns to issue bonds for the expansion of Internet service.



**According to the 2010 Census, how many residents do each State Senator represent?**



- 1. 22,000**
- 2. 33,000**
- 3. 44,000**
- 4. 55,000**
- 5. 66,000**



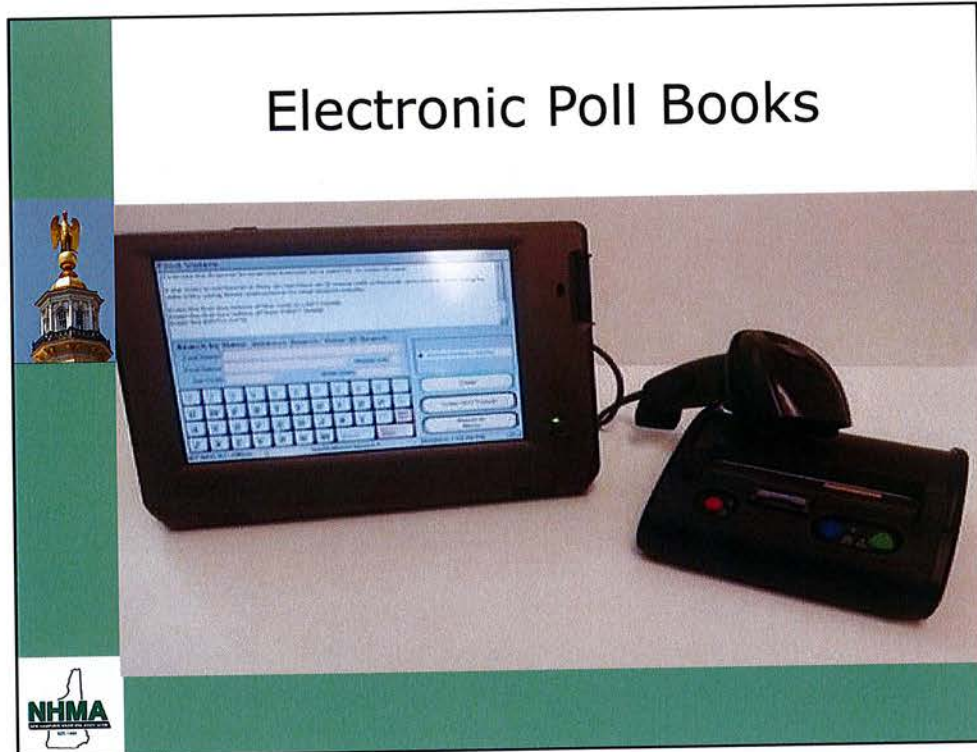


## Perambulation of Towns



SB 171: relative to the perambulation of towns.

# Electronic Poll Books



SB 113: relative to an electronic poll book trial program.

## Notice of Energy Facility Siting



SB 116: requiring notice to affected municipalities of energy facility siting.



**PROD.**  
**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

**May 24**  
**References to Records Checks:**  
Best Practices for Background Investigations


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## Lean

New Hampshire

In partnership with NHMA, the New Hampshire Bureau of Education and Training (BET) will be offering the Lean White Belt for NHMA members.

**Lean White Belt Workshop**  
**Monday, April 17, 2017**  
 NHMA Offices, 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord  
 9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.  
 Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

**Cost: \$20 for NHMA Members**  
**\$40 for Non-members**

Lean for government focuses on governing and serving citizens with respect and continuously improving service delivery by cutting out "waste" and "inefficiency" in processes. Simply, lean means creating more value for customers with fewer resources. Businesses in all industries and services, including government, are using lean principles on the way they think and do. It is not a tactic or a cost reduction program, but a way of thinking and acting for an entire organization in order to improve efficiency and quality.

The Lean White Belt program will acquaint members with the principal, philosophy and tools of Lean thinking. The White Belt program will prepare attendees to identify potential improvement projects in their organizations, and is a great opportunity to build a Lean culture by expanding awareness of continuous improvement concepts and techniques.

Join Kate McGovern, Associate Professor with the State of New Hampshire Bureau of Education & Training (BET), who teaches in the BET's Certified Public Supervisor and Public Manager programs, and in BET's Lean certificate programs at the White, Yellow, Green and Black Belt levels. Kate also conducts on-site Lean programs for New Hampshire municipalities and non-profit organizations.

**Register Today!**

To register online, please visit [www.nhnmunicipal.org](http://www.nhnmunicipal.org) and click on the Calendar of Events.  
 Cancellation must be received 48 hours in advance. If cancellation is not received 48 hours in advance, NHMA will charge you \$20 to cover workshop costs.

**Questions? Please call 800.852.3358, ext. 3350**  
**or email [NHMARegistrations@nhmunicipal.org](mailto:NHMARegistrations@nhmunicipal.org)**





### RIGHT-TO-KNOW WORKSHOP



9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, June 8, 2017  
NHMA Offices, 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord

\$90 for NHMA members; includes new publication  
**A Guide to Open Government:  
New Hampshire's Right to Know Law**

The Right to Know Law (Chapter 91-A) affects every aspect of local government in our state. Every board, committee, commission, and subcommittee in every town, city and village district in New Hampshire must comply with this law. As a result, all local officials and employees must understand the law and their responsibilities regarding both public meetings and governmental records.

Openness in the conduct of public business is essential to a democratic society. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure both the greatest possible public access to the records, decisions and records of all public bodies, and their accountability to the people.

RSA 91-A, 1 Purpose

Join Legal Services Counsel Stephen Buckley, Staff Attorney Margaret Byrnes, and Government Affairs Counsel Gerald Johnson for this full day workshop on the Right to Know Law. They will address some of the most difficult issues under the law, including confidential information, electronic records and communication, procedures for non-public sessions, and communications outside a meeting. There will be ample time for questions and answers on all aspects of the law.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.  
Continental breakfast and lunch included.  
Attendees will also receive the new NHMA book,  
**A Guide to Open Government:  
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## 2017 Employment Law Workshop Hot Trends and Developments

New regulations, laws, court decisions, government agency activities – and now a new presidential administration – mean that keeping abreast of the workplace and employment landscape is getting harder and harder.

Join Attorneys Mark T. French and Anna B. Cole from Drummond Woodsum law firm's Labor and Employment Group in Manchester, who will present a lively and informative overview of everyday laws and regulations that impact public sector employees in New Hampshire. These expert presenters will hit on the important subtleties of workplace law issues and the most critical points for decision making. The workshop will include the latest in employment and labor law, including:

American with Disabilities Act  
Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation  
Fair Labor Standards Act  
Family Medical Leave Act  
Time Off/Laves  
Workers' Compensation  
Discipline/Investigations

### Why Attend?

The reality of employment law is that it can be unanticipated, complex and difficult to understand. If you hire, manage or supervise individuals in your city or town, then enhance your understanding of these employment and labor laws and regulations at this exclusive full-day NHMA workshop.

### Who Should Attend?

Administrators, managers, human resource professionals, in-house counsel, supervisors and department heads.

### How Much?

The cost is \$90 per person. The fee includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch. Seating will be limited to the first 70 registrants. Watch for registration details at [www.nhnmata.org](http://www.nhnmata.org).

### When?

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 11, 2017  
NHMA Offices, 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord  
8:30 a.m. – Registration and continental breakfast. Program begins at 9:00 a.m.





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## Mission Statement

The New Hampshire Municipal Association is a non-profit, non-partisan association working to strengthen New Hampshire cities and towns and their ability to serve the public as a member-funded, member-governed and member-driven association since 1941. We serve as a resource for information, education and legal services. NHMA is a strong, clear voice advocating for New Hampshire municipal interests.

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