# Bill as Introduced

### HB 1480 - AS INTRODUCED

### 2010 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

1480

AN ACT

relative to rail authority bonds.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Graham, Hills 18; Rep. Chandler, Carr 1; Sen. Letourneau, Dist 19

COMMITTEE:

Public Works and Highways

### **ANALYSIS**

This bill requires that bonds issued by the rail authority must be approved by a joint resolution of the legislature.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in bold italics.

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### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 New Hampshire Rail Authority; Powers. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 238-A:8, XII to read as follows:
- XII. Issue bonds, provided such issuance is approved by a joint resolution of the general court, for the implementation of any project of the authority, including the acquisition of property, or paying off of any debt or obligation of the authority. The authority may issue such types of bonds as may be determined by the board of directors, including certificates on which principal and interest are payable:
  - 2 Bonds. Amend RSA 238-A:10, I-II to read as follows:
- I. The authority shall have the power and is hereby authorized to issue its bonds and notes in such principal amount as the authority shall determine to be necessary to provide sufficient funds for achieving any of its corporate purposes, provided that the issuance of all such bonds is approved by a joint resolution of the general court. Neither the directors of the authority nor any person executing bonds on behalf of the authority shall be personally liable thereon by reason of the issuance thereof.
- II. Bonds of the authority shall be authorized by its resolution, and by a joint resolution of the general court, and may be issued in one or more series and shall bear such date or dates, mature at such time or times, bear interest at such rate or rates, be in such denomination or denominations, be in such form, either coupon or registered, carry such conversion or registration privileges, have such rank or priority, be executed in such manner, be payable in such medium of payment, at such place or places and be subject to such terms of redemption, with or without premium, as such resolutions, its trust indenture, or mortgage may provide. In case any of the directors or officers of the authority whose signatures appear on any bond or coupon shall cease to be such directors or officers before the delivery of such bonds, such signatures shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes. All bonds may be signed on behalf of the authority by, or with the facsimile signatures of, such persons as at the actual date of such execution shall be the proper officers authorized by resolution of the authority to execute said bonds, notwithstanding the fact that on the day said bonds are dated, or on the date of the delivery thereof, any such person shall not have been such officer.
  - 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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# Committee Minutes

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11:00 AM	HB2010	relative to the state 10-year transpor	tation improv	ement program.				
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Rep. Candace Bouchard

### **Transportation & Interstate Cooperation Committee Hearing Report**

TO:

Members of the Senate

FROM:

Gene Martin, Legislative Aide

RE:

Hearing report on HB 1480 - AN ACT relative to the New Hampshire rail transit authority.

**HEARING DATE:** 

May 6, 2010

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT: Senators Letourneau, Gilmour, Kelly and Boutin

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ABSENT:

Senator Fuller Clark

Sponsor(s):

Rep. Graham, Hills 18; Rep. Chandler, Carr 1; Sen. Letourneau, Dist 19

What the bill does: This bill limits the amount of bonds that may be issued by the New Hampshire rail transit authority and requires the authority to report semiannually to the capital budget overview committee.

Who supports the bill: Rep. Graham,

Who opposes the bill: No one

Summary of testimony received:

Rep. Graham as the prime sponsor testified in favor of the bill. The original bill required the Rail Transit Authority to have bonding approved by the NH General Court. The state treasurer was concerned with then the State of New Hampshire would be the backers of the credit. She thought it could be a liability and she also believes that there should be a limit.

Senator Gilmour: What's the genesis?

Rep. Graham: We were looking at how to get rail in the state and realized there was no

oversight.

Senator Gilmour: Why come to the General Court? Rep. Graham: To ensure they are not overspending. Senator Letourneau: Concerned with a bailout?

Rep. Graham: Yes.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Future Action: The committee took the bill under advisement.

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(file HB1480) Date: May 7, 2010 Date:

May 6, 2010 10:30 A.M.

Time: Room:

LOB 101

The Senate Committee on Transportation and Interstate Cooperation held a hearing on the following:

HB 1480

(New Title) relative to the New Hampshire rail transit

authority.

Members of Committee present:

Senator Letourneau Senator Gilmour

Senator Boutin

The Chair, Senator Robert J. Letourneau, opened the hearing on HB 1480 and invited the prime sponsor, Representative John Graham, to introduce the legislation.

Representative John Graham: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee. For the record, I'm Representative John Graham. I represent Hillsboro District #18, which is the town of Bedford.

Senator Letourneau, I know that you were co-sponsor of this, but it is different from what you had originally signed on for. The original bill required that bonding by the Rail Transit Authority would have to be approved by the General Court. When we had the public hearing, the Treasurer came in and she said that she and the Bond Council had some concerns, that if we did that, we might be liable for the bonds. Right now, if the Authority lets the bonds, they are at no risk to the State. There's no full faith and credit to the state behind them.

Although... And in her testimony, she did say that there should be a limit on how much they can borrow, just as we've done with Pease Development Authority and the rest. Because, right now, there is no limit, other than what the bond market would bear. So, in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, we wrote in, not to exceed \$125 million. The Commissioner said that that should be sufficient, and if in some future year, they needed to go above that, if they're up and running and they do need to borrow more, they can always come to us and ask to do more than

125. But, it sets a limit, and we think it's reasonable. The Commissioner of Transportation thought the amount was reasonable. And by not having it come to the General Court, there's no concern that the full faith and credit of the State would be behind the bond. It would only be whatever they could put up as collateral for the bond. So, we went along with that. The Committee passed it, it went through House Finance as well. They concurred and, it's now in your hands.

<u>Senator Robert J. Letourneau, D. 19</u>: Great. Questions from the Committee?

Senator Peggy Gilmour, D. 12: Yes, I have one.

Senator Robert J. Letourneau, D. 19: Senator Gilmour.

Senator Peggy Gilmour, D. 12: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Representative Graham. What was the genesis of this?

Representative John Graham: The genesis is, we were looking overall at how we were going to go forward with getting rail into the state, and all of a sudden the members of the Committee and myself realized that there was no oversight on what the Rail Authority could do as far as bonding, which was the original genesis. Okay, come and tell us that you're borrowing it, we'll approve it. But then when it became problems with... problematic that the full faith and credit of the State could be behind it, we backed off on that. And then, the Treasurer is the one who recommended that there be an upper limit, just as we've done with other agencies, such as Pease Development. And they have an upper limit of what they can borrow too.

Senator Peggy Gilmour, D. 12: Follow up?

Senator Robert J. Letourneau, D. 19: Follow up.

Senator Peggy Gilmour, D. 12: I really know the genesis of the original bill, but why would the Rail Transit Authority come to the General Court?

Representative John Graham: Why? So that we have oversight of what they're doing, know how much is out there. If they start up and are borrowing a lot of money, that in some future year, they're not coming in and saying, well we borrowed \$300 or \$400 million dollars and now we need help to keep going and paying our bonds. And we just want to know what they're doing, as they're doing it.

Senator Robert J. Letourneau, D. 19: Overall, you're concerned about bailouts?

Representative John Graham: I guess I would say that that was part of the thinking behind it, yes.

Senator Robert J. Letourneau, D. 19: Thank you. Further questions from the Committee? Seeing none, thank you very much. I hope you'll be able to get to your Committee meeting on time.

Representative John Graham: Yeah, they've probably voted already.

Senator Robert J. Letourneau, D. 19: Recognize Representative Gene Chandler.

Representative Gene Chandler: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm all set, I was going to be a back up in case Representative Graham had to leave. Nothing I could add to his excellent testimony.

Senator Robert J. Letourneau, D. 19: Oh, your ...had to leave, okay. Thank you very much. Gary Abbott. You're not speaking either. Okay. With nobody else speaking. Anybody else wants to speak on House Bill 1480? If not, close the hearing on House Bill 1480.

Hearing concluded at 10:35 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Higgins Senate Secretary

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## Speakers

### Senate Transportation and Interstate Cooperation Committee: Sign-In Sheet

Date: May 6, 2010

Time: 10:30 A.M. Public Hearing on HB 1480

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### Voting Sheets

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# Committee Report

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

### SENATE

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date: May 6, 2010

THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation and Interstate Cooperation to which was referred House Bill 1480

AN ACT

(New Title) relative to the New Hampshire rail transit authority.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill:

**OUGHT TO PASS** 

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT#

Senator Robert J. Letourneau For the Committee

Brenda Higgins 271-8631

### New Hampshire General Court - Bill Status System

### **Docket of HB1480**

**Docket Abbreviations** 

Bill Title: (New Title) relative to the New Hampshire rail transit authority.

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Date	Body	Description
12/10/2009	Н	Introduced 1/6/2010 and Referred to Public Works and Highways; <b>HJ 6</b> , PG.241
01/12/2010	Н	Public Hearing: 1/19/2010 11:15 AM LOB 201
01/13/2010	H	Executive Session: 1/27/2010 9:15 AM LOB 201 ==RECESSED==
01/27/2010	Н	Full Committee Work Session: 2/2/2010 1:15 PM LOB 201
01/27/2010	Н	Executive Session: 2/16/2010 10:15 AM LOB 201
02/16/2010	Н	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with AM #0763h (NT) for Mar 3 CC (Vote 15-0); <b>HC 17</b> , PG.810-811
02/16/2010	Н	Proposed Committee Amendment #0763h (New Title); <b>HC 17</b> , PG.893-894
03/03/2010	Н	Amendment #0763h (New Title) Adopted, VV; HJ 20, PG.1155-1156
03/03/2010	Н	Ought to Pass with Amendment #0763h (New Title): MA VV; <b>HJ 20</b> , PG.1155-1156
03/24/2010	S	Introduced and Referred to Transportation & Interstate Cooperation; <b>SJ</b> 11, Pg.263
04/29/2010	S	Hearing: May 6, 2010, Room 101, LOB, 10:30 a.m.; SC18
05/06/2010	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 5/12/10; SC19
05/12/2010	S	Ought to Pass, MA, VV; OT3rdg
05/12/2010	S	Passed by Third Reading Resolution
05/19/2010	S	Enrolled
05/19/2010	Н	Enrolled; <b>HJ 46</b> , PG.2244
06/24/2010	Н	Signed by the Governor 06/22/2010; Effective 08/21/2010; Chapter 0201

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