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# Committee Report

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**March 20, 2019**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs to  
which was referred HB 598,**

**AN ACT establishing a commission to study beer and  
wine agritourism. Having considered the same, report  
the same with the following amendment, and the  
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH  
AMENDMENT.**

**Rep. Kermit Williams**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
Bill Number:	HB 598
Title:	establishing a commission to study beer and wine agritourism.
Date:	March 20, 2019
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2019-0881h

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

The bill creates a commission made up of stake holders from the NH alcohol manufacturing industry and state departments to develop a plan to promote the growing interest, from both in-state and out-of-state tourists, in the New Hampshire small businesses that produce beer, wine, and spirits, and offer tours and tasting at their facilities. The commission will study ways to help tourists find these businesses, including through highway signage, maps, and advertising plans. The amendment adds two members and a requirement for the commission to develop a mechanism to allow farm-to-table dinners held at a location without an alcohol license to offer local alcohol products as part of the event.

Vote 20-0.

Rep. Kermit Williams  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**HB 598**, establishing a commission to study beer and wine agritourism. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Kermit Williams for Commerce and Consumer Affairs. The bill creates a commission made up of stake holders from the NH alcohol manufacturing industry and state departments to develop a plan to promote the growing interest, from both in-state and out-of-state tourists, in the New Hampshire small businesses that produce beer, wine, and spirits, and offer tours and tasting at their facilities. The commission will study ways to help tourists find these businesses, including through highway signage, maps, and advertising plans. The amendment adds two members and a requirement for the commission to develop a mechanism to allow farm-to-table dinners held at a location without an alcohol license to offer local alcohol products as part of the event. **Vote 20-0.**

HB 348, relative to procedures for condominiums with 25 or fewer residential units. OUGHT TO PASS. This bill reduces the meeting requirements for smaller condominium associations. These associations, some as small as two units, generally operated less formally than large associations, and requiring them to operate like a big development with hundreds of units and paid staff imposes an undue burden. Nothing in the bill prohibits an association from having stricter meeting requirements in its operating documents.

The bill also requires associations to have a master insurance policy to cover common areas, and spells out who is responsible if damage occurs and no insurance is in place. Vote 20-0.

HB 598 establishing a commission to study beer and wine agritourism. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. The bill creates a commission made up of stakeholders from the alcohol industry and state departments to develop a plan promoting the growing interest from both in-state and out-of-state tourists in the New Hampshire small businesses that produce beer, wine, and spirits, and offer tours and tastings at their facilities. The commission will study ways to help tourists find these businesses, including highway signage, maps, and advertising plans. The commission will also develop a mechanism to allow farm-to-table dinners held at a location without an alcohol license to offer local alcohol products as part of the event. Vote 20-0.

HB 309, relative to procedures for foreclosure of a mortgage. OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. This bill changes the notice requirements if a mortgagee exercises its power of foreclosure under the mortgage contract. The notice must be served by the sheriff in the county where the property resides, rather than by mail. The bill also modifies the currently-existing process by which a mortgagor can stop a foreclosure process, allowing them to file a complaint, rather than a petition, with the court. Vote 20-0.

HB 460-FN, relative to responsibility of the consumer protection and antitrust bureau over condominium disputes. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. This bill would require the Attorney General's Consumer Protection unit to resolve complaints from condominium unit owners through arbitration, investigation, cease-and-desist orders, or other means. While the committee recognizes that there are a significant number of complaints lodged each year, the Consumer Protection unit is a small group with a large set of responsibilities, and would be overwhelmed by the volume and complexity of this task. The committee believes that other avenues to solve these problems should be sought. Vote 20-0.

HB 585, relative to the procedure for mortgage foreclosure. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. This bill would automatically void foreclosure sales under certain circumstances, which would typically involve fraud. The committee felt that any foreclosure action where fraud was a concern should be handled by a court, so due consideration would be given to the issues and the rights of each party. Vote 20-0.

HB 664-FN, relative to vehicle repair standards. MAJORITY OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT. This bill requires automobile insurance companies to pay for the cost of accident repairs that follow the manufacturer's recommendations for repair processes. This bill was created after a study committee last year found that there was a serious concern that insurance companies were not always willing to pay for diagnostic scans and other procedures which ensure that the embedded electronics and mechanical systems in modern vehicles that provide functions such as driver assistance and increase safe operation are returned to pre-loss functionality after a crash. The

## Stapler, Carol

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**From:** Ed Butler <edofthenotch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 12:49 PM  
**To:** Stapler, Carol; Smarling, Pam  
**Cc:** Williams, Kermit  
**Subject:** From Ed -- RE: Kermit's Committee reports  
**Attachments:** 3-13-2019 committee reports.docx

Carol,

Except for 664, which Kermit is editing a bit, the rest of these are good to go.

Thanks,  
Ed

*Representative Ed Butler*

Carroll County District 7 - includes the towns of Hart's Location, Bartlett, Jackson, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Albany, Tamworth, Madison, Freedom and the unincorporated Hale's Location

Commerce Committee, Chair

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374-6131 (home and inn)

he/him/his

**From:** Williams, Kermit <Kermit.Williams@leg.state.nh.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 11:52 AM  
**To:** Butler, Ed <edofthenotch@gmail.com>; Stapler, Carol <Carol.Stapler@leg.state.nh.us>  
**Subject:** Committee reports

Attached please find all the committee reports that I need to submit from our Friday and Monday executive sessions. If there is anything else I can do to help get the committee work done, please let me know. After working the election yesterday, I have a rare day off, so I could help out if needed. Otherwise, see you tomorrow!

Kermit

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2019-0881h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study beer, wine, and liquor tourism in New Hampshire.

# Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 598

**BILL TITLE:** (New Title) establishing a commission to study beer, wine, and liquor tourism.

**DATE:** March 11, 2019

**LOB ROOM:** 302

**MOTIONS:** OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Moved by Rep. Williams                      Seconded by Rep. Van Houten                      AM Vote: 20-0

Amendment # 2019-0881h

Moved by Rep. Williams                      Seconded by Rep. Potucek                      Vote: 20-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Rebecca McBeath, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 598

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DATE: ~~3-9-19~~ 3-11-19

LOB ROOM: 302

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP                       ITL                       Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year)                       Adoption of Amendment # 0891h (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Williams      Seconded by Rep. Van Haulen      Vote: 20-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP       OTP/A       ITL       Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year)       Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_ (if offered)
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Moved by Rep. Williams      Seconded by Rep. Potuchek      Vote: 20-0

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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_      Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_      Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT CALENDAR:  YES       NO

Minority Report?  Yes       No      If yes, author, Rep: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted:   
Rep Rebecca McBeath, Clerk



2019 SESSION

Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Bill #: HB 598 Motion: OTP AM #: 6881h Exec Session Date: 3-11-19

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Butler, Edward A. Chairman	✓		
Williams, Kermit R. Vice Chairman	✓		
Gidge, Kenneth N. <i>McConnell</i>	✓		
Abel, Richard M.	✓		
McBeath, Rebecca Susan Clerk	✓		
Bartlett, Christy D.	✓		
Herbert, Christopher J.	✓		
Van Houten, Constance	✓		
Fargo, Kristina M. <i>Kung</i>	✓		
Indruk, Greg L.	✓		
Muscatel, Garrett D.	✓		
Weston, Joyce	✓		
Hunt, John B.	✓		
<del>Sanborn, Laurie J.</del> <i>HOETZEL</i>	✓		
Osborne, Jason M.	✓		
<del>Costable, Michael</del> <i>WUELPER</i>	✓		
Plumer, John R.	✓		
Barnes, Arthur E.	✓		
Potucek, John M.	✓		
Warden, Mark <i>Fields</i>	✓		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	



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# Sub-Committee Minutes

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**Comments and Recommendations:** Title change; liquor added; a few new members; date changed to Nov. 1, 2020, with interim report on Nov. 1, 2019.

**MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Moved by Rep. Williams                      Seconded by Rep. Potucek                      AM Vote: 6-0

Amendment # 2019-0881

Moved by Rep. Williams                      Seconded by Rep. Potucek                      Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

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Subcommittee Chairman

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Moved by Rep. Williams Secoded by Rep. Potucek AM Vote: 6-0

Adoption of Amendment # 0881

Moved by Rep. Secoded by Rep. Vote:

Amendment Adopted Amendment Failed

MOTIONS: OTP (OTP/A), ITL, Retained (1st Yr), Interim Study (2nd Yr) (Please circle one)

Moved by Rep. Williams Secoded by Rep. Potucek AM Vote: 6-0

Adoption of Amendment #

Moved by Rep. Secoded by Rep. Vote:

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**SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION** on HB 598

**BILL TITLE:** (New Title) establishing a commission to study beer, wine, and liquor tourism.

**DATE:** March 5, 2019

**Subcommittee Members:** Reps. Williams, Van Houten, Fargo, Hunt, J. Osborne and Potucek

**Comments and Recommendations:** Waiting on amendment; Rep. Willilams should be ready by Mrch 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Kristina Fargo  
Subcommittee Clerk



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION on HB 598

BILL TITLE: establishing a commission to study beer and wine agritourism.

DATE: 3-5-19

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Butler, Williams, McBeath, Gidge, Abel, Bartlett, Herbert, Van Houten, Fargo, Indruk, Muscatel, Weston, Hunt, Sanborn, J. Osborne, Costable, Plumer, Barnes, Potucek and Warden

Comments and Recommendations:

Waiting on a amendment - Rep. Williams should be ready by March 8th

MOTIONS: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (1st Yr), Interim Study (2nd Yr) (Please circle one)

Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ AM Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment Failed

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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ AM Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment Failed

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Kristina Fargo
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

**SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION** on HB 598

**BILL TITLE:** (New Title) establishing a commission to study beer, wine, and liquor tourism.

**DATE:** February 21, 2019

**Subcommittee Members:** Reps. Butler, Williams, Hunt, J. Osborne, Van Houten and Potucek

**Comments and Recommendations:** Rep. Williams wants to submit an amendment t=re: "agritourism" and other changes to add public health commission, etc. Add distillers, ciders, etc....hold

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Kristina Fargo  
Subcommittee Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION on HB 598

BILL TITLE: establishing a commission to study beer and wine agritourism.

DATE: 2-21-19

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Butler, Williams, McBeath, Gidge, Abel, Bartlett, Herbert, Van Houten, Fargo, Indruk, Muscatel, Weston, Hunt, Sanborn, J. Osborne, Costable, Plumer, Barnes, Potucek and ~~W. H. ...~~

Comments and Recommendations:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment Failed

MOTIONS: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (1st Yr), Interim Study (2nd Yr) (Please circle one)

Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ AM Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amendment Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment Failed

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Constance Van Houten / Kristina Fargo  
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 598

**BILL TITLE:** (New Title) establishing a commission to study beer, wine, and liquor tourism.

**DATE:** February 20, 2019

**LOB ROOM:** 302

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:11 am

**Time Adjourned:** 11:30 am

**Committee Members:** Reps. Butler, Williams, Bartlett, Abel, Herbert, Van Houten, Farrar, Andruk, Muscater, Weston, Hunt, J. Osborne, Plumer, Barnes, Potucek and Warden

**Bill Sponsors:**

Rep. Williams

TESTIMONY

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

**Rep. Kermit Williams**, sponsor - Introduced bill.

\*Encourage tourism for beer and wine exploration

\*Commission to study this opportunity

\*Wine is part of agriculture

\*Value to state and business for tourism.

**Q: Chairman Ed Butler** - Already have website that identifies beer and wine makers.

**A:** More direct promotion.

**Q: Rep. Christy Dolat Bartlett** - Advertising budget for agriculture?

**A:** Unknown; could increase!

Hold question for other testimony.

**Q: Rep. Jason Osborne** - What about distillers?

**A:** Could be included in the bill.

**Shawn Jasper, Dept. of Ag. - Opposes.** Because of term agritourism - should include more cheese and wine, coffees, etc. RSA 2134A, definition of Agritourism. Would be in support if you replace term "agritourism" out of bill. What is, is not in the term agritourism; see RSA. This doesn't fit definition.

**Q: Rep. Bartlett** - How does our agriculture budget compare to other states?

**A:** Small dollars for maps, etc. Do not know how it compares to other states.

**Mike Appollo, Appollo Vineyards** - Supports. We can improve tourism like other states with regard to wineries. Cannot put signage up to identify his

business; need sign from highway to the business premises, even just "grape."

**Q: Rep. Bartlett** - What percentage of grapes do you grow and what do you import?

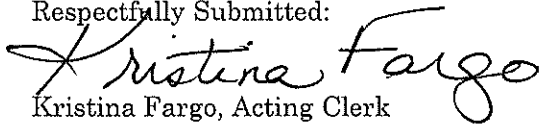
**A:** One half grown; rest is bought. Land cost is very high in NH for vineyards.

**Q:** How many types of grapes can you grow?

**A:** Hundreds, buy locally and from CA as well; hybrids most successful.

Blue Sheet: Pro, 1; Con, 1

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Kristina Fargo, Acting Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 598

BILL TITLE: establishing a commission to study beer and wine agritourism.

DATE: 2-20-19

ROOM:

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 11:11 AM

Time Adjourned: 11:30 AM

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Butler, Williams, McBeath, Gidge, Bartlett, Abel, Herbert,  
Van Houten, Fargo, Indruk, Muscatel, Weston, Hunt, Sanborn, J. Osborne, Plumer,  
Costable, Barnes, Potucek and Warden

Bill Sponsors:  
Rep. Williams

TESTIMONY

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- # 1 - Rep. Williams - Sponsor
- # 2 - Shawn Jasper - Dept Agriculture
- # 3 - Mike Appolo - Appolo Vineyards

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HB 598 -

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Coffees  
Etc



## RSA 2134A - Definition of Agritourism

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Mike Appollo - Appollo Winery Supports Bill

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Rep. Barnes - Blue Sheet.



Bill as  
Introduced

HB 598 - AS INTRODUCED

2019 SESSION

19-0644  
08/03

HOUSE BILL            **598**

AN ACT                establishing a commission to study beer and wine agritourism.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Williams, Hills. 4

COMITTEE:            Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study beer and wine agritourism in New Hampshire.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.  
                          Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
                          Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen*

AN ACT                    establishing a commission to study beer and wine agritourism.

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

1            1 New Section; Commission on New Hampshire Beer and Wine Agritourism. Amend RSA 425  
2 by inserting after section 2-a the following new section:

3            425:2-b Commission on New Hampshire Beer and Wine Agritourism.

4            I. There is established a commission to study beer and wine agritourism in New  
5 Hampshire. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

6            (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
7 house of representatives.

8            (b) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

9            (c) The commissioner of the department of agriculture, markets, and foods, or designee.

10           (d) The liquor commissioner, or designee.

11           (e) The commissioner of the department of transportation, or designee.

12           (f) The director of the division of travel and tourism development, or designee.

13           (g) One representative from the New Hampshire Winery Association, appointed by the  
14 association.

15           (h) One representative from the New Hampshire Brewers' Association, appointed by the  
16 association.

17           (i) Two members of the general public, appointed by the governor.

18           II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when  
19 attending to the duties of the commission.

20           III. The commission shall develop a plan for New Hampshire beer and wine agritourism,  
21 including beer and wine trails with signage along New Hampshire highways, changes to liquor  
22 commission laws and rules that would enhance tourist experiences at New Hampshire wineries and  
23 breweries, and coordination of beer and wine agritourism marketing efforts among the department  
24 of agriculture, markets, and food, the division of travel and tourism development, the department of  
25 transportation, and wine and beer producer associations.

26           IV. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members.  
27 The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first  
28 meeting of the commission shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this section. Seven  
29 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The commission shall hold public meetings  
30 at least once per month and shall solicit and consider from interested parties testimony, documents,  
31 and other information pertaining to the commission's work.

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1           V. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
2 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
3 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2019.

4           2 Repeal. RSA 425:2-b, relative to the commission to study beer and wine agritourism in New  
5 Hampshire, is repealed.

6           3 Effective Date.

7           I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, 2019.

8           II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.