

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

May 22, 2019

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Health, Human Services and Elderly
Affairs to which was referred SB 85,**

**AN ACT reestablishing the commission to study
environmentally-triggered chronic illness. Having
considered the same, report the same with the following
amendment, and the recommendation that the bill
OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Mark Pearson

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs
Bill Number:	SB 85
Title:	reestablishing the commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.
Date:	May 22, 2019
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2019-2035 h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 21-0.

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Lindsay Forcier

From: Lucy McVitty Weber <lwmcv@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 9:24 PM
To: Lindsay Forcier
Subject: FW: SB 85 committee report.

SB 85—reestablishing the commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.

OTP/A 2035h 21-0 Consent Calendar

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Rep. Mark Pearson for the committee

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Amendment to SB 85

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 85

BILL TITLE: reestablishing the commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.

DATE: May 21, 2019

LOB ROOM: 205

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

Moved by Rep. Campion Seconded by Rep. Woods AM Vote: 20-0

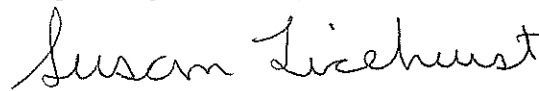
Amendment # 2019-2035 h

Moved by Rep. M. Pearson Seconded by Rep. Salloway Vote: 21-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,



Rep Susan Ticehurst, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

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DATE: 5-21-19

LOB ROOM: 205

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # 2035 h (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

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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: Susan Ticehurst
Rep Susan Ticehurst, Clerk



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Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

Bill #: SB 85 Motion: Adopt Amend AM #: 2035h Exec Session Date: 5-21-19

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Weber, Lucy M. Chairman	✓		
Campion, Polly Kent Vice Chairman	✓		
MacKay, James R.	✓		
Snow, Kendall A.	✓		
Freitas, Mary C.			
Ticehurst, Susan J. Clerk	✓		
Knirk, Jerry L.	✓		
Salloway, Jeffrey C.	✓		
Cannon, Gerri D.	✓		
Nutter-Upham, Frances E.	✓		
Osborne, Richard G.	✓		
Schapiro, Joe	✓		
Woods, Gary L.	✓		
McMahon, Charles E.	✓		
Nelson, Bill G.	✓		
Guthrie, Joseph A.	✓		
Fothergill, John J.	✓		
Marsh, William M.	✓		
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Acton, Dennis F.	✓		
DeClercq, Edward			
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Sub-
Committee
Actions

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION on SB 85

BILL TITLE: reestablishing the commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.

DATE:

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Weber, Campion, McMahon, Nelson, M. Pearson, Knirk, Freitas, R. Osborne, Woods, Stapleton, DeClercq and Salloway

Comments and Recommendations:

Will correct amendment for final reporting date

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

Moved by Rep. Weber Seconded by Rep. Pearson AM Vote: 9-0

Adoption of Amendment # 1993 h

Moved by Rep. Weber Seconded by Rep. Pearson Vote: 9-0

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. Weber
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION on SB 85

BILL TITLE: reestablishing the commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.

DATE: April 25, 2019

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Weber, Campion, Freitas, Knirk, Salloway, R. Osborne, Woods, McMahon, Nelson, M. Pearson and Stapleton

Comments and Recommendations: Committee discussed amendment 1658; Rep. Weber to discuss further changes with Senator Sherman.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Lucy Weber
Subcommittee Chairman

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION on SB 85

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DATE:

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Weber, Campion, McMahon, Nelson, M. Pearson, Knirk, Freitas, R. Osborne, Woods, DeClercq, Salloway and Stapleton. Absent

Comments and Recommendations:

Committee discussed amendment 11658; Rep Weber to discuss further changes w/ Rep. Sen. Shuman

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

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. [Signature] Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 85

BILL TITLE: reestablishing the commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.

DATE: April 23, 2019

LOB ROOM: 205 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:30 AM
Time Adjourned: 12:00 PM

Committee Members: Reps. Weber, Campion, Ticehurst, MacKay, Snow, Freitas, Knirk, Salloway, Nutter-Upham, R. Osborne, Schapiro, Woods, McMahon, Nelson, Guthrie, Fothergill, Marsh, M. Pearson, Acton, DeClercq and Stapleton

Bill Sponsors:

Sen. Sherman
Rep. Salloway

Sen. Fuller Clark

Rep. Murphy

TESTIMONY

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Introduced By: Sen. Sherman, Sponsor –

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Answer - Typically the language is that the commission can invite others to participate. Non-members would be non-voting.

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Answer - No, since the request could go to the Fiscal Committee.

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Answer - This was removed by the House. Would be open to requiring one person with specific qualifications.

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Answer - Presumption is that the people appointed will be people who work actively in this area. Makes sure the community members have experience in this area. Willing to go with more standard language, having nominations made by the Senate President and Speaker of the House.

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Support the underlying goals and initiatives. Bush: You have the commitment from the department that I will be the member from the department.

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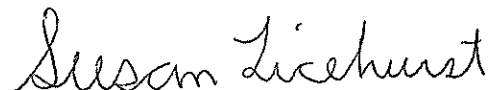
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David Bates, Researcher -

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Rep. Susan Ticehurst, Clerk

House Committee on Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs
Public Hearing on SB 85

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Date:	4/23/19		
Room:	205	Time Public Hearing Called to Order:	11:30
		Time Adjourned:	12:00

Committee Members Present:

X	Shapiro
	Cannon
X	Stapleton
X	Nutter-Upham
X	Marsh
X	Salloway
X	Fothergill
X	Freitas
X	Snow
X	MacKay
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HB 736 and SB 85 (2019)

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SPONSORS: Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Rep. Murphy, Hills. 21; Rep. Salloway, Straf. 5

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

ANALYSIS

This bill reestablishes the commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
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 reestablishing the commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.

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

1 1 Statement of Intent. The general court recognizes that nearly half of adults in the United
2 States have at least one chronic health condition and chronic diseases are responsible for increased
3 health care costs. Seventy percent of health care costs in the United States are for chronic diseases.
4 Some chronic diseases are known or thought to be associated with environmental causes. According
5 to the Centers for Disease Control, the state of New Hampshire has the highest rates of people with
6 bladder, breast, esophageal, and pediatric cancer in the country. In addition, a double pediatric
7 cancer cluster was identified in the seacoast of New Hampshire in 2014. Therefore, the general
8 court hereby establishes the commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.

9 2 New Section; Commission to Study Environmentally-Triggered Chronic Illness Reestablished.
10 Amend RSA 126-A by inserting after section 73 the following new section:

11 126-A:73-a Commission to Study Environmentally-Triggered Chronic Illness Reestablished.

12 I. There is established a commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic illness.

13 II.(a) The members of the commission shall be as follows:

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15 the speaker of the house of representatives and 2 of whom shall be appointed by the house minority
16 leader.

17 (2) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the minority
18 party, appointed by the president of the senate.

19 (3) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

20 (4) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.

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22 practice, or designee.

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