

# Committee Report

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**March 10, 2021**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Majority of the Committee on Judiciary to which  
was referred HB 216,**

**AN ACT relative to public notice of and access to  
meetings under the right to know law. Having  
considered the same, report the same with the following  
resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO  
LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Joe Alexander**

**FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

## **MAJORITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Judiciary</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 216</b>
Title:	<b>relative to public notice of and access to meetings under the right to know law.</b>
Date:	<b>March 10, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The majority of the Judiciary Committee believes that this bill needs a lot of work. While the majority sympathizes that increased access of the public to meetings is preferable, the bill as currently drafted leaves a lot of questions. First, electronic participation requires an immense amount more work for the secretaries, staff, and the clerks of committees. Second, this bill is a local control issue. What may partially work for members of this body may not work for members of local bodies, and these questions should be answered on the local level. Third, there is a question of whether or not the public may have the ability to vote electronically in cases of a school or town deliberative session. Remote voting has been seen time and again to result in more questions than answers. The majority believes that although remote meetings have been a great temporary solution to allowing public access, there have also been significant strains on the current infrastructure.

Vote 11-10.

Rep. Joe Alexander  
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## REGULAR CALENDAR

### Judiciary

**HB 216**, relative to public notice of and access to meetings under the right to know law.  
**MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Minority of the Committee on Judiciary to which  
was referred HB 216,**

**AN ACT relative to public notice of and access to  
meetings under the right to know law. Having  
considered the same, and being unable to agree with  
the Majority, report with the following amendment, and  
the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS  
WITH AMENDMENT.**

**Rep. Alexis Simpson**

**FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

## **MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee:	<b>Judiciary</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 216</b>
Title:	<b>relative to public notice of and access to meetings under the right to know law.</b>
Date:	<b>March 10, 2021</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2021-0680h</b>

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The minority of the committee recommends this bill Ought to Pass with Amendment in response to overwhelming support by the public for remote access to public meetings. The bill provides direction for public notice and access to remote meetings, and meetings with an option for remote attendance, under the Right to Know Law. The amendment changes the original bill to state clearly that if there is a physical meeting location, there is not a requirement to have a remote option. It gives the authority to decide whether a meeting is remote to the public body, not to an individual member of the body. The amendment also addresses potential Right to Know issues with online chat functions.

Rep. Alexis Simpson  
FOR THE MINORITY

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## REGULAR CALENDAR

### Judiciary

**HB 216**, relative to public notice of and access to meetings under the right to know law. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Alexis Simpson for the **Minority** of Judiciary. The minority of the committee recommends this bill Ought to Pass with Amendment in response to overwhelming support by the public for remote access to public meetings. The bill provides direction for public notice and access to remote meetings, and meetings with an option for remote attendance, under the Right to Know Law. The amendment changes the original bill to state clearly that if there is a physical meeting location, there is not a requirement to have a remote option. It gives the authority to decide whether a meeting is remote to the public body, not to an individual member of the body. The amendment also addresses potential Right to Know issues with online chat functions.

Amendment to HB 216

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Access to Governmental Records and Meetings; Meetings Open to the Public. Amend RSA 91-  
4 A:2, III to read as follows:

5 III. A public body may, but is not required to, allow one or more members of the body to  
6 participate in a meeting by electronic or other means of communication for the benefit of the public  
7 and the governing body, subject to the provisions of this paragraph.

8 ~~[(a) A member of the public body may participate in a meeting other than by attendance~~  
9 ~~in person at the location of the meeting only when such attendance is not reasonably practical. Any~~  
10 ~~reason that such attendance is not reasonably practical shall be stated in the minutes of the~~  
11 ~~meeting.~~

12 ~~(b) Except in an emergency, a quorum of the public body shall be physically present at~~  
13 ~~the location specified in the meeting notice as the location of the meeting. For purposes of this~~  
14 ~~subparagraph, an "emergency" means that immediate action is imperative and the physical presence~~  
15 ~~of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action. The~~  
16 ~~determination that an emergency exists shall be made by the chairman or presiding officer of the~~  
17 ~~public body, and the facts upon which that determination is based shall be included in the minutes of~~  
18 ~~the meeting.~~

19 ~~(c) Each part of a meeting required to be open to the public shall be audible or otherwise~~  
20 ~~discernable to the public at the location specified in the meeting notice as the location of the~~  
21 ~~meeting.]~~

22 ***(a) A physical location is not required for any meeting, provided the meeting***  
23 ***complies with the provisions of this paragraph.***

24 ***(b) If a meeting has no physical location, public access shall be provided to the***  
25 ***public by telephone, and additional access may be provided by video or other electronic***  
26 ***means.***

27 ***(c) If a meeting has no physical location, public notice of the meeting, with all***  
28 ***information necessary to access the meeting telephonically and by other means, shall be***  
29 ***given as provided in this chapter. The notice shall provide a mechanism for the public to***  
30 ***alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access. The meeting***  
31 ***shall be adjourned if the public is unable to access the meeting.***



1           (d) Each member participating electronically or otherwise ~~[must]~~ ***in a meeting***  
2 ***required to be open to the public shall*** be able to simultaneously hear each other and speak to  
3 each other during the meeting, and shall be audible or otherwise discernable to the public in  
4 attendance at the meeting's location, ***if the meeting has a physical location***. Any member  
5 participating in such fashion shall identify ***the location from which the person is participating***  
6 ***and*** the persons present in the location from which the member is participating. No meeting shall  
7 be conducted by electronic mail or any other form of communication, ***including an online chat***  
8 ***function***, that does not permit the public to hear, read, or otherwise discern meeting discussion  
9 contemporaneously at the meeting location specified in the meeting notice.

10           ~~(d)~~ (e) Any meeting held pursuant to the terms of this paragraph shall comply with all  
11 of the requirements of this chapter relating to public meetings, and shall not circumvent the spirit  
12 and purpose of this chapter as expressed in RSA 91-A:1.

13           ~~(e)~~ (f) A member participating in a meeting by the means described in this paragraph  
14 is deemed to be present at the meeting for purposes of voting. All votes taken during such a meeting  
15 shall be by roll call vote.

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# Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB216

BILL TITLE:

DATE: 3-10-2021

LOB ROOM: 208 / Remote

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

Moved by Rep. Alex Andek Seconded by Rep. GORDON Vote: 11-10

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO

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

Respectfully submitted: Kurt Wuelper  
Rep Kurt Wuelper, Clerk



## 2021 SESSION

## Judiciary

 Bill #: HB216 Motion: ITL AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 3-10-2021

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
	<i>H</i>		
Gordon, Edward M. Chairman	<i>11</i>		
McLean, Mark Vice Chairman	<i>1</i>		
Sylvia, Michael J.	<i>2</i>		
Wuelper, Kurt F. Clerk	<i>3</i>		
Alexander, Joe H.	<i>4</i>		
Rice, Kimberly A.	<i>5</i>		
<del>Silber, Norman J.</del> <i>Lacelles, R</i>	<i>6</i>		
Greene, Bob J.	<i>7</i>		
Kelley, Diane E.	<i>8</i>		
Tausch, Lindsay	<i>9</i>		
Trottier, Douglas R.	<i>10</i>		
Smith, Marjorie K.		<i>1</i>	
Berch, Paul S.		<i>2</i>	
Horrigan, Timothy O.		<i>3</i>	
DiLorenzo, Charlotte I.		<i>4</i>	
Chase, Wendy		<i>5</i>	
Kenney, Cam E.		<i>6</i>	
Langley, Diane M.		<i>7</i>	
McBeath, Rebecca Susan		<i>8</i>	
Paige, Mark		<i>9</i>	
Simpson, Alexis		<i>10</i>	



2021 SESSION

Judiciary

Bill #: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL VOTE:

■ 11 ■ 10 ■

# Public Hearing

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

### PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 216

**BILL TITLE:** relative to public notice of and access to meetings under the right to know law.

**DATE:**2/19/2021

**LOB ROOM:**306 Remote

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:20 AM

**Time Adjourned:** 10:51 AM

**Committee Members:** Reps. Gordon, McLean, Wuelper, Sylvia, Alexander Jr., Rice, Silber, Greene, D. Kelley, Tausch, Trottier, M. Smith, Berch, Horrigan, DiLorenzo, Chase, Kenney, Langley, McBeath, Paige and Simpson

**Bill Sponsors:** Rep Webber

### TESTIMONY

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

**Rep. Webber Ches 1** The bill allows the governor's emergency order regarding remote meetings to continue. Various board members have said they want to be able to continue in a remote or hybrid manner with their meetings. With these provisions in place there has been greater participation in House committee meetings. Keeping that greater participation is the goal of this bill. The bill is also permissive, so each body can determine what works for them. The bill also says public input offered to a member must be offered to the public. I am open to any amendment that moves us closer toward that goal.

**Rep Porter Hills 1 Supports** My husband is chair of our planning board and we've been running their meetings from our home for months. Planning board would be lucky to have 2 or 3 people attend in pers\*

**David Saad: Right to Know NH Opposed** We generally support anything that expands public access, but we think the bill fails to provide sufficient safeguards for people's ability to observe public meetings. Technology can hurt or help. We think the bill should allow remote meetings in Emergency situations; If there's a problem with public access, all actions taken should be void; and if the meeting can be recorded for nominal cost, it should be, and the recording kept as a public meeting. People have been denied access for example, discussions can happen in Chat. Will those be part of the public record? **Q Horrigan:** Do bodies normally record their meetings? **A** They certainly don't make the recordings available by default. The only requirement is minutes be made available. **Q** How do you think the operation of the bodies will be affected? **A** I think remote meetings will increase civic participation, but we need to ensure the technology is not abused. **Q Sylvia:** Have you had any reports of meetings adjourned because of tech problems? **A** No, and that's part of the problem. This morning I had a technical problem, called the number, but never got connected to the committee. **Q Chase:** The Chat room-should that be disabled for a public meeting? We could support that. There are loopholes that the bill needs to address.

**\*Natch Greyes NHMA** RSA 33 requires only that a recording needs to be kept for a short time. We have interpreted the emergency order so that if the problem is for one person the meeting can continue, but if it is widespread the meeting should be stopped. We would like the committee to address a notice at a remote meeting that no physical location exists. The cost of technology for meetings should be addressed as well. **Q Gordon:** The bill seems to shift the responsibility for remote participation from the body to individual members. Does one with a case before the planning board be part of the public body? **A** No. However, the board could allow some others to participate remotely.

**James Marshall Self** I live in Derry and participating in government is important. Since I work in Boston, it is very convenient for me to be able to attend meetings remotely. The bill allows telephone participation and so I doubt technology should be an issue.

**Rep Marcia Perez**  
should encourage that.



Rep Kurt Wuelper

I see a lot more people involved with remote access and think we



# House Remote Testify

## Judiciary Committee Testify List for Bill HB216 on 2021-02-19

Support: 319 Oppose: 8 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 6

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Porter, Marjorie	maporter995@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Hillsborough District 1	Support	Yes (3m)	No	2/10/2021 6:24 PM
Marshall, James	jim_marshall2268@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (3m)	No	2/16/2021 9:22 AM
saad, david	david1@infonetics-usa.com	A Member of the Public	Right to Know NH	Oppose	Yes (3m)	No	2/15/2021 10:25 AM
Pinto, Josie	josie@nhyouthmovement.org	A Lobbyist	New Hampshire Youth Movement	Support	Yes (2m)	No	2/15/2021 5:16 PM
Greyes, Natch	Concord, NH ngreyes@nhmunicipal.org	A Lobbyist	New Hampshire Municipal Association	Support	Yes (2m)	No	2/18/2021 10:34 AM
Weber, Lucy	Walpole, NH lwmcv@comcast.net	An Elected Official	Cheshire 01	Support	Yes (0m)	No	2/18/2021 1:20 PM
McNaught, Kelsey	Hopkinton, NH kmcnaught273@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 1:21 PM
josephson, tim	Canaan, NH josephsonth@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 1:25 PM
Brown, Nathaniel	Rye, NH essentiallynate@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 1:29 PM
McMahon, Clint	Hooksett, NH clintgrip@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 1:32 PM
Dubois, Jillian	Concord, NH jillianadubois@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 1:49 PM
Donald, Jeff	Brentwood, NH jdonald@protonmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 1:54 PM
McNaught, Sean	Hopkinton, NH seanmcnaught@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 1:55 PM
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Donahue, Nancy	Campton, NH nancyd114@roadrunner.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 8:43 PM
Ostrowski, Michael	Amherst, NH dziaostrowski@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 8:44 PM
Rejwan-Day, Inbal	Manchester, NH Rejwanin9588@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 8:50 PM
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Ellis, Jeffrey	Hudson, NH jle2199@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 3:32 PM
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Romero, Dena	Hanover, NH dena.romero@myfairpoint.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 4:08 PM
Springfield, Maddy	Jaffrey, NH madison.springfield1@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 4:25 PM
Perry, Apryl	Antrim, NH apryl.perry@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 4:31 PM
Stone, Jay	Salem, NH jaycstone@mac.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 4:34 PM
Donnelly, Ryan	Hudson, NH rdonnelly@gsil.org	A Lobbyist	Granite State Independent Living	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 5:00 PM
Farley, Jude	Derry, NH judefarley123@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 5:47 PM
Cohen, Leah	Moultonborough, NH leah.cohen11@tufts.edu	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 6:29 PM
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Ernst, Skye	Hudson, NH SkyeErnst97@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 6:35 PM
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Rahmann, Alex	Dover, NH acrahmann@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 6:36 PM
Smith, Hayden	Hanover, NH hasmith1520@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 6:37 PM
Moore, Jeremiah	Plaistow, NH jeremiahmoore1417@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 7:31 PM
Richman, Susan	Durham, NH susan7richman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 8:09 PM
Perlstein, Rebecca	Concord, NH rfperlstein@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 3:08 AM
Koch, Helmut	Concord, NH helmut.koch.2001@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 9:14 PM
See, Alvin	Loudon, NH absee@4Liberty.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/18/2021 9:53 PM
ARONSON, LAURA	MANCHESTER, NH laura@mlans.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/18/2021 9:58 PM
Wild, Gail	Newport, NH Gailwild@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 6:53 AM
Wiggins, Frank	Newport, NH Frankwigginsconstruction@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 6:55 AM
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Stinson, Ben	CONCORD, NH benrkstinson@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 2:12 AM
McNamee, Brigid	Concord, NH brigidmcnamee@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 5:31 AM
Schissel, Mary	Newport, NH schissell@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 5:36 AM
Gericke, Carla	Manchester, NH carlagericke@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/19/2021 5:43 AM

Hamer, Heidi	Manchester, NH hhamer59@aol.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 7:20 AM
Meuse, David	Portsmouth, NH David.Meuse@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Rockingham 29	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 7:25 AM
Gibbs, Elizabeth	Newport, NH Chezedg@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 7:52 AM
St Germain, Diane	Bedford, NH diane.stgermain33@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 6:32 AM
Gelsey, Giana	Madbury, NH gagelsey@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 2:26 PM
Thomas, Nicholas	Manchester, NH nicholas.w.thomas@uconn.edu	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/19/2021 10:23 AM
Pye, Brittany	Grantham, NH brittany.pye@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 10:24 AM
Stoddard, Kristine	Bow, NH kstoddard@bistatepca.org	A Lobbyist	Bi-State Primary Care Association	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 10:24 AM
Oljey, Melissa	Deerfield, NH oljeyfam@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/19/2021 10:49 AM
Oljey, Timothy	Deerfield, NH oljey.melissa@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/19/2021 10:50 AM
Hirsh-Dickinson, Sally	Penacook, NH shirshdickinson@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 7:58 AM
Parmele, Victoria	NORTHWOOD, NH victoria.willow7@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 8:02 AM
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Howard Jr., Raymond	Alton, NH brhowardjr@yahoo.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/19/2021 8:18 AM
Nastasi, Sue	Rollinsford, NH ctcoastmetro@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 8:51 AM
Cohen-Holmes, Jacob	Exeter, NH Jkcholmes@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 9:23 AM
Conlon, Michael	Goffstown, NH Mdconlon@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/19/2021 9:24 AM
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**Archived:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:42:40 AM  
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**To:** [~House Judiciary Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Please Recommend HB216 as Ought to Pass  
**Importance:** Normal

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My committee will be meeting at the same time you are in Executive Session but I wanted to pass on my thoughts.

I fully support this bill because allowing people to testify remotely—and making the livestreams and recordings available to the public—increases both the transparency and accessibility of our government.

With multiple public hearings often taking place before different legislative committees at the same time, members of the media are no longer forced to choose which one to cover. They can view one hearing “live” and watch recordings of—and report on—the others later. This has resulted in a noticeable increase in coverage on debates that might have gone uncovered in the past.

For many members of the public, the ability to testify remotely has been the difference between being heard and being silenced. Working people who previously wouldn't have been able to take a morning or afternoon off to testify in Concord can monitor the livestream while working, testify when they are called, and return to work afterwards. Parents of young children can tune in and testify without having to worry about making child care arrangements. People who don't have cars or who live long distances from Concord are also finding it easier to participate in the process.

This means that in addition to the usual conga line of paid lobbyists and advocates trying to influence legislation, most committees are seeing far greater numbers of average citizens engaged in the legislative process.

While there have been technical glitches (and occasional embarrassments) along the way as legislators adjusted to both the technology and the idea that what happens in committee, no longer stays in committee when hearings are on YouTube, I think most legislators would agree the process has been a real eye-opener in a positive way.

Considerable time, effort, and money has also gone into making the process work. To simply throw away something that has increased the accessibility and transparency of our democracy under the guise of a return to normalcy (in other words, “what happens in committee, stays in committee”), would be a tragedy.

HB216 won't take us all the way down the path of ensuring this heightened level of public access continues. But it would make essential changes to our Right to Know Law that would disappear once the state of emergency is over.

Please give HB216 your full support.

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January 13, 2021

The Honorable Edward Gordon, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 208  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: HB 216 - AN ACT relative to public notice of and access to meetings under the right to know law.**

Dear Chair Gordon and Members of the Committee:

RSA 483-A established the New Hampshire Lakes Management and Protection Program and the Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) to complement and reinforce existing state and federal water quality laws. Within its responsibilities of advising the NHDES Commissioner and the department, the LMAC reviews and takes positions on legislation pertaining to New Hampshire's lakes. The LMAC appreciates the opportunity to comment on House Bill 216.

At the meeting of the LMAC on January 11, 2021, the LMAC voted to support HB 216. This bill provides guidance for government meetings – such as those held by the LMAC – to allow public participation under circumstances such as we have all experienced during this pandemic. It removes the requirement for a physical meeting location and creates the ability for the LMAC to conduct its business in a virtual manner, and allowing for a roll call vote. These are all reasonable and practical changes to the existing law.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body of stakeholders, in support of lakes, representing the NH Lakes Association, conservation commissions, scientific community, conservation community, planning boards, Business and Industry Association, tourism industry, state conservation committee, NH Municipal Association, fishing interests, NH Fish & Game Commission, NH Association of Realtors, Marine Trades Association, and several state agencies. Committee members are appointed by the Governor and Council or the head of the state agency and are charged with supporting the legislative intent of the Lakes Management and Protection Program.

**In conclusion, the LMAC supports HB 216 for the reasons stated above.** Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have further questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at (603) 867-9299 or [appliedforce52@gmail.com](mailto:appliedforce52@gmail.com).

Respectfully,



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February 19, 2021

To: Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee Re: HB 216 and 630

The New Hampshire Press Association supports the intent of House bills 216 and 630, but believes both are in need of changes to adequately ensure the people's ability to constructively participate in government decision making once public health conditions improve to where congested group gatherings can safely return.

The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected everyone's lives and businesses. The New Hampshire Legislature is to be commended for its efforts to continue to do its job while finding innovative ways to allow public accessibility to the greatest extent possible.

But surely, we all can agree the current situation is far from ideal and should be a method of last resort moving forward.

What we are experiencing today as governments go about their business is akin to what we see happening in our schools. Yes, things are getting done, but the experience is stressful and frustrating for many with less than optimal outcomes.

Many of the policies governments have cobbled together to keep business moving were done so on the fly and without optimal enabling statutes. House bills 216 and 630 are an important step toward filling that void.

However, the Press Association is concerned that if passed without restriction these bills will leave open the possibility that what should be the exception could become the rule.

Therefore the Press Association supports the three amendments proposed by Right to Know New Hampshire:

1. Meetings held electronically and without a physical location should only be allowed during emergencies or a state of emergency.
2. If, during the meeting, a member of the public notifies the public body that there are problems with access, those problems must be stated in the minutes, and if it is verified that problems with access existed, then all actions taken during that portion of the meeting shall be null and void.
3. If the mechanism of public access to the meeting is capable of recording the meeting at nominal cost, then the public body shall record the meeting as a public record. The minutes for the meeting shall indicate that the meeting was recorded and the recording is available to the public.

However the Judicial Committee decides to reconcile these two similar pieces of legislation, The New Hampshire Press Association urges the adoption of these amendments to ensure that remote governance is used only when absolutely necessary and when remote sessions are conducted that the people's right to know it fully protected.

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Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I do not support HB 216 as currently written. I would support the bill if it is amended as has been proposed by Right to Know New Hampshire.

You will have received the proposed amendment from David Saad, president of Right to Know New Hampshire, but I have also attached it here.

91-A:2 III. A public body may, but is not required to, allow one or more members of the body to participate in a meeting by electronic or other means of communication for the benefit of the public and the governing body, subject to the provisions of this paragraph. ***The public body may not use this provision to discriminate against a member.***

(a) A member of the public body may participate in a meeting other than by attendance in person at the location of the meeting only when such attendance is not reasonably practical. Any reason that such attendance is not reasonably practical shall be stated in the minutes of the meeting.

(b) Except in an emergency ***or when authorized by the governor during a state of emergency***, a quorum of the public body shall be physically present at the location specified in the meeting notice as the location of the meeting. For purposes of this subparagraph, an "emergency" means that immediate action is imperative and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action. The determination that an emergency exists shall be made by the chairman or presiding officer of the public body, and the facts upon which that determination is based shall be included in the minutes of the meeting. ***When a quorum of the public body is not physically present at a noticed location of the meeting, the public body must meet the following requirements:***

***(i) The public body shall provide public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possible by video or other electronic means.***

***(ii) The public body shall provide the necessary information for accessing the meeting as part of the public notice for the meeting.***

***(iii) The public body shall provide a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access.***

***(iv) The public body shall provide the necessary information for accessing the meeting and alerting the public body during the meeting as part of the public notice for the meeting.***

***(v) The public body shall adjourn the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting. If, during the meeting, a member of the public notifies the public body that there are problems with access, such notification shall be stated in the minutes, and if it is verified that problems with access existed, then all actions taken during that portion of the meeting shall be null and void.***

***(vi) If the mechanism of public access to the meeting is capable of recording the meeting at nominal cost, then the public body shall record the meeting as a public record. The minutes for the meeting shall indicate that the meeting was recorded and the recording is available to the public.***



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(c) Each part of a meeting required to be open to the public shall be audible or otherwise discernable to the public at the location specified in the meeting notice as the location of the meeting, **or by public access specified in RSA 91-A:2, III(b)(i) if no member of the public body is physically present at a noticed location of the meeting.** Each member participating electronically or otherwise must be able to simultaneously hear each other and speak to each other during the meeting, and shall be audible or otherwise discernable to the public in attendance at the meeting's location. Any member participating in such fashion shall identify the persons present in the location from which the member is participating. No meeting shall be conducted by electronic mail or any other form of communication that does not permit the public to hear, read, or otherwise discern meeting discussion contemporaneously at the meeting location specified in the meeting notice.

(d) Any meeting held pursuant to the terms of this paragraph shall comply with all of the requirements of this chapter relating to public meetings, and shall not circumvent the spirit and purpose of this chapter as expressed in RSA 91-A:1. (e) A member participating in a meeting by the means described in this paragraph is deemed to be present at the meeting for purposes of voting. All votes taken during such a meeting shall be by roll call vote.

Kind Regards,

Max Ledoux ?[max@tuftonboro.net](mailto:max@tuftonboro.net)

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Judiciary Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HB 216 “an act relative to public notice of and access to meetings under the right to know law” which “establishes requirements for remote access to public meetings under RSA 91-A.”

We all remember when our state was shut down last Spring because of Covid and the need for “social distancing”. Everything stopped at the State House. In order to get any work done safely, it was crucial that emergency orders be established to legally allow electronic options to hold committee meetings, full House and Senate voting sessions, public hearings, and electronic sign-ins for voters.

At some point the threat of Covid will leave us, and we will in all likelihood return to a mostly in-person system of State House work as is appropriate. But there is good reason to keep both in-person and electronic options available. To many legislators and voters, in many different situations, electronic meetings have proven to be superior to in-person. This is true for legislators or voters who are too sick to drive long distances, but not too sick to listen and ask questions at meetings and then to vote on issues or give testimony, or for individuals who must drive long distances through dangerous snow storms to get to Concord, or for older legislators or voters who want to have their say, but are unable to drive, or younger legislators who happen to have sick children or parents at home. In these situations

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electronic methods for both legislators and voters to effectively do their jobs is necessary. Another very good reason to keep both options available is because having an electronic option should cut down on the absentee problem.

For these reasons I ask that you support HB 216.

Corinne Dodge ?[corinnedodge@hotmail.com](mailto:corinnedodge@hotmail.com)

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Date: February 17, 2021

To: Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee

Re: HB 216

My name is David Saad. I live in Rumney NH. I am also the President of Right to Know New Hampshire (RTKNH).

While RTKNH generally supports efforts to make meetings more open and transparent, including those conducted electronically, RTKNH is opposed to HB 216 as written. This bill does not provide sufficient safeguards to ensure that the use of electronic meetings does not violate the public's right to observe and listen contemporaneously to all public meetings.

RTKNH is proposing an amendment (see below for details) to HB 216 to address the following shortcomings in this bill:

1. Meetings held electronically and without a physical location should only be allowed during emergencies or a state of emergency.
2. If, during the meeting, a member of the public notifies the public body that there are problems with access, those problems must be stated in the minutes, and if it is verified that problems with access existed, then all actions taken during that portion of the meeting shall be null and void.
3. If the mechanism of public access to the meeting is capable of recording the meeting at nominal cost, then the public body shall record the meeting as a public record. The minutes for the meeting shall indicate that the meeting was recorded and the recording is available to the public.

These changes are needed to address potential problems created by the use of various electronic technologies when conducting public meetings and to ensure the public's right to observe and listen contemporaneously to all public meetings is preserved.

Please amend this bill to address these concerns. The following amendment is suggested:

1 Right-to-Know Law; Access to Governmental Records and Meetings; Meetings Open to the Public. Amend RSA 91-A:2, III to read as follows:

91-A:2 III. A public body may, but is not required to, allow one or more members of the body to participate in a meeting by electronic or other means of communication for the benefit of the public and

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the governing body, subject to the provisions of this paragraph. **The public body may not use this provision to discriminate against a member.**

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(d) Any meeting held pursuant to the terms of this paragraph shall comply with all of the requirements of this chapter relating to public meetings, and shall not circumvent the spirit and purpose of this chapter as expressed in RSA 91-A:1. (e) A member participating in a meeting by the means described in

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this paragraph is deemed to be present at the meeting for purposes of voting. All votes taken during such a meeting shall be by roll call vote.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

David Saad     ?[david1@infonetics-usa.com](mailto:david1@infonetics-usa.com)

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Dear Chair Gordon and Members of the Committee-

On behalf of the New Hampshire Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC), attached is a letter of support for House Bill 216, relative to public notice of and access to meetings under the right to know law.

Please contact LMAC Chair David Packard at (603) 867-9299 or [appliedforce52@gmail.com](mailto:appliedforce52@gmail.com) if you have any questions about this testimony.

Sincerely,

Tracie Sales Staff to the Lakes Management Advisory Committee

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Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am in strong support of HB 216.

We all know that remote access to committee/House & Senate meetings/hearings has greatly increased the public's involvement in what's happening "*in Concord*".

I think all our elected Representatives & Senators have also benefited from using this technology that enables remote communication.

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Continuing to allow/encourage (& even welcome) the public's access to remote involvement definitely benefits the public and the governing bodies.

Hopefully as the popularity of remote public participation increases ... so will the public's confidence in the governing process.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Hope, M.Ed. [?lmhope46@gmail.com](mailto:lmhope46@gmail.com)

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Good afternoon Chairman Gordon and House Judiciary Committee Members,

I wanted to forward you a copy of an amendment that I will be proposing during tomorrow's testimony on HB 216. That is attached to this email. I have also emailed Rep. Weber to notify her of this proposed amendment.

I am looking forward to appearing in front of you tomorrow and explaining the amendment.

Thank you,

Natch Greyes <[ngreyes@nhmunicipal.org](mailto:ngreyes@nhmunicipal.org)>

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Good morning committee,

My name is Josie, I'm writing to you on behalf of NH Youth Movement, and we are in full support of HB 216.

As someone whose job it is to engage young people in our state in our political process, allowing people to participate remotely from where they are around the state has shown me how much more engaged people are willing to be in our legislative process when that can be done without always having to travel to Concord to do it. Now, we're seeing high school and college students looking at legislation on a weekly basis, signing in to register their opinions, and testifying on zoom when their schedule allows, all without a major disruption in their education.

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For many, this is the first session where they have even been engaged because of the accessibility of it this session. In a state where we know we need to engage and retain more young people, I'm here to tell you that remote sessions for the ongoing future are a key to doing that. People are more aware of what's happening on a weekly basis in our state than ever before, and people are more empowered to understand it.

I really hope you will all vote to continue remote access, so make it more accessible to everyone in our state.

Thanks so much,

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Josie Pinto (she/her/hers)      Political Director      ?<josie@nhyouthmovement.org>

New Hampshire Youth Movement

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**From:** David Meuse <David.Meuse@leg.state.nh.us>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 8:52 AM

**To:** ~House Judiciary Committee <HouseJudiciaryCommittee@leg.state.nh.us>

**Subject:** Please Recommend HB216 as Ought to Pass

My committee will be meeting at the same time you are in Executive Session but I wanted to pass on my thoughts.

I fully support this bill because allowing people to testify remotely—and making the livestreams and recordings available to the public—increases both the transparency and accessibility of our government.

With multiple public hearings often taking place before different legislative committees at the same time, members of the media are no longer forced to choose which one to cover. They can view one hearing “live” and watch recordings of—and report on—the others later. This has resulted in a noticeable increase in coverage on debates that might have gone uncovered in the past.

For many members of the public, the ability to testify remotely has been the difference between being heard and being silenced. Working people who previously wouldn't have been able to take a morning or afternoon off to testify in Concord can monitor the livestream while working, testify when they are called, and return to work afterwards. Parents of young children can tune in and testify without having

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to worry about making child care arrangements. People who don't have cars or who live long distances from Concord are also finding it easier to participate in the process.

This means that in addition to the usual conga line of paid lobbyists and advocates trying to influence legislation, most committees are seeing far greater numbers of average citizens engaged in the legislative process.

While there have been technical glitches (and occasional embarrassments) along the way as legislators adjusted to both the technology and the idea that what happens in committee, no longer stays in committee when hearings are on YouTube, I think most legislators would agree the process has been a real eye-opener in a positive way.

Considerable time, effort, and money has also gone into making the process work. To simply throw away something that has increased the accessibility and transparency of our democracy under the guise of a return to normalcy (in other words, "what happens in committee, stays in committee"), would be a tragedy.

HB216 won't take us all the way down the path of ensuring this heightened level of public access continues. But it would make essential changes to our Right to Know Law that would disappear once the state of emergency is over.

Please give HB216 your full support.

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Dear Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

As you enter the executive session for [HB 216](#) tomorrow, I am imploring you to pass this important bill. The ability to sign in and testify for committee hearings remotely has resulted in record participation and civic engagement from constituents across the state.

Remote attendance results in a more diverse array of voices being heard; people working full-time no longer have to take a day off of work to show up in Concord to testify. People without transportation access can view from home. Testimonies can continue uninterrupted in the face of a snow storm, because no one has to drive on dangerous roads to get to the State House. And people with disabilities like me can more easily testify without having to worry about requesting accommodations, aside from captioning or American Sign Language interpreters, which are easier to integrate virtually than they are in person.

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Additionally, remote attendance creates more transparency between the government and the people it serves. Granite Staters have a right to know what goes on in House proceedings, as the decisions the House makes directly impact our lives. Watching these proceedings allows constituents to make informed votes, nudge their representatives on issues they care about, and hold representatives accountable for their behavior.

It is past time that New Hampshire catches up to other states who have been offering remote testimony, even over the phone, since as early as 1978 in Alaska. If you truly believe in a democracy where all people have a fair chance to make their voices heard, you must pass HB 216. If you have specific questions about the potential impact of this bill, I am happy to answer them. Thank you for your consideration and have a lovely day.

Warmly,

Jules Good     ?[jules@neighborhoodaccess.org](mailto:jules@neighborhoodaccess.org)

Concord, NH

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Hello,

I'd like to voice my unwavering support of HB216. As a full-time worker also taking classes and living on the seacoast, this is the first legislative sessions I felt I could truly participate in, thanks to virtual legislative sessions. Continuing to allow multiple access points for all Granite Staters is the only way to ensure equal access for all constituents.

I urge the passing of HB216.

Thank you,

Jackie Walker, Dover resident     ?[jwalker4815@gmail.com](mailto:jwalker4815@gmail.com)

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Hi,

I am Sophie Kellam from Exeter, Nh. I am 23. I would like to voice my support for HB 216. I think it is a necessary step for an inclusive government.

Thanks,

Sophie Kellam     ?[sophier.kellam@gmail.com](mailto:sophier.kellam@gmail.com)

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Dear Chair and House Judiciary Committee Members,



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As a person with multiple disabilities, I urge you to please support HB 216 in your final work session tomorrow. This important bill would allow remote testimony to continue post-COVID.

I can't tell you how many times I have been unable to show up at the State House or LOB for testimony on bills due to my disabilities or childcare responsibilities. However, if there is a permanent option for remote testimony, you will be helping many of your constituents like me who are unable to attend committee meetings in person.

This bill ensures that rural, disabled, and working Granite Staters can continue to give their perspective on bills that directly impact their lives. That is what democracy and the First Amendment are all about. There is no reason to vote against this bill - unless you are trying to suppress the voices of your constituents.


Thank you for supporting HN 216.

Sincerely,

Mel Hinebauch ?<mmhinebauch@yahoo.com>

Concord, NH 03301

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HB 216 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0360  
05/04

HOUSE BILL **216**

AN ACT relative to public notice of and access to meetings under the right to know law.

SPONSORS: Rep. Weber, Ches. 1; Rep. Porter, Hills. 1; Rep. Walz, Merr. 23

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes requirements for remote access to public meetings under RSA 91-A.

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.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

AN ACT relative to public notice of and access to meetings under the right to know law.

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

1 Access to Governmental Records and Meetings; Meetings Open to the Public. Amend RSA 91-A:2, III to read as follows:

III. [~~A public body may, but is not required to, allow one or more members of the body to~~] ***One or more members of a public body may*** participate in a meeting by electronic or other means of communication for the benefit of the public and the governing body, subject to the provisions of this paragraph.

~~[(a) A member of the public body may participate in a meeting other than by attendance in person at the location of the meeting only when such attendance is not reasonably practical. Any reason that such attendance is not reasonably practical shall be stated in the minutes of the meeting.]~~

~~[(b) Except in an emergency, a quorum of the public body shall be physically present at the location specified in the meeting notice as the location of the meeting. For purposes of this subparagraph, an "emergency" means that immediate action is imperative and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action. The determination that an emergency exists shall be made by the chairman or presiding officer of the public body, and the facts upon which that determination is based shall be included in the minutes of the meeting.]~~

~~[(c) Each part of a meeting required to be open to the public shall be audible or otherwise discernable to the public at the location specified in the meeting notice as the location of the meeting.]~~

***(a) A physical location is not required for any meeting, provided the meeting complies with the provisions of this paragraph.***

*(b) Public access shall be provided to the public by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means.*

*(c) Public notice of the meeting, with all information necessary to access the meeting telephonically and by other means, shall be given as provided in this chapter. The notice shall provide a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access. The meeting shall be adjourned if the public is unable to access the meeting.*

*(d) Each member participating electronically or otherwise ~~must~~ in a meeting required to be open to the public shall be able to simultaneously hear each other and speak to each other during the meeting, and shall be audible or otherwise discernable to the public in attendance at the meeting's location, if the meeting has a physical location. Any member participating in such fashion shall identify the location from which the person is participating and the persons present in the location from which the member is participating. No meeting shall be conducted by electronic mail or any other form of communication that does not permit the public to hear, read, or otherwise discern meeting discussion contemporaneously at the meeting location specified in the meeting notice.*

~~(d)~~ *(e) Any meeting held pursuant to the terms of this paragraph shall comply with all of the requirements of this chapter relating to public meetings, and shall not circumvent the spirit and purpose of this chapter as expressed in RSA 91-A:1.*

~~(e)~~ *(f) A member participating in a meeting by the means described in this paragraph is deemed to be present at the meeting for purposes of voting. All votes taken during such a meeting shall be by roll call vote.*

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.