

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 16, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development to which was referred HB 256,

AN ACT adding members from Londonderry to the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals into the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Rosemarie Rung

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Resources, Recreation and Development
Bill Number:	HB 256
Title:	adding members from Londonderry to the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals into the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield.
Date:	February 16, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill adds a Londonderry local official and resident to the HB 737 (2019) commission, the Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals, established in 2019 to study the environmental and public health impacts relating to PFAS (per and poly fluoroalkyl substances) released in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield. In addition to agency and state environmental and health specialists, the Commission includes representation from each affected town. Since the passage of HB737 (2019), related PFAS contamination has been found in parts of Londonderry, thus in its 2020 interim report, the HB737 commission recommended legislation to expand to include Londonderry representation. This recommendation is supported by the NH Department of Environmental Services. This bill implements the commission recommendation.

Vote 21-0.

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Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Resources, Recreation and Development

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Rep. Rosemarie Rung for Resources, Recreation and Development. This bill adds a Londonderry local official and resident to the HB737 commission, AKA: **COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS**, established in 2019 to study the environmental and public health impacts relating to PFAS (per and poly fluoro alkyl substances) releases in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield. In addition to agency and state environmental and health specialists, the Commission includes representation from each affected town. Since the passage of HB737, related PFAS contamination has been found in parts of Londonderry, thus in its 2020 interim report, the HB737 commission recommended legislation to expand to include Londonderry representation. This recommendation is supported by the NH Department of Environmental Services. This bill implements the commission recommendation.

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 256

BILL TITLE: adding members from Londonderry to the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals into the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield.

DATE: January 27, 2021

LOB ROOM: Hybrid

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Rung

Seconded by Rep. Connors

Vote: 21-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Juliet Harvey-Bolia, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on

BILL TITLE: HB 256

DATE:

LOB ROOM: 306/308

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

Moved by Rep. Rung Seconded by Rep. Connor Vote: 21/0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

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

Respectfully submitted: Rep. Juliet Harvey-Bolis
Rep Juliet Harvey-Bolis, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Resources, Recreation and Development

Bill #: 256 Motion: UW. ^{OTP} Pass AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 01/27/21

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Renzullo, Andrew Chairman	✓		
Gunski, Michael D. Vice Chairman	✓		
Gould, Linda R.	✓		
Horgan, James F.	✓		
Harb, Robert D.	✓		
Creighton, Jim L.	✓		
Dodge, Dustin	✓		
Harvey-Bolia, Juliet Clerk	✓		
Healey, Robert V.	✓		
Mayville, Mary L.	✓		
Post, Lisa C.M.	✓		
Smith, Suzanne J.	✓		
Spang, Judith T.	✓		
Grassie, Chuck W.	✓		
Gottling, Suzanne H.	✓		
Cohen, Bruce L.	✓		
Rung, Rosemarie	✓		
Connors, Erika F.	✓		
Vail, Suzanne M.	✓		
Kelley, Eamon P.	✓		
Moran, Melbourne R.	✓		
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Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 256

BILL TITLE: adding members from Londonderry to the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals into the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield.

DATE: January 27, 2021

LOB ROOM: Hybrid **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 9:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 9:50 a.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Renzullo, Harb, Harvey-Bolia, Gould, Horgan, Creighton, Dodge, Healey, Mayville, Post, Suzanne Smith, Spang, Grassie, Gottling, Cohen, Connors, Vail, E. Kelley, Moran and Hall

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Rung

Rep. Thomas

Rep. Mullen

Rep. Mooney

Rep. Healey

TESTIMONY

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

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Unfortunately, Londonderry has also been shown to have groundwater contamination from Saint-Gobain's operations. In our interim report issued in November 2020, the Commission recommended unanimously to introduce legislation to add Londonderry to the Commission membership. Thus, I am before you with this bill. It is vital as the Commission moves forward that Londonderry have an equal voice along with the three other communities.

If possible, I ask that you take action on this bill as soon as you are able. Several public information initiatives are underway and Londonderry needs to be part of these.

Rep. Rung asks if any member has questions. There were no questions.

12 Attendees were on the Zoom platform.

1. Nancy Murphy Merrimack –Sponsor and passed HB . To take real action on well testing. Londonderry is also impacted and is important for this town to have representation. She asks for committee to support this bill.

Chair asked if there were questions.

Rep. Betsy McKinney had left the meeting due to technical difficulties.

A discussion ensued regarding tech. difficulties and procedure. Rep. Renzullo stated he would request that those testifying turn their cameras on.

Rep. McKinney About a third of the Londonderry residents are in "the zone." She requests that the committee pass the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Juliet Harvey-Bolia
Clerk

256 9:12 Brad Greenland- Comm. Researcher

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Audience: no hands.

Exec. Smith motions to exec . Renzullo comes out of exec to read

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Mullen, meyes, Mooney, McKinney, Rathbun, fix.

Testimony

Archived: Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:40:41 PM
From: MARTHA SMITH
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:23:30 PM
To: ~House Resources Recreation and Development
Subject: HB256
Importance: Normal

I am writing to advise you that I strongly support the HB256. I am a resident in the Town of Londonderry, NH. Recently I was advised by the NHDES, after they had tested my water on two separate occasions, that the water from my well is above the level recommended by the NHDES and advised that I should not use our water for drinking or cooking. Since that time I have had to purchase water at the store for all of my drinking and cooking needs.

I am very concerning and do believe Londonderry should be included as an interested party to this commission. This is much more wide spread through the town of Londonderry then what we were originally told. Some residents receive water from St. Gobain, but my home and well are just on the edge of the boundary that was outlined in the lawsuit. Personally, I think St. Gobain should be shut down until all of these issues are remedied.

Thank you,

Martha Smith
38 Shasta Drive
Londonderry, NH 03053
(603) 434-2126

Archived: Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:40:41 PM
From: Rosemarie Rung
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 11:36:57 AM
To: ~House Resources Recreation and Development
Cc: REP. MAUREEN MOONEY; Sue Mullen; Doug Thomas; Heather Goley
Subject: Introduction of HB256
Importance: Normal

Dear Colleagues:

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if possible, I ask that you take action on this bill as soon as you are able. Several public information initiatives are underway and Londonderry needs to be part of these.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I am happy to address any questions.

Best regards,

Rosemarie Rung
NH State Representative
Hillsborough 21 (Merrimack)
603-424-6664

Archived: Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:42:42 PM
From: Maureen Mooney
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 4:17:26 PM
To: ~House Resources Recreation and Development
Subject: HB 256 - In Support
Importance: Normal
Attachments:
Mooney Testimony HB 256 2021 adding Londonderry.pdf 

Dear Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Please see my statement attached **in support of HB 256** (adding members from Londonderry to the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals into the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield).

Thank you for your time and service!

Sincerely,
Rep. Maureen Mooney

Attachment (1)

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Rep. Maureen Mooney
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Archived: Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:42:42 PM
From: Sue Mullen
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 12:07:28 PM
To: ~House Resources Recreation and Development
Subject: HB 256
Importance: Normal

Honorable Colleagues:

I write in support of House Bill 256, which will allow Londonderry to join Bedford, Litchfield and Merrimack's commission to study the health and environmental impacts of PFAS.

Londonderry has been found to suffer from groundwater contamination. The commission established by previous House Bill 737 recommended that they be included in the study and potential mitigation planning, and that seems to make a whole lot of sense. I urge you to take the necessary steps to guarantee their seat at the table.

Respectfully,

Sue Mullen

Representative Sue Mullen
Hillsborough County 7: Bedford, NH
Education Committee

Rep. Maureen C. Mooney
Town of Merrimack (Hillsborough #21)

<u>Testimony:</u>	HB 256 AN ACT adding members from Londonderry to the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals into the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield.
<u>Hearing:</u>	House Committee on Resources, Recreation and Development ~ January 27, 2021
<u>Position:</u>	In <u>Support</u> as Co-Sponsor

Dear Members of the Committee:

My name is Maureen Mooney, a State Representative for the Town of Merrimack in Hillsborough County, district #21. I am a co-sponsor of **HB 256 AN ACT** adding members from Londonderry to the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals into the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield. I am **in support** of this bill.

On December 8, 2020, Speaker Dick Hinch appointed me to the Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals pursuant to RSA 126-A:79-a (hereinafter "Commission"). The Commission meets monthly to discuss and receive updates relative to the serious issue of pollutants in Merrimack and surrounding towns.

Effective governmental problem-solving revolves around bringing all interested parties together to the table to find solutions. Currently on the Commission there is explicit representation for the affected towns of Merrimack, Litchfield and Bedford, but we are missing Londonderry. Londonderry has bona fide evidence of pollutants in its environment; therefore, earning itself direct representation on the Commission.

Allowing Londonderry to have representation is even more critical now during times of increasing reliance on online meetings whereby audience members and observers cannot participate or interact with panelists nor be in the same physical room. Therefore, allowing Londonderry to have official membership allows the town critical participatory privileges at meetings.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and service to our State.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rep. Maureen Mooney

Bill as
Introduced

HB 256 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0171
08/10

HOUSE BILL **256**

AN ACT adding members from Londonderry to the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals into the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield.

SPONSORS: Rep. Rung, Hills. 21; Rep. Thomas, Rock. 5; Rep. Mullen, Hills. 7; Rep. Mooney, Hills. 21; Rep. Healey, Hills. 21

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill adds members from Londonderry to the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals into the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield.

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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 Twenty One

AN ACT adding members from Londonderry to the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals into the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, and Litchfield.

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

1 1 Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals;
2 Membership; Londonderry. Amend RSA 126-A:79-a, I to read as follows:

3 I. There is established a commission to study environmental and public health impacts
4 resulting from per fluorinated chemicals (PFAS) releases to the air, soil, and water in Merrimack,
5 Litchfield, **Londonderry**, and Bedford.

6 2 Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals;
7 Membership; Londonderry. Amend RSA 126-A:79-a, II(a)(8)-(9) to read as follows:

8 (8) A representative from each of the affected towns of Merrimack, Bedford,
9 **Londonderry**, and Litchfield, appointed by the governing body of such town.

10 (9) [~~Three~~] **Four** residents, one from each of the affected towns of Merrimack,
11 Bedford, **Londonderry** and Litchfield, who are members of drinking water related environmental
12 advocacy citizen organizations which are not affiliated with any government or state agency,
13 recommended by the senators appointed to the commission and appointed by the president of the
14 senate.

15 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.