

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 11, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred HB 306,

AN ACT relative to revenue estimates while operating under emergency orders caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Susan Almy

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Ways and Means
Bill Number:	HB 306
Title:	relative to revenue estimates while operating under emergency orders caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
Date:	February 11, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2021-0318h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The intent of this bill is to formalize the committee's continuing revenue estimating role after the biennial budget is passed. Revenue estimates are cemented into law in the budget bill, as part of the requirement that the approved budget is balanced. But the economy changes, we sometimes pass new legislation that impacts revenues, and other states or the federal government take action that affects them. When the chair of the committee determines that a significant amount of revenue may have changed, the committee is convened to re-examine part or all of the estimate, and subsequently, if the House is in session, present an updated estimate as a House Resolution. The committee finds it advisable to make this process transparent in our law.

Vote 24-0.

Rep. Susan Almy
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Ways and Means

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Rep. Major, Rock. 14
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Amendment to HB 306

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

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3 1 Revenue Estimates.

4 I. The house ways and means committee shall consider what the unrestricted revenue
5 estimates should be at intervals dictated by unforeseen economic and legislative changes and as
6 determined by the chair of the committee.

7 II. The estimates shall be based on current law and economic conditions and shall include
8 all unrestricted funds for:

9 (a) The combined general fund and the education trust fund.

10 (b) Highway funds.

11 (c) Fish and game funds.

Amendment to HB 306
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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill directs the house ways and means committee to consider revenue estimates for the state as frequently as the chair determines is required by changing conditions.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB 306

BILL TITLE: AN ACT relative to revenue estimates while operating under emergency orders caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

DATE: February 11, 2021

LOB ROOM: Remote via Zoom

MOTION: (Please check one box)

Options: OTP, ITL, Retain (1st year), Adoption of Amendment # 2021-0318h (if offered), Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Almy Seconded by Rep. Abrami Vote 24-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

Options: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retain (1st year), Adoption of Amendment # (if offered), Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Almy Seconded by Rep. Abrami Vote: 24-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

Options: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retain (1st year), Adoption of Amendment # (if offered), Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Secoded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: [checked] YES ___ NO

Minority Report? ___ Yes [checked] No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Alan Bershtein

Respectfully submitted:

Rep Alan Bershtein, Clerk



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK
2021 Session - Ways and Means**

Roll Call Committee Registers Report

AN ACT relative to revenue estimates while operating under emergency orders caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bill #	HB 306
Motion	OTP/A
Amendment #	2021-0318h
Exec Session Date	2/11/21
Consent Calendar?	Yes

Member	Motion / Seconded	Yea	Nay	NV
Major, Norman L. Chairman		X		
Abrami, Patrick F. Vice Chairman	Second	X		
Wallace		X		
Ulery, Jordan G.		X		
Ober, Russell T.		X		
Bershtein, Alan Clerk		X		
Doucette, Fred G.		X		
Elliott, Robert J.		X		
Janigian, John C.		X		
Nunez, Hershel		X		
Baxter, Tim		X		
Spilsbury, Walter		X		
Tudor, Paul D.		X		
Almy, Susan W.	Motion	X		
Ames, Richard		X		
Southworth, Thomas L.		X		
Malloy, Dennis J.		X		
Schamberg, Thomas C.		X		
Tucker, Edith M.		X		
Gomarlo, Jennie R.		X		
Loughman, Tom J.		X		
Gourgue, Amanda L.		X		
Hakken-Phillips, Mary A.		X		
Murphy, James Michael		X		
Total Vote		24		



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Amendment 2021-0318h

Bill #	HB 306
Motion	OTP
Amendment #	2021-0318h
Exec Session Date	2/11/21
Consent Calendar?	n/a

Member	Motion / Seconded	Yea	Nay	NV
Major, Norman L. [Chairman]		X		
Abrami, Patrick F. [Vice Chairman]	Second	X		
Scott Wallace (<i>subbing for Mary Griffin</i>)		X		
Ulery, Jordan G.		X		
Ober, Russell T.		X		
Bershtein, Alan [Clerk]		X		
Doucette, Fred G.		X		
Elliott, Robert J.		X		
Janigian, John C.		X		
Nunez, Hershel		X		
Baxter, Tim		X		
Spilsbury, Walter		X		
Tudor, Paul D.		X		
Almy, Susan W.	Motion	X		
Ames, Richard		X		
Southworth, Thomas L.		X		
Malloy, Dennis J.		X		
Schamberg, Thomas C.		X		
Tucker, Edith M.		X		
Gomarlo, Jennie R.		X		
Loughman, Tom J.		X		
Gourgue, Amanda L.		X		
Hakken-Phillips, Mary A.		X		
Murphy, James Michael		X		
Total Vote		24		

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Bershtein, Clerk

Public Hearing

House Committee on Ways and Means
Public Hearing on: HB 306

Bill Title: AN ACT relative to revenue estimates while operating under emergency orders caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Date: February 4, 2021
LOB Room: 206 + remote
Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 9:39 AM
Time Public Hearing Adjourned: 9:45

Committee Members: Reps. Major, Abrami, Bershtein, M. Griffin, Ulery, R. Ober, Doucette, Elliott, Janigian, Nunez, Baxter, Spilsbury, Tudor, Almy, Ames, Southworth, Malloy, Schamberg, Tucker, Gomarolo, Loughman, Gourgue, Hakken-Phillips and Murphy

SPONSORS: Rep. Major, Rock. 14

TESTIMONY

Norman Major

- Introduced bill
- Bill backs up revenue estimates by statute

Rep Almy suggested we amend the bill to remove reference to COVID and instead have the bill apply to emergency orders.

Rep. Ames asserts this bill is unnecessary.

House Remote Testify

Ways and Means Committee Testify List for Bill HB306 on 2021-02-04

Support: 2 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
major, Norman	norman.major@leg.state.nh.us	603.382.5429	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes (8m)	1/31/2021 5:03 PM
Rathbun, Eric	ericsrathbun@gmail.com	860.912.3751	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/3/2021 11:17 PM

Testimony

Bill as
Introduced

HB 306 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0551

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HOUSE BILL

306

AN ACT relative to revenue estimates while operating under emergency orders caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SPONSORS: Rep. Major, Rock. 14

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill directs the house ways and means committee to consider revenue estimates for the state while operating under the emergency executive orders issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee shall regularly update the estimates throughout fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

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 relative to revenue estimates while operating under emergency orders caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

1 1 Revenue Estimates While Operating under the Emergency Orders Issued in Response to the
2 COVID-19 Pandemic for Fiscal Years 2021 - 2023.

3 I. The house ways and means committee shall consider what the unrestricted revenue
4 estimates should be while operating under the emergency executive orders issued in response to the
5 COVID-19 pandemic and after the orders expire.

6 II. The estimates shall be based on current law and economic conditions and shall be
7 updated regularly throughout FY 2021, FY 2022, and FY 2023 to reflect current conditions and
8 economic forecasts.

9 III. The revised estimates for the 3 fiscal years shall include all unrestricted funds for:

10 (a) The combined general fund and the education trust fund.

11 (b) Highway funds.

12 (c) Fish and game funds.

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.