Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 23, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Education to which was referred HB 441,

AN ACT requiring The Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be placed in all public schools. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Ralph Boehm

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk

Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Education
Bill Number:	HB 441
Title:	requiring The Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be placed in all public schools.
Date:	March 23, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill requires the school board or board of trustees of a charter school to place a copy of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in all public schools and in every classroom where civics is taught. This is not needed, as the USA has our own Bill of Rights. If anything, the US Bill of Rights should be in our classrooms and not a declaration made by another governmental agency that includes non-democratic believing countries. In addition, NH public schools currently have the right and authority to make local policy regarding issues such as the United Declaration of Human Rights without the need for another statutory directive from Concord. Lastly the bill is yet another unfunded Part I, Article 28-a constitutional issue.

Vote 17-3.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Rep. Ralph Boehm} \\ \text{FOR THE COMMITTEE} \end{array}$

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Education

HB 441, requiring The Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be placed in all public schools. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 441

BILL TITLE: requiring The Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be placed in all public

schools.

DATE: March 11, 2021

LOB ROOM: 301/303

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Boehm Seconded by Rep. Soti Vote: 17-3

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Barbara Shaw, Clerk

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK



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2021 SESSION

Education

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<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Ladd, Rick M. Chairman			
Cordelli, Glenn Vice Chairman			
Boehm, Ralph G.			
Allard, James C.	V		
Lekas, Alicia D.			
Moffett, Michael			
Hobson, Deborah L.			
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Ford, Oliver J.			
Layon, Erica J.			
Soti, Julius F.			
Myler, Mel			
Luneau, David J.			
Shaw, Barbara E. Clerk			
Cornell, Patricia			
Tanner, Linda L.			
Ellison, Arthur S.	,		
Mullen, Sue M.			
Ley, Douglas A.			
Woodcock, Stephen L.			
TOTAL VOTE:	17	3	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 441

BILL TITLE: requiring The Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be placed in all

public schools.

DATE: March 1, 2021

LOB ROOM: 201/203 Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 1:30 PM

Time Adjourned: 2:00 PM

<u>Committee Members</u>: Reps. Ladd, Cordelli, Shaw, Boehm, Allard, A. Lekas, Moffett, Hobson, Andrus, Ford, Layon, Soti, Myler, Luneau, Cornell, Tanner, Ellison, Mullen, Ley and Woodcock

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Read

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Ellen Read - Bill Sponsor

- UN developed after WW II Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Social Cohesion is the bas of Democracy, connectiveness and solidarity among groups, reducing inequality and disparities
- Education of our young people in this concept is crucial to the success of our democracy
- Article 29 0 refers to proposes of UN and questionable by some constituents
- Also right to life article 14 let states as written to be living person
- Could be amended to all schools rather than classroom

*Anne Marie Banfield - Parental Rights - Opposed

 No law to hanging documents in schools for learning or display – why a bill – used for education purposes only

Carl Ladd - NHSAA - Opposed

• Requirement with no purpose or funding

*William Thomas - Retired Manchester Educator - Supports

• Inform students and maybe inspire to dig deeper into constitution

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Barbara Shaw, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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Rep. Pourbara Shaw, Clerk

House Remote Testify

Education Committee Testify List for Bill HB441 on 2021-03-02

Support: 21 Oppose: 33 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 3

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<u>Name</u>	City, State Email Address	<u>Title</u>	Representing	Position	Testifying	Signed Up
Banfield, Ann Marie	North Hampton, NH Banfieldannmarie@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	Yes (4m)	2/24/2021 3:15 PM
Ladd, Carl	Concord, NH carl@nhsaa.org	A Lobbyist	New Hampshire School Administrators Association	Oppose	Yes (2m)	2/28/2021 1:36 PM
Thomas, William	Auburn, NH nhvfp@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes (0m)	2/26/2021 2:27 PM
Sandy, Leo	Chesterfield, NH lsandy@myfairpoint.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/26/2021 9:26 PM
Thomas, Wendy	Auburn, NH teachps@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/26/2021 7:04 PM
Kusch, Dan	Center Sandwich, NH Dan.kusch@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/27/2021 12:36 PM
Vogt, Robin	Portsmouth, NH robin.w.vogt@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/27/2021 3:58 PM
Casino, Joanne	Concord, NH joannecasino@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/28/2021 10:32 AM
Selby, Edwin	Keene, NH ecselby@me.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/28/2021 10:34 AM
Bruce, Susan	Concord, NH susanb.red@mac.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/28/2021 11:13 AM
Doherty, Angela	Weare, NH Angelaaa93@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/24/2021 10:33 PM
Geyer, Beverly	string:TILTON, NH beverlygeyer@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself Beverly Geyer	Oppose	No	2/25/2021 7:31 AM
Hack, Joanne	Barrington, NH johack@metrocast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/25/2021 9:42 AM

Cotter, Janice	Rochester, NH jjcotter50@hot	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/24/2021 8:16 PM
Fader, Matthia	Goffstown, NH tiafader@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/24/2021 3:33 PM
Giaquinta, Andrew	Brentwood, NH asgiaquinta@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/24/2021 8:22 PM
Everett, Richard	Manchester, NH richeverettglasgow@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/24/2021 3:44 PM
Paulding, Sally	Stratham, NH saldoodle@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/24/2021 5:00 PM
Gaudette, Sheryl	Hudson, NH sgaudette1@outlook.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/25/2021 8:34 AM
Towle, Ann	Northfield, NH annrtowle@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/24/2021 7:19 PM
Hilfer, Linnhardt	Kingston, NH Linnhardt.c.hilfer@rtx.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/26/2021 6:01 AM
Culliton, Penny	Temple, NH pculliton@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/26/2021 3:43 PM
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Fogarty, Maggie	Concord, NH mfogarty@afsc.org	A Lobbyist	American Friends Service Committee - NH	Support	No	2/28/2021 2:12 PM
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Valentine, Marilyn	Nashua, NH valentinemarilyn@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	3/1/2021 11:11 AM
Headley, Daniel	Londonderry, NH dtheadley@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	3/1/2021 11:19 AM
Desmarais, Doreen	Northwood, NH doreend@netzero.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	3/1/2021 12:06 PM
Minihan, Jeremiah	Rochester, NH Jeremiah.minihan@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	3/1/2021 1:36 PM
Wheeler, Douglas	Manchester, NH dougdwheeler@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	3/1/2021 8:41 PM
Anastasia, Patti	LONDONDERRY, NH patti.anastasia@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	3/1/2021 10:13 PM
Piemonte, Tony	Sandown, NH tony.piemonte@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	3/2/2021 9:57 AM
Love, RepDavid	Derry, NH davidlove4rep@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Rockingham 6	Oppose	No	3/2/2021 10:01 AM
Greene, Bob	Hudson, NH bob.greene@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Hillsborough District 37	Oppose	No	3/2/2021 11:00 AM
Howard Jr., Raymond	Alton, NH brhowardjr@yahoo.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	3/2/2021 8:41 AM
Osborne, Jason	Auburn, NH HouseRepOffice@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	3/2/2021 8:45 AM
Frost, Sherry	Dover, NH sherry.frost@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	3/2/2021 9:20 AM
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Sheehan, Vanessa	MILFORD, NH vsheehan16@yahoo.com	An Elected Official	Hillsborough District 23-Milford	Oppose	No	3/2/2021 9:47 AM
Stapleton, Walter	Claremont, NH waltstapleton@comcast.net	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	3/2/2021 11:39 AM
Green, Dennis	Hampstead, NH Dennisgreen1776@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Rep.Dennis Green	Oppose	No	3/2/2021 12:00 PM
Torosian, Peter	Atkinson, NH FlyBirdAir@aol.com	An Elected Official	Rockingham Count District # 14	Oppose	No	3/2/2021 12:28 PM
Read, Ellen	Newmarket, NH ellen4nh@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Rockingham 17	Support	No	3/2/2021 12:51 PM

Antonucci, Amy	Barrington, NH amyla44@juno.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	3/2/2021 2:41 PM
Hansen, Marcus	Alstead, NH marcuschristian@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	3/2/2021 2:45 PM
Nunez, Hershel	Pelham, NH hershel.nunez@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	3/2/2021 5:31 PM
Ward, Joanne	Stratham, NH Usquevagh@mac.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/24/2021 3:39 PM
Saba, Michael	Candia, NH mike.saba@outlook.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/24/2021 5:33 PM

Testimony

From: Ann Marie Banfield

Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 2:41:38 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: Written Testimony to accompany opposition to HB 441

Importance: Normal

Honorable members of the House Education Committee:

My name is Ann Marie Banfield and I am an advocate for parental rights and academic excellence in education. Today I come here in strong opposition to <u>HB 441</u>. HB 441 would require The Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be placed in all public schools. There are several reasons for my opposition to this mandate.

- 1) There is nothing prohibiting a teacher or principal from placing this document or any other document in their school.
- 2) Since there is no mandate that the United States Constitution be placed in all public schools. This gives the impression that the UN Document is being elevated.
- 3) The <u>UNDHR</u> is considered "a common standard of achievements for all peoples and all nations." But within this document there are goals that are troublesome and by definition, tyrannical.
- a) Within Article 26:Elementary education shall be compulsory.
 There is nothing in this article that makes an exception for home schooling. There is also a debate on whether compulsory education is good policy. The U.S. supreme court recognizes that parents have a "fundamental liberty interest" for the education of their children. Prior to compulsory education, parents and teachers worked together, there was less bureaucracy, less red tape, little data tracking beyond achievement, much less testing, and more opportunity for an education tailored to the child's needs. It is up to the residents of New Hampshire to determine support or opposition to compulsory education.

b) Article 29: (3) These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

This is a direct contrast to The Declaration of Independence which gave birth to our republic and set forth our "unalienable rights" to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Compare Article 29 to the adoption of the Constitution of the United States which is built on the foundation principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence. This Constitutional Republic is a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." We are self-governed, and our rights do not come from the United Nations.

If HB 441 passes, what does this say to students attending public schools? What does it say to the residents in New Hampshire? What does it say to the nation?

We may find provisions in the UDHR that have some value. Teachers are free to use the document within their scope and sequence. But if you vote for HB 441, you are saying to everyone that this document is worthy of elevation.

I have no problem with my children reading this document, but I want it explained in reference to our founding documents, and that our individual rights are inalienable - not granted to us by a global organization.

This document is certainly worthy of discussion and debate in a civics classroom however; I would want that discussion led by an educated teacher who understands our system of government -a republic that was set up to place power in the hands of the people and not a global organization that they cannot access.

A few years ago while working at the polls, I asked two Bedford Seniors if they read the U.S. Constitution. They said NO. Can we please focus our attention on making sure New Hampshire Students are educated in Civics first?

This is not about censoring information, this is about state statute and elevating a document with that is a direct attack on individual liberty.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote Inexpedient to Legislation on HB 441

Ann Marie Banfield North Hampton, NH 603-714-5814

From: William Thomas

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 7:25:01 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: House Bill 441 - Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Importance: Normal

Dear Chairman Ladd and House Education Committee Members,

Here is a link that may better inform committee members concerning the origin of this remarkable document which at its core owes much to the U.S. Bill of Rights and the other 17 Amendments.

Respectfully,

William Thomas Auburn, NH

Universal Declaration of Human Rights | United Nations

https://us-east-2.protection.sophos.com?

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From: Jess Edwards

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 9:47:34 AM

To: Lindsay Forcier; Jennifer Foor

Cc: ~House Education Committee; Ellen Read

Subject: Testimony HB441 2 March at 1:30 - Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be

placed in all public schools **Importance:** Normal

I'm not sure which centralized email to send testimony to so I hope this makes it.

This bill originated from Mr. and Mrs. Will Thomas of Auburn, a town that I represent.

Knowing about Rep Read's background, I reached out to her to ask her to be the lead sponsor.

The representative and I had never worked together. I've been incredibly impressed with her friendliness and collegiality. I'm grateful she took this task on when her plate is already full.

I'm unable to participate in the bill's hearing due to committee conflicts.

Best Regards,

Jess Edwards

NH State Representative (Auburn, Chester, Sandown)

Chairman, Division III DHHS/Veterans Home, Finance Committee (2020-present)

Department of Health and Human Services Oversight Committee (2021-present)

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery (2021-present)

Joint Committee on Dedicated Funds (2021-present)

Joint Fiscal Committee of the General Court - Alternate (2020-present)

Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee - Alternate (2021-present)

Chairman, NH General Court Veterans Interest Caucus (2019-present)

Rockingham County Long-Term Care Services Committee (2017-present)

Auburn Planning Board (2016-present)

2019-2020 Ways and Means Committee

2019-2020 Commander Legislative Squadron, NH Civil Air Patrol, Lieutenant Colonel

2019-2020 Mental health and social service business process alignment and information system interoperability study committee

2017-2018 Health, Human Services, & Elderly Affairs Committee

2017-2018 Mental health and social service business process alignment and information system interoperability study committee

2018 Telemedicine and health care reimbursement for telemedicine and telehealth study committee 2018 Group home rate parity study committee

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From: P Myers

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 10:52:35 AM

To: ~House Education Committee

Subject: HB 441 **Importance:** Normal

To the Honorable Members of the House Education Committee:

Will the following, original documents also be displayed:

The Constitution of the United States
The Bill of Rights
The Declaration of Independence
The Mayflower Compact
The Gettysburg Address
Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation
America's Creed

The UN Declaration of Human Rights is simply a reiteration of these documents, with the exception of the US Constitution's 2nd amendment rights.

I have no objection to the UNDHR, unless it is presented in excess, or to the exclusion of our own original, foundational documents.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, Patrice M

From: William Thomas

Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 2:50:35 PM

To: ~House Education Committee

Cc: Eugenr

Subject: NH House Remote Testify: 1:30 pm - HB441 in House Education

Importance: Normal

TESTIMONY on HB 441

Chairperson Ladd & Education Committee Members,

My name is Will Thomas and my wife Wendy and daughter Amanda reside in Auburn, NH. My wife and I are both retired teachers and we have always been involved in advancing civil and human rights.

So, in this country, divided as it is, we thought why not enable young people to become more aware of human and civil rights. So, I also asked several members of an organization we both belong to, NH Veterans for Peace, if they thought this bill was a good idea. They concurred.

We then asked one of our Auburn State Reps.to sponsor this bill. He said he could not but would ask another Representative to consider sponsoring it. Thus, Rep. Read agreed to do so.

We thought that posting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in public schools, especially in libraries and/or classrooms where U.S. History and Civics/Government classes are taught might spark some interest in the UDHR and possibly lead to some discussions relevant to today's world as well as perhaps comparing the original Bill of Rights and the other 27 Amendments to this Universal Declaration.

When human rights are under attack around the world, we think students should be made more aware of such a document that was written in part in response to the Holocaust and the violence perpetrated at that time and even now against the Uyghurs in China, the Rohingya People in Myanmar, the Indigenous People in the Amazon Basin, and the past genocide waged against Indigenous People in the Americas who are still, today, being marginalized as human beings.

Possibly, teachers of U.S. History and Civics/American Government might be inspired to teach as part of their curriculum on the US Constitution a section on the UDHR and its relevance to people whose civil and human rights are being violated today.

Making students, teachers, administrators, and parents aware that such a document exists, is, we think, a worthy goal.

Will Thomas

Bill as Introduced

HB 441 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0604 06/04

HOUSE BILL 441

AN ACT requiring The Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be placed in all public

schools.

SPONSORS: Rep. Read, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the school board, or board of trustees of a chartered public school, to place a copy of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in all public schools and in every classroom where civics is taught.

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 Twenty One

AN ACT requiring The Universal Declaration of Human Rights to be placed in all public schools.

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

- 1 New Section; Declaration of Human Rights. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section
 189:18-a the following new section:
 189:18-b Declaration of Human Rights. The school board, or board of trustees of a chartered
 public school, shall place a copy of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the library, or
 other prominent place, of every kindergarten through grade 12 school. A copy shall also be placed in
 any classroom being used for civics or history/social studies education.
- 7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.