

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

February 12, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Election Law to which was referred
HB 465-FN,**

**AN ACT relative to permissible campaign contributions
by business organizations and labor unions. Having
considered the same, report the same with the following
resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO
LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Peter Torosian

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Election Law
Bill Number:	HB 465-FN
Title:	relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions.
Date:	February 12, 2021
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill proposes to modify the current prohibition on labor unions making direct political contributions by allowing them to contribute through political committees that operate independently of such organizations. The concept raises issues of free speech and what entities have been recognized as having such rights. The bill seeks to equalize unions with corporations for the purposes of contributions to political committees with contributions being made through a separate fund consisting of voluntary contributions from individuals who are employees, officers, shareholders, directors, partners, or members of the labor unions or groups of labor unions. The majority was concerned that, if passed, the legislation would create unequal treatment of entities that are recognized as being able to contribute to political causes, and that the concept of voluntary contributions by union members was troubling.

Vote 11-9.

Rep. Peter Torosian
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
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Election Law

HB 465-FN, relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

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Here are 4. I think this brings us up to speed on what has been sent. And I have only seen the one minority report that you got.

Barbara.

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 465-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions.

DATE: February 12, 2021

LOB ROOM: Remote / Hybrid

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Torosian

Seconded by Rep. W. MacDonald

Vote: 11-9

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Natalie Wells, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # 465

BILL TITLE: 465 - Allowing political Contributions by unions in Segregated Accounts.

DATE: 2/12/2021

LOB ROOM: 306

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: 11:9

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: _____ YES _____ NO

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

Respectfully submitted: Representative Natalie Wells.
Rep Natalie Wells, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Election Law

Bill #: HB 465 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2-12-2021

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Griffin, Barbara J. Chairman	✓		
MacDonald, Wayne D. Vice Chairman	✓		
Burdhomme-O'Brien, Katherine J.	✓		
Sweeney, Joe	✓		
Hayward, Peter T.	✓		
Mooney, Maureen C.	✓		
Torosian, Peter E.	✓		
Berry, Ross	✓		
Groen, Fenton	✓		
Qualey, James R.	✓		
Wells, Natalie J. Clerk	✓		
Cote, David E.		✓	
Nard, Gerald W.R.		✓	
Bergeron, Paul R.		✓	
Sandler, Catt		✓	
Hamer, Heidi M.		✓	
Lane, Connie B.		✓	
Freitas, Mary C.		✓	
Hamblet, Joan L.		✓	
Muirhead, Russell		✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	11	9	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 465-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions.

DATE: February 5, 2021

LOB ROOM: LOB Hybrid **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:03 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 1:33 p.m.

Committee Members: Reps. B. Griffin, W. MacDonald, Wells, Prudhomme-O'Brien, Sweeney, Hayward, Mooney, Torosian, Berry, Groen, Qualey, Cote, Ward, Bergeron, Sandler, Hamer, Lane, Freitas, Hamblet and Muirhead

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Read

Rep. Elliott

Rep. Grassie

Rep. Knirk

Rep. Gay

Rep. DiLorenzo

Rep. Lane

Rep. T. Smith

Rep. Guthrie

TESTIMONY

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- An example: NH Democrats receive dollars from a Colorado corporation. Because it is illegal to take these dollars, they donate it to NH corporations, then send the money back to Colorado. See further testimony.

Hearing adjourned at: 1:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Natalie Wells
Committee Clerk

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Joseph Bagshaw.
Olivia Zink

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PUBLIC HEARING on Bill # HB 465-FN

BILL TITLE:

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ROOM: 306

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 1:03pm

Time Adjourned: 1:33pm

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. B. Griffin, W. MacDonald, Wells, Prudhomme-O'Brien, Sweeney, Hayward, Mooney, Torosian, Berry, Groen, Qualey, Cote, Ward, Bergeron, Sandler, Hamer, Lane, Freitas, Hamblet and Muirhead

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Joseph Bagshaw.

Olivia Zink

ELECTION LAW

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Adjourned: 1:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Natalie Wells

House Remote Testify


Election Law Committee Testify List for Bill HB465 on 2021-02-05

Support: 58 Oppose: 2 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 3

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>1</u>
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Jacome, Jan	Janjake22@gmail.com	603.234.3910	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
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Gilman, Representative Julie	julie.gilman@leg.state.nh.us	603.957.1348	An Elected Official	Town of Exeter	Support	No	2
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Testimony

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:31:38 AM
From: [Olivia Zink](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 8:56:10 PM
To: ~[House Election Law Committee](#)
Subject: TESTIMONY in SUPPORT of HB 465
Importance: Normal
Attachments:
[2021 HB 465.pdf](#) 

February 5, 2021

The Honorable Barbara Griffin, Chairwoman
Election Law
Legislative Office Building, Room 308, Concord, NH 03301

TESTIMONY in SUPPORT of HB 465

Dear Chairwoman Griffin and members of the Election Law Committee,

For the record my name is Olivia Zink, Executive Director, Open Democracy Action. It's very important that all candidates are transparent about who is funding their campaigns. The statute used to prohibit corporate contributions, but in the wake of the Kennedy v. Gardner's case in 1999, when the New Hampshire federal court struck down the ban on corporate contributions, the Legislature removed that ban from law. Prohibiting corporate contributions is constitutional and this language is very well researched.

Why this bill is a good idea

- 1.) NH had this law before
- 2.) Labor unions and Partnerships have this prohibition

Lobbying firms are corporate donors, as well as unions and non-profits. An [NHPR](#) review of 2018 campaign fundraising reports that over the most recent legislative session shows donations from lobbying sources with a direct stake in the decisions made by state senators accounted for roughly half of all the money raised by those same senators' re-election campaigns. Both Democrats and Republicans rely on lobbying interests to fund their campaigns, and the most active lobbying firms have given uniformly to incumbent senators from both parties.

It is important that we find ways for everyday citizens' to participate in our political and campaign system. The rules of the systems are rigged and this is a good first step but others are needed to fix our broken campaign finance system.

Please Vote OTP on HB 465 and fix this loophole.

Respectfully,

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From: Janet Pietrovito
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:48:18 PM
To: ~House Election Law Committee
Subject: Hb465, hb105
Importance: Normal

Representative Prudhomme-O'Brien,

I am concerned about the campaign finance bills HB 465 and HB 105. The NH Legislature needs to pass these bills, making our government more transparent. We don't need to have government officials doing favors for large donors or making sweetheart deals to repay favors from large donors. We voters need to be able to trust that our elected officials are working to make NH better for everyone, not just for the wealthy who can buy their way into deals. These deals often don't have the taxpayers best interests in mind, just getting the best for certain companies or individuals.

I urge you to pass HB 465 and HB 105 to make New Hampshire government more honorable and transparent. We want to discourage the influence of money in our state and encourage honesty in all of our political dealings.

Thank you for your service to our state and for looking out for the interests of its citizens. Please stay safe and we'll.

Sincerely,

Janet Pietrovito
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603-547-2745

Janet

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From: Bob Perry <perry4nh@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 1:46 PM
To: ~House Election Law Committee <HouseElectionLawCommittee@leg.state.nh.us>
Subject: HB 121, 105, 465

Dear members of the Election Law Committee,

As you know, I presented in support of 121 and 105. I will/have registered my support of 465. All of these bills serve to equalize the political influence of voters with other voters, in the case of redistricting; and mitigate the disparity between ordinary political contributors and those who benefit from current campaign finance laws in need of strengthening to close loopholes.

I urge OTP relative the above-mentioned. Thank you.

**Bob Perry
Strafford**



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¹ <https://www.nhpr.org/post/nh-legislators-look-lobbyists-reliable-source-re-election-cash#stream/0>

Bill as
Introduced

HB 465-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0596

11/05

HOUSE BILL **465-FN**

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SPONSORS: Rep. Read, Rock. 17; Rep. Elliott, Rock. 8; Rep. Grassie, Straf. 11; Rep. Knirk, Carr. 3; Rep. Gay, Rock. 8; Rep. DiLorenzo, Rock. 17; Rep. Lane, Merr. 12; Rep. T. Smith, Hills. 17; Rep. Guthrie, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill requires business organizations and labor unions to make political contributions through segregated funds.

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 relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions.

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Prohibited Political Contributions; Business Organizations. Amend RSA
2 664:4 by inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

3 I-a. By any business organization, or by any officer, director, executive, agent, partner, or
4 employee acting in behalf of such business organization. This shall not prohibit the establishment by
5 a business organization of a political committee that operates independently of the business
6 organization, provided that the committee's expenditures and contributions are made through a
7 separate, segregated fund consisting only of voluntary contributions solicited from individuals who
8 are employees, officers, shareholders, directors, partners, or members of the business organization.
9 The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to sole proprietorships.

10 2 Political Expenditures and Contributions; Prohibited Political Contributions; Labor Unions;
11 Segregated Account Exception. Amend RSA 664:4, III to read as follows:

12 III. By any labor union or group of labor unions, or by any officer, director, executive, agent,
13 or employee acting in behalf of such union or group of unions; or by any organization representing or
14 affiliated with any such union or group of unions, or by any officer, director, executive, agent, or
15 employee acting in behalf of such organization. ***This shall not prohibit the establishment by a
16 labor union or group of labor unions of a political committee that operates independently
17 of the labor union or group of labor unions, provided that the committee's expenditures
18 and contributions are made through a separate, segregated fund consisting only of
19 voluntary contributions solicited from individuals who are employees, officers,
20 shareholders, directors, partners, or members of the labor union or group of labor unions.***

21 3 Repeal. RSA 664:4, II, relative to prohibited political contributions by partnerships, is
22 repealed.

23 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.

Fiscal Note

**HB 465-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT relative to permissible campaign contributions by business organizations and labor unions.

FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

COUNTY:

Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable

METHODOLOGY:

This bill requires businesses and labor unions to use segregated funds for political contributions.

The Department of State indicates any changes to the Secretary of State's forms or State Campaign Finance System could be funded by available money in the current Department budget.

The Department of Justice enforces the laws governing the filing and reporting for political committees. The Department indicates this bill may increase investigations or enforcement activities by an unknown degree and therefore any resulting impact on expenditures for such purposes is indeterminable. There is no expected increase in revenues as a result of this bill.

This bill may result in additional penalties pursuant to RSA 664 that may have an impact on the New Hampshire judicial and correctional systems. There is no method to determine how many charges would be brought as a result of the changes contained in this bill to determine the fiscal impact on expenditures. However, the entities impacted have provided the potential costs associated with these penalties below.

Judicial Branch	FY 2021	FY 2022
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Violation Level Offense	\$53	\$53
Class B Misdemeanor	\$55	\$55
Class A Misdemeanor	\$78	\$78
Simple Criminal Case	\$309	\$309
Routine Criminal Felony Case	\$494	\$494
Appeals	Varies	Varies
Department of Corrections		
FY 2020 Average Cost of Incarcerating an Individual	\$47,691	\$47,691
FY 2020 Annual Marginal Cost of a General Population Inmate	\$6,407	\$6,407
FY 2020 Average Cost of Supervising an Individual on Parole/Probation	\$584	\$584
NH Association of Counties		
County Prosecution Costs	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Estimated Average Daily Cost of Incarcerating an Individual	\$105 to \$120	\$105 to \$120

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