

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 3, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred HB 565,

AN ACT establishing a committee to study charitable gaming. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Edith Tucker

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Ways and Means
Bill Number:	HB 565
Title:	establishing a committee to study charitable gaming.
Date:	March 3, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill establishes a committee of three representatives and two senators to study the appropriate regulatory structure of charitable gaming so as to ensure its integrity, the fair selection of participating charities, and the fair allocation of all revenues. The committee shall study the oversight and enforcement of charitable gaming in NH and how that regulatory structure, including staffing levels for auditors, inspectors, and other oversight positions, compares with best-practice regulatory standards for the gaming industry and regulatory structures used in other jurisdictions. It shall review the recommendations of prior study commissions in 2013 and 2015 and determine to what degree those recommendations have been addressed, including but not limited to recommendations related to oversight, enforcement, control measures, technology, and staffing. It shall study the amounts and distribution of revenues generated by each charitable gaming operator to the state and to the charities served by that operator, including all costs borne by the operator and charities. And it shall study the methods used by charitable gaming operators to select the charities that will be given dates at the operators' facilities, including the methods used when there is a "wait list" at the facilities. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the Speaker, Senate President, House Clerk, Senate Clerk, Governor, and the State library on or before Nov. 1, 2022.

Vote 24-0.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB 565

BILL TITLE: AN ACT establishing a committee to study charitable gaming.

DATE: February 17, 2021

LOB ROOM: remote via Zoom

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

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

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

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

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP OTP/A ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of
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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO n/a

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

Respectfully submitted:

Alan Bershtein

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 establishing a committee to study charitable gaming.

Bill #	HB 565
Motion	OTP
Amendment #	
Exec Session Date	02/17/21
Consent Calendar?	Yes

Member	Moved / Seconded	Yea	Nay	NV
Major, Norman L. [Chairman]		X		
Abrami, Patrick F. [Vice Chairman]	Second	X		
Joe Alexander (Subbing for Mary Griffin)		X		
Tim Lang (Subbing for Jordan Ulery)		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.		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.	Motion	X		
Hakken-Phillips, Mary A.		X		
Murphy, James Michael		X		
Total Vote		24		

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Bershtein, Clerk

Public Hearing

House Remote Testify

Ways and Means Committee Testify List for Bill HB565 on 2021-02-11

Support: 4 Oppose: 2 Neutral: 1 Total to Testify: 2

<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>
McIntyre, Charles	charles.r.mcintyre@lottery.nh.gov	111.111.1111	State Agency Staff	Myself	Neutral	Yes (5m)	2/11/2021 8:59 AM
Bragdon, Peter	pbragdon@preti.com	111.111.1111	A Lobbyist	Churchill Downs, Inc.	Support	Yes (3m)	2/11/2021 8:24 AM
Hamer, Heidi	heidi.hamer@leg.state.nh.us	603.625.4895	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	1/28/2021 7:02 PM
Granville, Noaln	Nolan.granville@gmail.com	978.798.8068	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/3/2021 3:50 PM
Rathbun, Eric	ericrathbun@gmail.com	111.111.1111	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/11/2021 1:44 AM
Stringham, Jerry	jstringham@medicaltechpartners.com	111.111.1111	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/11/2021 7:35 AM
Richardson, Daniel	daniel6_22@comcast.net	111.111.1111	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2/11/2021 8:17 AM

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McIntyre, Charles	charles.r.mcintyre@lottery.nh.gov	111.111.1111	State Agency Staff	Myself	Neutral	Yes (5m)	2/11/2021 8:59 AM
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Public Hearing on: HB 565

Bill Title: AN ACT establishing a committee to study charitable gaming.

Date: February 11, 2021
LOB Room: remote via Zoom
Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:35 AM
Time Public Hearing Adjourned: 11:13 AM

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

SPONSORS: Rep. Ames, Ches. 9; Rep. Almy, Graf. 13; Rep. Walz, Merr. 23

TESTIMONY

Rep. Ames:

- Introduced bill
- Are best practices being followed?
- Review recommendations of prior study committees and have their concerns been addressed?
- Look at revenue. Are charities being served well?
- Which charities are being selected?
- Why go forward with this bill now? It's time to look at things as there is a significant interest in expanding charitable gaming in NH.
- Abrami: There is a similar bill in the Senate.
- Major: Why three House members on the committees and not five? A: five would be a good idea and preferable.
- Mallory: Agrees with Gourgue that we should look at how charities get in line for charitable gaming.

Rep. Almy, (co-sponsor)

- The Senate has said they are not doing study committees this year.
- Perhaps this should be a retained bill so the bill avoids a death by Senate.

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Peter Bragdon, Churchill Downs (support)

- Public confidence is important and this bill adds confidence.
- There are currently significant deficiencies. The state doesn't have enough resources dedicated to compliance. A 2015 report advised to increase staff from three full time inspectors and one part timer. This is still the case in 2021.
- Churchill downs supports a strong regulatory environment.
- Doucette: Q: Why is this bill of interest to Churchill Downs? A: Churchill Downs may be interested in entering NH for opportunities.
- Doucette: Is Churchill Downs in competition with charitable gaming in NH? A: I have no idea.

Testimony

Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:50:24 AM
From: Marc Thayer
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 4:22:33 PM
To: ~House Ways & Means Committee
Cc: Marc Thayer
Subject: NH Charitable Gaming
Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the NH House Ways & Means Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Symphony NH based in Nashua, Manchester and Concord.

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I am writing to let you know that we are pleased to be beneficiaries of Charitable Gaming. Charitable Gaming has been critical to our organization. The unrestricted funds have been essential in helping us to fulfill our mission and continuing to provide our important services to assist and support Granite Staters in need.

This past year because of COVID we have struggled to fundraise. The revenue from charitable gaming we received is among the largest contributions we receive in a year. We are happy with the numbers and the relationships with our charitable gaming operators.

Charitable Gaming has given us a lifeline, without it we would have been in serious jeopardy and those we serve would have been left out in the cold.

Please help us get much needed additional dollars and pass HB 626 to allow Historic Racing in New Hampshire without delay.

These funds will be critical especially during these difficult times to helping support our organization along with hundreds of other New Hampshire non-profits, providing critical services to some of our state's most vulnerable populations. I hope we can count on your support.

Thank you so much,

Marc Thayer

Marc Thayer

Executive Director, Symphony NH

Cell 305-205-4500

Marc@symphonymh.org

Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:55:45 AM
From: rfortin@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 9:26:17 AM
To: ~House Ways & Means Committee
Subject: Support for Game of Chance.
Importance: Normal



The hardest part of communication is listening.
Let me listen more today than yesterday

Bill Fortin
KB1SGK

Dear Members of House Ways & Means,

My name is Remi W Fortin and I am writing on behalf of A Londonderry Emergency Response Team (ALERT)

We are an all volunteer Team. Our mission is to help the town and state with our Regional Emergency Shelter, Search and rescue, Traffic during voting, Old Home Day, and other town events. For the last 15 + years we have a Team that has gone into the Kindergarten and teach children what to do if they are lost. We are actively supporting the COVID-19 vaccine. We have worked at exit 4 assisting the National Guard. We are currently working with South Central Public Health to support the mobile vaccination process.

I am writing to let you know that we are pleased to be beneficiaries of Charitable Gaming. Charitable Gaming has been critical to our organization. The unrestricted funds have been essential in helping us to fulfill our mission and continuing to provide our important services to assist and support Granite Staters in need. ALERT has never received any money from the Town, State or Federal Government. The money we received from Game of Chance allowed us to purchase Stop the Bleed kits, warm Hi Viz coats, Hi Viz vest for warmer times, CPR barriers and lots of other gear. We teach our 40+ members CERT, First Aid, CPR, AED, Line Search, Hasty Search, Compass, Amateur Radio, and lots of other trainings.

In the past we stood in front of stores and doing a raffle. With COVID we cannot do this type of fun raising. This past year because of COVID we have struggled to fundraise. The revenue from charitable gaming we received is among the largest contributions we receive in a year. We are happy with the numbers and the relationships with our charitable gaming operators.

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If you folks have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
God Bless AMERICA and it's people

Bill "Remi" W Fortin President
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Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:55:45 AM
From: John Clayton
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 12:18:56 PM
To: ~House Ways & Means Committee
Cc: tiffany@tiffanyeddy.com
Subject: Support for Historic Racing
Importance: Normal



February 3, 2021

Dear Members of House Ways & Means,

My name is John Clayton and I am writing on behalf of the Manchester Historic Association.

Our mission is to collect, preserve and share Manchester history, and as part of that mission, we have been recognized as the "Best Educational Activity for Kids in New Hampshire."

I am writing to let you know that we are pleased to be beneficiaries of Charitable Gaming. Charitable Gaming has been critical to our organization. The unrestricted funds have been essential in helping us to fulfill our mission and continuing to provide our important services to assist and support Granite Staters in need.

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Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Clayton".

John Clayton

Executive Director

Manchester Historic Association

Millyard Museum, 200 Bedford Street
Research Library, 129 Amherst Street
Manchester, NH 03101
(603)-622-7531 x 302 (W)
(603)-582-8804 (C)

Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:40:36 AM
From: [Anna Berry](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 1:48:13 PM
To: ~House Ways & Means Committee
Subject: supporting Charitable gaming
Importance: Normal

Dear Members of House Ways & Means,

My name is Anna Berry and I am writing on behalf of Noah's Ark Childcare Center, a nonprofit, early childhood education center that serves families in greater Manchester. Nearly 150 families rely on the high quality, affordable childcare that we provide while caring for and teaching the next generation.

I am writing to let you know that we are pleased to be beneficiaries of Charitable Gaming. Charitable Gaming has been critical to our organization. The unrestricted funds have been essential in helping us to fulfill our mission and continuing to provide our important services to assist and support Granite Staters in need.

We have enjoyed a great relationship with our charitable gaming operators and been pleased with the funds we have received.

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Thank you!

Anna Berry
President, Board of Directors
Noah's Ark Childcare Center, Manchester

Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:50:24 AM
From: rosemary@greatneproperties.com
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 5:12:19 PM
To: ~House Ways & Means Committee
Subject: Concerning Charitable Gaming
Importance: Normal

Dear Members of the NH House Ways & Means Committee,

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Thank you so much,

Rosemary Johnson
President of Friends of SymphonyNH
603/860-0683

Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:34:52 AM
From: [Bragdon, Peter E.](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:48:32 PM
To: ~House Ways & Means Committee
Subject: Churchill Downs testimony in support of HB 565 - study regulatory structure
Importance: Normal
Attachments:
[Churchill Downs Testimony on HB 565 - Study of Oversight.pdf](#) 

Honorable members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

As requested, I have attached my testimony on behalf of Churchill Downs, Inc. in support of HB 565, a bill to study the regulatory structure of charitable gaming in New Hampshire.

With gaming facilities in 9 states, Churchill Downs understands the need for a strong regulatory environment for gaming. A strong regulatory environment increases public trust and, more importantly here in New Hampshire, ensures that money that is supposed to be going to charities is, indeed, going to charities and not slipping out the back door. As the final report of the 2015 Games for Charity Study Commission states, charitable gaming is a system that can, *"if left unattended, serve the charities less, and private interests more."* The report also recommends, *"Before any discussion of expanding charitable gaming, there must be a commitment by the state to adequately fund the positions necessary for oversight and enforcement, to ensure the integrity of the games."*

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.


Sincerely,

Peter Bragdon

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Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:50:25 AM
From: [Edward Ithier](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 3:00:35 PM
To: [~House Ways & Means Committee](#)
Subject: Benefits of Charitable Gaming for Non-Profit Organizations
Importance: Normal
Attachments:
[Letter to Ways And Means Committee on Charitable Gaming.pdf](#) 

Good afternoon Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Ed Ithier and I'm the President of the Board Of Directors at Webster House which is a non-profit organization located in Manchester NH.
The attached letter shares the importance that Charitable Gaming has played for us and many other non-profit organizations in NH.

I know there is legislation regarding the potential expansion of Charitable Gaming. I just wanted to share how Charitable Gaming has helped us and so many non-profits carry out our mission. Any expansion would be a huge benefit to so many non-profit organizations in our state.

Thank you for your time.
Feel free to call me if you have any questions. 603-490-6778

Take care, stay safe, and have a great day.

Ed Ithier
President BOD Webster House
603-490-6778

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From: [Ann Conway](#)
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 4:29:42 PM
To: ~House Ways & Means Committee
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Importance: Normal

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Thank you so much,

Ann Conway, Symphony NH trustee

Ann Conway
aknconway@gmail.com

Cell - 603-321-0087

Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:50:23 AM
From: [Jocelyn Sharp-Henning](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 2:22:18 PM
To: ~House Ways & Means Committee
Subject: Limited expansion of charitable gaming
Importance: Normal

My name is Jocelyn Sharp-Henning and I am writing on behalf of the Nashua Senior Activity Center d/b/a the Nashua Association for the Elderly.

The Nashua Senior Center's mission is to promote healthy aging, independence, and the well-being of older adults through health, wellness, educational, cultural, and recreational programs and services. The Center is open to adults 50 and over and before COVID-19 hit, was offering over 50 programs and services per week to almost 1400 members and the community.

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This past year because of COVID there has been very little fundraising. Most fundraising events have had to be cancelled. The revenue from charitable gaming we received is among the largest contributions we receive each year. We are happy with the numbers and the relationships with our charitable gaming operators.


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Jocelyn Sharp-Henning
Board Member
Nashua Senior Activity Center
Nashua, NH

Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:40:36 AM
From: [Christiane L Casserly](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:13:37 AM
To: ~House Ways & Means Committee
Cc: [Scott](#)
Subject: Support Charitable Gaming
Importance: Normal
Attachments: [Charitable Gaming letter.docx](#);

Please see my letter attached - to support expanding the Charitable Gaming program.

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Christiane Casserly
Executive Director
Rochester Child Care Center
603 332 9333

Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:50:21 AM

From: [Scott Flegal](#)

Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 2:07:06 PM

To: ~House Ways & Means Committee

Cc: 'Gia Bonilla'; Beth and Brad Kreick

Subject: Nashua Education Foundation Letter in Support of House Bill on Charitable Gaming

Importance: Normal

Attachments: [20210208_151726.pdf](#);

Dear Madam or Sir.

Please see the attached letter.

Thank you.

Scott Flegal

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HOUSE BILL **565**

AN ACT establishing a committee to study charitable gaming.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ames, Ches. 9; Rep. Almy, Graf. 13; Rep. Walz, Merr. 23

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study charitable gaming.

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 establishing a committee to study charitable gaming.

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

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the regulatory structure of
2 charitable gaming.

3 2 Membership and Compensation.

4 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

5 (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
6 house of representatives.

7 (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

8 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
9 the duties of the committee.

10 3 Duties. The committee shall:

11 I. Study the oversight and enforcement of charitable gaming in New Hampshire and how
12 that regulatory structure, including staffing levels for auditors, inspectors and other oversight
13 positions, compares with best-practice regulatory standards for the gaming industry and regulatory
14 structures used in other jurisdictions.

15 II. Review the recommendations of prior study commissions with respect to the regulatory
16 structure of charitable gaming in New Hampshire and determine to what degree those
17 recommendations have been addressed, including but not limited to recommendations relating to
18 oversight, enforcement, control measures, technology and staffing.

19 III. Study the amounts and distribution of revenues generated by each charitable gaming
20 operator to the state and to the charities served by that operator, including all costs borne by the
21 operator and charities.

22 IV. Study the methods used by charitable gaming operators to select the charities that will
23 be given dates at the operators' facilities, including the methods used when there is a "wait list" at
24 the facilities.

25 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
26 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house
27 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this
28 section. Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

29 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
30 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house
31 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2022.

1 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.