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HOUSE BILL **157**

AN ACT relative to the state health improvement plan and the state health assessment and state health improvement plan advisory council.

SPONSORS: Rep. Edwards, Rock. 4; Rep. M. Pearson, Rock. 34

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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II. The state health assessment shall:

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VIII. The information may also be used by the department to align planning, integrate services, and leverage resources across the department.

IX. The commissioner, in consultation with the state health assessment and state health improvement plan advisory council, shall release to the public, the state health assessment no later than 12 months after the effective date of this section and the state health improvement plan no later than 24 months after the effective date of this section. The plan shall be reviewed annually and updated every 5 years, or earlier if determined necessary by the commissioner.

126-A:88 State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement Plan Advisory Council Established.

I. There is hereby established a state health assessment and state health improvement plan advisory council. The council should be diverse with respect to race, ethnicity, geography, ideology, and age, and shall be comprised of the following members:

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(b) Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, appointed by the senate president.

(c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.

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Approved: May 17, 2021
Effective Date: May 17, 2021

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Health and Human Services

Sen Jeb Bradley, Chair
Sen James Gray, Vice Chair
Sen Kevin Avard, Member
Sen Tom Sherman, Member
Sen Rebecca Whitley, Member

Date: April 15, 2021

HEARINGS

Wednesday	04/21/2021	
(Day)	(Date)	
Health and Human Services	REMOTE 000	8:30 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

8:30 a.m.	HB 89-FN	adding qualifying medical conditions to the therapeutic use of cannabis law.
8:45 a.m.	HB 163-FN	relative to cannabis use during pregnancy.
9:00 a.m.	HB 605-FN	relative to the therapeutic cannabis program.
9:15 a.m.	HB 157-FN	relative to the state health improvement plan and the state health assessment and state health improvement plan advisory council.
9:30 a.m.	HB 381-FN	relative to laboratory testing.

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Sponsors:

HB 89-FN

Rep. Vail

Rep. Chase

Rep. Laflamme

Rep. Abramson

HB 163-FN

Rep. Marsh

Rep. Abrami

Rep. Rung

Rep. Crawford

Rep. Nelson

Rep. Knirk

Rep. Deshaies

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Rep. Conley

Rep. Chase

Rep. Acton

Rep. Moran

Rep. McWilliams

Rep. Cushing

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Hearing Date: April 21, 2021

Time Opened: 9:33 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:49 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Bradley, Gray, Avard, Sherman and Whitley

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill revises components of the state health improvement plan and revises the membership and duties of the state health assessment and state health improvement plan advisory council.

Sponsors:

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Rep. M. Pearson

Who supports the bill: There are 46 names signed in support of this bill. To view the sign in sheet please contact Kirsten Koch at kirsten.koch@leg.state.nh.us

Who opposes the bill: Robin Vogt

Who is neutral on the bill: Tyler Brannen, NH Department of Insurance; Edward Shanshala, Ammonoosuc Community Health Services.

Summary of Testimony Presented:

Note: The speakers referred to two phrases in their testimony by using acronyms. The acronyms used in the testimony are defined here:

- *State Health Assessment (SHA)*
- *State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)*

Representative Jess Edwards, Rockingham 4

- Rep. Edwards said, the original bill intended to terminate SHA SHIP efforts. The chair and vice chair amended the bill. A small task force made up of Rep. Marsh, Rep. Pearson, Sen. Sherman, Patricia Tilley, John Williams, and I worked on this. When we ended task force everybody was aligned.
- Sen. Bradley said, this bill was on your consent calendar.

- Sen. Sherman offered to speak on the bill. He said, this was a great task force that also rounded up the Josiah Bartlett Center to create a balancing prospective.

Representative William Marsh, Carroll 8

- Rep. Marsh said, HB157 began as a repeal bill. It became clear that important stakeholders felt disenfranchised by the process developing the state health assessment and state health improvement plan.
- Rep. Marsh said, the HHS&EA committee thanks Sen. Tom Sherman who orchestrated a meeting between stakeholders and DHHS, resulting in amendment 2021-0270h.
- Rep. Marsh said, the amendment instead revises the charge to council and adds members to the council such that the previously disenfranchised stakeholders feel their concerns have been addressed. Highlights include an increased scrutiny on access to critical services including maternity cost of health care and health insurance fiscal stability and sustainability sufficient and equitable access and an emphasis on public health.
- Rep. Marsh said, a new goal is to plan on ways to reduce the cost of health care both to individuals and the system overall.
- Rep. Marsh said, the work product is to be a resource for centralized and decentralized decision making, recognizing that many key decisions get made not by government, but by the various hospitals and service providers across NH.
- Rep. Marsh said, the council's recommendations are to include both costs and benefits. This bill passed HHS&EA 20-0 and passed the House on consent.

Representative Jerry Knirk, Carroll 3

- Rep. Knirk said he is the vice chair of SHA SHIP.
- Rep. Knirk, said this bill expands membership and will bring a diversity of opinions to develop a better program.

Patricia Tilley, Deputy Director of the Division of Health, DHHS

- Ms. Tilley testified in support of the bill.
- Ms. Tilley said this bill establishes new membership and addresses gaps.

Edward Shanshala, Ammonoosuc Community Health Services

- Mr. Shanshala said he is on the commission for SHA SHIP.
- Mr. Shanshala said, to have the Business Industry Association engaged in the health and wellness would be an interesting construct to be involved with. Some businesses are provided for by tourism. New colleagues will provide perspectives from areas where we have struggled to get access to their voices.

Joan Ascheim, NH Public Health Association

- Ms. Ascheim testified in support of the bill.
- Ms. Ascheim said the NH Public Health Association helped developed two SHA SHIPs before.
- Ms. Ascheim said, these are used and helped to focus resources on important needs. The amendment made in the House is important. Having a plan is a national standard.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 23, 2021

Speakers

Senate Remote Testify

Health and Human Services Committee Testify List for Bill HB157 on 2021-04-

Support: 43 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 2 Total to Testify: 4

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>
Tilley, Patricia	patricia.tilley@dhhs.nh.gov	603-931-0750	State Agency Staff	DHHS	Support	Yes
Marsh, William	wmarshmd@gmail.com	603.569.6382	An Elected Official	Carroll 8	Support	Yes
Knirk, Jerry	Jerry.Knirk@leg.state.nh.us	617-448-7557	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes
Shanshala, Edward	Ed.Shanshala@achcs-inc.org	603-991-7756	A Member of the Public	Ammonoosuc Community Health Services	Neutral	Yes
Stoddard, Kristine	kstoddard@bistatepca.org	Not Given	A Lobbyist	Bi-State Primary Care Association	Support	No
Pappas, James	jpappas235@gmail.com	603.798.3410	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Platt, Elizabeth-Anne	lizanneplatt09@gmail.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Ellermann, Maureen	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Davis, Gregory	glospreys@comcast.net	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Perencevich, Ruth	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Pappas, James	jpappas235@gmail.com	603.798.3410	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Vogt, Robin	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No
Brannen, Tyler	tyler.j.brannen@ins.nh.gov	271-2396	State Agency Staff	Insurance Department	Neutral	No
McNamee, Bridig	brigidmcnamee@yahoo.com	603.223.0139	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Feole, Danielle	feole.danielle@gmail.com	978.778.6269	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Larson, Ruth	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Casino, Joanne	joannecasino@comcast.net	603.746.3491	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Spielman, Kathy	jspielman@comcast.net	603.397.7879	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Petruccelli, Maxine	maxinepet@gmail.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Torpey, Jeanne	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Reed, Barbara D.	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Wild, Gail	gailwild@gmail.com	603.863.3121	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Wiggins, Frank	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Hackmann, Kent	hackmann@uidaho.edu	16039343225	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Hinebauch, Mel	melhinebauch@gmail.com	603.224.4866	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Jones, Andrew	arj11718@yahoo.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Devore, Gary	torin_asheron@yahoo.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Straiton, Marie	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Rettew, Annie	abrettew@gmail.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Koch, Helmut	helmut.koch.2001@gmail.com	603.491.3306	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Vincent, Laura	lvlauravincents5@gmail.com	603.783.4849	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Gordon, Laurie	Lmgord23@gmail.com	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Crook, Mary	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Laker-Phelps, Gail	lpsart@tds.net	603.798.5394	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Rayton, Linden	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Falk, Cheri	Not Given	Not Given	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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April 20, 2021

Senator Jeb Bradley, Chairman
Senate Health and Human Services Committee
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Submitted via email to: Jeb.Bradley@leg.state.nh.us; James.Gray@leg.state.nh.us; Tom.Sherman@leg.state.nh.us; Becky.Whitley@leg.state.nh.us; Kevin.Avard@leg.state.nh.us; kirsten.koch@leg.state.nh.us

Dear Chairman Bradley and Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee:

On behalf of the Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc., (ACHS) majority patient board of directors, staff, and over 10,000 patients, I thank you and your colleagues for your continued support and investment into the individual health and community wellness of our patients, your constituents. Ammonoosuc Community Health Services' integration of primary preventive health care services is representative of high value care as we demonstrate a 15-24% return on every health care dollar invested.^[1]

As the CEO of a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), I serve as Bi-State Primary Care Association's designee on the State Health Assessment (SHA) and State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Advisory Council. In short, the SHA/SHIP strives to examine the current status and wellbeing of our state; accepts input from crucial stakeholders through public meetings; and uses data to improve access to health care services, service delivery, and identify gaps and redundancies in our health care delivery system. The goal of SHA/SHIP is to: improve health outcomes; reduce inequities and disparities; and strengthen our public health and human service delivery system. The existence of this important work in statute lends the SHA/SHIP additional credibility and the opportunity for collaboration across all sectors including state agencies, health care provider organizations, and local health care departments.

Additionally, it is my understanding that the Division of Public Health within the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services strives to become accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board because of the benefits that come with accreditation: statewide quality improvement, accountability, workforce development, and improving health outcomes within our communities. The existence and work of the SHA/SHIP will help New Hampshire in the process of obtaining accreditation.

In closing, the SHA/SHIP is an important asset to the State of New Hampshire, our communities, your constituents, and the health and wellbeing of our communities. Its continuation and your continued support are vital to improving the health of the Granite State.

As always, please let me know if and how I may continue to add to your efforts on behalf of our patients, your constituents.

¹ Robert S. Nocon, MHS, Sang Mee Lee, PhD, Ravi Sharma, PhD, et. al., "Health Care Use and Spending for Medicaid Enrollees in Federally Qualified Health Centers Versus Other Primary Care Settings," American Journal of Public Health, Nov. 2016, Vol 106, No. 11.



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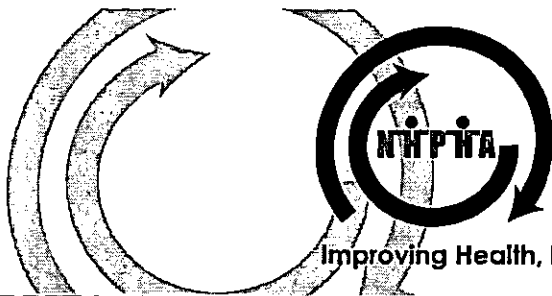
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The Honorable Chair, Jeb Bradley
Health and Human Services

April 20, 2021

Re: HB 157: relative to the state health assessment and state health improvement plan and state health improvement plan advisory council

Honorable Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Joan Ascheim, and I recently retired from the position of Executive Director of the New Hampshire Public Health Association (NHPHA). We are a statewide membership organization composed of over 200 health care and public health professionals. For the last 25 years, we have advocated for policies that improve the health of New Hampshire's people.

Today we submit this testimony on behalf of our members and partners in support of the revised HB 157 relative to the state health assessment and state health improvement plan council. I served on the council that is currently working diligently on the crafting of this assessment and plan. Additionally, I have served in leadership roles both in the NH Division of Public Health Services and the Connecticut Department of Public Health and in both cases I was intimately involved in the development of such assessments and plans. I know how important such plans are, and I know they do not sit on a shelf but are deliberately utilized to improve the health of the people in the state.

Public health is a science-driven field. That is to say that all our work is based on data that tells us what the key public health issues are—the state health assessment and what works to ameliorate them—the state health improvement plan. The identification of priorities through a solid health assessment allows public health leaders to direct resources where they are most needed, to have the greatest impact on improving the public's health and to utilize dollars most effectively. The COVID-19 pandemic has made clear to the world that public health is data driven and has highlighted a host of challenges in assuring the well-being of all residents, particularly those of color.

I think it is important to note that when you look at what impacts our health—80% is attributed to social and economic factors and health behaviors—where we live, how we were educated, what resources we have available to us, and what opportunities we have to eat healthy, exercise, abstain from smoking, and other healthy behaviors. Only 20% of our health is attributed to the health care we receive. This speaks to the importance of the health assessment and health improvement plan. It focuses on those root causes of what makes us healthy and keeps us healthy before we even enter the doors of the health care system.

I believe it is also critical to point out that the development of a state health assessment and health improvement plan is considered a national standard for state and local health departments in pursuit of the delivery of quality public health services. But this work cannot be done without adequate resources nor without the collaboration of diverse leaders who make-up the advisory committee. We wouldn't build

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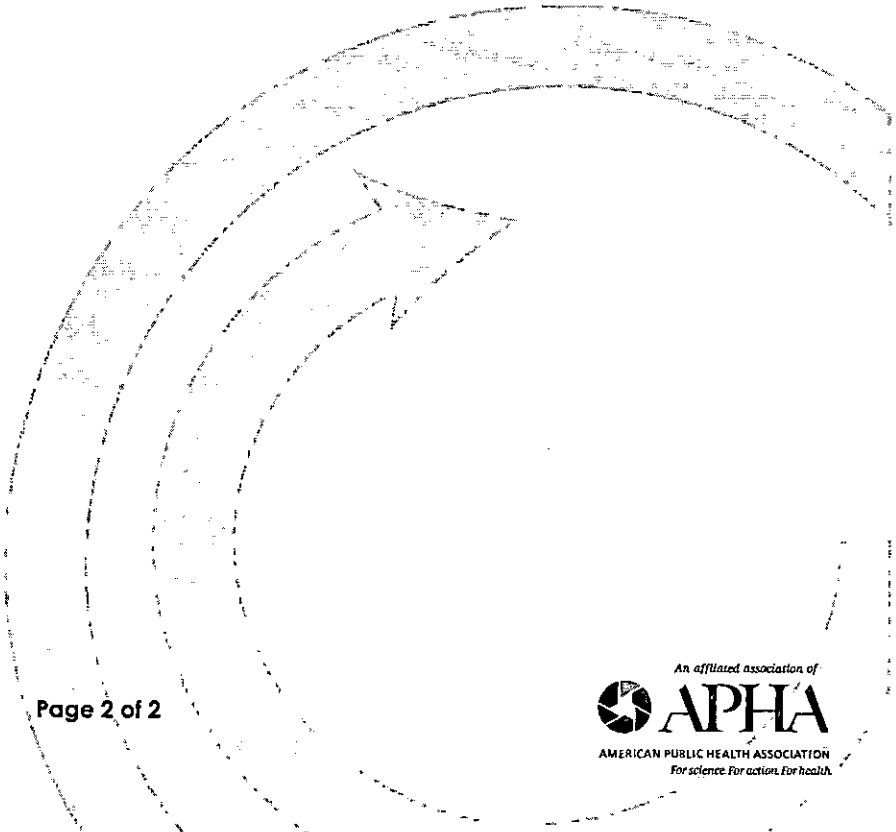


a house without plans, we don't build roads without plans, we don't expand cities and towns without plans. We need this state health assessment and plan to assure we have all the relevant data to make the best recommendations for moving forward to assure optimal health for all in New Hampshire.

I encourage you to vote for the passage of HB 157 in its amended form and thank you for your consideration and time.

Most sincerely,

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To: Senator Jeb Bradley and Health, Human Services Committee Members
From: Lisa Morris, Director and Patricia Tilley, Deputy Director DHHS/Division of Public Health Services
Re: HB 157, Amendment to the State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement Plan Advisory Council
Date: April 21, 2021

The Department of Health and Human Services drafts this memorandum in support of HB 157 as amended for the State Health Assessment (SHA) and State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Council.

The amendment adds new membership ensuring representation across sectors and, provides more robust language in assessing and identifying gaps within the health care service delivery system.

In August 2019, at the request of DHHS, 27 multi-sector stakeholders from across the state gathered as the NH State Health Assessment/State Health Improvement Plan Council. The work of this Council is to ensure that a comprehensive and actionable picture of health and well-being in NH is completed. The work includes collecting and analyzing health and social data and identifying priorities to be including in a NH State Health Improvement Plan. These stakeholders represent health care, public health, mental health, substance misuse, safety, housing, education, aging, disability, and philanthropy, commercial insurance and fiscal policy. The vision of this collective is:

All people in NH have equitable opportunity to flourish and achieve optimal mental, physical, social, spiritual, and emotional wellness.

- *Equity is shaped at state and local levels such that individuals and communities have equitable access to opportunities*
- *Wellness happens where people live, learn, work, and play*
- *People include individuals and families across the lifespan*

To ensure legislative involvement and oversight, omnibus bill HB 1639 became law in 2020. This bill requires the State Health Assessment/State Health Improvement Plan Council to develop a NH State Health Improvement Plan to be reviewed annually and updated every five (5) years to include an annual report to the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over finance and health and human services. This large Council of over 30 individuals with cross sector and geographic representation will identify priorities and evidence-based practices, integrate services and leverage resources across the state.

The Department of Health and Human Services' Mission is to join communities and families in providing opportunities for citizens to achieve health and independence.

Understanding that health outcomes are determined by where people, live, learn, work, and play, it is vital that NH addresses these determinants for all NH citizens: safe and affordable housing, education, access to healthy foods, safe neighborhoods and families, transportation, economic opportunity, environmental issues and access to healthcare. Acknowledgement of its importance in determining health outcomes, payment models addressing social determinants of health under Medicaid, Medicare, commercial insurers and hospitals are now common and continue to expand.

The State Health Assessment will focus on four (4) categories: health status and outcome, access to opportunity, community and social connectivity. In addition to birth outcomes, vaccine rates, health status will focus on access, utilization and cost.

The importance of addressing health and social determinants of health is a priority for DHHS in providing guidance and direction to the department, integrating our work and leveraging resources.

Thank you for considering this important information as we continue to work collectively towards completion of a statewide NH Health Improvement Plan.

If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact:

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Good Morning! For the record I am Rep William Marsh, representing 7 towns in southern Carroll County.

I am pleased today to offer for your consideration HB157, relative to the State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement Plan.

HB157 began as a repeal bill. It became clear that important stakeholders felt disenfranchised by the process developing the state health assessment and state health improvement plan.

HHS&EA thanks Sen. Tom Sherman who orchestrated a meeting between stakeholders and DHHS, resulting in amendment 2021-0270h.

The amendment instead revises the charge to council and adds members to the council such that the previously disenfranchised stakeholders feel their concerns have been addressed.

Highlights include an increased scrutiny on access to critical services including maternity (p. 1 line 17)
cost of healthcare and health insurance (p.1 line 17)
fiscal stability and sustainability (p.1 line 18)
sufficient and equitable access (p. 1 line 18)
and an emphasis on public health. (p. 1 line 25-26)

A new goal is to plan on ways to reduce the cost of healthcare both to individuals and the system overall. (p. 2 lines 1-2)

The work product is to be a resource for centralized and decentralized decision making, recognizing that many key decisions get made not by government, but by the various hospitals and service providers across NH. (p. 2 lines 10-11)

The council's recommendations are to include both costs and benefits. (p. 4 lines 34-35)

This bill passed HHS&EA 20-0 and passed the House on consent.

Thank you, and I will take questions.

Voting Sheets

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # HB 157 FN

Hearing Date: 4/21/21

Executive Session Date: ~~4/21/21~~ 4/21/21

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Committee Report

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, April 22, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **HB 157**

AN ACT

relative to the state health improvement plan and
the state health assessment and state health
improvement plan advisory council.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Tom Sherman
For the Committee

This bill revises the membership and duties of the state health assessment and state health improvement plan advisory council. This bill addresses gaps in the charge of the advisory council and expands its membership reflecting work on the bill by a task force comprised of all stake holders and representatives of the department of health and human services. The creation of a state health improvement plan is a national initiative, and the council will perform the requisite state health assessment as it develops New Hampshire's plan.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

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1/20/2021	H	Public Hearing: 01/26/2021 01:00 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/94852322897 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
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