# Bill as Introduced

### HB 261 - AS INTRODUCED

### 2021 SESSION

21-0188 04/11

HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

relative to apprenticeship programs in trade and industry.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Seaworth, Merr. 20

COMMITTEE:

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

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### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

### In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

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  - III. To cooperate with the promotion and development of apprenticeship programs and systems in other states and with the federal committee on apprenticeship appointed under Public Law No. 308-75th U.S. Congress (Fitzgerald Act);
  - IV. To [recommend to the Office of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor (OA)] encourage the registration and approval of apprenticeship programs and apprenticeship agreements [and the issuance of state certificates of completion of apprenticeship] by the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship (OA).
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    - III. [Supervise the execution of agreements and maintenance of standards;

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IV.] Recommend to the OA the registration of apprenticeship programs and agreements which provide equal opportunity for training and employment without regard to race, color, creed or national origin and which incorporate standards consistent with those already established and approved by the council and the OA, or terminate or cancel the registration of apprenticeship programs and agreements when said programs or agreements fail to meet or maintain said registration qualifications;

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- be approved as, or the council may act itself as, the joint committee in such trade or group of trades.
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Approved: May 17, 2021 Effective Date: July 16, 2021

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# Committee Minutes

### SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE Commerce

Sen Harold French, Chair Sen Bill Gannon, Vice Chair Sen Jeb Bradley, Member Sen Donna Soucy, Member Sen Kevin Cavanaugh, Member

Date: April 8, 2021

### **HEARINGS**

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9:00 a.m.	HB 171	relative to food in cigar shops.			
9:15 a.m.	HB 272	relative to the labeling and sale of hemp products contain	ining CBD.		
9:30 a.m.	HB 261	relative to apprenticeship programs in trade and indust	ry.		

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- 1. Link to Zoom Webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/98275043880
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### EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 171

Rep. Potucek

Rep. Van Houten

Rep. Belanger

**HB 272** 

Rep. Knirk

Rep. Marsh

Rep. Van Houten Sen. Sherman

Rep. Weston Rep. Woods

Rep. Pearl Rep. Bixby

Sen. Rosenwald

HB 261

Rep. Seaworth

Aaron Jones 271-4063

Harold F. French Chairman

### **Senate Commerce Committee**

Aaron Jones 271-4063

HB 261, relative to apprenticeship programs in trade and industry.

**Hearing Date:** 

April 13, 2021

Time Opened:

9:44 a.m.

Time Closed:

9:50 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators French, Gannon, Bradley, Soucy and Cavanaugh

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis:

This bill amends the statute governing apprenticeship programs

and repeals the provisions governing apprenticeship agreements.

Sponsors:

Rep. Seaworth

Who supports the bill: Representative Brian Seaworth, Deputy Commissioner Rudolph Ogden (NH Department of Labor), Eric Pauer

Who opposes the bill: Glenn Brackett, Alan Raff (NH AFL-CIO), Tony Sapienza, David Spechuilli, David DelIsola

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Brian Seaworth

- This bill came at the request of the New Hampshire Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Labor.
- This bill would make language and duty changes to RSA 278, which is the statute that governs the New Hampshire Apprenticeship Council.
- In 2007, the U.S. Department of Labor took over some of the duties that still remain assigned to the Council in existing state statute.
- Representative Seaworth emphasized that this bill isn't attempting to make any policy changes or restrict the Council in any way. Instead, it's trying to align state and federal requirements.

Rudolph Ogden, Deputy Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Labor

- Since 2007, the U.S. Department of Labor has been responsible for promulgating standards for apprenticeship programs.
- In New Hampshire, the U.S. Department of Labor has been the agency responsible for registering apprenticeship programs, setting standards for apprenticeship programs, and providing technical guidance to registered apprenticeship programs.
- This bill would make no changes to existing practices, which have been in place since 2007. Instead, this bill seeks to clarify the existing state statute and ensure it reflects existing reality.
- Deputy Commissioner Ogden said the department had assuaged the concerns brought forth by some trade industry members by putting them in contact with the Office of Apprenticeship, which is based in Concord.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 13, 2021

# Speakers

### Commerce Committee Testify List for Bill HB261 on 2021-04-13

Support: 3 Oppose: 5 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 2

Name	Email Address	Phone	<u>Title</u>	Representing	<b>Position</b>	<b>Testifying</b>
			State Agency	New Hampshire Dept		
Ogden, Rudolph	rudolph.w.ogden@dol.nh.gov	603.271.8496	Staff	of Labor	Support_	Yes
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Seaworth, Brian	brian.seaworth@leg.state.nh.us	Not Given	Official	Prime Sponsor	Support	Yes
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Bracket, glenn	glennbrackett@hotmail.com	603.496.8048	Public	Myself	Oppose	No
			,	New Hampshire AFL-		
Raff, Alan	araff9@gmail.com	603.714.0258	A Lobbyist	CIO	Oppose	No
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Pauer, Eric	secretary@BrooklineGOP.org	603.732.8489	Public	Myself	Support	No
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Sapienza, Tony	tsapienza@ibew1837.org	603.470.4239	Public	Myself	Oppose	No
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Spechuilli, David	ports976@gmail.com	603.944.2603	Public	Myself	Oppose	No
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DellIsola, David	Not Given	Not Given	Public	Myself	Oppose	No

## Voting Sheets

### **Senate Commerce Committee**

## EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD 2021-2022 Session

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# Committee Report

### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

### **SENATE**

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

### THE COMMITTEE ON Commerce

to which was referred HB 261

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relative to apprenticeship programs in trade and industry.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

**OUGHT TO PASS** 

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Donna Soucy For the Committee

This bill was filed at the request of both the U.S. Department of Labor and New Hampshire Department of Labor to better align state statutes with existing federal requirements. While minor language and duty changes are made, those changes would not restrict the ability of the New Hampshire Apprenticeship Council to continue to function. Some of the proposed changes would clarify the duties of the current Council and recognize the responsibilities that the U.S. DOL has taken on since 2007.

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### FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

### COMMERCE

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### General Court of New Hampshire - Bill Status System

### **Docket of HB261**

**Docket Abbreviations** 

Bill Title: relative to apprenticeship programs in trade and industry.

### Official Docket of **HB261.**:

Date	Body	Description
1/9/2021	Н	Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services HJ 2 P. 41
2/3/2021	Н	Public Hearing: 02/11/2021 11:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/98476278055 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
3/4/2021	н	Executive Session: 03/04/2021 09:30 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/92992494588
3/15/2021	Н	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 20-0; CC) HC 18 P. 18
4/7/2021	Н	Ought to Pass: MA VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 40
4/7/2021	Н	Reconsider (Rep. Osborne): MF VV 04/07/2021 HJ 5 P. 50
4/7/2021	s	Introduced 04/01/2021 and Referred to Commerce; SJ 11
4/8/2021	S	Remote <b>Hearing:</b> 04/13/2021, 09:30 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; <b>SC 19</b>
4/13/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 04/22/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 20
4/22/2021	S	Ought to Pass: RC 23Y-1N, MA; OT3rdg; 04/22/2021; SJ 12
5/6/2021	s	Enrolled RC 23Y-0N, MA, (In recess of 05/06/2021); SJ 15
5/6/2021	Н	Enrolled (in recess of) 04/09/2021 HJ 7 P. 102
5/19/2021	Н	Signed by Governor Sununu 05/17/2021; Chapter 38; Eff: 07/16/2021

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## Other Referrals

### Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

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