

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

SB114

Bill as Introduced

SB 114-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0976
04/05

SENATE BILL ***114-FN***

AN ACT relative to the enjoyment of publicly-accessible and publicly-funded recreation areas.

SPONSORS: Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Rep. Alicea, Merr. 8; Rep. Espitia, Hills. 31; Rep. Harriott-Gathright, Hills. 36; Rep. Perez, Hills. 23; Rep. Wazir, Merr. 17

COMMITTEE: Energy and Natural Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of natural and cultural resources and fish and game officers to enforce the enjoyment and engagement of recreation in all publicly-accessible and publicly-funded areas of the state without fear of violence resulting from discrimination. The bill also requires authorized personnel from both departments to undergo ethics and diversity training.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

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3 Amend RSA 12-A:1-c, I by inserting after subparagraph (f) the following new subparagraph:

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13 12-A:1-d by inserting after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

14 III. All persons under paragraph I to whom police powers have been conferred shall undergo
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17 Officers. Amend RSA 206:26-b by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

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Departments of Natural and Cultural Resources and Fish and Game

SB 114-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2021-0220s

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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Energy and Natural Resources

Sen Kevin Avard, Chair
Sen Bob Giuda, Vice Chair
Sen James Gray, Member
Sen David Watters, Member
Sen Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Member

Date: February 3, 2021

HEARINGS

Tuesday	02/09/2021	
(Day)	(Date)	
Energy and Natural Resources	REMOTE 000	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m.	SB 129	relative to minimizing environmental impacts on the habitats of endangered or threatened species.
9:20 a.m.	SB 115	establishing greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and establishing a climate action plan.
9:40 a.m.	SB 114-FN	relative to the enjoyment of publicly-accessible and publicly-funded recreation areas.

Committee members will receive secure Zoom invitations via email.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 129

Sen. Bradley

SB 115

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Griffin Roberge 271-3042

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Hearing Date: February 9, 2021.

Time Opened: 11:41 a.m.

Time Closed: 12:10 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Avard, Giuda, Gray, Watters and Perkins Kwoka.

Members of the Committee Absent: None.

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Who supports the bill: Pedro Altagracia; Keryn Anderson; Laura Aronson; Patricia Negrini-Beffa; Arthur Bjork; Daniel Bristol; Daphne Bruemmer; Scott Burns; Karen Campbell; Lillian Carter; William Coder; Chaille Cohen; Catherine Corkery, NH Sierra Club; Matthew Couture; Dorothy Currier; Katharine Daly; Claudia Damon; David Del Sesto; Asma Elhuni, Rights and Democracy NH; Representative Manny Espitia, Hillsborough - District 31; Hugh Evans; Marlene Faucher; Elizabeth Fenner-Lukaitis; Nicole Fordey; Michael Fraysse; Representative Sherry Frost, Strafford - District 16; Fawn Gaudet; Jules Good; Anne Grossi; Representative Linda Harriott-Gathright, Hillsborough - District 36; Kate Harris; Carol Hart; Krystal Hicks; Bonnie Hill; Mel Hinebauch; Cori Hirai; Anne Hunnewell; April Ingram; Barbara Jones; John King; Linda Kipnes; Helmut Koch; Laurie Koch; Joy Kubit; Georgina Lambert; Margaret Landsman; Lauren Lannan; Ruth Larson; Rebecca MacKenzie; Sonya Marx; Richard Maynard; Kyle McAdam; Hannah McGrath; Brigid McNamee; Roger Miknaitis; Sandra Montminy; Madonna Moran; Julie Morin; Wiltrud Mott-Smith; Sue Nastasi; Corinne Null; Evan Oxenham; Representative Lee Oxenham, Sullivan - District 1; Marianne Page; Crystal Paradis; Ruth Perencevich; Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka - NH Senate District 21; Charles Petruccelli; Senator Suzanne Prentiss - NH Senate District 5; Jennifer Pribble; Sarah Proctor; Alan Raff; Brynne Rardin; Laurie Rardin; Barbara Reed; Judith Reed; Martha Rich; Susan Richman; Janet Robertson; Sarah Robinson; Jane Roth; Jane Sanders; Evan Sederquest; Jennifer Smith; Susan Smith; Kristina Snyder; Richard & Susan Spence; Louise Spencer; Rob Spencer; Joseph Staples; Timothy Sullivan; Amanda Toll; Jeanne Torpey; Jaye Trottier; Kayla Turner; Cynthia Walter;

Abigail Walton; Senator Becky Whitley, NH Senate District 15; Representative Safiya Wazir, Merrimack - District 17.

Who opposes the bill: Alexandra Mennella; Sarah Stewart, NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Who is neutral on the bill: Paul Sanderson, NH Fish and Game Department.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Becky Whitley
NH Senate District 15

- SB 114-FN, or "The Inclusive Outdoors Act," will ensure that everyone who visits NH's open spaces and public lands feel welcome and safe. People should be free to enjoy NH's outdoors without discrimination, harm, or threats of violence. NH's outdoors represent a large part of the state's economy and identity.
- In November 2020, the NH Audubon found white supremacist vandalism at their Silk Farm preserve in Concord, NH. This event demonstrated that people could feel unsafe in exploring NH's public lands during a time when many are seeking solace from the COVID-19 pandemic in the outdoors. Events like this occur throughout the state, but go unreported due to fear, misunderstanding, and distrust.
- SB 114-FN aligns with the work done by the Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency (LEACT Commission), and establishes public policies for how respective state departments that manage NH's public lands deal with civil rights violations. SB 114-FN establishes transparent reporting of such incidents and requires all law enforcement undergo training recommended by the LEACT Commission.
- Introduced amendment 2021-0280s that is the work of discussions amongst stakeholders, the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR), the NH Fish and Game Department (NHFG), and Director John Scippa of the NH Police Standards and Training Council (PSTC). Section 5 of the amendment requires that the PSTC provide education and training to law enforcement officers on de-escalation, ethics, implicit bias, and cultural diversity. The amendment requires each law enforcement agency to develop a department policy to provide operational direction on these topics for their officers and how to handle incidents that may violate RSA 354-B, NH's Civil Rights Act. Section 5 codifies portions of Governor Sununu's Executive Order 2020-19, which implemented certain recommendations of the LEACT Commission.
- Read Representative Safiya Wazir's written testimony. Representative Wazir noted that many enjoy NH for its natural beauty. All people deserve to be treated equally in NH's public lands. She is worried about her three young children experiencing hate speech, vandalism, and discrimination.
- Senator Perkins Kwoka asked Senator Whitley could offer an example of discrimination in NH that gave rise to the need of SB 114-FN.
 - Senator Whitley referenced an incident that occurred at NH Audubon's Silk Farm preserve in Concord, NH. The NH Audubon publicly disavowed the vandalism and stressed that public lands are open to all.

Catherine Corkery - provided written testimony
NH Chapter Director, Sierra Club

- Racial discrimination and bigotry have hindered community members from fully enjoying NH's outdoors. NH should afford the benefits of the outdoors without discrimination. Examples of discrimination are difficult to enumerate as violations are not routinely or systematically collected by the state.
- SB 114-FN has two goals: 1) codify the LEACT Commission's recommended training through the PSTC, and 2) create a clear operational procedure for the DNCR and NHFG to address acts of discrimination properly and require the DNCR to create and maintain a database to register incidents and dispositions.

Representative Maria Perez
Hillsborough - District 23

- Feels unwelcome and discriminated against in NH's public lands. Detailed an experience where she was told by someone that she was not welcome in the community.
- Requiring law enforcement to receive PSTC training will help unify communities.

Cynthia Walter - provided written testimony

Dover, NH

- Discrimination in an outdoor public area is a complex phenomenon. Managing this problem requires updated training and record keeping.
- Poorly handled discrimination events have lasting and wide-ranging consequences. Record keeping helps document our transparency and commitment to improve.
- NH needs to support the regional and national reputation as a recreation destination for all.

Jules Good

- SB 114-FN, while important for those who may feel discriminated against, is a way to make NH's public spaces more accessible to more people. Many who are disabled or are wheelchair bound cannot readily access public lands. More policy discussions should take place on making public lands more available and accessible.

Representative Manny Espitia

Hillsborough - District 31

- Making outdoor lands accessible and inclusive is important for minorities and people of different backgrounds.
- NH's public lands are not always the most welcoming spaces. NH has already established some best practices and training for law enforcement. Extending that training to NHFG and DNCR would be a positive step.

Asma Elhuni

Rights and Democracy NH

- SB 114-FN does not end discrimination, but the bill sends a strong message to end discrimination instead of being content with the way things are.
- Detailed an experience where her friend was stopped by a law enforcement officer about where she was going and what she was doing. The experience made her friend feel as if she was not welcomed in the community. Her friend decided not to complain about the experience.
- Detailed an experience where a couple was asked where they were from by a law enforcement officer. There is no reason to ask someone where they are from - asking that question makes people feel they don't belong.
- Ms. Elhuni detailed her own experiences with discrimination as a Muslim woman who wears a hijab.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

GJR

Date Hearing Report completed: February 9, 2021.

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Name	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying
Espitia Manny	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	Yes
Good Jules	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes
Walter Cynthia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	Yes
Stewart Sarah	State Agency Staff	Myself	Oppose	Yes
Wazir Safiya	An Elected Official	Myself and my Constituents	Support	Yes
Whitley Becky	An Elected Official	Senate District 15	Support	Yes
Corkery Catherine	A Lobbyist	NH Sierra Club	Support	Yes
Sederquest Evan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Couture Matthew	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Kubit Joy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Faucher Marlene	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Robertson Janet	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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McGrath Hannah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Nastasi Sue	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Marx Sonya	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Mennella Alexandra	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No
Petrucelli Charles	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Weber David	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Campbell Karen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Moran Madonna	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Cohen Chaille	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No

McNamee Brigid	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Spence Richard & Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Snyder Kristina	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Richman Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Smith Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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McAdam Kyle	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Bristol Daniel	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Reed Barbara	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Anderson Keryn	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Proctor Sarah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Hill Bonnie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Zboya Patrice	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Fordey Nicole	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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MacKenzie Rebecca	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Spencer Louise	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Spencer Rob	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Damon Claudia	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No

Larson Ruth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
Torpey Jeanne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Oxenham Lee	An Elected Official	Sullivan Co. District 1	Support	No
Landsman Margaret	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No
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Testimony

Griffin Roberge

From: Carol Foss <cfoss@nhaudubon.org>
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Kevin Avard; Bob Giuda; James Gray; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; David Watters
Subject: SB114
Attachments: SB 114 outdoor inclusion act.pdf

Dear Chair Avard and Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

Attached please find testimony regarding SB114 on behalf of the Appalachian Mountain Club, New Hampshire Audubon, the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and The Nature Conservancy.

Sincerely,
Carol Foss

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February 9, 2021

The Honorable Kevin Avar
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Senate Bill 114 relative to the enjoyment of publicly-accessible and publicly-funded recreation areas.

Dear Chair Avar and Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee:

As organizations committed to making the outdoors a safe and welcoming place for all, we support the intent of SB114. Unfortunately, both recent history and centuries of systemic racism have impacted equitable access to and safety in the outdoors. New Hampshire's economy and quality of life are founded on our iconic natural and recreational resources, and we must ensure that the state's mountains, forests, waters, trails, and all outdoor spaces are inclusive and welcoming. We hope that as a state we can work together to achieve these goals.

Sincerely,

Susan Arnold
Vice President of Conservation
Appalachian Mountain Club

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Senior Advisor for Science and Policy
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Griffin Roberge

From: Catherine Corkery <catherine.corkery@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 5:30 PM
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Subject: SB114 Testimony NHSC/Corkery
Attachments: NHSC Corkery SB114 NH Senate Testimony.pdf

Hi Griffin,
Here is my testimony for tomorrow morning.
Thank you!

Cathy

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NH State Senate
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
State House
Concord, NH
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RE: SB114

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Catherine Corkery and I am the chapter director of the NH Chapter of the Sierra Club. I represent over 20,000 members and supporters in the Granite State and appreciate your time and effort to govern in these difficult times. The Chapter is in support of the passage of SB114 whose title is currently relative to the enjoyment of publicly-accessible and publicly-funded recreation areas.

The Sierra Club's motto is the "Explore, enjoy and protect the Earth." The issue at the heart of SB114 is embedded in that motto. The benefits we all, as humans, gain from being outdoors are enormous and critical especially during the challenges of this COVID-19 pandemic. The outdoor spaces throughout the state have provided essential resources for not only the residents of our state but for the many people in our neighboring states. We have the privilege and the responsibility of abundance.

The problem is clear that racial discrimination and bigotry have hindered targeted community members from fully enjoying the outdoors as I do as a white person on the trails and streams in New Hampshire. The state of New Hampshire affords all people the benefits of the outdoors without discrimination based on color, race, age, ability, gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, religion, creed, sexual orientation, sex, preferred language, income or any other individual characteristic. Nonetheless, the threat of violence persists on public lands. Examples are difficult to enumerate because the violations are not routinely and systematically collected throughout by the state.

We all heard about the story of Christian Cooper, the black man birding in a New York City park when he came across a white woman whose dog was not on a leash. That could have easily happened here and without proper operational procedure or reporting, we can't count how many times it has happened here. I cannot enjoy and explore the outdoors when Black or Latinx or other community members are being harassed and threatened with violence. This is the heart of the bill before you.

After the murder of George Floyd by the Minneapolis police officer, Governor Sununu called on a commission to address community relations of the New Hampshire police agencies called Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community and Transparency (LEACT). The commission and the community input were remarkable. The resulting final report and action items are good-faith efforts to

The Sierra Club's members are over 2.7 million of your friends and neighbors with over 20,000 in New Hampshire. Inspired by nature, we work together to protect our communities and the planet. The Sierra Club is America's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization.

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improve practices and trainings in law enforcement. The chapter applauds the efforts of the commission and everyone who contributed to the report.

You can find it here: <https://www.governor.nh.gov/accountability>

The goal of SB114 is simple and includes two steps: codify the recommended LEACT training through the Police Training and Standards Council and create a clear operational procedure for each agency to address acts of discrimination properly with a database to register incidents and dispositions. It is important to include both steps as one is the tool and the other is to see how effective the tool is working.

The NH Civil Right Act, RSA 354-B, clearly states that all people have the right:

“secured by the United States and New Hampshire Constitutions and the laws of the United States and New Hampshire without being subject to actual or threatened physical force or violence against them or any other person or by actual or threatened damage to or trespass on property when such actual or threatened conduct is motivated by race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, or disability.”

The natural environment and public spaces are critical for so many human functions – and exponentially important during the pandemic. Please support the goal of this bill with an amendment to codify the training and provide the tools to create operational policies to enact the learning of the training.

I am available to assist the committee.

Respectfully,

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Griffin Roberge

From: Connell, Lisa <Lisa.M.Connell@dncr.nh.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Griffin Roberge
Cc: Stewart, Sarah; Hackley, Patrick; Bryce, Philip
Subject: SB 114
Attachments: Testimony SB114.pdf

Good afternoon,
Please find attached testimony that the DNCR is submitting in opposition to SB 114. Commissioner Stewart will be available and on the phone to read the letter if necessary. She has already been registered. Should you require anything else, please let us know.

Lisa Connell

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February 9, 2021

The Honorable Kevin Avard
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
State House
Concord, NH 03301

RE: Senate Bill 114 Relative to the Enjoyment of Publicly-Accessible and Publicly-Funded Recreation Areas

Dear Chair Avard and Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

The New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) is fully committed to maintaining safe and welcoming public spaces and experiences for all visitors. This goes for all visitors to our state reservations (State Parks and State Forests), our State Library, and we apply this same measure of accessibility when working with arts, cultural and historic entities throughout the state.

While we support the intent of this legislation, we cannot support SB 114 as written.

As an operationally self-funded park system, we are dependent upon our visitors having a positive experience. This is a major check on ensuring that we are welcoming. Our staff educate the public, respond to concerns of park patrons and ensure that our parks and public spaces are safe for all to enjoy. We welcome visitors to experience all that we have to offer. The DNCR staff is available to provide first aid when needed and assistance during special events. The thousand plus seasonal employees hired during the year to operate the park system are not certified law enforcement officers and we do not have law enforcement staff on site. Instead, we rely on local police departments to assist when needed. We do have several Forest Rangers who go through NH's Police Academy training. These trained Rangers will receive the additional training all law enforcement in New Hampshire is now required as a result of the New Hampshire Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency (LEACT).

As for establishing a publically accessible database documenting violators, we believe that since we lean on local police services when needed, it is the law professionals who keep record of such violations. We do not have staff trained and able to maintain such a database.

Thank you for having this important conversation. We remain committed to our mission: to protect, preserve, promote and manage the State's natural and cultural resources, supporting New Hampshire's high quality of life and strengthening the experiences of our residents and guests.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Stewart

Griffin Roberge

From: cynthia walter <Cawalter22@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Kevin Avard; Bob Giuda; James Gray; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; David Watters; Griffin Roberge
Subject: SB114 Outdoor inclusion -Testimony

2-9-21

To Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

I support SB 114. **This bill benefits our outdoor recreation managers & also our economy.**

“This bill requires department of natural and cultural resources (DNCR) and fish and game (FG) officers to enforce the enjoyment and engagement of recreation in all [public] areas of the state without fear of violence resulting from discrimination. The bill also requires authorized personnel from both departments to undergo ethics and diversity training.”

I have taught field biology for 35 years, often in collaboration with professionals in agencies such as the DNCR and FG. The professionals I know welcome clear, state-wide guidelines for training and record-keeping regarding discrimination issues. Below are reasons to vote Yes.

1. **Discrimination in an outdoor public area is an especially complex phenomenon.** Managing this problem requires updated training and record keeping.
2. Older, traditional training is usually focused on visitor compliance with basic laws such as hunting or safety issues. Our state will benefit from **consistent, state-wide guidelines to help all DNCR and FG professionals** train for discrimination events and record these problems so we can learn better management.
3. **Outdoor recreation brings more than \$3 Billion into the NH economy and it is growing.** NH recreation is about 3% of our economy, but it can expand, e.g., matching the 5% enjoyed in Vermont.
4. **Badly handled discrimination events have lasting and wide-ranging consequences.** We know how rapidly social media spreads video and other accounts of an event. Training helps prevent crises through de-escalation. Record keeping helps document our transparency and commitment to improve.
5. We want to **support the regional and national reputation of NH as a recreation destination for all.** For example, urban centers only 1-2 hours from NH are home to people from wide range of racial and ethnic backgrounds. This bill and other efforts help make everyone feel welcome and protected in NH.

In sum, managers of our public outdoor spaces are dedicated to make outdoor experiences safe and enjoyable for all. They cannot stop every undesirable human behavior, but they deserve our support to handle difficult cases such as discrimination.

Regards,
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Griffin Roberge

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Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 12:28 PM
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rebecca.perkinswoka@leg.state.nh.us; daveid.watters@leg.sate.mh.us; Griffin Roberge
Subject: support for SB114, Inclusive Outdoors Act, please

Dear Honorable Senators of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

Thank you in advance for considering my written testimony here. I am emailing to urge you to please support and pass SB174. I am a long-standing NH outdoor enthusiast, having hiked all Four Thousand Footers many years back and having shared my love of New Hampshire's beauty with yoga students, friends, family and those with whom I work. I ski in the backcountry, mountain bike, hike, canoe, ice skate, camp and explore this beautiful state as much as I can. I am convinced during these difficult pandemic times, that accessibility to our rich natural areas can keep people safe and in good mental and physical shape. These natural resources are a boon to our economy and contribute to our shared identity as a state. I have spoken to folks fishing in our public waters whose catch provides necessary food. I have seen car-less people using rail trails in order to access safe walking to grocery stores. I have encountered folks in wheel chairs enjoying gentle trails. Families on bikes whoosh past with huge grins on their faces. It is important that all feel welcome to enjoy these natural resources.

No one should be in fear of accessing any of this. New Hampshire's public areas and wilderness are a huge factor in our tourism business and behind why young folks move here to start a family. Incidents on trails and public lands involving bullying, threats of violence, and discrimination due to cultural differences, gender, race, and disability are unfortunately not rare. They are underreported for fear of retaliation and a feeling of powerlessness. Visitors and citizens alike should never be afraid to partake in the public beauty of our state. And our public spaces must remain inclusive places of serenity and peace, not antagonization and terror. Therefore, I am most respectfully asking you to vote "yes" on HB 114.

Sincerely,

Lauren Noether, 199 E. Main St. Tilton, NH



Griffin Roberge

From: Marianne Page <mariannepage@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2021 9:22 AM
To: Griffin Roberge
Subject: SB 114

The state of New Hampshire affords all people the benefits of the outdoors without discrimination based on color, race, age, ability, gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, religion, creed, sexual orientation, sex, preferred language, income or any other individual characteristic. Nonetheless, the threat of violence persists on public lands. Examples are difficult to enumerate because the violations are not routinely and systematically collected throughout by the state.....

States the NH Sierra Club, and I agree. I am a hiker who takes full advantage of all that NH has to offer and would want the rest of humanity to be able to enjoy the same. Protection and safeguarding freedom need to have rules in place for those who enforce them.

Marianne Page
Derry, NH

Griffin Roberge

From: Sanderson, Paul <Paul.G.Sanderson@wildlife.nh.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2021 8:09 AM
To: Griffin Roberge
Subject: SB 114 and SB 129 in E & NR today
Attachments: Testimony sb114 Discrimination 2-9-21.docx

Good morning. I have attached written testimony on SB 114 for this morning. We have no testimony for SB 129. I have signed in as neutral on both bills because the NHFG Commission has not taken a position on either bill. I will be attending the hearing, and available to answer any questions the Senators might have.

Thanks.

Paul G. Sanderson
Legal Coordinator
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New Hampshire Fish and Game Department Energy and Natural Resources Committee Testimony relative to SB 114

**Relative to protecting the safe use and enjoyment of publicly-accessible recreation areas.
February 9, 2021**

We write to provide information from the NH Fish and Game Department relative to SB 114, relative to protecting the safe use and enjoyment of publicly-accessible recreation areas. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission has not taken a position with respect to this bill.

We have met with the sponsor, and understand that one or more amendments may be coming forward to deal with concerns that we expressed. First let us state our support for the underlying intent of the bill, which is to improve assurances that all citizens will have the right to enjoy the cultural and natural resources of our state free from the fear or threat of interference based upon that citizens inclusion in a protected class based upon color, race, age, ability, gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, religion, creed, sexual orientation, sex or other individual characteristic protected under RSA 354-B. As recipients of federal funds, we already make such assurances under the terms of applicable federal laws, and this bill would extend those assurances to protections and remedies available under New Hampshire law.

For the Fish and Game Department, the bill would establish two duties. First, to have certain staff engage in training required of police officers under RSA 106-L:8-a. We understand that the specifics of the training language may be changed to assure precise conformance with those standards and in strict accordance with the recommendations of LEACT. We support such modification to make the training requirements specific.

Second, the department would be required to “establish a protocol to address” the ability of citizens to enjoy department owned or managed properties without fear of discrimination contrary to the requirements of RSA 354-B. Under present law, we believe our “protocol” in the event we detect such behaviors would be to document the specifics of the behaviors, and make a report to the Attorney General’s office, and cooperate with such investigation and civil process as may thereafter be taken by that office. We believe that this is the duty of all agencies under existing state law, in the event that such behaviors are detected upon properties under their responsibility. We continue to be willing to work with the sponsor to refine the proposal in light of our understanding of existing state law.

Respectfully submitted,

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Griffin Roberge

From: Safiya Wazir
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Griffin Roberge
Subject: Support testimony for SB114
Attachments: Support testimony for SB 114. (1).pdf

I have attached my written support testimony for your review.

Thank you,

Rep. Safiya Wazir

District 17, Ward 8

Concord, N.H. 03301

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”

Mahatma Gandhi.

Support testimony for SB 114 AN ACT relative to the enjoyment of publicly-accessible and publicly-funded recreation areas.

I am here to speak in favor of Senate Bill 114: AN ACT relative to the enjoyment of publicly-accessible and publicly-funded recreation areas.

New Hampshire's natural beauty from the shores of the Merrimack River to the White Mountains is part of what makes our state spectacular, along with the people who live here. In more typical times, more than 3 million people come to enjoy our state and the nature we residents enjoy year-round. During these COVID times, nature has served as a refuge for many. My own family has explored nature around Concord and gone for nature walks.

I would hate for my eight-year-old daughter to stumble on the kind of hateful white supremacist stickers and messages that were discovered at the Silk Farm sanctuary of the NH Audubon last November. I would be terribly sad to see her beautiful curiosity and new reading skills put to use to learn about the kinds of hatred and discrimination toward one another that, sadly, exist in our world.

This bill helps to ensure that public lands and publicly-accessible spaces will be safe havens for all and that those who wish to create an unwelcome atmosphere are quickly stopped. This bill includes training for those who work on our public lands to ensure they have the support and important skills to do their jobs well and to help keep our lands welcoming to all.

Whether it is a same-sex couple camping in a state park, an African-American family going for a hike, or a family who practices any one of the many religions that makes up the beautiful mosaic of our state - they all deserve to be treated fairly, equally, and made to feel welcome.

For me, my parents and I have experienced hardship in our lives. However, it is my three young children I think most about when I hear stories about hate speech, vandalism of this type, and discrimination. I do not want them to experience these things, and I know it would be very difficult to explain to them the hatefulness that inspired such actions. None of our children should experience that in some of the most beautiful places on the planet, here in the state of New Hampshire.

Furthermore, our state relies on these millions of diverse tourists, who also should feel welcome, not just in our businesses and hotels, but also when enjoying nature and out for a walk or a hike.

I hope you will support Senate Bill 114 to ensure that New Hampshire is welcoming to all people.

Rep. Safiya Wazir

Griffin Roberge

From: Susan Smith <susan.h.smith2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Griffin Roberge
Subject: Testimony for SB114

Hello-

My name is Susan Smith and I am a resident of Dover. I support SB114.

Countless studies have proven that time spent outside in nature is important for mental and physical health. One such study noted that *"Living close to nature and spending time outside has significant and wide-ranging health benefits -- according to new research. A new report reveals that exposure to greenspace reduces the risk of type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease, premature death, preterm birth, stress, and high blood pressure* (University of East Anglia. "It's official -- spending time outside is good for you." ScienceDaily. ScienceDaily, 6 July 2018 <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/07/180706102842.htm#:~:text=to%20new%20research.-,A%20new%20report%20reveals%20that%20exposure%20to%20greenspace%20reduces%20the,stress%2C%20and%20high%20blood%20pressure.>)

But the benefits of spending time in nature are only evident if people feel safe enough to be outside. The fact is that some people in New Hampshire are being scared away from enjoying our natural outdoor spaces.

Now is not the time to assume that everyone is safe outdoors; now is the time to ensure that New Hampshire and its beautiful natural surroundings are refuges of peace and tranquility for everyone. It is your responsibility to ensure that happens. Please vote for SB 114.

Thank you

Voting Sheets

Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # <i>SB 114-FN</i>

Hearing Date: 02/09/2021

Executive Session Date: 03/01/2021

Motion of: Amendment 0280s Vote: 3-2

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
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Sen. Giuda, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Motion of: OTPA Vote: 3-2

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Reported out by: Watters

Notes: _____

Senate Finance Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill #SB114-FW

Hearing date: N/A

Executive session date: 03/16/21

Motion of: OTF

VOTE: 7-0

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Motion of: _____

VOTE: _____

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Senator D'Allesandro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Amendments: _____

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Committee Report

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SB 114-FN, relative to the enjoyment of publicly-accessible and publicly-funded recreation areas.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 3-2.

Senator David Watters for the committee.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **SB 114-FN**

AN ACT

relative to protecting the safe use and enjoyment of
publicly-accessible recreation areas.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

Senator Lou D'Allesandro
For the Committee

Deb Martone 271-4980

Docket of SB114

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) relative to protecting the safe use and enjoyment of publicly-accessible recreation areas.

Official Docket of SB114.:

Date	Body	Description
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2/4/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 02/09/2021, 09:40 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 10
3/2/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-0567s , 03/11/2021; SC 14
3/11/2021	S	Sen. Avard Moved to divide the Question on Committee Amendment #2021-0567s , Sections 1-4 and 6 and then Sections 5 and 6; 03/11/2021; SJ 7
3/11/2021	S	The Chair ruled the Question Divisible; 03/11/2021; SJ 7
3/11/2021	S	Committee Amendment #2021-0567s , Sections 1-4 and 6, RC 10Y-14N , AF; 03/11/2021; SJ 7
3/11/2021	S	Committee Amendment #2021-0567s , Sections 5 and 6, RC 24Y-0N , AA; 03/11/2021; SJ 7
3/11/2021	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-0567s Sections 5 and 6, RC 24Y-0N , MA; Refer to Finance Rule 4-5; 03/11/2021; SJ 7
3/16/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 03/25/2021; SC 16
3/25/2021	S	Ought to Pass: RC 24Y-0N , MA; OT3rdg; 03/25/2021; SJ 9
3/31/2021	H	Introduced (in recess of) 02/25/2021 and referred to Executive Departments and Administration HJ 4 P. 51
4/2/2021	H	Public Hearing: 04/15/2021 11:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/99594447166 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
4/28/2021	H	Executive Session: 05/04/2021 10:30 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/91038843098
5/24/2021	H	Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate (Vote 17-2; CC) HC 26 P. 7
6/3/2021	H	Inexpedient to Legislate: MA VV 06/03/2021

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