

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 3, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Municipal and County Government
to which was referred HB 1026,**

**AN ACT relative to budget information provided to a
budget committee. Having considered the same, report
the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT
TO PASS.**

Rep. Tony Piemonte

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Municipal and County Government
Bill Number:	HB 1026
Title:	relative to budget information provided to a budget committee.
Date:	March 3, 2022
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill increases the transparency of public budgets and will increase the confidence in the budgeting process. A line item active spreadsheet will give instant results of recommendations to the committee and will empower officials to do a better job scrutinizing public budgets.

Vote 19-0.

Rep. Tony Piemonte
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

Heather Goley

From: Tom Dolan
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 5:38 PM
To: Heather Goley
Cc: Tony Piemonte
Subject: Fwd: Blurb for HB1026

Approved

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tony Piemonte <Tony.Piemonte@leg.state.nh.us>
Subject: **Blurb for HB1026**
Date: February 25, 2022 at 8:12:14 PM EST
To: Tom Dolan <Tom.Dolan@leg.state.nh.us>

HB1026 relative to budget information provided to a budget committee. **Ought to Pass.** Representative Tony Piemonte Vice Chair for Municipal & County Government. This bill increases the transparency of public budgets and will increase the confidence in the budgeting process. A line item active spreadsheet will give instant results of recommendations to the committee and will empower officials to do a better job, scrutinizing public budgets. Therefore the Municipal and County Government committee recommends unanimous consent on this legislation. **Vote 19-0**

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Municipal and County Government

HB 1026, relative to budget information provided to a budget committee. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Tony Piemonte for Municipal and County Government. This bill increases the transparency of public budgets and will increase the confidence in the budgeting process. A line item active spreadsheet will give instant results of recommendations to the committee and will empower officials to do a better job scrutinizing public budgets. **Vote 19-0.**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1026

BILL TITLE: relative to budget information provided to a budget committee.

DATE: February 22, 2022

LOB ROOM: 301 - 303

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Piemonte

Seconded by Rep. Rung

Vote: 19-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: 1026 Motion: OTP AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2/22/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
	19		
Dolan, Tom Chairman			
Piemonte, Tony Vice Chairman	1		
MacDonald, John T. Clerk	2		
Tripp, Richard P.	3		
Guthrie, Joseph A.	4		
Lascelles, Richard W.	5		
McBride, Everett P. <i>Rep. Rhodas</i>	6		
Melvin, Charles R.	7		
Ayer, Paul F.	8		
Pauer, Diane	9		
Treleven, Susan GS	10		
Gilman, Julie D.	11		
Maggiore, Jim V.	12		
Stavis, Laurel	13		
Mangipudi, Latha D.	14		
Vann, Ivy C.	15		
Klee, Patricia S.	16		
Gallager, Eric B.	17		
Rung, Rosemarie	18		
TOTAL VOTE:	19	0	

Rep Gilman - spreadsheet format is it editable

Rep. Premonte - Yes it is

Ms. Heck - the amendment has generated me to speak. When you change MAY to SHALL you are making a reargument. There is access to this information We support the current version of the bill.

Rep. Klee - Does Right to Know apply

Ms. Heck - Yes

Rep Pauer - active spreadsheet - means editable

Ms. Heck - Yes it does mean editable

Rep. Mangspodi - The budget is a working document. This would allow for a book keeping nightmare

Ms. Heck - Yes it could be

Rep. Maggior - Advisory committee access

Ms. Heck - there could be a problem with so many editable copies that may be made. The budget process can last up to 6 months

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1026

BILL TITLE: relative to budget information provided to a budget committee.

DATE: 2/15/22

ROOM: 301-303

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 09:00

Time Adjourned: 09:26

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Dolan, Piemonte, J. MacDonald, Tripp, Guthrie, Lascelles, McBride, Melvin, Ayer, Pauer, Treleaven, Gilman, Maggiore, Stavis, Mangipudi, Vann, Klee, Gallagher and Rung

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Piemonte

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Piemonte - HB 416 was tabled, as the Senate. We came to an agreement for a solution and that is what you have before us today. Learn more about the budget process, Sawdown is a commodity that does this

Rep. Pauer - concerned about the language, Line 3

Rep. Klee - Gov body?

Rep. Piemonte - School Board Com, Budget Com

Rep. Lascelles - may require the Budget Committee only needs a majority vote

Rep. Piemonte - I may change it to shall

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1026

BILL TITLE: relative to budget information provided to a budget committee.

DATE: February 15, 2022

LOB ROOM: 301 - 303 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 9:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 9:26 a.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Dolan, Piemonte, J. MacDonald, Tripp, Guthrie, Lascelles, Melvin, Pauer, Maggiore, Gilman, Mangipudi, Vann, Klee, Gallagher and Rung

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Piemonte

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Tony Piemonte - Prime sponsor of the bill. HB 416 was tabled in the Senate. We came to an agreement for a solution and that is what you have before us today. Learn more about the budget process. Sandown is a community that does this.

Rep. Pauer: Concerned about the language, Line 3.

Rep. Klee: Governing body? ANS: School Board Committee and Budget Committee.

Rep. Lascelles: May require the Budget Committee, only needs a majority vote. ANS: I may change it to shall.

Rep. Gilman: Spreadsheet format, is it editable? ANS: Yes, it is.

Katherine Heck, NH Municipal Association - Opposes the bill. The amendment has generated me to speak. When you change "may" to "shall" you are making a requirement. There is access to this information. We support the current version of the bill.

Rep. Klee: Does Right to Know apply? ANS: Yes.

Rep. Pauer: Active spreadsheet - means editable? ANS: Yes it does mean editable.

Rep. Mangipudi: The budget is a working document. This would allow for a book keeping nightmare. ANS: Yes, it could be.

Rep. Maggiore: Advisory Committee access? ANS: There could be a problem with so many editable copies that may be made. The budget process can last up to six months.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John MacDonald
Clerk

The New Hampshire
House of Representatives

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - ONLINE TESTIMONY SUBMISSIONS

House Municipal and County Government	▼
HB1026	▼

Support: 7 | Oppose: 1 | Neutral: 0

<u>Name</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Typed</u>
Aubrey Freedman	Bridgewater	NH	Support		
Cindy Kudlik	Grafton	NH	Oppose		
Curtis Howland	Manchester	NH	Support		
Elliot Axelman	Hooksett	NH	Support		
Grace Moschetto	Derry	NH	Support		
Katie Martin	Derry	NH	Support		
Patricia Laforme	East Kingston	NH	Support		
Thomas Stefanile	Derry	NH	Support		

House Remote Testify

Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill HB1026 on 2022-02-15

Support: 7 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Howland, Curtis	Manchester, NH howland@priss.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/12/2022 7:38 PM
Laforme, Patricia	East Kingston, NH plaforme@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/13/2022 5:00 PM
Kudlik, Cindy	Grafton, NH CindyKudlik@protonmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	2/14/2022 12:13 AM
Moschetto, Grace	Derry, NH gracemariestyle@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/14/2022 8:47 AM
Martin, Katie	Derry, NH katiemartiann@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/14/2022 8:53 AM
Stefanile, Thomas	Derry, NH thomasstefanile@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/14/2022 8:59 AM
Axelmann, Elliot	Hooksett, NH alu.axelman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/14/2022 6:56 PM
Freedman, Aubrey	Bridgewater, NH aubreyyfreedman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	2/14/2022 11:26 PM

HB 1026 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2305

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HOUSE BILL **1026**

AN ACT relative to budget information provided to a budget committee.

SPONSORS: Rep. Piemonte, Rock. 4

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a municipal budget committee may require that the governing body provide budget recommendations in full line item detail in active spreadsheet format.

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 Two

AN ACT relative to budget information provided to a budget committee.

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

1 1 New Paragraph; Municipal Budget Law; Budget Committees. Amend RSA 32:17 by inserting
2 after paragraph II the following new paragraph:

3 II-a. The budget committee may require a governing body to provide its budget
4 recommendations in full line item detail in active spreadsheet format to the members of the budget
5 committee.

6 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.