

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 2, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Legislative Administration to which
was referred HB 1129,**

**AN ACT relative to the fiscal committee of the general
court. Having considered the same, report the same
with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is
INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Claire Rouillard

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Legislative Administration
Bill Number:	HB 1129
Title:	relative to the fiscal committee of the general court.
Date:	March 2, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill changes who appoints four of the ten members of the General Court joint Fiscal Committee. The bill removes the selection of two members by the chairperson of House Finance and two members by the chairperson of Senate Finance, and gives that selection to the minority leader in the House and the minority leader in the Senate. This would change the way the committee has been selected and worked for at least ten years. Testimony presented to the committee was that this move is political rather than the selection of best person for the job. The committee currently has three members of the minority committee appointed by House and Senate majority party. Last year, when the majority was reversed, there was one member of the minority party on the fiscal committee. This committee has always worked well together. As the saying goes, if it is not broke, don't fix it.

Vote 9-6.

Rep. Claire Rouillard
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

Legislative Administration

HB 1129, relative to the fiscal committee of the general court. **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

Rep. Claire Rouillard for Legislative Administration. This bill changes who appoints four of the ten members of the General Court joint Fiscal Committee. The bill removes the selection of two members by the chairperson of House Finance and two members by the chairperson of Senate Finance, and gives that selection to the minority leader in the House and the minority leader in the Senate. This would change the way the committee has been selected and worked for at least ten years. Testimony presented to the committee was that this move is political rather than the selection of best person for the job. The committee currently has three members of the minority committee appointed by House and Senate majority party. Last year, when the majority was reversed, there was one member of the minority party on the fiscal committee. This committee has always worked well together. As the saying goes, if it is not broke, don't fix it. **Vote 9-6.**

Original: House Clerk

Cc: Committee Bill File

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1129

BILL TITLE: relative to the fiscal committee of the general court.

DATE: February 2, 2022

LOB ROOM: 301 - 303

MOTIONS: **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Rouillard

Seconded by Rep. Wallace

Vote: 9-6

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Vanessa Sheehan, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1129

BILL TITLE: relative to the fiscal committee of the general court.

DATE: 2/2/22

LOB ROOM: 301-303

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

Moved by Rep. Fouillard Seconded by Rep. Wallace Vote: 9/6

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

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

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

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

MOTION: (Please check one box)

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: _____ YES _____ NO

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

Respectfully submitted: Vanessa H. Sheehan
Rep Vanessa Sheehan, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Legislative Administration

Bill #: HB1129 Motion: ITL AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 2/2/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Hill, Gregory G. Chairman	9		
Greene, Bob J. Vice Chairman	1		
Osborne, Jason M.	2		
Rouillard, Claire A.	3		
Sheehan, Vanessa L. Clerk	4		
Simon, Matthew J.	5		
Vandecasteele, Susan J. <i>Rep. Folsom</i>	6		
Wallace, Scott	7		
Baxter, Tim <i>Rep. McGuire</i>	8		
Wall, Janet G.		1	
Cushing, Robert Renny <i>Rep. Telerski</i>		2	
Smith, Timothy J.			
Frost, Sherry A.			
Nutting-Wong, Allison R.		3	
Richards, Beth S.		4	
Espitia, Manny		5	
Schultz, Kristina M.		6	
TOTAL VOTE:	9	6	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1129

BILL TITLE: relative to the fiscal committee of the general court.

DATE: January 19, 2022

LOB ROOM: 301 - 303

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 11:30 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 11:50 a.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Hill, Greene, Sheehan, Rouillard, Simon, Wall, Nutting-Wong and Espitia

Bill Sponsors:

TESTIMONY

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

Rep. Manny Espitia - Supports the bill. (Giving testimony for the Prime Sponsor - Rep. Renny Cushing) This would make the Fiscal Committee more diverse and add minority members.

Rep. Simon: Are we authorized to say what the Senate can and cannot do? ANS: Will go to the Senate as well.

Rep. Kenneth Weyler - Opposes the bill. Traditionally, it has been 3 majority and 2 minority members. Fearful that this bill would cause issues because people appointed may not have budget experience. Does not want it to become too political.

Rep. Rouillard: We need to have people experienced in finance. Wouldn't it be fair to have the Chairman of Finance appoint the member of the majority and minority? ANS: Looking for people that can really do the job. Appreciates experience.

Rep. Simon: Would it make sense for the chair to appoint 2 people and the ranking member 2 people? ANS: Sometimes the ranking member does not have the information needed on members.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Vanessa Sheehan
Clerk

House Remote Testify

Legislative Administration Committee Testify List for Bill HB1129 on 2022-01-19

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

[Export to Excel](#)

<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>
Petrusewicz, Carol	Rochester, NH clmcc2befree@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/19/2022 4:08 PM

HB 1129 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2744

08/10

HOUSE BILL **1129**

AN ACT relative to the fiscal committee of the general court.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cushing, Rock. 21

COMMITTEE: Legislative Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill changes the membership of the fiscal committee of the general court.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
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 the fiscal committee of the general court.

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

1 1 Fiscal Committee; Membership. Amend RSA 14:30-a, I to read as follows:

2 I. There is hereby established a fiscal committee of the general court. Said committee shall
3 consist of 10 members. Five shall be members of the house as follows: the chairperson of the finance
4 committee, [~~and 2 other members of the committee, appointed by the chairperson; and 2 other house~~
5 ~~members appointed by the speaker of the house]~~ **2 members appointed by the speaker of the**
6 **house and 2 members appointed by the house minority leader.** Five members shall be
7 members of the senate as follows: the chairperson of the finance committee, [~~and 2 other members of~~
8 ~~that committee, appointed by the chairperson; and 2 other senators appointed by the senate~~
9 ~~president]~~ **2 members appointed by the president of the senate, and 2 members appointed by**
10 **the senate minority leader.** The chairperson of the house finance committee shall be the
11 chairperson of the fiscal committee.

12 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.