

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**February 9, 2022**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Majority of the Committee on Municipal and County Government to which was referred HB 1275,**

**AN ACT relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution:**

**RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Richard Tripp**

**FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

**MAJORITY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

|                   |   |
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| Committee:        | <b>Municipal and County Government</b>  |
| Bill Number:      | <b>HB 1275</b>  |
| Title:            | <b>relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions.</b> |
| Date:             | <b>February 9, 2022</b>   |
| Consent Calendar: | <b>REGULAR</b>  |
| Recommendation:   | <b>INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE</b>   |

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This bill would change the overall representation of municipalities on the regional planning commissions by increasing the number of commissioners from larger cities. It was determined that this action would be detrimental to the smaller towns as it would increase the already substantial influence of the larger cities at the expense of the smaller towns.

Vote 16-3.

Rep. Richard Tripp  
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## REGULAR CALENDAR

Municipal and County Government

**HB 1275**, relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Richard Tripp for the **Majority** of Municipal and County Government. This bill would change the overall representation of municipalities on the regional planning commissions by increasing the number of commissioners from larger cities. It was determined that this action would be detrimental to the smaller towns as it would increase the already substantial influence of the larger cities at the expense of the smaller towns. **Vote 16-3.**

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Minority of the Committee on Municipal and County Government to which was referred HB 1275,**

**AN ACT relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. Eric Gallager**

**FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

Original: House Clerk

Cc: Committee Bill File

**MINORITY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

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With the bipartisan Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 signed into law and in the anticipation of over one billion dollars in federal funds becoming available to New Hampshire in the coming decade, this bill attempts to bring more equitable representation to the cities of Manchester and Nashua on their respective regional planning commissions.

Rep. Eric Gallager  
FOR THE MINORITY

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Municipal and County Government

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1275**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions.

**DATE:** January 24, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 301 - 303

**MOTIONS:** **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Tripp

Seconded by Rep. Lascelles

Vote: 16-3

**CONSENT CALENDAR: NO**

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1275

BILL TITLE: relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions.

DATE: 1/24/22

LOB ROOM: 301-303

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year)
- Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_
- Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)

Moved by Rep. Tripp Seconded by Rep. Lascelles Vote: 16-3

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
- Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year)
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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT CALENDAR: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_  NO

Minority Report? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, author, Rep: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_

MAJORITY Rep. Tripp

MINORITY - Rep. Gallagher

Respectfully submitted: [Signature]  
Rep John MacDonald, Clerk





2022 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: 1275 Motion: ITL AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 1/24/22

| <u>Members</u>                         | <u>YEAS</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>NV</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Dolan, Tom Chairman                    | 16          |             |           |
| 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. Notter</i> | 6           |             |           |
| Melvin, Charles R.                     | 7           |             |           |
| Ayer, Paul F.                          | 8           |             |           |
| Pauer, Diane                           | 9           |             |           |
| Maggiore, Jim V.                       | 10          |             |           |
| Treleaven, Susan GS <i>Rep. Long</i>   |             | 1           |           |
| Gilman, Julie D.                       | 11          |             |           |
| Stavis, Laurel <i>Rep. Tekenski</i>    | 12          |             |           |
| Mangipudi, Latha D. <i>Rep. Perez</i>  | 13          |             |           |
| Vann, Ivy C.                           |             | 2           |           |
| Klee, Patricia S.                      | 14          |             |           |
| Gallager, Eric B.                      |             | 3           |           |
| Rung, Rosemarie                        | 15          |             |           |
| <b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>                     | <b>16</b>   | <b>3</b>    |           |

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1275

**BILL TITLE:** relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions.

**DATE:** January 13, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 301 - 303

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:30 a.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 11:09 a.m.

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

**Bill Sponsors:**

Rep. Wilhelm

Rep. Berry

Rep. Cornell

Rep. Mangipudi

Rep. Amanda Bouldin

Sen. Rosenwald

Sen. Cavanaugh

Sen. Soucy

**TESTIMONY**

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

\*Rep. Matt Wilhelm - Prime sponsor of the bill. Written testimony and also submitted an amendment 2022-0037h.

Chairman Dolan: Has #0037h approved by OLS? ANS: Yes.

Rep. Stavis: Proportional representation. What is currently negative? ANS: No righting a wrong. Making sure communities have a seat at the table. Proportional representation.

Rep. Pauer: Language of bill, currently Rep. is based on population. The bill amendment would increase the influence of the larger towns. Do you agree? ANS: Not to decrease, but to add seats to increase representation. Are you decreasing Rep. to the influence of smaller towns? ANS: That's a way of looking at it.

Rep. Guthrie: What kind of voter on money coming? ANS: Planning Commissioner to speak to ref.

Rep. Piemonte: How many commissioners? ANS: Net increase of two Nashua and three seats for Manchester. Isn't this a source of weighting voting? I consider that weighted voting. ANS: 400 members - House of Reps. incredible representations. Resident of Manchester we are not getting our fair seat at the table.

Rep. Gallagher: I represent Concord. It's rep. would not be changed. ANS: Concord would stay the same. Amended version, we would have to keep coming back? ANS: Over 135,000 residents would require to come back.

Rep. Maggiore: Volunteers, grateful, not able to find representation or is there support for people filling their seats? ANS: Don't anticipate a problem.

Rep. Rung: Merrimack 2 - 4 - more difficult reaching a consensus. Incentive by 10% or 20%? ANS: Merrimack is entitled to four seats under the current statute.

Rep. Stavis: Thinking about something which is troubling. 13 to 15,000 people. 60,000 people Dartmouth, etc How is your bill fair and equitable? ANS: Commitment to the region. No short change to other communities. More voices, the better.

Rep. Tripp: I am a member of Southern Planning Commission. No alternatives in bill? ANS: Don't know if they are currently written in the statute. Do the counties have representation on the commission? ANS: I am not aware of counties being represented. Representatives may be elected or appointed. The counties are not entitled to any representative.

Chairman Dolan: Can substitutes be seated on a regional commission? ANS: How the fit into this proposal.

**Michael Tardiff, Director, Central NH Regional Planning** - NH Association the two representatives on the commission. Can't speak to the amendment. Worked on Regional issues. Hallmark of the Planning Commission. We worked hard to find the best projects.

Rep. Lascelles: How many planning commissioners? ANS: Four MPO's. Five rural planning.

Rep. Rung: Size of the commission? ANS: 20 members. Expanded, administrative increases? ANS: Upper Valley works with town staff. Close coordination with member? ANS: Need to do a little more research on the counties. Apologize for not having that information. I will get back to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John T. MacDonald  
Clerk



# House Remote Testify

## Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill HB1275 on 2022-01-13

Support: 13 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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| <u>Name</u>                 | <u>City, State</u><br><u>Email Address</u>        | <u>Title</u>        | <u>Representing</u>                   | <u>Position</u> | <u>Testifying</u> | <u>Non-Germane</u> | <u>Signed Up</u>  |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Cavanaugh, Senator<br>Kevin | Manchester, NH<br>kevin.cavanaugh@leg.state.nh.us | An Elected Official | Myself                                | Support         | No                | No                 | 1/7/2022 8:57 AM  |
| Rosenwald, Cindy            | Concord, NH<br>cindy.rosenwald@leg.state.nh.us    | An Elected Official | SD 13                                 | Support         | No                | No                 | 1/7/2022 2:53 PM  |
| Pollack, Ari                | Concord, NH<br>pollack@gcglaw.com                 | A Lobbyist          | NH Homebuilders                       | Neutral         | No                | No                 | 1/11/2022 2:25 PM |
| DeRosa, Tom                 | Bedford, NH<br>tom@bfreshconsulting.com           | A Lobbyist          | New Hampshire Planners<br>Association | Oppose          | No                | No                 | 1/11/2022 3:31 PM |

## Heather Goley

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**From:** Daniel Richardson <daniel6\_22@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2022 1:10 AM  
**To:** ~House Municipal and County Govt  
**Cc:** Tom Lanzara; Matt Wilhelm; Latha Mangipudi; Amanda Bouldin; Patricia Cornell; Ross Berry  
**Subject:** In Opposition to HB 1275 AN ACT relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions

Ref: Jan 13, 2022 Meeting

HOUSE MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE -

I am writing in opposition to HB 1275. This bill is a thinly disguised attempt to promote the interests of a municipality above that of the county in which it resides. It plays to stack the Regional Planning Commission with AGENDA 21 promoters to facilitate urbanization of NH along with all the accompanying social and cultural ills. GRANITE STATE FUTURE has its roots in AGENDA 21. An article about how it embeds into NH Regional Planning Commissions:  
<http://www.granitestatefutures.org>

The last thing we would want for NH planning model is Lowell MA. **Please find this bill ITL** and keep our counties representation in control of planning.

Daniel Richardson, Nashua

PS - Dick Morris explains in this video:

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Amendment to HB 1275

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Regional Planning Commissions; Formation; Membership. Amend RSA 36:46, III to read as  
4 follows:

5 III. Each municipality which shall become a member of a regional planning commission  
6 shall be entitled to 2 representatives on said commission. A municipality with a population of over  
7 10,000 but less than 25,000 shall be entitled to have 3 representatives on said commission [~~and a~~  
8 ~~municipality with a population of over 25,000 shall be entitled to have 4 representatives on said~~  
9 ~~commission~~]. ***A municipality with a population of over 25,000 but less than 45,000 shall be***  
10 ***entitled to have 4 representatives on said commission. A municipality with a population of***  
11 ***over 45,000 but less than 70,000 shall be entitled to have 5 representatives on said***  
12 ***commission. A municipality with a population of over 70,000 but less than 100,000 shall be***  
13 ***entitled to have 6 representatives on said commission. A municipality with a population of***  
14 ***over 100,000 shall be entitled to have 7 representatives on said commission.*** Population as  
15 set forth in this section shall be deemed to be determined by the last federal census.  
16 Representatives to a regional planning commission shall be nominated by the planning board of each  
17 municipality from the residents thereof and shall be appointed by the municipal officers of each  
18 municipality. Representatives may be elected or appointed officials of the municipality or county. In  
19 any county or counties in which a regional planning commission has been formed, the county may,  
20 by resolution of its county commissioners, become a member of said regional planning commission  
21 and shall be entitled to appoint 2 representatives on said commission. The terms of office of  
22 members of a regional planning commission shall be for 4 years, but initial appointments shall be for  
23 2 and 4 years. In municipalities entitled to 3 or more representatives, initial appointment shall be  
24 for 2, 3 and 4 years. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same  
25 manner as original appointments. Municipalities and counties may also appoint alternate  
26 representatives. A representative to a regional planning commission shall, when acting within the  
27 scope of his official duties and authority, be deemed to be acting as an agent of both the regional  
28 planning commission and of the municipality or county which he represents. In addition, regional  
29 planning commissions are encouraged to consult, at their discretion, with agencies and institutions  
30 operating within the region whose activities influence planning and development in that region.

with a rep being added after the addition of 10,000 residents, then 15,000, 20,000, 25,000, and finally 30,000 residents above the previous tier.

Something I learned through these conversations is the strong spirit of regional cooperation between communities on each planning commission. There is concern about unintended consequences; of big fish taking over small ponds. I took that feedback into account as I took another look at the formula, committed to keeping smaller communities whole while making modest strides for cities with more than 60,000 residents by giving them a few extra seats at the table. The net impact of the amendment increases Nashua's representation from four seats to six seats and Manchester's representation from four seats to seven seats.

In short, Amendment 0037h is a good faith compromise, aimed at addressing concerns raised by the regional planning commissions while staying true to the intent of this legislation, which is to provide our state's two largest cities -- my hometown of Nashua and the community I now represent, Manchester -- with more proportional and equitable representation.

I urge committee members to send House Bill 1275 to the House floor with a strong, bipartisan Out To Pass as Amended recommendation; and I welcome your questions. Thank you.



**Introduction of House Bill 1275  
House Municipal & County Gov't Committee**

**Rep. Matt Wilhelm (Hills. 42)  
January 13, 2022**

Good Morning, Chairman Dolan and members of the House County & Municipal Government Committee.

For the record, my name is Matt Wilhelm and I proudly represent Hillsborough County District 42, covering Manchester Wards 1, 2 and 3 in the New Hampshire House, which covers the Queen City's historic millyard, downtown, and North End neighborhoods.

Colleagues, I'm here today to introduce House Bill 1275, an act relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions.

With the bipartisan federal Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021 signed into law and in the anticipation of over \$1 billion in federal funds becoming available to the State of New Hampshire in the coming decade, I filed this bill as an attempt to bring more equitable representation to the cities of Manchester and Nashua on their respective regional planning commissions.

Currently, every municipality -- regardless of population -- gets at least two representatives on their regional planning commission. A third representative is added for each town with a population between 10,000 and 25,000 and a fourth rep is allocated for municipalities with more than 25,000 residents. But that's where the statutory formula ends.

House Bill 1275 -- as drafted, filed, and presented today -- proposes one representative for each municipality and an additional representative for every additional 10,000 residents. In theory, the legislation is simple, relatively straightforward, and addresses my concern of an inequitable formula for representation.

After the LSR was posted, I received an email from leadership at the Southern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission to ask for a meeting. I welcomed the opportunity to receive feedback. And through a series of conversations with regional planning commissioners and staff from across the state, I crafted an amendment which addresses unintended consequences of my original bill.

And so, with a commitment to listening, learning and finding common ground, I am also pleased to present Amendment 0037h. It is an effort to address the concerns I heard from the regional planning commissions, namely decreasing smaller towns' baseline representation from two seats to only one and increasing Manchester's representation from four seats to ten.

Instead, this amendment keeps towns' baseline representation at two seats, a third seat for municipalities over 10,000 residents, and a fourth seat for municipalities over 25,000 residents. But it also adds a series of "steps" for larger towns and cities, adding an additional rep at 45,000 residents, 70,000 residents, and finally 100,000 residents. These steps increase progressively,

HB 1275 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2832

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HOUSE BILL **1275**

AN ACT relative to municipal representation on regional planning commissions.

SPONSORS: Rep. Wilhelm, Hills. 42; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Cornell, Hills. 18; Rep. Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Rep. Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the municipal representation on regional planning commissions.

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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 municipal representation on regional planning commissions.

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

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2 follows:

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4 shall be entitled to [~~2 representatives~~] **one representative** on said commission. [A] **Each**  
5 municipality [~~with a population of over 10,000 but less than 25,000~~] shall be entitled to have [~~3~~  
6 ~~representatives on said commission and a municipality with a population of over 25,000 shall be~~  
7 ~~entitled to have 4 representatives on said commission~~] **one representative on said commission**  
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23 are encouraged to consult, at their discretion, with agencies and institutions operating within the  
24 region whose activities influence planning and development in that region.

25           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.