

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 27, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Municipal and County Government
to which was referred SB 334-LOCAL,**

**AN ACT (New Title) establishing a committee to study
property blight in New Hampshire cities and towns.**

**Having considered the same, report the same with the
recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Tom Dolan

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Municipal and County Government
Bill Number:	SB 334-LOCAL
Title:	(New Title) establishing a committee to study property blight in New Hampshire cities and towns.
Date:	April 27, 2022
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would establish a committee to study property blight in NH cities and towns. The committee will study strategies and barriers and will study the feasibility of legislation pertaining to registering blighted property.

Vote 18-0.

Rep. Tom Dolan
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Municipal and County Government

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 334-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: (New Title) establishing a committee to study property blight in New Hampshire cities and towns.

DATE: April 27, 2022

LOB ROOM: 305 - 307

MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Lascelles

Seconded by Rep. Tripp

Vote: 18-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John MacDonald, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Municipal and County Government

Bill #: SB334 Motion: OTP AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 4/27/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Dolan, Tom Chairman	18		
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. Menwen</i>	6		
Melvin, Charles R.	7		
Ayer, Paul F. <i>Rep. Moffett</i>	8		
Pauer, Diane	9		
Maggiore, Jim V.	10		
Treleaven, Susan GS			
Gilman, Julie D.	11		
Stavis, Laurel	12		
Mangipudi, Latha D.	13		
Vann, Ivy C.	14		
Klee, Patricia S.	15		
Gallager, Eric B.	16		
Rung, Rosemarie	17		
TOTAL VOTE:			

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 334-LOCAL

BILL TITLE: (New Title) establishing a committee to study property blight in New Hampshire cities and towns.

DATE: April 7, 2022

LOB ROOM: 301 - 303

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 5:10 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 5:20 p.m.

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

Bill Sponsors:

Sen. Prentiss

Sen. Sherman

Sen. Carson

Rep. Stapleton

Sen. Watters

Sen. Perkins Kwoka

Rep. Cloutier

Sen. Whitley

Sen. Soucy

Rep. Stavis

TESTIMONY

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

Senator Sue Prentiss - Prime sponsor of the bill. Introduced the bill. One of these most important things we have in our lives is our property. Committee to establish property blight in New Hampshire. Is this a tool that we want our municipalities to do on use? Study committee - issue a report by November 1, 2022.

Rep. Guthrie: Abandoned housing - my problem is blight? ANS: No agreement on what blight is on the definition of. RSA, we can hang our hat on? ANS: It was difficult to find the owner of the property There is a RSA.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. John MacDonald
Clerk

House Remote Testify

Municipal and County Government Committee Testify List for Bill SB334 on 2022-04-07

Support: 5 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>
Carson, Senator Sharon	SD 14, NH sharon.carson@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	3/29/2022 8:49 AM
Watters, Senator David	Dover, NH david.watters@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	3/30/2022 2:36 PM
Perkins Kwoka, Senator Rebecca	Dover, NH Rebecca.PerkinsKwoka@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	3/30/2022 3:05 PM
Smith, Julie	Nashua, NH Cantdog@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/2/2022 1:11 PM
Sherman, Senator	SD 24, NH jennifer.horgan@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	SD24	Support	No	No	4/5/2022 10:17 AM
Greyes, Natch	Concord, NH ngreyes@nhmunicipal.org	A Lobbyist	New Hampshire Municipal Association	Support	No	No	4/7/2022 8:55 AM

SB 334-LOCAL - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

03/17/2022 1008s

2022 SESSION

22-3082

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SENATE BILL

334-LOCAL

AN ACT

establishing a committee to study property blight in New Hampshire cities and towns.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. Cloutier, Sull. 10; Rep. Stavis, Graf. 13; Rep. Stapleton, Sull. 5

COMMITTEE:

Election Law and Municipal Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to study property blight in New Hampshire cities and towns.

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 establishing a committee to study property blight in New Hampshire cities and towns.

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

1 1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study strategies and barriers to
2 managing real property blight within New Hampshire cities and towns and establishing responsible
3 parties for these properties.

4 2 Membership and Compensation.

5 I. The members of the committee shall be as follows:

6 (a) One member of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

7 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
8 of representatives, one of whom shall be from the majority party and one of whom shall be from the
9 minority party.

10 II. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to
11 the duties of the committee.

12 3 Duties.

13 I. The committee shall study:

14 (a) The definition of vacant and abandoned real properties in New Hampshire;

15 (b) The prevalence and scope of real property blight and problems related to reaching
16 the party responsible for the blight of a real property;

17 (c) The feasibility of establishing legislation requiring a party to register a blighted real
18 property, to register that property with the relevant New Hampshire city or town in which it is
19 located, and to take steps to mitigate the circumstances present; and

20 (d) Any other related information the committee believes to be relevant.

21 II. In completing the study, the committee shall solicit input from affected political
22 subdivisions and municipalities, as well as any other entity the committee finds relevant.

23 4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study committee shall elect a chairperson from
24 among the members. The first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named senate
25 member. The first meeting of the committee shall be held within 30 days of the effective date of this
26 section. Two members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

27 5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
28 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
29 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2022.

30 6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.