

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**April 18, 2022**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Executive Departments and Administration to which was referred SB 53,**

**AN ACT (New Title) relative to confidentiality of department of revenue administration records. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. Peter Schmidt**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	<b>Executive Departments and Administration</b>
Bill Number:	<b>SB 53</b>
Title:	<b>(New Title) relative to confidentiality of department of revenue administration records.</b>
Date:	<b>April 18, 2022</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill provides that certain records relative to the assessing standards board and the certification of assessors shall be exempt from Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) confidentiality requirements. This bill addresses a long-time unintended and unwanted aspect of the governance of assessors in NH, namely the inaccessibility of their records by the public. This has resulted because they have been overseen and regulated by the department of revenue administration, which has very strict confidentiality requirements. This bill is a companion to HB 1552, which will transfer regulation and oversight of the certification and decertification of assessors away from DRA, thereby creating much greater transparency for the public.

Vote 17-0.

Rep. Peter Schmidt  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

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### Executive Departments and Administration

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 53**

**BILL TITLE:** (New Title) relative to confidentiality of department of revenue administration records.

**DATE:** April 18, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 302-304

**MOTIONS:** OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. P. Schmidt

Seconded by Rep. Rhodes

Vote: 17-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep John Sytek, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Executive Departments and Administration

Bill #: SB 53 Motion: OTF AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 4-18-22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
McGuire, Carol M. Chairman	X		
Rhodes, Jennifer M. Vice Chairman	X		
Sytek, John Clerk	X		
Pearson, Stephen C.			
Yakubovich, Michael	X		
Lekas, Tony	X		
Alliegro, Mark C.	X		
Bailey, Glenn	X		
Lanzara, Tom E.	X		
Santonastaso, Matthew	X		
Goley, Jeffrey P.	X		
Schuett, Dianne E.	X		
Judy, Jean L.	X		
Schmidt, Peter B.	X		
Marsh, William M.	X		
Fellows, Sallie D.	X		
Fontneau, Timothy J.	X		
Grote, Jaci L.	X		
O'Brien, Michael B.			
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>			

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 53**

**BILL TITLE:** (New Title) relative to confidentiality of department of revenue administration records.

**DATE:** April 18, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 302-304

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 a.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 10:10 a.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. McGuire, Rhodes, Sytek, T. Lekas, Yakubovich, Alliegro, Bailey, Lanzara, Santonastaso, Goley, Schuett, Jeudy, P. Schmidt, Fontneau, Fellows and Marsh

**Bill Sponsors:**

Sen. Watters  
Sen. Sherman

Sen. Perkins Kwoka  
Rep. Mangipudi

Sen. Prentiss  
Rep. Southworth

**TESTIMONY**

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

Grant Bosse introduced the bill on behalf of Sen. Gray. He gave a history of the bill and said that, after re referral, the senate decided not to go forward with it. He went on to say that Sen. Gray was using the bill to make certain technical changes which would clarify exemptions to confidentiality under RSA 21: J4 and it would add an exemption for municipal services and regulatory responsibilities. He said that it would add to transparency for the public. There was a Committee question concerning interaction with a similar house bill.

Betsy Patten, Chairman of the Assessing Standards Board, spoke in favor. She said that certification and decertification of assessors was never meant to be confidential. She said the bill was the result of a denial by the DRA of request of certification records on the grounds of confidentiality.

# House Remote Testify

## Executive Departments and Administration Committee Testify List for Bill SB53 on 2022-04-18

Support: 2 Oppose: 0 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>
Perkins Kwoka, Senator Rebecca	Portsmouth, NH Rebecca.PerkinsKwoka@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	4/12/2022 8:43 AM
Gray, James	Rochester, NH James.Gray@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Sen. James Gray SD 6	Support	No	No	4/14/2022 1:17 PM

SB 53 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

01/05/2022 2297s

2021 SESSION

21-0876  
05/10

SENATE BILL        **53**

AN ACT            relative to confidentiality of department of revenue administration records.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Rep. Mangipudi, Hills. 35; Rep. Southworth, Straf. 20

COMMITTEE:      Election Law and Municipal Affairs

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that certain records relative to the assessing standards board and the certification of assessors shall be exempt from department of revenue administration confidentiality requirements.

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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.



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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

AN ACT relative to confidentiality of department of revenue administration records.

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

1 1 Department of Revenue Administration; Confidentiality of Department Records; Exemptions.

2 Amend RSA 21-J:14, IV(a) to read as follows:

3 (a) Municipal service and regulatory responsibilities including, but not limited to,  
4 responsibilities under RSA 21-J:15[-24] *through 21-J:24 and records pertaining to the*  
5 *certification and decertification of assessors under RSA 21-J:14-a, 21-J:14-b, 21-J:14-f, and*  
6 *21-J:14-g.*

7 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.