

SB 146 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

23-0813

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SENATE BILL           **146**

AN ACT               relative to the agricultural advisory board.

SPONSORS:       Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18;  
Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Bixby, Straf.  
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COMMITTEE:       Executive Departments and Administration

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ANALYSIS

This bill removes certain requirements for the terms of members of the agricultural advisory board.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Three*

AN ACT relative to the agricultural advisory board.

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

1 1 Advisory Board; Initial Term Instructions. Amend RSA 425:22, II to read as follows:

2 II. The term of office of members of the board shall be 5 years and until their successors are  
3 appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only. ~~However, beginning~~  
4 ~~July 1, 2001, the terms of 2 members representing agriculture as provided in subparagraph I(a) and~~  
5 ~~one member representing the industry interests as provided in subparagraphs I(b) (f) shall expire~~  
6 ~~each year. Initial terms for members representing agriculture shall expire in the year as follows:~~  
7 ~~Belknap and Sullivan counties, 2002; Carroll and Strafford counties, 2003; Cheshire and~~  
8 ~~Rockingham counties, 2004; Coos and Merrimack counties, 2005; and Grafton and Hillsborough~~  
9 ~~counties, 2006. Initial terms for members representing industry interests shall expire in the year as~~  
10 ~~follows: petroleum, 2002; food retailing, 2003; advertising, 2004; food distribution, 2005; and~~  
11 ~~consumer, 2006. No board member shall be eligible for successive reappointment after 2004.]~~  
12 Appointments to the board shall be made by the governor with the advice and consent of the council  
13 on the basis of extensive experience and demonstrated ability and on a nonpartisan basis.

14 2 New Paragraph; Agricultural Advisory Board. Amend RSA 425:22 by inserting after  
15 paragraph V the following new paragraph:

16 VI. A majority of the seated membership plus one shall constitute a quorum of the board.

17 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**April 5, 2023**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Executive Departments and  
Administration to which was referred SB 146,**

**AN ACT relative to the agricultural advisory board.**

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

**Rep. Jaci Grote**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	<b>Executive Departments and Administration</b>
Bill Number:	<b>SB 146</b>
Title:	<b>relative to the agricultural advisory board.</b>
Date:	<b>April 5, 2023</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill requires that time for public input is designated for each meeting of the agricultural advisory board and that the commissioner of agriculture and foods be excused for any portion of the public input period, at which time the commissioner shall leave the meeting.

Vote 16-0.

Rep. Jaci Grote  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Executive Departments and Administration

**SB 146**, relative to the agricultural advisory board. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Rep. Jaci Grote for Executive Departments and Administration. This bill requires that time for public input is designated for each meeting of the agricultural advisory board and that the commissioner of agriculture and foods be excused for any portion of the public input period, at which time the commissioner shall leave the meeting. **Vote 16-0.**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 146

**BILL TITLE:** relative to the agricultural advisory board.

**DATE:** April 5, 2023

**LOB ROOM:** 306-308                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:12 a.m.

**Time Adjourned:** 11:25 a.m.

**Committee Members:** Reps. C. McGuire, Simon, Sirois, Bailey, Santonastaso, True, T. Dolan, Abare, Gerhard, Grote, P. Schmidt, Goley, Schuett, O'Brien, F. Davis, Fitzpatrick and S. Gould

**Bill Sponsors:**

Sen. Pearl  
Sen. Soucy  
Rep. Aron

Sen. Watters  
Sen. Carson  
Rep. Bixby

Sen. Innis  
Rep. Moffett

TESTIMONY

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

- Shawn Jasper
  - Dept. of Agriculture
  - In support of SB146. Spoke about the position and purpose of the board. The Commissioner is currently suggesting Board members to the Governor. Wants the Board to make a suggestion to the Governor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rep Shane Sirois, Clerk



# House Remote Testify

Executive Departments and Administration Committee Testify List for Bill SB146 on 2  
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>?</u>
Watters, David	Dover, NH david.watters@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	No	4
Richardson, Daniel	Nashua, NH daniel6_22@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	4



**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 146**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to the agricultural advisory board.

**DATE:** April 5, 2023

**LOB ROOM:** 306-308

**MOTIONS:** **OUGHT TO PASS**

Moved by Rep. Grote

Seconded by Rep. S. Gould

Vote: 16-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Shane Sirois, Clerk



2023 SESSION

Executive Departments and Administration

Bill #: SB146 Motion: OTP AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 4-5-23

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
McGuire, Carol M. Chairman	✓		
Simon, Matthew J. Vice Chairman	✓		
Lekas, Tony			
Bailey, Glenn	✓		
Santonastaso, Matthew	✓		
True, Chris	✓		
Dolan, Tom	✓		
Abare, Kimberly L	✓		
Gerhard, Jason	✓		
Sirois, Shane A	✓		
Grote, Jaci L.	✓		
Schmidt, Peter B.			
Goley, Jeffrey P.	✓		
Schuett, Dianne E.	✓		
O'Brien, Michael B.	✓		
Wilhelm, Matthew B.			
Davis, Fred E. <u>DAVIS</u>	✓		
Fitzpatrick, Daniel W	✓		
Gould, Sherry L	✓		
Smith, Juliet L			
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b> <u>THE CHAIR</u>			

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