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SENATE CALENDAR

LAID ON THE TABLE

SB 344-FN, authorizing New England Donor Services, Inc. to issue decals for multi-use decal number plates.01/18/2018, **Pending Motion OT3rdg, Transportation, SJ 2**

SB 355-FN, relative to the names of the colleges in the community college system and making an appropriation therefor.02/01/2018, **Pending Motion OT3rdg, Education, SJ 3**

SB 371, establishing the Meldrim Thomson, Jr. Memorial Commission.02/01/2018, **Pending Motion Committee Amendment # 2018-0106s, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 3**

SB 375, requiring gross expenditures and funding in the state operating budget.01/18/2018, **Pending Motion OT3rdg, Finance, SJ 2**

SB 397-FN, authorizing the university system of New Hampshire to issue decals for multi-use decal plates.01/18/2018, **Pending Motion OT3rdg, Transportation, SJ 2**

SB 465-FN, relative to documentation requirements for the department of labor.02/01/2018, **Pending Motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Executive Departments and Administration, SJ 3**

SB 472, establishing a committee to study the creation of an economic improvement fund.02/01/2018, **Pending Motion, Inexpedient to Legislate, Finance, SJ 3**

SB 521-FN, authorizing Sophia's Fund to issue decals for multi-use decal plates.02/01/2018, **Pending Motion OT3rdg, Transportation, SJ 3**

CACR 20, relating to the retirement age of judges. Providing that the retirement age of judges be increased. 01/18/2018, **No Pending Motion, Judiciary, SJ 2**

HEARINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. Innis (C), Sen. French (VC), Sen. Sanborn, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Lasky

1:00 p.m.	SB 418 , relative to nano breweries and defining table wine.
1:15 p.m.	SB 417 , relative to days of rest for employees of recreation camps and youth skill camps.
1:30 p.m.	SB 422 , relative to advance notice of work schedules.
1:45 p.m.	SB 423 , relative to noncompete clauses for low-wage employees.
2:00 p.m.	SB 314 , relative to licensure requirements for nondepository mortgage bankers, brokers, and servicers.
2:15 p.m.	SB 316 , relative to the regulation of online auctions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

EDUCATION, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Reagan (C), Sen. Giuda (VC), Sen. Ward, Sen. Watters, Sen. Kahn

9:00 a.m.	SB 435 , relative to alternative programs for granting credit leading to graduation.
9:15 a.m.	SB 436 , relative to tuition in the community college system.
9:30 a.m.	SB 437 , relative to the robotics education development program.
9:45 a.m.	SB 441 , relative to final grades in schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ELECTION LAW AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Birdsell (C), Sen. Gray (VC), Sen. Sanborn, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Woodburn

9:00 a.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

Sen. Avard (C), Sen. Bradley (VC), Sen. Innis, Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Feltes

9:15 a.m. **SB 569-FN**, relative to animal cruelty.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****FINANCE**, Room 103, SH

Sen. Daniels (C), Sen. Reagan (VC), Sen. Giuda, Sen. Morse, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Feltes

1:00 p.m. **SB 580**, creating class lines within the department of transportation.

1:05 p.m. Hearing on proposed amendment #2018-0367s, relative to the creation of new class lines within the department of transportation and the department of health and human services, and amending a capital budget appropriation to allow for door replacements at the New Hampshire hospital, to SB 580, creating class lines within the department of transportation.

1:30 p.m. **SB 468-FN-A**, relative to fines and penalties collected by the department of environmental services.1:45 p.m. **SB 576-FN**, deleting the suspension of home health services rate setting.2:05 p.m. **SB 543-FN**, relative to health care premium payments for certain retired state workers.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Bradley (C), Sen. Avard (VC), Sen. Gray, Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Hennessey

1:00 p.m. **SB 474**, establishing a committee to study group home rate parity.1:15 p.m. **SB 476**, establishing a committee to study reinstituting the unemployed parent program.1:30 p.m. **SB 481**, establishing a committee to study the impact of pharmacy benefit manager operations on cost, administration, and distribution of prescription drugs.1:45 p.m. **SB 486**, establishing a commission to study enhancing the prescription drug donation program.2:00 p.m. **SB 489**, establishing a committee to study parental alienation in New Hampshire.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****JUDICIARY**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Lasky (VC), Sen. French, Sen. Gannon, Sen. Hennessey

9:00 a.m. **CACR 22**, relating to rights for crime victims. Providing that crime victims shall be afforded constitutional rights.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW****TRANSPORTATION**, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Birdsall (C), Sen. Gannon (VC), Sen. Ward, Sen. Watters, Sen. Cavanaugh

1:00 p.m. **SB 559-FN-A**, making an appropriation for a sound barrier on the Everett Turnpike in Bedford.1:15 p.m. **SB 400**, relative to traveler information signs on highways.1:30 p.m. **SB 518**, relative to agency reports of real property owned or leased by the department.1:45 p.m. **SB 519**, relative to the purchase of property for the construction of roads.2:00 p.m. **SB 516**, prohibiting the use of motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints.**EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW*****WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018*****COMMERCE**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Innis (C), Sen. French (VC), Sen. Sanborn, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Lasky

2:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Reagan (VC), Sen. Gannon, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Cavanaugh

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 327**, relative to the medical review subcommittee of the board of medicine and time limits for allegations of professional misconduct before the board.
- 9:20 a.m. **SB 373**, requiring rulemaking by the department of corrections.
- 9:40 a.m. **SB 329**, relative to inspections of county correctional facilities.
- 10:00 a.m. **SB 374**, relative to adoption of emergency medical and trauma services protocols.
- 10:20 a.m. **SB 456**, relative to the appointment of the state medical director for emergency medical services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**, Room 102, LOB

Sen. Gray (C), Sen. Ward (VC), Sen. Birdsell, Sen. Kahn, Sen. Woodburn

- 10:00 a.m. Hearing on proposed amendment 2018-0059s, relative to municipal assessment reports completed by the department of revenue administration, to SB340, relative to the department of revenue administration guidelines for municipal audits.

10:10 **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PENDING LEGISLATION****WAYS AND MEANS**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Sanborn (C), Sen. Giuda (VC), Sen. Daniels, Sen. D'Allesandro, Sen. Feltes

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 587-L**, relative to the collection of fees for public parking facilities.
- 9:20 a.m. **SB 586-FN-A-L**, relative to casino gambling.
- 9:40 a.m. **SB 404-FN-A**, phasing out the tax on interest and dividends.
- 10:00 a.m. **SB 564-FN-A**, relative to a business tax exemption and a workforce development program for regenerative manufacturing businesses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018*****HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**, Room 101, LOB

Sen. Bradley (C), Sen. Avar (VC), Sen. Gray, Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Hennessey

- 1:00 p.m. **SB 592-FN-A**, relative to the child welfare system.
- 1:15 p.m. **SB 490**, establishing a commission to study end-of-life choices.
- 1:30 p.m. **SB 590-FN-A**, making a supplemental appropriation to the state loan repayment program, relative to emergency involuntary admissions, and relative to the child protection act and making appropriations therefor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW***TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018*****COMMERCE**, Room 100, SH

Sen. Innis (C), Sen. French (VC), Sen. Sanborn, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Lasky

- 1:00 p.m. **SB 351**, relative to managed care programs under workers' compensation.
- 1:15 p.m. **SB 424**, relative to property and casualty insurance.
- 1:30 p.m. **SB 425**, relative to limited liability companies.
- 1:45 p.m. **SB 354**, relative to pharmacy claim fees and copayments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW**EDUCATION**, Room 103, LOB

Sen. Reagan (C), Sen. Giuda (VC), Sen. Ward, Sen. Watters, Sen. Kahn

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 523-FN**, requiring public school students to receive training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator device.

- 9:05 a.m. **SB 524-FN**, relative to head injury policies for the community college system of New Hampshire and the university system of New Hampshire.
- 9:15 a.m. **SB 525-FN**, prohibiting the distribution of higher education and adult education financial assistance to any student who is not a legal resident.
- 9:25 a.m. **SB 526-FN**, relative to school breakfast programs.
- 9:30 a.m. **SB 568-FN**, relative to criminal history record checks for school employees and certain volunteers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Room 103, SH

Sen. Avard (C), Sen. Bradley (VC), Sen. Innis, Sen. Fuller Clark, Sen. Feltes

- 9:15 a.m. **SB 530-FN**, relative to high voltage electric transmission lines in highway rights-of-ways.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

JUDICIARY, Room 100, SH

Sen. Carson (C), Sen. Lasky (VC), Sen. French, Sen. Gannon, Sen. Hennessey

- 9:00 a.m. **SB 500**, amending references to firearms terminology.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

COMMERCE, Room 100, SH

Sen. Innis (C), Sen. French (VC), Sen. Sanborn, Sen. Soucy, Sen. Lasky

- 1:00 p.m. **SB 420**, relative to collective bargaining under the right-to-know law.
- 1:15 p.m. **SB 426**, relative to the commission on primary care workforce issues.
- 1:30 p.m. **SB 427**, limiting the liability of successor corporations for asbestos-related claims.
- 1:45 p.m. **SB 421**, relative to insurance coverage for prescription contraceptives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

COMMISSION TO REVIEW CHILD ABUSE FATALITIES (RSA 169-C:39-k)

1:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LEGALIZATION, REGULATION, AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA (RSA 318-B:46)

8:30 a.m. Prime Alternative Treatment Center Tour Meeting
380 Daniel Webster Highway
Merrimack, NH

10:15 a.m. Room 202, LOB Regular Meeting

JOINT LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 21-R:9)

11:00 a.m. Room 103, LOB Regular Meeting

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (RSA 126-A:13)

1:00 p.m. Room 205, LOB Subcommittee Meeting - Foster Care

TASK FORCE ON WORK AND FAMILY (RSA 276-B:2, I)

1:15 p.m. Room 207, LOB Regular Meeting

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m.	NH National Guard Regional Training Institute 722 Riverwood Drive Pembroke, NH	Regular Meeting
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018**WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 281-A:62)**

9:00 a.m.	Room 303, LOB	Regular Meeting
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ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)

9:30 a.m.	NH DRA, Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
1:00 p.m.	NH DRA, Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Subcommittee Meeting - Equalization
1:00 p.m.	NH DRA, Training Room 109 Pleasant Street Concord, NH	Subcommittee Meeting - Rules

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE (RSA 99-E:1, I)

9:30 a.m.	Room 101, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTALLY-TRIGGERED CHRONIC ILLNESS (RSA 126-A:73)

10:00 a.m.	Room 205, LOB	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION TO STUDY GRANDFAMILIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 170-G:17)

10:00 a.m.	Rooms 306-308, LOB	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R:1)

10:00 a.m.	Room 307, LOB	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL (RSA 12-O:22)

1:00 p.m.	Room 100, SH	Regular Meeting
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COMMITTEE TO STUDY CERTAIN INVESTMENTS BY MUNICIPALITIES (SB 72, Chapter 37:1, Laws of 2017)

2:30 p.m.	Room 102, LOB	Regular Meeting
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018**LEGISLATIVE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 19-K:1)**

1:00 p.m.	NHTI Committee College Sweeney Crocker Building Room 235 Concord, NH	Regular Meeting
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (RSA 188-E:10-b)**

9:00 a.m.	Room 101, LOB	Regular Meeting
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NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME BOARD OF MANAGERS (RSA 119:3-a)

9:00 a.m.	NH Veterans Home Tarr South Conference Room 139 Winter Street Tilton, NH	Regular Meeting
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COMMISSION TO STUDY CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT (RSA 135-C:63-c)

1:00 p.m. Room 206, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LEGALIZATION, REGULATION, AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA (RSA 318-B:43)

1:00 p.m. Room 202, LOB Regular Meeting

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (RSA 17-I:1)

1:00 p.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

INTERBRANCH CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL (RSA 651-E:2)

1:30 p.m. Room 204, LOB Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS (RSA 125-Q)

1:30 p.m. Room 205, LOB Regular Meeting

2:30 p.m. Room 205, LOB Subcommittee Meeting - Early Learning

SEACOAST COMMISSION ON LONG TERM GOALS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR DRINKING WATER (RSA 485-F:5)

2:00 p.m. NHDES Portsmouth Regional Office Regular Meeting
Pease International Tradeport, Suite 175
222 International Drive
Portsmouth, NH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

WELLNESS AND PRIMARY PREVENTION COUNCIL (RSA 126-M:3)

9:00 a.m. New Futures Regular Meeting
Conference Room
10 Ferry Street
Concord, NH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

LONG RANGE CAPITAL PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE (RSA 17-M:1)

2:00 p.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Business

COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (RSA 115-D)

2:30 p.m. Walker Building, Room 100 Regular Meeting
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (RSA 17-J:2)

3:00 p.m. Room 201, LOB Regular Business

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

8:30 a.m. Room 100, SH Subcommittee Meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m. Rooms 306-308, LOB Regular Meeting

FISCAL COMMITTEE (RSA 14:30-a)

10:00 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE RAIL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RSA 238-A:2)

10:00 a.m. Room 203, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EDUCATION FUNDING AND THE COST OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (HB 356, Chapter 190:1, Laws of 2017)

1:00 p.m. Room 209, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE BUSINESS PROCESS ALIGNMENT AND INFORMATION SYSTEM INTEROPERABILITY (SB 147, Chapter 116:1, Laws of 2017)

1:00 p.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

COMMISSION ON PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES (RSA 126-T)

2:00 p.m. NH Medical Society Regular Meeting
7 North State Street
Concord, NH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY (RSA 12-J:1)

9:30 a.m. Rooms 301-303, LOB Regular Meeting

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE APPORTIONMENT OF GROSS BUSINESS PROFITS UNDER THE BUSINESS PROFITS TAX (RSA 77-A:23)

10:00 a.m. Room 100, SH Regular Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILDLIFE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30)

11:00 a.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m. Rooms 306-308, LOB Continued Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES (RSA 170-G:19)

11:00 a.m. Rooms 305-307, LOB Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

STATE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSA 115-A:2)

5:00 p.m. NH National Guard Regional Regular Meeting
Training Institute
722 Riverwood Drive
Pembroke, NH

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018

HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 193-A:10)

3:30 p.m. NH Department of Education Regular Meeting
101 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

ASSESSING STANDARDS BOARD (RSA 21-J:14-a)

9:30 a.m. Room 303, LOB Regular Meeting

STATE SUGGESTION AND EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD EVALUATION COMMITTEE
(RSA 99-E:1, I)

9:30 a.m. Room 101, LOB Regular Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOUSE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (RSA 17-R:1)

10:00 a.m. Room 308, LOB Regular Meeting

BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING (RSA 205-A:25)

1:00 p.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRINKING WATER AND GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION (RSA 485-F:4)

8:30 a.m. Rooms 210-211, LOB Regular Meeting

NH BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL (RSA 137-K:2)

2:00 p.m. Brain Injury Association of NH Regular Meeting
52 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

COMMISSION ON POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
(RSA 115-D)

2:30 p.m. Walker Building, Room 100 Regular Meeting
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (RSA 541-A:2)

9:00 a.m. Rooms 306-308, LOB Regular Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018

COMMITTEE TO STUDY EXOTIC AQUATIC WEEDS AND EXOTIC AQUATIC SPECIES OF WILDLIFE
IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (RSA 487:30)

11:00 a.m. Room 307, LOB Regular Meeting

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SENATE BILLS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

SENATE BILLS: 215

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FISCAL NOTE ADDITIONS AND UPDATES HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO THE BILLS ON THE WEB SITE AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING 2017-2018 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 2, 7, 88, 128, 132, 164, 165, 172, 193, 197, 205, 215, 224, 240, 247, 324, 334, 376, 396, 558, 571

HOUSE BILLS: 79, 101, 134, 225, 549, 560, 561, 574

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ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SENATE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR 2017-2018 BILLS:

SENATE BILLS: 48, 247

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NOTICES

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Legislative Ethics Committee has voted to issue the following advisory opinion, which is printed below in its entirety.

**Advisory Opinion 2017-3
Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion
from Representative Joseph A. Pitre
(October 30, 2017)**

Representative Pitre has sought an Advisory Opinion about whether acceptance of payment for the costs related to attendance at an event in Las Vegas sponsored by the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), will qualify for exemption from the prohibition on "Gifts" under RSA 14-C:3, as "Expense Reimbursement" under RSA 14-C:2, IV(b)(10), as defined in RSA 14-C:2, III.

Joining for the majority:

Honorable Donna Sytek, Chairman, Senator Sharon M. Carson, Vice-Chairman, Representative Janet G. Wall, Senator Martha Fuller Clark, Representative David A. Welch, and David H. Bradley, Esq.

According to an agenda submitted by Representative Pitre, it appears that the educational sessions at the 2017 SEMA Show held October 30 through November 3, 2017, are geared toward sales and marketing, employee relations, and social media. While the sessions may be of interest to car aficionados, the conference clearly does not satisfy criteria required to qualify for an expense reimbursement under our ethics law and guidelines. As the Committee held in *Interpretive Ruling 2013-1*:

This exemption allows legislators to accept payment for the costs of travel to and attendance at an event, for example, fares, meals, accommodation, registration or attendance fees. The exemption applies only where the event is a *bona fide* conference, meeting, seminar, or educational or informational program that relates to the legislator's duties. In this context, a "bona fide" event is taken to mean an event that is primarily focused on communicating information relating to matters of legislative concern to New Hampshire legislators, rather than directed at providing opportunity for tourism, entertainment, or recreation. Reimbursement for "junkets" or "see the sites" trips as part of a legislative group doesn't qualify for the exemption — the event must offer, as a genuine and central element, organized learning about subjects that are or may become the focus of legislative activity in New Hampshire. (Emphasis supplied)

The SEMA Show is unlike other events that were the subject of prior advisory opinions. Those events were designed specifically for legislators to learn about an issue, such as a conference sponsored by the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee which focused on topics like U.S. energy policy, Medicaid reform, and cybersecurity (AO 2015-3), or the BIA-sponsored Legislative Leadership Summits for legislators held at the Mt. Washington Hotel which focused on issues such as New Hampshire's tax structure, energy supply and cost, and healthcare availability and expense (AO 2015-2). Those events qualified as exceptions to the gift prohibition.

Based on the information provided by Representative Pitre about the conference's purpose and activities, acceptance of the payment of expenses associated with the event would not qualify for exemption from the prohibition on "Gifts" under RSA 14-C:3, as "Expense Reimbursement" under RSA 14-C:2, IV(b)(10), as defined in RSA 14-C:2, III.

The Honorable David W. Hess, dissenting, filed the following minority report:

I dissent from the Majority Response. I believe the reliance of that Response on *Interpretive Ruling 2013-1* is misplaced and unwarranted. Rather than follow that Ruling and cite it as precedent, I believe the language quoted from that Ruling is totally erroneous, without any basis in the underlying statutory and Ethics Guidelines language, and should be explicitly overturned and reversed. Consequently, I believe acceptance of the reimbursement of expenses associated with this event does qualify under RSA 14-C:2, IV(b)(10) as an exemption from the prohibition on "Gifts" under RSA 14-C:3.

Interpretive Ruling 2013-1 states in pertinent part: “In this context, a ‘bona fide’ event is taken to mean an event that is primarily focused on communicating information relating to matters of legislative concern to New Hampshire legislators...the event must offer, as a genuine and central element, organized learning about subjects that are or may become the focus of legislative activity in New Hampshire.” (emphasis added). The Ruling does not explain why the term “bona fide” “[was] taken to mean” what it then proceeded to baldly assert. The Ruling cites no authority or basis for reaching that conclusion, or for adding such additional criteria or interpretive gloss to the meaning of “bona fide” as that phrase appears in statute and the Ethics Guidelines. RSA 14-C:2, III uses the phrase “bona fide” without any qualifications or further restrictive language. The same is true of Ethics Guideline 4, I(e). In the absence of such language in the governing authorities, I turn to the plain meaning of the phrase as generally understood.

Webster’s defines “bona fide” as: “In or with good faith; without fraud or deceit; authentic; genuine, as a bona fide transaction”. I believe Ruling 2013-1 came close to correctly interpreting this phrase consistent with this definition when it held that an event was not “bona fide” when it was “directed at providing an opportunity for tourism, entertainment or recreation...[i.e.] for junkets or ‘see the sites’ trips”. (In further clarification, I would add the word “primarily” before the word “directed” to this description.)

There is no question that SEMA is a legitimate organization or that this SEMA Conference was anything but “genuine” or “authentic”. The list of seminars - over 110 by my count - runs from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. for four full days and an additional half-day. Legislation is a topic of some of those seminars, although concededly not the “primary” or “central” topic of the conference. Further, the fact that Representative Pitre is identified as a member of the New Hampshire Chapter of the State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus is testimony to the fact that attending this conference is related to his office. There is no evidence or allegation that this conference was primarily a junket, or that fraud, deceit, bad faith or other nefarious motive was in any way involved in either the conference or in the proffered reimbursement of Rep. Pitre’s expenses to attend this conference.

In short, there is no basis for finding that this proffered reimbursement of expenses is a prohibited “gift” under RSA 14-C:3 except for what I believe to be the totally erroneous interpretive gloss put on the statutory phrase “bona fide” by *Interpretive Ruling 2013-1*.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

Donna Sytek, Chairman
 Senator Sharon M. Carson, Vice Chairman
 Representative Janet G. Wall
 Senator Martha Fuller Clark
 Representative David A. Welch
 Attorney David H. Bradley
 Honorable David W. Hess

For the Committee,
 Donna Sytek
 Chairman

[Vote: 6-1]

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

The NH Retail Lumber Association is hosting a legislative breakfast on Tuesday, February 6th in the State House Cafeteria. Legislators and staff are invited to stop by anytime from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to enjoy a hot breakfast and the opportunity to meet your local building material dealers and learn more about the independent building material industry.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
 Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

The Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) will hold a reception for state representatives and senators in the State Library Map Room on Tuesday, February 6th from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. They are also hosting a canned food drive.

Senator Sharon M. Carson

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

The NH Optometric Association hosts its Eye-Opener Breakfast on Wednesday, February 7th in the State House Cafeteria. Legislators and staff are invited to stop by anytime from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to enjoy a hot breakfast, speak with local Doctors of Optometry and learn about eye health, the practice of Optometry and how the state regulates the profession of Optometry.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

Northeast Delta Dental cordially invites all members of the New Hampshire Senate and the staff to its 19th Annual Legislative Reception to be held Wednesday, February 7th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at its corporate office at One Delta Drive in Concord. Please RSVP to Kathleen Gleason at (603) 223-1317 or kgleason@nedelta.com.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

The NH Retail Association invites you to join the members and directors at their Legislative Lunch and presentation of the annual "Retailer of the Year" and "Legislator of the Year" awards on Thursday, February 8th at the Concord Holiday Inn. Please join members of the retail community, the Retail Association Directors and your colleagues at the lunch break for a buffet and conversation and help us recognize those who stand up for retail.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018

The University of New Hampshire invites all legislators and legislative employees to cheer on the UNH Men's Hockey Team as they take on Vermont at the Whittemore Center in Durham on Friday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. To reserve your complimentary ticket, please contact Tom Cronin at thomas.cronin@unh.edu or 603-862-0574.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

All Senators and staff are cordially invited to attend a breakfast reception with the Friends Program on Tuesday, February 13th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the State House cafeteria. A continental breakfast will be served. The Friends Program strengthens communities by building relationships that empower people, encourage community service and restore faith in the human spirit. Our Foster Grandparent Program and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) have over 600 volunteers in NH volunteering in local schools, child care centers, and non-profit agencies, which are positively impacting close to 45,000 people. Please join senior volunteers who will be available to tell you about their volunteer experiences and answer your questions about the Friends Foster Grandparent and RSVP Programs.

Senator Regina Birdsell
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

The NH Council of Churches will sponsor a Service of the Word on Wednesday, February 14th at 7:30 a.m. with Distribution of Ashes at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Centre Street, Concord. The Bishop and senior clergy from many denominations will participate as well.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

USNH Legislative Member & USNH Legislative Staff Alumni Gathering

Please join us on Wednesday, February 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Upham Walker House, 118 Park Street. We are proud to say we have 70+ University of New Hampshire, Keene State College, Plymouth State University and Granite State College alumni serving in the state legislature. We welcome you to join us in celebrating your alma maters, hear from some of our newest alums and take part in a group photo to commemorate the occasion. Continental Breakfast to be served. Please RSVP to Pat Waldvogel at (603) 387-1037 pat.waldvogel@usnh.edu. Hope to see you all there!

Senator Lou D'Allesandro

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Bi-State Primary Care Association invites legislators to a briefing on the services, staff and locations of our 16 community health centers on Wednesday, February 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Rooms 210-211, LOB. Please join us to learn more about the centers, which provide access to high quality, affordable primary and preventive health care for all, regardless of income or insurance coverage. The program will include presentations and Q&A with community health center staff, who will discuss the current state and federal legislation most important to this critical part of the NH healthcare infrastructure. Tickets for a bag lunch at the State House Cafeteria will be provided for legislators after the presentation.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to attend an informational session entitled Partnerships for Economic Development: Industry, Higher Education, and Government. Speakers will address the importance of research and innovation to the state economy. The event is sponsored by the NH EPSCoR Science and Technology Advisory Committee and will be held at Ordway Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Centre Street, Concord, on Thursday, February 15th, at 11:30 a.m., following Gov. Sununu's State of the State address at the State House. A complimentary luncheon will be provided. RSVP by February 12th to nh.epscor@unh.edu. Questions? Call 603-862-0126.

Senator Daniel Innis

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

The New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute's 2018 conference, "Building a Strong Foundation for a Prosperous Economy," will be held Friday, February 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH. Panel discussions will examine key policy concerns in the areas of health, education, housing, and transportation. Presenters will address the potential impact federal policy changes may have on New Hampshire's ability to meet current and future needs, and state efforts to sustain a prosperous economy that benefits all Granite Staters. Registration fees are \$45 through January 31st and \$60 starting February 1st. Breakfast will be provided. Pre-registration is required by February 16th. A limited number of scholarships for complimentary conference registrations are available for current members of the Legislature; please email info@nhfpi.org for scholarship details. Visit nhfpi.org/nhfpi-policy-conference to learn more and register.

Senator Dan Feltes

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

The New Hampshire Public Health Association (NHPHA) is hosting a legislative breakfast on Wednesday, March 7th from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the State House cafeteria. A hearty, warm breakfast will be served. Members of the NHPHA Public Policy Committee and Board of Directors will be on hand to discuss their legislative priorities and pending bills.

Senator Ruth Ward

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

The New Hampshire Rare Action Network cordially invites all Legislators and staff to attend a reception for Rare Disease Day in the State House cafeteria on Wednesday, March 7th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of your constituents living with rare diseases and learn about how legislation affects the rare disease community. Light refreshments will be provided.

Senator Dan Feltes

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018

All legislators and staff are cordially invited to join the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association (NHADA) for a Legislative Crossover Reception on Wednesday, March 21st at 3:30 p.m. (or following the end of the session day) at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord. NHADA has historically hosted this event which offers legislators a wonderful opportunity to unwind and enjoy the company of fellow legislators and staff in a fun, social gathering.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

NH Snowmobile Association Legislative Breakfast

The members of the NH Snowmobile Association cordially invite all Senate members and staff to a reception in the State House cafeteria on Thursday, April 12th, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. where a breakfast will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.

Senator Jeb Bradley, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader

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SENATE SCHEDULE

Monday, February 19, 2018	President's Day (State Holiday)
Monday, February 26, 2018 – Friday, March 02, 2018	SENATE BREAK
Thursday, March 8, 2018	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all Senate bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Thursday, March 22, 2018	CROSSOVER – Deadline to ACT on all Senate bills.
Thursday, April 19, 2018	Deadline for Policy Committees to ACT on all House bills with a fiscal impact, except bills exempted pursuant to Senate Rule 4-5.
Thursday, May 3, 2018	Deadline to ACT on all House bills.
Thursday, May 10, 2018	Deadline to FORM Committees of Conference.
Thursday, May 17, 2018	Deadline to SIGN Committee of Conference Reports.
Thursday, May 24, 2018	Deadline to ACT on Committee of Conference Reports.
Monday, May 28, 2018	Memorial Day (State Holiday)
Wednesday, July 4, 2018	Independence Day (State Holiday)
Monday, September 3, 2018	Labor Day (State Holiday)
Monday, November 12, 2018	Veterans' Day (State Holiday)
Thursday, November 22, 2018	Thanksgiving Day (State Holiday)
Friday, November 23, 2018	Day after Thanksgiving (State Holiday)
Tuesday, December 25, 2018	Christmas Day (State Holiday)