

<p>1. Agency Name &amp; Address:</p> <p><b>Department of Business and Economic Affairs 100 N. Main Street Concord, NH 03301</b></p>	<p>2. RSA Authority: <u>RSA 12-O:71, II; RSA 12-O:72; RSA 12-O:73, II; RSA 12-O:75</u></p> <p>3. Federal Authority: _____</p> <p>4. Type of Action:</p> <p>Adoption <u>  X  </u></p> <p>Repeal _____</p> <p>Readoption _____</p> <p>Readoption w/amendment _____</p>
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5. Short Title: **Housing Champion Program**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:

**The Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) proposes to adopt Chapter Bea 500 on the New Hampshire Housing Champion (HC) Designation and Grant Program, which was established pursuant to 2023, 79:462, effective 7-1-23, in RSA 12-O:71-76, and whose purpose is to incentivize communities to create housing-friendly regulations and infrastructure by providing new funding sources for compliance. The Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program enables municipalities to voluntarily engage in the Housing Champion Designation process by creating housing-friendly regulations and infrastructure. Once designated, these municipalities will gain access to funding resources. The HC program in Chapter Bea 500 includes 4 components intended to reward towns for promoting and approving affordable, workforce housing. These components include:**

- 1. HOUSING PLANNING AND REGULATION MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM is designed to help municipalities meet the requirement of the program by establishing and/or revising land use regulations;**
- 2. HOUSING PRODUCTION MUNICIPAL (HPM) GRANT PROGRAM awards grants for actual production on a per-unit basis for workforce housing units;**
- 3. HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE MUNICIPAL (HIM) GRANT PROGRAM awards grants for new construction on capacity increases for drinking water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, highway infrastructure, telecommunication, and electrical distribution infrastructure; and**
- 4. HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE MUNICIPAL (HIM) LOAN PROGRAM provides loans to HC Designation municipalities for new construction or capacity increases for drinking water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, highway infrastructure, telecommunications, and electrical distribution infrastructure.**

**The Housing Champion Designation and Grant Program shall be administered by the New Hampshire Department of BEA, contingent upon availability of funding.**

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

**Groups affected by the rules adoption Bea 501 may include municipalities within the state of New Hampshire, for profit and nonprofit housing developers, private citizens affected by housing shortages within the state of New Hampshire. Involvement in the InvestNH Program is voluntary.**

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

<b>Provision of the Proposed Rule</b>	<b>Specific State or Federal Statutes or Regulations which the Rule is Intended to Implement</b>
Bea 501.01	RSA 12-O:71; RSA 12-O:75
Bea 501.02	RSA 12-O:71; RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.01	RSA 674:71; RSA 674:73
Bea 502.02 – Bea 502.03	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.04	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 354-A:15
Bea 502.0 – Bea 502.06	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.07	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 674:5
Bea 502.8 – Bea 502.9	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.10	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 485-A:1
Bea 502.11 – Bea 502.17	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.18	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 153:1, III
Bea 502.19 – Bea 502.26	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.27	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 674:16; RSA 674:21; RSA 674:35; RSA 674:43
Bea 502.28 – Bea 502.29	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.30	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 672:7; RSA 673
Bea 502.31	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 672:8
Bea 502.32	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 674:24
Bea 502.33	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 674:1
Bea 502.34	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.35	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 674:58, II
Bea 502.36	RSA 12-O:69; RSA 12-O:70; RSA 12-O:71; RSA 12-O:72; RSA 12-O:73; RSA 12-O:74
Bea 502.37	RSA 672:10
Bea 502.38	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 672-RSA 679
Bea 502.39 – Bea 502.40	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.41	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 672:11; RSA 673
Bea 502.42	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.43	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 485:1-a, XV
Bea 502.44 – Bea 502.48	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.49	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 259:100
Bea 502.50	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 672:14
Bea 502.51 – Bea 502.52	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 502.53	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 485-A:2, XVI
Bea 502.54	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 674:58
Bea 502.55	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 674:58-61; RSA 674
Bea 502.56	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 674:16; RSA 674:17
Bea 502.57	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 674:16; RSA 674:23
Bea 503.01	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 12-O:76
Bea 503.02	RSA 12-O:76
Bea 503.03	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 12-O:76

<b>Provision of the Proposed Rule</b>	<b>Specific State or Federal Statutes or Regulations which the Rule is Intended to Implement</b>
Bea 504.01 – Bea 504.04	RSA 12-O:71; RSA 12-O:73; RSA 12-O:75
Bea 504.05	RSA 12-O:71; RSA 12-O:73; RSA 12-O:75; RSA 49-C; RSA 49-D; RSA 153; RSA 155-A; RSA 205-A:1, II; RSA 674:59; RSA 674:16; RSA 674:21; RSA 674:31; RSA 674:32; RSA 674:33, IV; RSA 674:58, II; RSA 674:72; RSA 676:4, II(b)
Bea 504.06 – Bea 504.08	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 504.09	RSA 4:40; RSA 12-O:75; RSA 31:95-h; RSA 31:95-h, I(d); RSA 31:95-h, II; RSA 35:5; RSA 35:8; RSA 41:14-a; RSA 79-E; RSA 79-E:3; RSA 79-E:5, II; RSA 80:76; RSA 162-G; RSA 162-K; RSA 162-K:5; RSA 162-K:6,III(j); RSA 674:58, IV; RSA 162-K:2, IX-a (a)(5); RSA 162-K:9; RSA 162-K:10
Bea 504.10	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 53-A; RSA 162-K; RSA 162-K:6 RSA 162-K:2, IX-a (a)(5); RSA 574:58, IV; RSA 673:4-c; RSA 674:44-h
Bea 504.11	RSA 12-O:75; RSA 674:18
Bea 504.12	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 505.01	RSA 12-O:72; RSA 12-O:75
Bea 505.02 – Bea 505.12	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 506.01	RSA 12-O:73, I; RSA 12-O:75
Bea 506.02 – Bea 506.05	RSA 12-O:75
Bea 507.01	RSA 12-O:72; RSA 21-O:73, II; RSA 12-O:75; RSA 135:5
Bea 507.02 – Bea 507.03	RSA 12-O:72; RSA 12-O:75
Bea 507.04	RSA 12-O:72; RSA 12-O:75; RSA 135:5
Bea 507.05 – Bea 507.10	RSA 12-O:72; RSA 12-O:75
Bea 508.01	RSA 12-O:73, II; RSA 12-O:75
Bea 509.01 – Bea 509.02	RSA 12-O:72; RSA 12-O:73; RSA 12-O:75
Bea 510.01	RSA 12-O:72; RSA 12-O:73; RSA 12-O:75
Bea 511	RSA 12-O:72; RSA 12-O:73

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **Friday, May 17, 2024**

Fax                                       E-mail                                       Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Friday, May 10, 2024, 1:30 pm**  
Physical Location: **Department of Business and Economic Affairs  
100 N Main Street, Concord, NH 03301**  
Electronic Access (if applicable): **N/A**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS # 24:062, dated 04/03/2024

**1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**

Not applicable as these are new rules.

**2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

**3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**

The proposed rules create definitions and program roles for the New Hampshire Housing Champion Designation and Grant Programs established pursuant to RSA 12- O:71-75. Any costs or benefits are attributable to statute and not the proposed rules.

**A. To State general or State special funds:**

None.

**B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:**

None.

**C. To independently owned businesses:**

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

**The proposed rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified program or responsibilities to any political subdivision of the state of New Hampshire, and therefore, this proposal does not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.**