

Legislative Committee Update – December 2024

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Below is a list of 2025 NH General Court (House and Senate) Bills that are potentially relevant to members of the Geological Society of New Hampshire. This table lists bills identified by keyword searches completed on December 17, 2024, repeated on March 18, 2025.

Bill Number	Title	Bill Description	Bill Status
Key Word “Environ”			
HB 392 Previously LSR 2025-0058	directing the dissolution of the department of health and human services' office of health equity, department of environmental services' functions for civil rights and environmental justice, and the governor's council on diversity and inclusion.	This bill directs the dissolution of the department of health and human services' office of health equity, department of environmental services' functions for civil rights and environmental justice, and the governor's advisory council on diversity and inclusion.	Referred to Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs, currently retained in committee
HB 97-FN Previously LSR 2025-0132	making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for wastewater infrastructure projects.	This bill makes an appropriation (currently listed as \$15 Million) to the department of environmental services for eligible wastewater projects.	Referred to Finance, currently retained in committee
HB 526-FN Previously LSR 2025-0466	establishing a climate change and damage division in the department of environmental services.	This bill establishes a climate change and damage division within the department of environmental services, establishes a director of the division, and enumerates the duties thereof. Estimated total annual cost: \$822,000.	Referred to Science, Technology and Energy, Majority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate 01/21/2025; Full House voted to lay on table 02/06/2025
HB 306 Previously LSR 2025-0467	establishing a commission to study the short and long-term impacts of pending national and regional carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire's citizens, businesses, institutions, and environment.	This bill establishes a commission to study the short and long-term impacts of pending national and regional carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire's citizens, businesses, institutions, and environment.	Referred to Science, Technology and Energy, Majority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate 01/21/2025; Full House voted to lay on table 02/06/2025
HB 707 Previously LSR 2025-0579	requiring the department of environmental services to establish a site-specific setback distance for proposed new landfills.	This bill establishes a formula for determining the distance for which a new landfill shall be located from a perennial river, lake, or coastal water.	Referred to Environment and Agriculture, results of Committee vote on 03/18/2025 are not yet posted.

Key word searches with no returns: **geology, mineral, rock, soil**