

Bill#	Bill Title	Explanation	Status	NHRC Position
<u>Rivers and Water Resources</u>				
HB 58	designating segments of the Cocheco River as protected under the rivers management and protection program.	This bill designates the entire Cocheco River as protected under the rivers management and protection program.	House-Passed	Support
HB 60	relative to large groundwater withdrawals.	This bill permits municipalities to enact local ordinances affecting large groundwater withdrawals.	House-ITL	Watch
HB 102	relative to the rivers management programs and the rivers coordinator.	This bill clarifies certain provisions of the rivers management and protection program, the membership on advisory committees, the duties of the rivers coordinator, and the funding of programs.	House-Passed/Amended	Support
HB 150-FN	relative to removing invasive aquatic growth.	This bill allows the department of environmental services to permit removal of invasive aquatic growth in navigable or recreational waters.		Support
HB 452	designating segments of the Ammonoosuc River into the rivers management and protection program.	This bill extends protected status to the upper portion of the Ammonoosuc River under the rivers management and protection program.	House-Passed	Support
SB 60	(New Title) establishing a commission to study water infrastructure sustainability funding.	This study commission would look at the need for water infrastructure for water supply, wastewater and stormwater management and dam storage capacity for flood control, power generation and other purposes.	Senate-Passed/Amended	Support

SB 107-FN	relative to the leasing of state-owned real estate on public waters.	This bill establishes a process for the leasing of state-owned real estate on public waters, and adds new provisions for the leasing of lands managed by the bureau of rail and transit in the NH DOT. This bill is the result of a study commission NHRC helped to establish in 2007.	Support
SB 134	relative to the comprehensive shoreland protection act.	This bill makes technical changes to the comprehensive shoreland protection act.	Support
SB 139-FN	establishing a moratorium on the shoreland protection act and establishing a commission to study revision of the shoreland protection act.	This bill establishes a moratorium on the shoreland protection act and establishes a commission to study revision of the act.	Oppose

Wetlands

HB 222	relative to fill and dredge permits in wetlands.	This bill requires the department of environmental services to consider direct and indirect impacts of project proposals on the wetlands.	Support
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Pollution

HB 350	prohibiting the sale and distribution of household cleaning products containing phosphorus.	This bill prohibits the sale and distribution of household cleaning products containing phosphorus.	Support
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Exotics

HB 205-FN-A	relative to certain boating fees.	This bill increases boating registration and license fees. \$1 of the increase goes to the Lake Preservation and Restoration program for exotic aquatic species control. May provide some funding for riverine exotics.	Watch
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Land Use/Planning

HB 43	relative to subdivision and site plan regulation waivers.	This bill authorizes planning boards to waive provisions in subdivision and site plan regulations without finding that conformity would pose a hardship to the applicant. Applicant must still meet the spirit of the waived regs.		Watch
HB 45	relative to the water supply land conservation program.	This bill expands the eligibility for water supply land conservation grants to future sources of public drinking water and broadens the definition of grantees to include non-profit land trust organizations.	House-Passed	Watch
HB 290	authorizing fluvial erosion hazard zoning.	This bill adds fluvial erosion hazard zoning to permissible innovative land use controls.		Support

Other/Miscellaneous

HB 307	allowing the construction of gray water systems on private property.	This bill allows the construction of gray water systems on private property. The bill also provides for regulation by the department of environmental services.		Watch
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