

New Hampshire House Bill XXXX
New Hampshire Senate Bill XXXX

18 November 2024

2025 SESSION

Bill Title: Relative to moving the Pease Development Authority's Division of Ports and Harbors to the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources.

ANALYSIS: This bill seeks to transfer authority from the Pease Development Authority to the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources.

AN ACT relative to change the management of the Division of Ports and Harbors.

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

- (1) RSA 12-G:2 - REPEAL PARAGRAPHS: X and XI.
- (2) RSA 12-G:3 - DELETE: "except as set forth in paragraph II and RSA 12-G:44"
- (3) RSA 12-G:7-a - DELETE: "including the division of ports and harbors"
- (4) RSA 12-G:32 - DELETE LAST SENTENCE.
- (5) RSA 12-G:37 - REPEAL
- (6) RSA 12-G:44 DELETE: "by 5 affirmative votes".
- (7) RSA 12-G:3,IV & RSA 12-G:42 through RSA 12-G:54 :
 - (a) RECODIFY TO RSA Chapter 12-A, Department of Natural & Cultural Resource; and
 - (b) REPLACE: "the authority" with "the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources"; and
 - (c) REPLACE: "the board" WITH "the commissioner"; and
 - (d) REPLACE: "the executive director" WITH "the commissioner";
- (8) 541-A:21 REPEAL: Section I(n)
- (9) Make changes as necessary to affect the intent of this legislation.

METHODOLOGY:

This bill will return control of the Division of Ports and Harbors to an agency of state government where it was managed from 1936 to 2001.

For the last 24 years, the Division of Ports and Harbors has been mismanaged by the Pease Development Authority by persistently and deliberately acting without compliance with RSA 541-A, the Administrative Procedure Act, resulting in economic discrimination and treating citizens unjustly and unfairly.

Since this is solely a transfer of management, the fiscal impact appears to be minimal and confined to a one-time cost to support a transition to new management.