



# Your State House Concord, New Hampshire



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To my constituents in Allenstown, Dunbarton, Epsom, & Hooksett,

Last week, my committee met for the last time to recommend further action (or not) for the ten bills we held over for interim study. HB 1653 and HB 1673, both on compensation for some Group II members, were recommended for no further action because the intent of both had been included in HB 1647, which has passed and been signed into law. However, since HB 1647 wasn't quite as full featured as these two bills, I expect further bills to increase the pensions of those in the hired but not vested in 2011 group.

HB 1271, converting a number of licensing boards to advisory status, was not recommended as parts of it had been incorporated into other bills. HB 1324, green burials, was rejected as there doesn't seem to be any respectful way to deal with the large quantity of remains. HB 1333, banning state purchases of electric vehicles, was rejected for two reasons: we hate to impose this sort of arbitrary restriction when we don't know all the specifics; and we created a council this year to study the effects of electric vehicles and their batteries on the environment, building and fire codes, life safety, and property protection. We'll wait and see what they come up with.

HB 1408, board reorganizations, was the only bill recommended for further legislation, and that was only for one small section. The Foresters' Board had asked for a change in membership, and the legislator who worked with them thought that change deserved further legislation. HB 1420, enforcing communications between agencies and the public, is a great idea but much more of a management issue than a legislative one. HB 1676,

a sunset commission for licensing boards, was not recommended because we've made so many changes in those laws this session that we wanted to let things settle. Also, I'm not sure most of the committee thought a regular review of what we're requiring for licensure was necessary.

HB 1679, going to Atlantic time, was not recommended for further action because it's something that needs a national, or at least regional solution. New Hampshire cannot act alone. Finally, HB 1689, use of personal data by state agencies, was another case where someone had a good idea but didn't think it through. From the data we got on that bill, Health & Human Services (among others) needs the personal data to accomplish the tasks we've charged them with doing.

The election is only two weeks away. I'm asking for your vote, and also to vote Republican all the way down the ticket. I know a fair number of people don't support some top of the ticket nominations. But if looking at their opponents doesn't make you want to vote for them, then simply don't vote for that office. After all, your vote counts for a *lot* more down ballot – every election there are state representative or county offices that are won by only a few votes. One vote is not unusual, and sometimes there are ties, even after recounts.



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