

Solid waste related bills 2022

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HB1049 establishing a committee to study landfill siting criteria and methods for reducing pressure on landfill capacity.

The committee shall study:

- I. The siting criteria for new landfills with a focus on community impact, environmental impact, and public good.
- II. Solid waste policies in Northeastern states that could be adapted to New Hampshire with the goal of reducing pressure on landfill capacity.

Sponsor: Rep Aron

HB1111 establishing a commission to study extended producer responsibility.

IV. The commission's study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Examining the waste reduction goals established in RSA 149-M with emphasis on the improvement of municipal recycling, reducing solid waste flow and reducing taxpayer costs in support of municipal transfer stations through extended producer responsibility.
- (b) Suggested legislation in order to help update RSA 149-M in order to better meet the waste reduction goals therein.

Sponsor: Rep Parshall

HB1121 relative to new solid waste sites.

XV. Applications for permits to construct and operate a new privately-owned solid waste landfill shall submit evidence to the department of environmental services that the applicant is in compliance with all insurance and surety bonding requirements of the state and federal government. The applicant shall also provide evidence to the jurisdictions in which it will be located, and all adjacent jurisdictions, that the applicant qualifies for and will obtain a surety bond against any and all damages caused to individuals and businesses located within those jurisdictions as a result of operation of the solid waste landfill. The surety bond shall amount to at least the total cost of construction of the landfill, including third-party costs.

Sponsor: Rep Masimilla

HB1134 establishing a commission to study proper labeling and disposal of disposable wipes.

The commission shall study:

- (a) Ways to ensure the proper labeling of disposable wipes by manufacturers.
- (b) The costs to New Hampshire municipalities for impacts to wastewater infrastructure from wipes that are flushed.

(c) Steps other states are taking to address the challenge of disposable wipes on wastewater infrastructure.

(d) The ability of the department of environmental services to assist municipalities regarding public outreach and education for preventing disposable wipes from impairing wastewater infrastructure.

Sponsor: Rep Buco

HB1420 prohibiting the issuance of new landfill permits until the state's solid waste plan is updated.

The department shall not issue a permit for the construction of a new facility unless the department makes a positive determination that the permit application is consistent with the state's solid waste plan that has been updated consistent with the requirements of RSA 149-M:29.

Sponsor: Rep Masimilla

HB1454 relative to permits for the siting of new landfills.

No permit shall be issued by any division of the department (DES) for the siting of a new landfill if any part of the actual solid waste disposal area is proposed to be located sufficiently close to any perennial river, lake, or coastal water of New Hampshire, as defined in RSA 483-B:4, XVI, such that groundwater on the landfill site would be able to reach the water body within 5 years of migrating off-site.

Sponsor: Rep Tucker

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HB1274 establishing a committee to study the solid waste practices of state agencies

The committee shall:

- I. Review recycling and solid waste management practices of state agencies to better conform with the state solid waste hierarchy in RSA 149-M with a view to the reduction of solid waste, increasing reuse and recycling, and decreasing food waste.
- II. Review state procurement laws and rules associated with such laws, if appropriate, and recommend changes to increase recycled content requirements and reduce waste.
- III. Review and recommend changes to state laws to reflect current solid waste challenges and opportunities, and to coordinate decentralized state agency solid waste disposal with centralized recycling efforts.
- IV. Review the compliance of the department of administrative services with the performance audit of the statewide recycling program.

Sponsor: Rep Ebel