

Community Bridges' Legislative Priorities:

- Affordable Housing
 - Access to affordable and creative housing options for individuals and families living with a disability
 - Access to affordable and creative housing options for individuals and families living with a disability
- Workforce
 - Access to job skills/career development options for individuals with disabilities
 - Access to a livable wage and professional development compensatory to the skills and services provided
- Service system structure, funding, and accessibility

Bill	Position	Title	Synopsis	Community Bridges' Legislative Priorities	Status	Notes	Sponsor
HB1051	Support	Establishing A Commission to Study The Creation Of A Statewide Fingerprinting and Background Check Database In New Hampshire.	This bill establishes a commission to study the creation of a statewide fingerprinting and background check database in New Hampshire.	CSNI Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House: Introduced to Criminal Justice and Public Safety Public Hearing: 01/28/2026 12:30 pm GP 159 Subcommittee Work Session: 02/11/2026 09:30 am GP 159 Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-0711h (NT) 02/18/2026 (Vote 12-0; CC) Senate Introduced Judiciary Committee ==ROOM CHANGE== Hearing: 03/31/2026, Room 100, SH, 01:45 pm; SC 12 Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 04/23/2026; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 15 Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; 04/23/2026; SJ 10 		Rep. Layon, Rock. 13
HB1215	Support	Relative to Supporting The Preferred Method Of Communication Of An Individual with Developmental Disabilities. "Grace's Law"	This bill supports the right of individuals with disabilities to use their preferred method of communication within the state service delivery system, including in residential settings and schools and with other service providers.	Service System Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House: Introduced to Children and Family Law Committee Public Hearing: 02/17/2026 11:00 am GP 230 Executive Session: 03/02/2026 10:00 am GP 230 Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-0942h (NT) 03/02/2026 (Vote 14-0; CC) Amendment #2026-0942h: AA VV 03/11/2026 HJ 7 Ought to Pass with Amendment 2026-0942h: MA VV 03/11/2026 HJ 7 Senate: Introduced to Health and Human Services Hearing: 04/08/2026, Room 100, SH, 09:00 am; SC 13 Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 04/16/2026, Vote 4-0; SC 14 Sen. Ricciardi Moved to Reconsider the following action taken by this Body: Rescind Order to Third Reading, Reconsider the Vote on Ought to Pass with Amendment and Reconsider the vote on Floor Amendment #2026-1446s, MA VV; 04/16/2026; SJ 9 Sen. Avard Floor Amendment #2026-1446s, AA, VV; 04/16/2026; SJ 9 Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1446s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 04/16/2026; SJ 9 	Came about to support the use of point spelling as a form of communication Amendment to HB 1215	Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Rep. B. Boyd, Hills. 12; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. Kuttab, Rock. 17; Rep. W. MacDonald, Rock. 16; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Carson, Dist 14
HB1293	Oppose	Taxing Certain Properties Owned By Charitable or Non-profit Organizations.	This bill taxes the excess value of certain properties owned by charitable or non-profit organizations.	CSNI Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House: Introduced to Ways and Means Public Hearing: 01/29/2026 11:30 am GP 154 Full Committee Work Session: 02/02/2026 01:00 pm GP 159 Executive Session: 02/02/2026 02:00 pm GP 159 Committee Report: Refer for Interim Study 02/02/2026 (Vote 18-1; CC) Refer for Interim Study: MA VV 02/19/2026 HJ 5 	Could have a significant impact on Area Agencies/Providers	Rep. Bolton, Graf. 8; Rep. Schamberg, Merr. 6
HB1295	Oppose	Relative to Eligibility Requirements For Charitable and Nonprofit Housing Projects.	This bill restricts eligibility requirements for charitable, nonprofit housing project tax exemptions.	CSNI Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House: Introduced to Housing ==RECESSED== Public Hearing: 02/03/2026 02:30 pm GP 231 ==CONTINUED== Public Hearing: 02/10/2026 02:30 pm GP 231 Executive Session: 03/03/2026 10:00 am GP 231 Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-0931h 03/03/2026 (Vote 15-2; CC) Amendment #2026-0931h: AA VV 03/11/2026 HJ 7 Ought to Pass with Amendment 2026-0931h: MA VV 03/11/2026 HJ 7 Senate: Introduced to Commerce Hearing: 04/21/2026, Room 100, SH, 11:00 am; SC 15 	Could have a significant impact on Area Agencies/Providers. Restricts eligibility requirements for charitable and nonprofit housing project tax exemptions in New Hampshire. The bill aims to limit the criteria that municipalities can use to determine eligibility, impacting accessible and affordable housing options for low-income residents and individuals in need.	Rep. Dunn, Rock. 16; Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 7; Rep. Aures, Merr. 13; Rep. DeRoy, Straf. 3; Rep. Panek, Hills. 1; Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Rep. Perez, Rock. 16; Rep. Wood, Merr. 13
HB1337	Oppose	Repealing The New Hampshire Council On Autism Spectrum Disorders.	This bill repeals the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders.	CSNI Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House: Introduced to Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Public Hearing: 02/25/2026 09:00 am GP 158 Executive Session: 03/04/2026 09:00 am GP 158 Committee Report: Ought to Pass 03/04/2026 (Vote 10-8; RC) Lay HB1337 on Table (Rep. Stringham): MF DV 159-168 03/11/2026 HJ 7 Ought to Pass: MA, RC 178-155 03/11/2026 HJ 7 Senate: Introduced to Health and Human Services Hearing: 04/15/2026, Room 100, SH, 09:15 am; SC 14 		Rep. W. MacDonald, Rock. 16
HB1372	Watching	An Act establishing a commission to study the feasibility of reestablishing a state psychiatric hospital for adults with severe mental illness.	This bill establishes a commission to study the feasibility of reestablishing a state psychiatric hospital for adults with severe mental illness.	Service System Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House: Introduced to Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee Public Hearing: 02/11/2026 02:00 pm GP 158 Executive Session: 02/18/2026 02:30 pm GP 158 Committee Report: Refer for Interim Study 02/18/2026 (Vote 18-0; CC) 	Watching closely Concerned about the potential of reintroducing institutionalization of people with unique needs.	Rep. Sweeney, Rock. 25; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44
HB1593-FN	Support	Relative to Nondiscrimination Due to Disability.	This bill codifies the language of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination based on disability by recipients and providers of state or federal financial assistance. The bill also codifies remedies available under section 505, which includes reasonable attorneys' fees for certain prevailing parties.	Service System Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House: Introduced to Judiciary Public Hearing: 02/25/2026 02:00 pm GP 230 Executive Session: 02/25/2026 02:00 pm GP 230 Majority Committee Report: Refer for Interim Study 02/27/2026 (Vote 11-6; RC) Minority Committee Report: Ought to Pass 		Rep. Cornell, Hills. 22; Rep. Damon, Sull. 8; Rep. Seilig, Straf. 10; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 37; Rep. M. Hall, Merr. 9; Rep. Balboni, Rock. 38; Rep. Bricchi, Merr. 15; Sen. Long, Dist 20
HB 1685	Watching	AN ACT establishing a commission to study aiding the growth of assistive technology businesses and adoption of assistive technologies in New Hampshire.	This bill establishes a commission to study aiding the growth of assistive technology businesses and adoption of assistive technologies in New Hampshire.	Service System Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House: Introduced 01/07/2026 and referred to Science, Technology and Energy HJ 1 P. 31 Public Hearing: 02/09/2026 01:00 pm GP 229 Executive Session: 02/17/2026 10:00 am GP 229 Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-0751h (NT) 02/17/2026 (Vote 18-0; CC) HC 9 P. 27 Amendment #2026-0751h: AA VV 03/05/2026 HJ 6 Ought to Pass with Amendment 2026-0751h: MA VV 03/05/2026 HJ 6 Senate: Introduced 03/05/2026 and Referred to Health and Human Services; SJ 6 Hearing: 03/18/2026, Room 100, SH, 10:15 am; SC 10 Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1430s, 04/16/2026; Vote 4-0; CC; SC 14A Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1430s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 04/16/2026; SJ 9 	https://newhampshirebulletin.com/2026/04/13/a-bill-would-explore-making-nh-a-technology-first-state-on-disability-heres-what-that-means/	Rep. H. Howard, Straf. 4
HB1746-FN	Oppose	Subjecting Taxpayer Funded Investigations to The Right-to-know Law.	This bill requires certain information from investigations funded using public money to be subject to the right-to-know-law.	Service System Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House: Introduced to Judiciary Committee Public Hearing: 01/21/2026 10:30 am GP 230 Executive Session: 01/21/2026 10:30 am GP 230 Committee Report: Refer for Interim Study 01/21/2026 (Vote 15-0; CC) HC 5 P. 9 Refer for Interim Study: MA VV 02/05/2026 HJ 3 	Many concerns were raised during the hearing regarding confidentiality. The bill was sent to interim study	Rep. Sabourin dit Choiniere, Rock. 30; Rep. Ammon, Hills. 42; Rep. Bailey, Straf. 2; Rep. Corcoran, Hills. 28; Rep. Granger, Straf. 2; Rep. Tim Mannion, Hills. 1; Rep. Tom Mannion, Hills. 1; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2
HB1756-FN	Support	Allowing Organizations to File For Property Tax Exemptions Once and Receive Those Exemptions Unless and Until A Town Assessor Finds The Organization Ineligible For An Exemption.	This bill allows organizations to file for property tax exemptions once and receive those exemptions unless and until a town assessor finds the organization ineligible for an exemption.	CSNI Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House: Introduced to Municipal and County Government Public Hearing: 01/30/2026 09:00 am GP 154 Executive Session: 02/17/2026 09:00 am GP 154 Committee Report: Ought to Pass 02/17/2026 (Vote 17-0; CC) Senate Introduced to Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee Hearing: 04/07/2026, Room 122-123, SH, 10:00 am; SC 13 Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1374s, 04/16/2026; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 14 Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1374s, MA, VV; Refer to Finance Rule 4-5; 04/16/2026; SJ 9 		Rep. Walker, Straf. 19; Rep. Larochelle, Straf. 19; Rep. J. MacDonald, Carr. 6; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 23; Rep. Potenza, Straf. 19; Rep. Bolton, Graf. 8; Rep. DeRoy, Straf. 3

HB1763-FN	Oppose	Requiring The Department Of Health and Human Services to Disburse Funds to Municipalities In An Amount Equal To The Sum Of The Assessed Property Values Of Nonprofit Residential Facilities In Those Municipalities.	This bill requires the department of health and human services to disburse funds to municipalities in an amount equal to the sum of the assessed property values of nonprofit residential facilities in those municipalities.	CSNI Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House: Introduced to Municipal and County Government • Public Hearing: 01/30/2026 09:00 am GP 154 • Executive Session: 02/17/2026 09:00 am GP 154 • Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-0193h (NT) 01/28/2026 (Vote 18-0; CC) HC 6 P. 7 • Amendment #2026-0193h (NT): AA VV 02/12/2026 HJ 4 • Ought to Pass with Amendment 2026-0193h: MA VV 02/12/2026 HJ 4 • Referred to Finance 02/12/2026 HJ 4 • Referral Waived by Committee Chair per House Rule 47(f) 02/12/2026 HJ 4 • Senate: Introduced to Health and Human Services • Hearing: 03/18/2026, Room 100, SH, 09:45 am; SC 10 • Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1431s, 04/16/2026; Vote 4-0; CC; SC 14A • Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1431s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 04/16/2026; SJ 9 		Rep. Walker, Straf. 19; Rep. Larachelle, Straf. 19; Rep. J. MacDonald, Carr. 6; Rep. Maggiore, Rock. 23; Rep. Pofenza, Straf. 19; Rep. Bolton, Graf. 8; Rep. DeRoy, Straf. 3
SB433	Support	Establishing The Seizure Safe Schools Act.	This bill requires schools to train at least 2 personnel in recognizing the symptoms of seizures and the administration of seizure rescue medication in the event a seizure occurs at school. Parent or guardian permission is required for the administration of seizure rescue medicine. The bill also establishes a seizure education program in public schools.	Service System Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate: Introduced to Education • Hearing: 01/27/2026, Room Map Room, SL, 09:15 am; SC 3 • Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 02/19/2026; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 6 • Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; 02/19/2026; SJ 4 • House: Introduced to Education Policy and Administration • ==CANCELLED== Public Hearing: 04/01/2026 10:00 am GP 232 • Public Hearing: 04/08/2026 10:00 am GP 232 		Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Gray, Dist 6; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Perkins Kwaka, Dist 21; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Telerski, Hills. 11
SB608 -FN	Support	Relative to Family Caregiver Support In Certain Programs and Child Care Support For Kinship Caregivers.	This bill directs the department of health and human services to seek approval from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to cover family caregiver support services as an allowable service under specified waiver programs. The bill also eliminates the child care scholarship cost share for children in kinship care.	Service System Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate: Introduced to Health and Human Services Committee • Hearing: 01/14/2026, Room 100, SH, 01:30 pm; SC 47 • Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-0210s, 01/29/2026; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 3 • Committee Amendment #2026-0210s, AA, VV; 01/29/2026; SJ 2 • Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-0210s, MA, VV; Refer to Finance Rule 4-5; 01/29/2026; SJ 2 • Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1050s, 03/12/2026; Vote 6-0; CC; SC 9 • Committee Amendment #2026-1050s, AA, VV; 03/12/2026; SJ 6 • Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1050s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 03/12/2026; SJ 6 • House: Introduced to Children and Family Law • Public Hearing: 03/24/2026 11:30 am GP 230 • Executive Session: 03/31/2026 10:00 am GP 230 • Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1263h 03/31/2026 (Vote 15-0; RC) • Amendment #2026-1263h: AA VV 04/09/2026 HJ 10 • Ought to Pass with Amendment 2026-1263h: MA VV 04/09/2026 HJ 10 • Referred to Finance 04/09/2026 HJ 10 • Referral Waived by Committee Chair per House Rule 47(f) 04/09/2026 HJ 10 • Sen. Rochefort Moved to Concur with the House Amendment, MA, VV; 04/16/2026; SJ 9 		Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Avcard, Dist 12; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Perkins Kwaka, Dist 21; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Rep. Rice, Hills. 38; Rep. Wallner, Merr. 19
SB670-FN-A	Support	AN ACT establishing a developmental services oversight commission; relative to membership and duties of the incapacitated and vulnerable adult fatality review committee; relative to reporting requirements regarding the death of a child in residential care; and relative to the registry of founded reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults.	This bill establishes a developmental services oversight commission, revises membership and duties of the incapacitated and vulnerable adult fatality review committee, revises reporting and investigation requirements regarding reports of abuse of vulnerable adults, and revises notification and reporting requirements regarding abuse of minors in institutional residential settings.	Service System Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate Introduced to Health and Human Services Committee • Hearing: 02/18/2026, Room 100, SH, 09:30 am; SC 6 • Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1046s, 03/12/2026; Vote 4-0; CC; SC 9 • Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1046s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 03/12/2026; SJ 6 • House: Introduced to Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs • Public Hearing: 03/25/2026 01:00 pm GP 158 • Executive Session: 04/15/2026 10:00 am GP 158 • Majority Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2026-1516h 04/15/2026 (Vote 13-5; RC) • Minority Committee Report: Inexpedient to Legislate 	There was a lot of support for this bill in the public hearing although some clarity was requested in regards to data sharing, use of the Quality Council and accountability. DRC indicated an amendment would be introduce in the coming week. <u>Bill Amendment</u>	Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Perkins Kwaka, Dist 21; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19