Sen. Lang, Dist 2 May 8, 2025 2025-2028s 06/08

Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1	Amend the bill by replacing section 249 and 250 with the following:
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3	249 New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs Established. Amend RSA 12-
4	A;14-a, II to read as follows:
5	II. The commission shall consist of 15 members who derive from geographically diverse
6	areas of the state and are representative of the diverse groups, organizations, and individuals
7	knowledgeable about Native American history, culture, and affairs as follows:
8	(a) The director or designee of the division of travel and tourism development,
9	department of business and economic affairs.
10	(b) The director or designee of the Native American Program at Dartmouth College.
11	(c) An archaeologist appointed by the director of the division of historical resources.
12	(d) [The director or] Designee of the state council on the arts.
13	(e) Eleven members from the public at large, who shall be representatives from the
14	Native American community, appointed by the governor from recommendations prepared by the
15	director of the division of historical resources. All interested individuals shall submit a letter to the
16	director of the division of historical resources stating why they wish to be considered and their
17	qualifications accompanied by 3 letters of recommendation.
18	250 Repeal. The following are repealed:
19	I. RSA 21-K:6, relative to the division of the arts.
20	II. RSA 6:12,I(b)(103), relative to the state art fund.
21	III. RSA 12-A:2-k, IV, relative to the administration of the division of the arts.
22	IV. RSA 19-A:1, relative to the council on the arts declaration of policy.
23	V. RSA 19-A:7, relative to the council on the arts reports.
24	VI. RSA 19-A:8, II, relative to defining "commissioner."
25	VII. RSA 19-A:11, relative to the repairs to works of art.
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27	Amend the bill by inserting after section 249 the following and renumbering the original section 250
28	to read as 255:

250 Reestablishing the New Hampshire Council on the Arts. RSA 19-A:2 is repealed and

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reenacted to read as follows:

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- 19-A:2 Council Created. There is established the New Hampshire council on the arts, which shall be administratively attached to the department of natural and cultural resources in accordance with RSA 21-G:10. The council shall operate independently and shall not be subject to the direction of the commissioner of the department.
- 5 251 New Hampshire Council on the Arts Fund. RSA 19-A:9 is repealed and reenacted to read as 6 follows:
 - 19-A:9 Arts Fund; Donations Programs.

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- I. There is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer a fund to be known as the New Hampshire Council on the Arts Fund which shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds and shall be continually appropriated to the council. Such fund shall be the depository of all gifts, grants, federal funds, or donations made to the council pursuant to RSA 19-A. Implementation expenses, the expenses of the council, any employees of the council, and operations and initiatives of the council, shall be paid from such fund. Any moneys in such fund shall not lapse into the general fund of the state.
- II. The council is authorized to institute programs to solicit and receive any gifts, grants, donations, or to received federal matching funds made for the encouragement of the arts and to deposit such gifts, grants, or donations in the New Hampshire council on the arts fund under this section.
 - 252 Powers and Duties of the Commissioner. Amend RSA 19-A:10, IV to read as follows:
- IV. To establish selection committees of interested citizens and experts to assist in the carrying out of the provisions of this chapter. The selection committees may include the project architect, a representative of the agency involved, a professional artist, a local citizen, and either a state senator or a state representative from the district in which the project will be located. The members of the selection committee shall serve without pay, but may be compensated for mileage [by the department of natural and cultural resources] from the New Hampshire council on the arts fund.
- 253 Duties. Amend RSA 19-A:5, VII to read as follows:
- VII. To administer any federal funds received from the National Endowment of the Arts and the [art] *New Hampshire council of the arts* fund established under RSA 19-A:9.
- Appropriations. The sum of \$1 for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, is hereby appropriated to the New Hampshire council on the arts fund established pursuant to RSA 19-A:9. This appropriation shall be used exclusively to support the activities of the council. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.