

HB 314 – Prohibits use of federal, state, or local funds for lobbying

NHLTA Position: **Opposed**

Notes: Carried forward from last year. Vaguely written bill could limit the ability of trustees to advocate for libraries

Status: The House voted Inexpedient to Legislate on January 8, 2026

HB 340 – Rewrites electioneering by public employees law

NHLTA Position: **Opposed**

Notes: Carried forward from last year, blurs the line between protected speech and public service.

Status: Voted ought to pass with amendment on January 7, 2026

HB 488 – Limits officials and employees from serving in multiple positions simultaneously

NHLTA Position: **Opposed**

Notes: restricts residents' ability to serve where needed and undermines flexibility of volunteers and elected officials

Status: Referred to Election Law and Municipal Affairs

HB 1032 – Allows remote meeting participation due to disability

NHLTA Position: **In Favor**

Notes: in favor of accessibility and lowering barriers so all residents can take part in local governance

Status: Pending in the House Judiciary Committee

HB 1184 – Issuance of no-trespass orders on municipal and school district property

NHLTA Position: **Opposed**

Notes: Same as previous legislation (HB 143)

Status: Assigned to the House Municipal and County Government Committee

Hearing: Feb 17 @ 9:00 am in GP 154

HB 1214 – Authorizes a municipality's governing body to assume governance of a public library

NHLTA Position: **Oppose**

Notes: Undermines traditional library governance, risks politicization and loss of local autonomy

Status: House Municipal and County Government Committee unanimously voted inexpedient to legislate on February 10, 2026

HB 1224 – Revises default budget calculation to exclude vacant position salaries and benefits

NHLTA Position: **Opposed**

Notes: destabilizes library funding, altering the default budget in this way would restrict future hiring and make it difficult to plan services, staff and collections year to year

Status: Assigned to the House Municipal and County Government Committee
Hearing: Feb 17 @ 9:00 am in GP 154

HB 1256 – Removes State Librarian authority to award ALA-accredited graduate school scholarships

Position: **Oppose**

Notes: Not currently applicable, but could have future implications

Status: Pending decision in the House Education Policy and Administration Committee

HB 1442 – Requires use of public facilities based on biological sex and redefines the term “gender identity”

Position: **Opposed**

Notes: Undermines library role as inclusive spaces offering equal access for all patrons, unfunded mandate that puts staff in enforcement role and creates compliance burden on small libraries with limited facilities.

Status: Assigned to the House Judiciary Committee

Hearing: Feb 20 @ 11:00 am in GP 231

HB 1447 – Requires use of public and private facilities based on biological sex and establishes that this restriction does not qualify as discrimination.

Position: **Opposed**

Notes: Undermines library role as inclusive spaces offering equal access for all patrons, unfunded mandate that puts staff in enforcement role and creates compliance burden on small libraries with limited facilities.

Status: Assigned to the House Judiciary Committee

Hearing: Feb 20 @ 11:30 am in GP 231

HB 1565 – Penalizes knowingly false reports of child abuse and allows right to sue

Position: **Opposed**

Notes: Could expose library staff and volunteers to litigation, and could have a discouraging effect on child abuse reports

Status: Assigned to the House Children and Family Law Committee

Hearing: Feb 24 @ 1:30 pm in GP 230

HB 1788 – Expands DEI prohibition enforcement and establishes private right of action

Position: **Oppose**

Notes: Vaguely written bill opens libraries up to costly litigation.

Status: Pending in the House Executive Departments and Administration Committee

SB 460 – Prohibits certain sex offenders from loitering where minors congregate

Position: **Opposed**

Notes: places library staff in an enforcement and monitoring role that would keep them from offering core services, most libraries already have policies restricting solo adults from loitering in children specific spaces

Status: Passed the Senate on February 5, 2026 and is pending hearing in the House