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It's Time to Advocate for a Better State Budget

This week House Republicans passed the Senate version of universal school vouchers, with an amendment, and it will go to the full House next week. A reminder that the legislature is poised to expand vouchers for the ultra-wealthy all while the budget the House just passed makes cuts to programs and healthcare for hardworking Granite Staters across New Hampshire.

Hearing on the State Budget on May 6th. The Senate Finance Committee will be holding their only public hearing on the budget starting at 1PM on Tuesday, May 6th. The hearing should go into the evening so if you are working during the day and want to make your voice heard at the State House you should have an opportunity to do so.

But there is so much more at stake in this budget. Cuts to Medicaid which will lead to higher healthcare costs for all of us, and worse health outcomes across the state for everyone including children, especially with the increased costs for CHIP. Speaking of children, this budget also cuts the Office of the Child Advocate which is responsible for protecting children across this state in an effort to make sure we never have another tragedy like the one we saw with Harmony Montgomery.

And lastly this budget makes devastating cuts to the University System of New Hampshire, which already receives the least funding of any in the country. If we want the next generation to want to stay in New Hampshire we need a strong University System. They are important not just to the communities they are but to the whole state.

Action Needed

Oppose the State Budget. Please [submit your opposition](#) to the budget. Navigate to Tuesday, May 6th, Senate Finance Committee and register your opposition to HB 2. This is a crucial time in the budget approval process and the Finance Committee needs to hear from thousands of Granite State voters.

Submitting Your Position and Testimony

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Upcoming Legislative Hearings

Week of May 5, 2025

Note: the /H or /S following the committee name indicates if it is a House or Senate committee.

Date/ Time	Bill	Position	Description	Sponsors	Location
<u>Tue 5/6</u> <u>9:30</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>HB</u> <u>367</u>	Oppose	Changing The Method For Adopting Partisan Town Elections to Be The Same As Rescinding Partisan Town Elections.	Rep. Robert Wherry	LOB 103 (Election Law and Municipal Affairs/S) Hearing
<u>Tue 5/6</u> <u>10:00</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>SB</u> <u>99</u>	Monitor	Relative to Regional Career and Technical Education Agreements.	Sen. David Watters	LOB 205-207 (Education Funding/H) Executive Session
<u>Tue 5/6</u> <u>10:00</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>SB</u> <u>209</u>	Monitor	Requiring Schools to Engage An Owner's Project Manager For Construction Of School Building Aid Projects At The Time Of Application.	Sen. Daryl Abbas	LOB 205-207 (Education Funding/H) Executive Session
<u>Tue 5/6</u> <u>10:00</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>SB</u> <u>72</u>	Oppose	Establishing A Parents' Bill Of Rights In Education.	Sen. Timothy Lang	LOB 206-208 (Children and Family Law/H) Executive Session
<u>Tue 5/6</u> <u>10:15</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>HB</u> <u>699</u>	Monitor	Relative to Special Education Definitions.	Rep. Katelyn Kuttab	LOB 101 (Education/S) Hearing
<u>Tue 5/6</u> <u>10:30</u>	<u>HB</u>	Monitor	Relative to Alternative Dispute Resolution and Individualized	Rep. Lorie Ball	LOB 101 (Education/S)

<u>AM</u>	<u>532</u>		Education Plan Team Meeting Facilitation.		Hearing
<u>Tue 5/6</u> <u>10:45</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>HB</u> <u>446</u>	Oppose	Relative to Parental Notice For Non-academic Surveys In Public Schools.	Rep. Melissa Litchfield	LOB 101 (Education/S) Hearing
<u>Tue 5/6</u> <u>11:00</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>HB</u> <u>676</u>	Monitor	Relative to The Composition and Responsibilities Of The Parent and Education Service Provider Advisory Commission, and Establishing Education Freedom Account Impact and Parent Satisfaction Surveys.	Rep. Glenn Cordelli	LOB 101 (Education/S) Hearing
<u>Tue 5/6</u> <u>11:15</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>HB</u> <u>768</u>	Oppose	Allowing Public Schools to Contract with Any Approved Private School.	Rep. Kristin Noble	LOB 101 (Education/S) Hearing
<u>Tue 5/6</u> <u>1:50</u> <u>PM</u>	<u>HB</u> <u>148</u>	Oppose	Permitting Classification Of Individuals Based On Biological Sex Under Certain Circumstances.	Rep. Jim Kofalt	SH 100 (Judiciary/S) Hearing
<u>Tue 5/6</u> <u>2:00</u> <u>PM</u>	<u>HB</u> <u>191</u>	Monitor	(new Title) Providing Criminal and Civil Penalties For The Transporting Of An Unemancipated Minor In Order to Obtain A Surgical Procedure Without Parental Permission.	Rep. Glenn Cordelli	SH 100 (Judiciary/S) Hearing
<u>Wed</u> <u>5/7</u> <u>9:30</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>SB</u> <u>97</u>	Oppose	Relative to Intra-district Public School Transfers.	Sen. Victoria Sullivan	LOB 205-207 (Education Policy and Administration/H) Executive Session
<u>Wed</u> <u>5/7</u> <u>9:30</u> <u>AM</u>	<u>SB</u> <u>102</u>	Monitor	Making Informational Materials Regarding Type 1 Diabetes Available On The Department Of Education Website.	Sen. Ruth Ward	LOB 205-207 (Education Policy and Administration/H) Executive Session
<u>Wed</u> <u>5/7</u> <u>10:00</u>	<u>SB</u> <u>297</u>	Monitor	Relative to Pooled Risk Management Programs.	Sen. Sharon Carson	LOB 302-304 (Commerce and Consumer Affairs/H)

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Subcommittee Work Session

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