



AGC OF NH PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

Building Infrastructure

The AGC of NH supports efforts that increase the availability of commercial and residential projects.

- Support practical and reasonable efforts that increase affordable housing stock in New Hampshire.

School Building Aid

- Support legislation to fund the construction or improvement of school building in the state.

Building Codes

- Advocate for policy that updates and clarifies state building codes.
- Support practical building or fire code regulations that area consistent for contractors across the state.

Highway Infrastructure

The AGC of NH recognizes the critical role of infrastructure in fostering a healthy, growing economy.

- Advocate for adequate investment in New Hampshire's road and bridge networks as well as consideration of long-term funding alternatives to road tolls, such as road usage fees.
- Support the reauthorization of federal transportation infrastructure funding acts.
- Support efforts to increase federal transportation aid to the state.
- Oppose the diversion of highway fund revenue for non-highway, non-bridge related programs.
- Oppose any action or inaction by state agencies that causes the delay in building or transportation construction projects.
- Support efforts to secure funding for water infrastructure improvements.

Prime Wetlands Definition

- Advocate for clear, consistent, and reasonable policies regarding the definition of prime wetlands.
- Oppose any proposals that would allow areas less than 50 feet across, such as narrow channels and ditches, to be potentially ruled as prime wetlands.

Environmental

The AGC of NH will support environmental policies, legislation, and administrative rules that balance economic development with the long-term viability of the state's natural resources.

- Oppose efforts to make New Hampshire's environmental regulations and statutes more burdensome than federal environmental regulations unless there is a clear justification for doing so. When necessary, regulations should be established and enforced at the state level, not the municipal level.
- Advocate for initiatives to streamline and expedite permitting and regulatory processes.
- Advocate for creative approaches to simplify and reduce the business community's regulatory burden, while protecting public health and the environment.
- Stay actively involved in any proposed rulemaking updates to environment-related permitting, such as Wetlands, Alteration of Terrain, or Threatened/Endangered Species.
- Advocate for clear, consistent permitting rule processes that do not directly cause delays in construction projects.
- Oppose proposals that allow state agencies to overstep their authority in permitting processes.

Project Labor Agreements (PLAs)

- Advocate for free and open competition in all markets, and for awarding contracts based on qualifications rather than the labor practices of individual companies.
- Support policies that prohibit the government from requiring contractors to participate in a PLA as a condition of working on a government construction project.
- Oppose any proposals that call for state or federally mandated PLAs on construction projects.

Human Resource Development

The AGC of NH supports business-friendly labor rules and regulations that balance the rights and responsibilities of workers and management and promotes a safe and secure workplace.

- Oppose efforts that hinder or remove an employer's ability to make sound hiring and management decisions.
- Support legislation which recognizes increased use of technology in business and protects business interests as it relates to communication between employer and employee, privacy, and security.
- Support private sector right-to-work legislation in New Hampshire.
- Oppose rulemaking or legislative proposals that favor organized labor interests over those businesses that are open shop.
- Oppose any proposal that would force employees or businesses to pay into a Paid Family Medical Leave fund without the ability to opt out.