

REBECCA PERKINS KWOKA STATE SENATE

Hi,

What a crazy busy last week! Over the course of three days, I introduced nine different bills, on issues ranging from reproductive rights, to child care, to solar energy. I am so proud of the work that has gone behind each one and immensely grateful for the folks who came to the hearings in support.

Here's how the week broke down:

Tuesday, January 31st

SB 258

SB 258 comes from concerns with our Seacoast community and would aid historical societies through broader changes to the disposal of highway or turnpike funded real estate.

Access to Abortion-Care Act (SB 181)

Abortion rights remain a key fight here in NH and I'm proud to be leading the charge. We've always known Granite Staters support our rights and we got further confirmation: 1430 people signed in support to 424 in opposition, an over 3:1 margin. As the bill makes its way through committee and onto the floor, we need to continue to voice our support loud and clear.

Wednesday, February 1st

Fort Constitution Days (SB 103)


Inspired by members of our community, SB 103 would honor the Seacoast's role in the American Revolution. The Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee moved forward in unanimous support!

Small-Group Childcare (SB 170)

I'm proud to be working this with a great coalition dedicated to removing existing barriers to child care. This bill was received positively by my colleagues and look forward to continue working toward its passage.

Senator Rebecca Perkins Kwoka on SB 170

“New Hampshire families are facing a crisis with a lack of affordable access to child care services. SB 170 will help alleviate the strain on the system by adding a new category for childcare. This new category will allow small daycare centers to be located in non-residential settings, increasing access and lowering costs on the market. We listened to our small businesses, who said that finding a location for a new childcare business was a central barrier. This will ultimately allow for more Granite Staters, particularly women who are most often primary caregivers and the backbone of our labor force to return to the workforce, addressing our severely strained job market. Overall, this legislation makes it more feasible for individuals to raise a family in our state and thrive.”




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Pelvic Floor Therapy (SB 176)

Like SB 170, I was proud to see strong committee support for this legislation to mandate insurance coverage for pelvic floor therapy. This is an issue crucial to new mothers' health but one that also impacts men; by passing SB 176, we can ensure access to care for all those who need it.

“SB 176 seeks to ensure that medical insurance coverage in New Hampshire includes access to pelvic floor therapy. Pelvic floor dysfunction is common during post-partum experiences. In fact, everyone has a pelvic floor. Thus, this treatment access should be available to all. Requiring insurance companies to cover this will make certain that all Granite Staters can access the care they need.”



SENATOR REBECCA PERKINS KWOKA
Senate District 21

Parentage (SB 264)

NH is one of the leading states when it comes to supporting couples who need medical assistance to start a family. This bill helps to update existing law with more inclusive language and create a more streamlined process for same-sex couples. I left the hearing feeling optimistic about this bill's passage!

Thursday, February 2nd

Launching MomsGalore

Launching MomsCaucus

I am so proud to stand with these amazing women, as we launch MomsCaucus! Together, we will support each other as we build community and continue pushing for policies that support all aspects of a mother's life. We must address the barriers that impede many mothers from participating in public service.



Committee to Study Mental Health Professionals (SB 207)

Building off of the mental health committee I chaired last session, this bill would make key headway in understanding barriers within licensure for mental health professionals. The committee already moved forward in a unanimous 5-0 vote of approval and I look forward to seeing this bill through to the Governor's desk.

Low to moderate-income Solar (SB 161)

As a green-energy lawyer, this bill is crucial to In doing so, we are reducing carbon emissions, while increasing property value. The committee agreed with a 5-0 vote!

Upcoming Events

Portsmouth Chamber's Legislative Reception: Last Monday, I had the chance to speak at the Portsmouth Chamber's legislative reception. It was great to chat with folks about our legislative priorities and the bills I've put forth to help accomplish them.



Housing Caucus Meeting: On January 23, we had the first Housing Caucus meeting of the year, a bipartisan group that I co-chair with Joe Alexander. We discussed the Housing Champions bill I am leading along with an op-ed we will be releasing that details our vision for affordable housing today in New Hampshire.

603 Equality Legislative Briefing: I had the wonderful opportunity to join 603 Equality's meeting to present two pro-LGBTQ bills I am working on. 603 Equality continues to play a key role in defending LGBTQ rights across the state as seen just yesterday when they were instrumental in mobilizing against an anti-trans youth measure in Milford. Read more [here](#)!

NHDOT Meeting: On January 26, I had the chance to meet with NHDOT on behalf of New Castle and Newmarket. The NHDOT is undergoing work on the next 2 years of its 10 year plan and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with them on behalf of our district.

Looking Ahead

Today, I will be hosting my first fundraiser of the year at Hermanos in Concord! I'm excited to chat more with folks about our priorities in 2023 as we move toward an all-important 2024 campaign.



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th
FROM 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

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With February upon us, we are given a great opportunity to honor the immense impact that Black Americans have made on our communities—and to recognize the many ways we need to do better in creating a more just society. There are many fantastic ways to celebrate this month and I wanted to highlight BLM Seacoast and these two upcoming events:

Black Lives Matter Seacoast is hosting our Black Excellence Weekend on February 25th & 26th on the campus of the University of New Hampshire!



The Black Lives Matter Seacoast is holding its first-ever Black Excellence Conference on February 25th. This one-day conference is dedicated to talented BIPOC professionals across different industries. The day will include a complimentary breakfast & lunch, a keynote speaker, and 12 great sessions led by BIPOC professionals.

Get your tickets [HERE](#)

**There is special ticket pricing for college students, monthly donors, and an early bird price to go to both events!*

On February 26th, they are hosting their 3rd Black Lives Matter Seacoast Awards Night where they are going to honor Black, Indigenous, and People of Color community members who have contributed greatly to the Seacoast. The night will feature an amazing keynote speaker, a dinner, a DJ, and the honoring of great award winners. Nominations are currently open! View our categories and nominate a leader!

[To nominate someone click here](#)

Lastly, I hope everyone was able to stay warm during that freezing stretch last week! It was great to finally get back out with the girls on Sunday for Skating with the Stars.





Best,
Rebecca

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