

Back of Budget Reductions

As noted elsewhere in this Report, the new State Budget requires certain agencies to find savings in their individual appropriations without identifying specific line items through “back-of-the-budget” reductions. While other funding reductions enacted reduce specific appropriations and line items in the State Budget, these reductions rely on State agency personnel to reduce expenditures relative to their topline appropriations, or specifically their General Fund appropriations, relative to the sum of all individual appropriations allocated.

Total back-of-budget and other unspecified reductions in the State Budget include \$112.7 million during the biennium. These back-of-budget or other unspecified reductions include:

- \$51.0 million in General Funds at the DHHS, which may also impact federal matching funds
- \$32.0 million in General Fund revenue or savings to be identified by the Governor across the Executive Branch
- \$10.0 million in overall funds at the Department of Information Technology
- \$10.0 million in General Funds at the Department of Corrections, including \$2.0 million from certain areas
- \$6.0 million in General Funds from the Department of Environmental Services
- \$1.0 million in General Funds from the Legislative Branch
- \$1.0 million in State Liquor Funds from the Liquor Commission
- \$600,000 in General Funds from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
- \$521,000 in General Funds from the Human Rights Commission
- \$465,000 in General Funds from the Secretary of State’s office
- \$100,000 in General Funds from the Governor’s Office



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HB 1066 Is a Major Victory for Our Lakes! New Law to Stop Dangerous Blooms in Our Lakes

Your support helped legislators take swift action to get our lakes the help they desperately need. Because you gave our lakes a voice (a loud one.), House Bill 1066 has been signed by the Governor.

Hundreds of stories reached our legislators illustrating how worried you are about the poisonous blooms you are seeing in our once pristine lakes.

Thanks to you, the voice of our lakes was heard loud and strong in the State House.

This bill directs the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) to take **immediate action** by creating a plan to address cyanobacteria blooms, as well as funding, and an advisory committee to ensure the plan's success. This was so much better than we hoped for, and all because of you.

And, now the bill has been signed into law by the Governor. None of this would have been possible **without YOU**. Every phone call made, every email sent, every friend and neighbor who acted, was all because you supported this effort. And, it started a ripple in our State Legislature that will begin statewide changes to save our lakes. The lakes we all love thank you.

Because of your support, members of the New Hampshire Legislature learned how:

- Cyanobacteria is poisoning our once pristine lakes.
- Many families have children and grandchildren who are afraid to visit the lake in the summer for fear of becoming sick from spending time in the water.
- Dogs have become sick after swimming through a bloom.
- **This bill is good for our lakes, our health, and our state.**

So they ACTED!



Because of your support, experts will begin to identify ways to stop dangerous cyanobacteria blooms like this one on Tucker Pond. Photograph by Steven Crisp.

Header: Your support is helping to stop the dangerous blooms in our lakes. And, is helping to keep people, pets, and wildlife—including loons—from getting sick.

Working Together for the Lakes We All Love