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The Honorable George Sykes, Chairman
and the Transportation Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 203
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 148 relative to electric bicycles.

Dear Chairman Sykes and Members of the Committee,

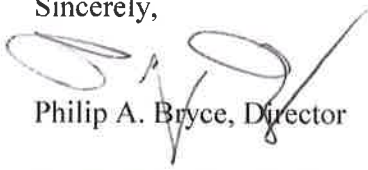
Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation regarding HB 148 relative to electric bicycles. **The Division supports HB 148**, because it retains our ability to manage these bicycles on DNCR properties. This bill defines what an electric bicycle is, and sets parameters to the different types of bikes that may be included as electric bikes.

The agency fully supports initiatives to get more people out of doors and active in our State. We feel that the proposed Class 1 electric bicycle is very compatible with our existing trails that are open for bicycle use. The bill further specifies that we, as land and trail managers, have the ability to make decisions on all 3 classes of electric bicycles and their use on our properties. These decisions will be made through the Administrative Rules process.

We would like to request an edit to page 2, line 23-26, by rewording the last sentence to say the following: "Off highway recreational vehicles shall not include snowmobiles as defined in RSA 215-C:1 or electric bicycles defined in RSA 259:27-A." We believe this would be a cleaner way of adding electric bikes to this statute. For consistency, this language should also be added to the OHRV definition in RSA 215-A:1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in support of HB 148**. Chris Gamache, Chief of our Bureau of Trails is available to answer any question that the committee should have.

Sincerely,


Philip A. Bryce, Director

Cc: Sarah L. Stewart, Commissioner