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New Hampshire Bill Proposes Increasing Tolls for Out-of-State Drivers

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“We haven't raised a toll since 2007, and this is — it is time, with inflation, with the escalating cost of construction materials and the growth of our economy and our population as well,” said Sen. David Watters, the sponsor of the bill and a Dover Democrat, during a hearing earlier this month.

[According to a New Hampshire Public Radio \(NHPR\) report](#), SB 627 proposes increasing the minimum turnpike tolls for

drivers paying with cash or with out-of-state E-ZPass systems. The cash payment for a regular two-axle car, which currently ranges from 50 cents to \$1, would approximately double for drivers of these vehicles. Rates for New Hampshire E-ZPass users would remain fixed. A “frequent customer discount” for New Hampshire E-ZPass users would cap their toll fees at 40 transactions per month.

Discussion surrounding the toll increases comes as construction and roadwork costs have increased by more than half since 2022, according to Rocky Moretti. Moretti is the director of policy and research at [TRIP](#), a national transportation and research nonprofit.

While the governor and the state's Executive Council normally establish toll rates and approve toll increases, the current bill would permit a one-time increase of minimum toll rates, leaving future increases to the council to decide.

New Hampshire Department of Transportation Commissioner David Rodrigue said the department has remained neutral on the bill, but noted that it depends on federal funds and turnpike revenue to sustain operations.

“Any increase in tolls would allow us to increase our capital program,” he said in a statement to NHPR.