

Support NH House Bill 1732-FN (2026) Making New Housing More Accessible and Inclusive

What Is HB 1732? HB 1732 is a housing bill that applies to new multi-unit housing developments with more than 6 units. It helps make sure that new housing includes people with disabilities.

What Does the Bill Do? HB 1732 requires some new housing developments to:

- Set aside at least 5% of units for people who qualify for the housing voucher, which is for adults with disabilities
- Build at least 5% of units using universal design, so homes are easier to use for people with disabilities
- Follow these rules only for developments approved on or after January 1, 2027
- The bill does not apply to existing buildings.

Why Is This Important?

- People with disabilities face real barriers to housing
- People with disabilities are more likely to rent and more likely to struggle with high housing costs
- Many new housing developments are built without accessible units
- This makes it harder for people with disabilities to find safe, stable housing

Housing vouchers only work if there are places to use them. They help adults with disabilities afford housing. Many people have vouchers but can't find housing that:

- Is accessible
- Accepts vouchers
- HB 1732 helps connect vouchers to real housing options

Universal design helps everyone. Universal design includes features like:

- Step-free entrances
- Wider doorways
- Accessible bathrooms and kitchens

These features help:

- People with disabilities
- Older adults
- Families with strollers
- People recovering from injuries

Why HB 1732 Is Reasonable:

- It applies only to new housing
- It does not require every unit to be accessible
- It sets a small, clear standard for future development
- It gives developers and towns time to plan
- Expands access to accessible housing