

Lobbying at the State House

The following are the highest-paid lobbying firms at the State House for 2018, based on quarterly reports all lobbyists have to file with the Secretary of State's office, and some of the clients that employ them.

DEMERS, BLAISDELL & PRASOL INC.

34 clients

\$1.25 million in fees

Major clients:

- Pharma
- Walmart stores
- Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund
- NH Wine and Spirit Brokers Association
- Federal Express

THE DUPONT GROUP

34 clients

\$1.19 million in fees

Major clients:

- Cigar Association. of New England
- Microsoft Corp.
- N.H. Motor Speedway
- Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
- NextEra Energy

SHEEHAN PHINNEY CAPITOL GROUP

40 clients

\$1 million in fees

Major clients:

- NH Police Chiefs Association
- Verizon
- Ski NH
- Hospital Corp. of America
- Anheuser-Busch

RYP GRANITE STRATEGIES

29 clients

\$1.1 million in fees

Major clients:

- American Petroleum Institute
- Bedford Ambulatory Surgical Center
- Dartmouth College
- Lyft
- Vail Resorts

Among the companies with the highest lobbyist expenses in 2018, according to the same records:

Eversource NH

state's largest electric utility

\$283,277

RAI Services Co.

one of the largest tobacco companies

\$234,453

Comcast

one of the nation's largest cable companies

\$167,047

Centene Corp.

one of the firms managing Medicaid care

\$200,000

Anthem New Hampshire

state's biggest health care insurer

\$185,000