

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Executive Departments and Administration

to which was referred **SB 527**

AN ACT

relative to written notice provided by state agencies  
to municipalities regarding pending applications.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 4-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-0681s

Senator Howard Pearl  
For the Committee

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Ben Mickens 271-1403

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