

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 573**

AN ACT

establishing certification standards for facility
comfort dogs.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-0683s

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For the Committee

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