

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, February 12, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Commerce

to which was referred **SB 508**

AN ACT relative to the zoning board of adjustments appeal period.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

SHOULD BE PASSED WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 6-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-0659s

Senator Keith Murphy
For the Committee

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FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE

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