

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Commerce

to which was referred **SB 444-FN**

AN ACT

prohibiting the use of animal testing when other  
comparable methods are available.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-0778s

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For the Committee

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