

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, February 26, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **SB 480-FN**

AN ACT	limiting certain prior authorization requirements for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and similar rehabilitative services.
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Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-0838s

Senator Suzanne Prentiss
For the Committee

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Sophie Walsh 271-3469

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