

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

Thursday, March 19, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Executive Departments and Administration
to which was referred **HB 1204**

AN ACT relative to the grading and use of timber grown in
New Hampshire.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill
OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 4-0

Senator Debra Altschiller
For the Committee

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