

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **HB 1051**

AN ACT

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Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Debra Altschiller
For the Committee

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