

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

Friday, April 17, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **HB 1130-FN**

AN ACT relative to judicial performance evaluations.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-1546s

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For the Committee

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