

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

Thursday, April 23, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **HB 1723**

AN ACT

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Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

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For the Committee

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