

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

Thursday, April 23, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services
to which was referred **HB 1797-FN**

AN ACT	relative to eligibility for public assistance, including the New Hampshire employment program, family assistance program, and SNAP.
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Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE REFERRED TO INTERIM STUDY

BY A VOTE OF: 3-1

Senator Pat Long
For the Committee

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Sophie Walsh 271-3469

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