

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, April 30, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **HB 1598-FN**

AN ACT

relative to notice and proceedings for tenants and
landlords engaged in eviction processes.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-1771s

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For the Committee

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