

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

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **HB 661-FN**

AN ACT	relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments, supplemental security income payments, and veterans benefits for children in foster care.
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Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-1854s

Senator Cindy Rosenwald
For the Committee

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