

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred **HB 1705-FN**

AN ACT establishing an employee assistance program for small town and volunteer first responders.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

SHOULD BE DELETED OR SHOULD NOT BE DELETED
 SHOULD BE PASSED OR SHOULD NOT BE PASSED
 SHOULD BE PASSED WITH AMENDMENT OR SHOULD NOT BE PASSED WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

AMENDMENT # 2026-1926s

Senator Cindy Rosenwald
For the Committee

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Deb Martone 271-4980

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

FINANCE

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Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 7-0.

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