

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Friday, February 21, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **SB 256-FN**

AN ACT relative to the affordability and safety of clinician administered drugs.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator David Rochefort
For the Committee

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Sophie Walsh 271-3469

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