

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred **HB 707-FN**

AN ACT

requiring the department of environmental services
to revise the rules for proposed new landfills.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

BE RE-REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BY A VOTE OF: 4-1

Senator Kevin Avar
For the Committee

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Max Taylor 271-1403

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