

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Judiciary

to which was referred **HB 80**

AN ACT

allowing a public body member's presence at a meeting by electronic or other means of communication only if physical presence is unavoidable.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

IS INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Mark McConkey  
For the Committee

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Pete Mulvey 271-4063

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**JUDICIARY**

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