REGULAR CALENDAR

May 29, 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Finance to which was referred SB 118-FN,

AN ACT (New Title) relative to the personal needs allowance of residents of nursing homes; making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility staff; and establishing the Hampstead hospital and residential treatment facility capital investment fund. Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Brian Seaworth

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

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Bill Number:	**SB 118-FN**
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Date:	**May 29, 2025**
Consent Calendar:	**REGULAR**
Recommendation:	**OUGHT TO PASS**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 18-7.

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