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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION instructing the house of representatives to investigate whether grounds exist to impeach Judge David Ruoff.

SPONSORS: Rep. Belcher, Carr. 4; Rep. Bernardy, Rock. 36; Rep. Weyler, Rock. 14

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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1 Whereas, grounds may exist to impeach Judge David Ruoff for his decision in Contoocook Valley
2 School District et al. v. State of New Hampshire; and

3 Whereas, Judge Ruoff rendered this decision demanding the allocation of over \$500,000,000 of
4 state funds in excess of those allocated by the legislature; and

5 Whereas, this demand for allocation of significant funds, representing approximately 4 percent of
6 the total budget, implicitly further required the levying of such additional taxation by the state; and

7 Whereas, the powers of budgeting state funds and levying taxes are delegated exclusively to the
8 legislature under the constitution of the state of New Hampshire, part 2, article 5 and article 56; and

9 Whereas, Judge Ruoff's decision, in which the judge noted that the legislature is delegated these
10 powers even as he attempted to exercise them himself, appears to represent a flagrant and
11 unapologetic usurpation of the legislature's powers of budgeting and levying taxation, a violation of
12 the separation of powers doctrine, and an extreme case of judicial activism; and

13 Whereas, Judge Ruoff further strained temperance and prudence due an occupant of his office by
14 refusing to stay his own order pending a review by the New Hampshire supreme court, thereby
15 throwing this government into a brief period of chaos until the supreme court did stay his order, and
16 representing another instance of extreme judicial activism; and

17 Whereas, the constitution of the state of New Hampshire places remedy by removal from office
18 for cause with the legislature, as to be initiated by the house of representatives; and

19 Whereas, the house of representatives, in the interests of preserving the separation of powers,
20 those powers rightly due the general court, and the orderly operations of government, must
21 investigate whether grounds exist to impeach Judge David Ruoff; now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives:

23 That the house of representatives shall investigate whether grounds exists to impeach Judge David
24 Ruoff and that a report detailing the results of such investigation shall be submitted no later than
25 November 1, 2025 to the speaker of the house of representatives and the house clerk with copies sent
26 to the president of the senate, the senate clerk, and the administrative office of the courts.