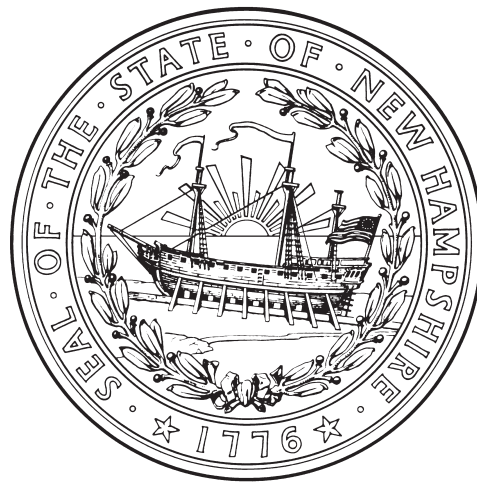


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June 4, 2026

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

The committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly Enrolled the following entitled House and/or Senate Bills:

HB 155-FN, relative to business enterprise tax returns and appropriating funds to the department of health and human services for licensed nursing facilities.

HB 158, requiring the secretary of state to review absentee ballot data biennially, forward certain requests to the election law unit for review, and make a report to the general court.

HB 241-FN, relative to health insurance coverage of pain management services for the management of chronic pain.

HB 281, requiring electronic voter checklists to be supplied in a sortable format.

HB 317, allowing a supervisor of the checklist to verify a person's identity, with identification, if they personally know that person.

HB 340-FN, relative to electioneering by public employees.

HB 396, relative to the processing of cattle, swine, sheep, and goats at facilities not certified by the United States Department of Agriculture.

HB 639-FN, relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies.

HB 707-FN, establishing a solid waste site evaluation committee.

HB 1062, authorizing the secretary of state to conduct random audits of the citizenship qualification of registered voters.

SB 481-FN-A, relative to the sale of the Sununu youth services center property.

SB 534-FN, relative to compliance with certain political expenditures and contribution statutes.

SB 538-FN, extending net metering eligibility terms for municipal energy projects.

SB 564, prohibiting certain municipal development restrictions.

SB 599-FN, relative to the renewable energy fund.

Senator Avard moved adoption of the Report of Committee on Enrolled Bills. Adopted in recess.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

The committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly Enrolled the following entitled House and/or Senate Bills:

HB 661-FN, relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments, supplemental security income payments, and veterans benefits for children in foster care.

HB 1088-FN-A, transferring funding for the water well board from the general fund to a special nonlapsing fund.

HB 1099, establishing a committee to study the cost and liability of providing educational services to students placed in residential facilities.

HB 1102-FN, increasing the research and development tax credit cap and relative to state park fees for state residents.

HB 1141-FN, relative to permitting and fee authority for mining and prospecting.

HB 1184-FN, relative to the issuance of no trespass orders on municipal or school district property.

HB 1187-FN, relative to the time in which candidates for state representative may file their candidacy for a special election.

HB 1207-FN, relative to certain laws applicable to state chartered banks, credit unions, trust companies, and other consumer credit entities subject to the authority of the banking department.

HB 1234, identifying certain school district offices as incompatible for purposes of school district elections.

HB 1260-FN, relative to marriage registration forms and delayed certificates of marriage.

HB 1268, modifying the structure and administration of home education programs and relative to pharmacy benefits managers, managed care laws, notice of drug pricing options and pharmacy benefit manager business practices.

HB 1275, relative to the effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances on agriculture, exempting certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl products from use restrictions, and relative to the definition of "drinking water standard".

HB 1300, establishing a school district local tax cap question for the state general elections of 2026 and 2028 and related limitations on central office administrative expenses in school districts.

HB 1306, relative to the counting of absentee ballots.

HB 1312, relative to the authority of various boards.

HB 1348, relative to possession of human remains for law enforcement training purposes.

HB 1362, relative to motor vehicle equipment specifications.

HB 1374, modifying the procedures for withdrawal from a cooperative school district and the discontinuance of elementary and high schools and requiring the review of school district operating documents by school boards.

HB 1415-FN, establishing a special veterans license plate and creating a fund and administrative programs from the proceeds of the sale of such plates and establishing the New Hampshire first for veterans program and authority.

HB 1469-FN-A, relative to the licensing requirements for massage therapy establishments.

HB 1523-FN, relative to disclosure requirements for homeowners' associations.

HB 1573, permitting excused absences for student participation in certain activities and mandating the state board of education to grant school reassignment requests for students demonstrating a manifest educational hardship

HB 1598-FN, relative to notice and proceedings for tenants and landlords engaged in eviction processes.

HB 1718-FN, relative to authorizing energy storage in connection with net metering.

HB 1723-FN, requiring utilities and electric grid operators to assess and report the vulnerability of high-voltage transformers to geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances, and to recommend mitigation measures to protect the state electric infrastructure.

HB 1735-FN, relative to the practice of pharmacy, the dispensing of certain medications by pharmacists, and permitting treatment of certain severe illness under the right to try act.

HB 1807-FN, relative to mandatory reports to voters.

HB 1816-FN, relative to the intervention of the department of education into a school or school district during a financial emergency and requiring the state school board to establish rules governing the vetting of school district business administrator candidates.

HB 2026, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan; relative to toll rate adjustments and periodic toll reviews for the New Hampshire turnpike system to support the 2027-2036 ten-year transportation plan; and relative to reconstruction of the Gregg Mill Road Bridge in the town of New Boston.

Senator Avard moved adoption of the Report of Committee on Enrolled Bills. Adopted in recess.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

The committee on Enrolled Bills has examined and found correctly Enrolled the following entitled House and/or Senate Bills:

HB 244, updating and recodifying the municipal enforcement of the building and fire code.

HB 1010, relative to multi-family residential development on commercially zoned land.

HB 1042, relative to the cap on outstanding obligations for which the housing finance authority is allowed.

HB 1109, relative to notice requirements regarding public employee suspensions and investigations and recognizing certain positions in the department of corrections as group II positions.

HB 1194-FN, relative to credits for assessments paid by insurers and relative to the application of criminal gambling statutes.

HB 1279, relative to the use of physical force in defense of a person.

HB 1365, relative to applications for licenses to carry a loaded pistol or revolver and relative to the composition of the board of dental examiners.

HB 1376, relative to a parent's ability to raise their child in a manner consistent with the child's biological sex and relative to breast surgeries for minors.

HB 1541-FN, requiring the secretary of state to provide all voting precincts with secure containers for storing ballots.

HB 1565-FN, relative to the penalty for false reports of suspected abuse and neglect made to the division for children, youth, and families, relative to owner's project manager services for school building aid projects, and relative to long-term care eligibility and making an appropriation therefor.

HB 1584-FN, directing the department of health and human services to provide notice of medical and religious exemptions from immunization requirements and relative to notice of drug pricing options.

HB 1588-FN, relative to the regulation of accessory parking for vehicles by local legislative bodies and multifamily housing within commercial districts by municipalities; establishing special assessment districts; and relative to expanding the housing infrastructure municipal grant program and making an appropriation therefor.

HB 1681, relative to the definition, inspection, and local approval of tiny houses and yurts as innovative housing structures.

HB 1727, relative to student data sharing for the Summer EBT program.

HB 1738-FN, relative to ratepayer benefits from the regional greenhouse gas initiative and relative to energy procurement and nuclear regulatory duties.

HB 1772-FN-A, relative to prescribing ibogaine for investigational use only and adopting the physician associate licensure compact.

HB 1775-FN, relative to utility ownership of natural gas and nuclear power generation facilities.

SB 56, relative to consolidating the New Hampshire health and education facilities authority within the business finance authority and establishing a surplus land revitalization program.

SB 429-FN-A, relative to the placement of trauma kits in public schools and making an appropriation therefor and relative to the parental bill of rights concerning the creation of student media recordings.

SB 475, relative to pet vendor foster homes, defining pet vendor foster facility, and relative to cruelty to livestock.

SB 592-FN, enabling regional, conservation, and energy resource planning for habitat strongholds and wildlife corridors and creating a commission to study transferring ownership of the Winnepesaukee River Basin program to an alternative authority.

Senator Avard moved adoption of the Report of Committee on Enrolled Bills. Adopted in recess.

Out of Recess. Call the Senate to Order.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM LATE SESSION

Senator Birdsell moved that the Senate adjourn from the Late Session.

Adopted. Adjournment from the Late Session.

SENATE JOURNAL 15

August 19, 2026

Without Objection the Senate will proceed today without taking a roll call on each bill.

Without objection, pursuant to Senate Rule 2-33 Senator Avard will participate remotely. Adopted.

PRESIDENT CARSON: Senator Avard, can you please state your location and identify anyone present in the location from which you are participating? Senator Avard?

SENATOR AVARD: At home. Yeah, can you hear me?

PRESIDENT CARSON: Yes, we sure can.

SENATOR AVARD: All right. I'm at home in my man cave with my two puppies and by myself.

The Senate reconvened at 1:00 p.m., a quorum being present.

The Reverend Mark Warren, Chaplain to the Senate, offered the following prayer:

Senators, so good to see you again. If your faith allows, let's pray together. Lord, as we begin this important day in the New Hampshire Senate, I ask that you would give wisdom, discernment, and grace to each senator gathered here today. Your Word tells us if any of us lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives it generously to all. So we ask you to guide these men and women today as they consider the matters before them. Give them courage to do what's right, humility to listen, integrity in their decisions, and respect for one another, even when they disagree. Lord, we're grateful for each senator who carries the responsibility to serve the people of New Hampshire. May the words spoken in this chamber be thoughtful, honorable, and may the decisions made today promote the good and flourishing of the people of this state. May we remember the words of Micah 6:8, "Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." Watch over the Senate today, guide its leaders, and bless the people of New Hampshire. And this we pray in your name. Amen.

Senator Ricciardi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

PRESIDENT CARSON: Before we get started, as you all know, our clerk, who had served in this body for well over thirty-one years, made a decision that she wished to retire. And so now, we have an interim clerk, Mister John Shortis. She's trained him, as well as the rest of the staff that we have. So I would like all of the Senate to join with me in wishing our former clerk, Tammy Wright, a very happy and long retirement, that she gets to do all the things she's always wanted to do. She's going to be missed in this chamber, and we have nothing but the best wishes for her.

We also have a new member of our clerk staff, Mister Phillip Blake, please stand up and, and welcome him as well.

Okay, so now again, a couple things. Welcome Senator Ricciardi back. She's in good health again, and that we missed you.

Without objection, the Clerk shall read the title of the Veto Message only and the Clerk is instructed to enter all House Messages into the Senate Journal. Adopted.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to override the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

HB 2026, (New Title) relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan; relative to toll rate adjustments and periodic toll reviews for the New Hampshire turnpike system to support the 2027-2036 ten-year transportation plan; and relative to reconstruction of the Gregg Mill Road Bridge in the town of New Boston.

VETO MESSAGE

Date: July 10, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 2026

As stated when I vetoed Senate Bill 627, I do not support raising the tolls. I will continue to focus on making New Hampshire more affordable for all and a destination for tourists in the region.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte,
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall HB 2026 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Avard, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: (None)

Roll Call, Yeas: 24 - Nays: 0. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 2, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 627

I have clearly said that I do not support raising the tolls. I will continue to focus on making New Hampshire more affordable for all and a destination for tourists in the region.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 627.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 627 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: (None)

The following Senators voted No: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Avard, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

Roll Call, Yeas: 0 - Nays: 24. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

Without objection, the Senate will take up the veto message of SB 552 at the present time. Adopted.

VETO MESSAGE

June 19, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 552

I have continued to ask the Legislature to address this issue in a thoughtful, narrow way, while protecting the privacy, safety, and rights of all Granite Staters. Unfortunately, there is minimal difference between this bill, the bill I vetoed earlier this year, the one I vetoed last year, and the one vetoed in 2024 by Governor Sununu. Trying the same thing again isn't going to get a different result. For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill 552.

For these reasons I have vetoed SB 552.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 552 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

February 6, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 268

I vetoed a nearly identical bill to this one last year. I made it clear this issue needed to be addressed in a thoughtful, narrow way that protects the privacy, safety, and rights of all Granite Staters. Unfortunately, there is minimal difference between Senate Bill 268 and the bill I vetoed last year, which Governor Sununu vetoed the year prior.

For the reasons stated above and in my previous veto statement of HB 148, I am vetoing Senate Bill 268.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 268 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: (None)

The following Senators voted No: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Avard, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

Roll Call, Yeas: 0 - Nays: 24. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 2, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 434

This bill is similar to the bill I vetoed last year. As a parent, I understand and appreciate the concerns parents have about their children being exposed to age-inappropriate or objectionable materials in schools. At the same time, existing New Hampshire law already requires school districts to adopt a policy allowing an exception to specific course material based on a parent's determination that the material is objectionable. See RSA 186:11:IX-c. Parents must be notified at least two weeks in advance of course materials that involve human sexuality, sexual education, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression. If a parent objects in writing, New Hampshire law further requires an alternative agreed upon between the school district and the parent.

As current law provides a mechanism for parents through their local school district to exercise their rights to ensure their children are not exposed to inappropriate materials, I have vetoed Senate Bill 434.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 434 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, McGough, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

June 12, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 468

I do not support the cultivation of marijuana in our state.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 468.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 468 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Fenton, McGough, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Altschiller.

The following Senators voted No: McConkey, Ward, Ricciardi, Avard, Birdsell, Abbas, Gannon, Carson.

Roll Call, Yeas: 16 - Nays: 8. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 15, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 475

I fully support making it easier to foster animals as they await safe, loving homes. Unfortunately, SB 475 includes the same problematic language from House Bill 1766, which I vetoed last month. The language in both of these bills makes it harder to respond to animal abuse and neglect cases, costs taxpayers more money, and could lead to forced euthanasia of abused but otherwise healthy animals.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 475.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 475 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, McConkey, Gray, McGough, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan.

The following Senators voted No: Lang, Watters, Prentiss, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

Roll Call, Yeas: 8 - Nays: 16. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 10, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 481

The budget I signed last year stated that "All proceeds and revenue from the sale of the SYSC shall be deposited in the youth development center claims and administration settlement fund, established in RSA 21-M:11-a." Given the history of the facility, I believe it is appropriate to dedicate revenues from the sale of the SYSC to the settlement fund.

For this reason, I have vetoed Senate Bill 481.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 481 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: (None)

The following Senators voted No: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Avard, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

Roll Call, Yeas: 0 - Nays: 24. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

VETO MESSAGE

July 2, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 535

Senate Bill 535 weakens existing law by creating a new category of residential breeder and exempts these breeders from any meaningful oversight and regulation. By exempting residential breeders (who transfer up to 50 animals in a calendar year) from the successful pet vendor program, the State risks an increase in animal abuse, neglect, and disease. New Hampshire has a strong history of protecting animal rights and continues to work toward ending the abuse of puppies, kittens, and other animals. This bill is a step in the wrong direction.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 535.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 535 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Ward, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan.

The following Senators voted No: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Rosenwald, Reardon, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

Roll Call, Yeas: 5 - Nays: 19. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

Recess. Out of recess.

Recess. Out of recess.

VETO MESSAGE

June 19, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 661

Risk pools are cooperative self-insurance organizations that allow our municipalities, counties, and school districts to manage health care costs and other risks instead of utilizing commercial insurance. Predictability is essential to deliver on this goal, which means reserves driven by actuarial expertise and operations following industry best practices. Unfortunately, both bills reforming risk pool operations fail to deliver on these needs. HB 1491 creates a "choose-your-own-regulator" model that dilutes necessary oversight. SB 661 arbitrarily caps reserves to manage liabilities as well as mandating an immediate policy change impacting current health care policies for hundreds of municipalities and school districts across the state. As we have seen from recent risk pool failures, this is an important policy area to get right and these proposals need more work.

For those reasons I have vetoed HB 1491 and SB 661.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall SB 661 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: Avard.

Roll Call, Yeas: 23 - Nays: 1. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to override the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

HB 1102-FN, (New Title) increasing the research and development tax credit cap and relative to state park fees for state residents.

VETO MESSAGE

Date: July 10, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 1102

I support expansion of the research and development tax credit to encourage businesses to continue to invest in innovation and the creation of new products, however, inexplicably, the legislature tacked onto it unrelated changes to the State Park fee structure that will have a negative impact on our self-funded parks and tourism. The Commissioner of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources testified before the legislature about the detrimental impact of the park fee change proposal on our parks and the bill was killed as a standalone. Adding it back at the last minute to a positive tax credit expansion does not suddenly make it a good policy, and thus, I have vetoed House Bill 1102. I will work to make the expansion of the research and development tax credit law by including it in my next budget proposal.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1102.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte,
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall HB 1102 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Avard, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: (None)

Roll Call, Yeas: 24 - Nays: 0. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to override the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1184-FN, relative to the issuance of no trespass orders on municipal or school district property.

VETO MESSAGE

Date: July 10, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 1184

This bill seeks to establish a state mandated process for no trespass orders issued by municipalities and school districts causing them to expire every 90 days without further action. I have heard from counties, municipalities, school boards, libraries and police chiefs that this is unworkable. New Hampshire's local officials are best equipped to make these decisions in a manner that reflects the unique needs of their communities in a way that protects public safety and respects individual rights.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1184.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte,
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall HB 1184 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Avard, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: (None)

Roll Call, Yeas: 24 - Nays: 0. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to override the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1267, prohibiting school district attorneys and non-school personnel from questioning students without their parent or guardian present.

VETO MESSAGE

Date: May 28, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 1267

I appreciate the Legislature's attention to protecting children and respecting parental rights. However, I also have concerns about the scope and unintended impacts of this legislation as drafted. After consulting with the Attorney General's Office, this bill could both impede criminal investigations and negatively impact public safety.

For the reason stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 1267.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte,
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall HB 1267 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Avard, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: (None)

Roll Call, Yeas: 24 - Nays: 0. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to override the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1369, (New Title) relative to the manner of posting the warrant for town meetings.

VETO MESSAGE

Date: June 19, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 1369

Town meetings are where some of the most important decisions that affect Granite Staters' daily lives are made and play a critical role in ensuring local community voices are heard. The public posting of town meetings notices in print is an important part of notice to ensure participation in the decision-making process. Allowing municipalities to only post these notices online or at the place of the meeting but otherwise not in a printed publication can limit public participation. That is a step in the wrong direction for New Hampshire. For these reasons, I have vetoed HB 1369.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte,
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall HB 1369 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Avard, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

The following Senators voted No: (None)

Roll Call, Yeas: 24 - Nays: 0. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to override the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1422, relative to the time to petition for a new trial.

VETO MESSAGE

Date: July 2, 2026

Governor's Message Regarding House Bill 1422

As a murder prosecutor and former Attorney General, I understand the need to pursue and deliver justice. We do not need to create a novel approach to allow defendants to seek a new trial. Those seeking a new trial already have a statutory pathway to seek a new trial as well as the ability to file a writ of habeas corpus or a writ of coram nobis, options that are well established in New Hampshire case law.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1422.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte,
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall HB 1422 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Watters, Prentiss, Gray, Innis, Ward, Ricciardi, Fenton, McGough, Avard, Rosenwald, Reardon, Murphy, Sullivan, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Altschiller.

The following Senators voted No: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Pearl, Gannon, Carson.

Roll Call, Yeas: 18 - Nays: 6. Veto overridden by necessary 2/3 vote.

Recess. Out of recess.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to override the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1766-FN, relative to cruelty to livestock.

VETO MESSAGE

Date: June 19, 2026

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 1766

It's important that we protect livestock owners' due process rights and ensure fair treatment under the law. However, HB 1766 would hinder the ability of local law enforcement, veterinarians, and animal welfare professionals to respond to cases involving neglect and abuse of animals. By centralizing power with the State, this bill would increase the size of state government, cost taxpayers more money, increase animals' pain and suffering, and lead to forced euthanasia of abused but otherwise healthy animals.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly A. Ayotte,
Governor

The question is not withstanding the Governor's Veto, shall HB 1766 become law?

A roll call is required.

The following Senators voted Yes: Rochefort, Lang, McConkey, Gray, Innis, Ward, McGough, Avard, Murphy, Pearl, Sullivan.

The following Senators voted No: Watters, Prentiss, Ricciardi, Fenton, Rosenwald, Reardon, Birdsell, Long, Perkins Kwoka, Abbas, Gannon, Altschiller, Carson.

Roll Call, Yeas: 11 - Nays: 13. Veto sustained lacking necessary 2/3 vote.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

HB 221, (New Title) enabling electric utilities to own, operate, and offer advanced nuclear resources, and relative to purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities and limitations on community customer generators.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

HB 1726-FN, (Second New Title) relative to the sale of surplus state-owned land and establishing a commission to study the sale of state-owned property.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

HB 1643, relative to the report of a guardian ad litem.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

HB 1610, allowing school districts to annually retain year-end unassigned general funds.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

HB 1565-FN, (New Title) relative to the penalty for false reports of suspected abuse and neglect made to the division for children, youth, and families, relative to owner's project manager services for school building aid projects, and relative to long-term care eligibility and making an appropriation therefor.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1491, relative to pooled risk management programs.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1442-FN, (New Title) permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1358, (New Title) establishing a commission to study transitioning all public schools to public charter schools.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1337, repealing the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1336-FN, (New Title) relative to regulated conditional deposits.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1097, requiring legislative approval of the amendment or permanent removal of historical markers.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 1072, relative to employer notice of department of labor investigations.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 396, (Second New Title) relative to the processing of cattle, swine, sheep, and goats at facilities not certified by the United States Department of Agriculture.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
HB 232-FN, relative to the rights of conscience for medical professionals.

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EARLY SESSION

Senator Birdsell moved that the Senate adjourn from the Early Session.
Adopted. Adjournment from the Early Session.

LATE SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The Chair recognized Senator Perkins Kwoka)

SENATOR PERKINS KWOKA: Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to quickly wish my three girls happy birthday. Yesterday, Madison Kwoka turned three. Next week, Colby Kwoka will turn five, and in September, Logan Kwoka will turn seven. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CARSON: Happy birthday. So now Senator Avard isn't here to sing them happy birthday.

(The Chair recognized Senator Abbas)

SENATOR ABBAS: Thank you, Madam President. I just rise to acknowledge, a passing of a colleague of ours who passed, about two weeks ago, Representative Fred Doucette, out of Salem. Him and I, had a really close relationship with him, he had a relationship with everybody around Salem. He dedicated his life to public service. He was served in the Navy. He was a firefighter for 25 years. Whenever there was a problem in town, he was always there to help, didn't matter who you were. He was always that friend who did what you need him to be. He was just excellent in that regard. I know in my first term when I ran, when I was in the other chamber, he kind of was a mentor to me and taught me a lot. He would tell me where to stand during press conferences and stuff like that, and how to stand, and he was just that type of guy, and he was like that with so many people on so many different levels. You know, it just, it was unfortunate. He was just someone that we called him Uncle Fred in my house. So, it was unfortunate that he's no longer with us, but I know he's in a good place right now. So rest in peace, Fred. Thank you.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESIDENT CARSON: I'm gonna ask that we have a moment of silence to honor, Representative Doucette who recently passed away. Thank you.

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(The Chair recognized Senator Murphy)

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, this is the last time we're gonna be in the chamber with Senator Rosenwald and Senator Ward. And if I may, I'd just like to say how much I appreciate them. Despite any differences that we may have had on policy, I really valued, your advice, your counsel, your experience. You have been a help to me as a new legislator a few years ago, and I really appreciate it. Thank you very much, ladies.

PRESIDENT CARSON: Thank you. I would also like to offer my best wishes. I served with Senator Rosenwald in the House. Yeah, I know, that was fun. And, I've known Senator Ward for quite a few years, and, a lot of respect, and I'm going to truly miss the both of you being in this chamber. And I wanna wish you both the best of luck with whatever you do. but don't be strangers. Hopefully we'll all be here, and, we'd love to have you come back and see us.

(The Chair recognized Senator Lang.)

SENATOR LANG: Thank you, Madam President. So while he won't say it, my colleague friend from District 10 is celebrating his ninth wedding anniversary today, and he chose to spend it with us.

PRESIDENT CARSON: Congratulations, Senator Fenton, and, wishing you both the very best. So let's see if we can hurry up so we can get him out of here. 'Because I'm sure he has plans for this evening that his wife would really appreciate. Just one other one. Senator Murphy's wife is having a birthday, I believe. And so we'd like to wish her, the very best on her birthday.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

SB 661-FN, relative to pooled risk management programs.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

SB 552, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to sustain the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):

SB 434, relative to regulation of public school materials.

HOUSE MESSAGE

The House of Representatives has voted to override the Governor's veto on the following entitled Bill(s):
SB 468, relative to enabling alternative treatment centers to operate a greenhouse cultivation location.

MOTION TO RECESS TO CALL OF THE CHAIR

Senator Birdsell moved that the business of the day being completed, that the Senate recess to the Call of the Chair for the purposes of sending and receiving messages, and when we recess, we recess to the Call of the Chair.

Adopted. The Senate is in recess to the Call of the Chair.