

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB1526

Bill as Introduced

HB 1526-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

31Mar2022... 1181h

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

1526-FN

AN ACT

relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Snow, Hills. 19; Rep. Schapiro, Ches. 16; Rep. McMahon, Rock. 7; Rep. Marsh, Carr. 8; Rep. Langley, Hills. 8; Rep. Wallner, Merr. 10; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24

COMMITTEE:

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Repeal. 2021, 91:424, suspending 2020, 39:1, which required the department of health and
2 human services to amend the income eligibility standard for the "in and out medical assistance"
3 policy, is repealed.

4 2 Appropriation; In and Out Medical Assistance. The sum of \$2,685,192 for the fiscal year
5 ending June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services to
6 implement 2020; 39:1. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money
7 in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

8 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

**HB 1526-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

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FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Appropriation	\$0	\$5,370,384	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	Indeterminable	\$3.8 million - \$7.7 million in state general funds; the same in matching federal funds	\$0	\$0
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

METHODOLOGY:

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The Department states, as of October 2021, there were 6,073 individuals in the In & Out program, of whom 5,104 were in a household of one, 766 were in a household of two, and 203 were in a household of three or more. The current protected income limits are \$591 and \$675 for households of one and two, respectively.

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Department of Health and Human Services

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HOUSE COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs **OTP 19-2 CONSENT**
HOUSE FINANCE: **OTPA 21-0, SENATE HHS: OTP 5-0**
CONSENT

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Department of Health and Human Services

**HB 1526-FN FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2022-1181h)**

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Department of Health and Human Services

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20 the bylaws;

21 (c) Meet at least annually; and

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1 (5) Monitor compact compliance of member states and provide compliance reports to the
2 commission;

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8 265:5 Effective Date.

9 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 4 of this act.

10 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect January 1, 2023.

Approved: June 24, 2022

Effective Date:

I. Section 3 effective as provided in section 4

II. Remainder effective January 1, 2023

Amendments

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13
April 25, 2022
2022-1741s
05/04

Amendment to HB 1526-FN

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

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Senate Finance
April 26, 2022
2022-1833s
05/04

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Sen. Kahn, Dist 10
May 4, 2022
2022-1956s
07/08

Floor Amendment to HB 1526-FN

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2

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2022-1956s

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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE
Health and Human Services

Sen Jeb Bradley, Chair
Sen James Gray, Vice Chair
Sen Kevin Avard, Member
Sen Tom Sherman, Member
Sen Rebecca Whitley, Member

Date: April 7, 2022

HEARINGS

Thursday	04/14/2022	
(Day)	(Date)	
Health and Human Services	State House Reps Hall	10:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)

Note: The committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. or 15 minutes following the end of Session.

10:00 a.m.	HB 1526-FN	relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance.
10:20 a.m.	HB 1608-FN	relative to withdrawal from the state immunization registry.
10:40 a.m.	HB 1662-FN	related to privacy obligations of the department of health and human services.
11:00 a.m.	HB 1622-FN	relative to mental health parity.
11:20 a.m.	HB 1604-FN	including state medical facilities in the statute providing medical freedom in immunizations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

HB 1526-FN

Rep. Snow

Rep. Langley

HB 1608-FN

Rep. Prout

HB 1662-FN

Rep. Edwards

Rep. B. Nelson

HB 1622-FN

Rep. Luneau

Sen. Whitley

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Rep. Lang

Rep. Bartlett

Sen. Sherman

Rep. Blasek

Rep. McMahon

Sen. Rosenwald

Rep. T. Lekas

Rep. Salloway

Sen. Giuda

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Jeb Bradley
Chairman

Senate Health and Human Services Committee
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HB 1526-FN, relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance.

Hearing Date: April 14, 2022

Time Opened: 10:36 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:55 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Bradley and Sherman

Members of the Committee Absent: Senators Gray, Avard and Whitley

Bill Analysis: This bill repeals the suspension for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, of 2020, 39:1, which required the department of health and human services to amend the income eligibility standard for the "in and out medical assistance" policy. The bill also makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to implement the revised income eligibility standard.

Sponsors:

Rep. Snow

Rep. Schapiro

Rep. McMahon

Rep. Marsh

Rep. Langley

Rep. Wallner

Sen. Rosenwald

Sen. Sherman

Who supports the bill: In total, **58 individuals** signed in in support of HB 1526-FN. The full sign in sheets are available upon request to the Legislative Aide, Cameron Lapine (cameron.lapine@leg.state.nh.us).

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Kendall Snow

Hillsborough County District 19

- Representative Snow said that HB 1639-FN (2020) adjusted the income threshold for in and out medical assistance. He said that HB 1526-FN adjusts that threshold, which has not been adjusted in 30 years.
- Rep. Snow said that the adjustment in HB 1526-FN is reasonable, as it had already been passed and signed into law in 2020.
- Rep. Snow said that HB 2-FN-A-L (2021) suspended new money going into the in and out medical assistance program and HB 1526-FN repeals that suspension.

- Rep. Snow said that in and out medical assistance assists a large group of people, but he is particularly interested in community mental health. He said that other people who are helped by in and out medical assistance include people with liver problems or kidney dialysis patients, among others.
- Rep. Snow said that some individuals currently in the in and out medical assistance program could move over to traditional Medicaid and become part of a managed care organization (MCO), which is more effective.
- Senator Sherman asked if the population covered by HB 1526-FN were the expanded 90/10 population or the traditional 50/50 population.
 - Rep. Snow said that he asked the same question and did not receive a clear answer.
 - Senator Bradley said that it appeared to him to be the 50/50 population.
 - Rep. Snow said that that could be correct. He said that others could answer the question better.

Kelley Capuchino

Community Behavioral Health Association

- Ms. Capuchino said that people on Medicaid expect to not pay for their medical bills. She said that the increases in HB 1393-FN (2020) lifted the financial burdens for individuals and providers.
- Ms. Capuchino said that many providers require a guarantee of payment but community mental health providers are required to provide care.
- Ms. Capuchino said that ten community mental health centers incurred losses of over \$7.5 million from write offs due to spend downs. She said that they incur these losses year over year.
- Ms. Capuchino said that a spend down is like a deductible in that an individual has to incur expenses before their Medicaid benefits come into effect.
- Ms. Capuchino said that she has a family member whose fixed income is \$1,255 per month. She said that this family member's basic expenses are \$1,200 for four bills, leaving their discretionary spending budget at \$55 for things such as food, gas, medicine, toiletries, co-pays, and their spend down. She said that her family member does not have \$664 to spend on their spend down.

Jake Berry

Vice President of Policy, New Futures

- Mr. Berry said that the in and out medical assistance program is important. He said that it provides continuous coverage.
- Mr. Berry said that it has been decades since the income eligibility threshold was increased for in and out medical assistance. He encouraged the Committee to expand the population and bring more people in.

Holly Stevens

Director of Public Policy, NAMI

- Ms. Stevens said that the low threshold for in and out medical assistance is not only a financial burden, it is also an administrative burden. She said that people need to track down their bills and have them in one place in order to submit them as proof of their spend down. Ms. Stevens specifically mentioned difficulties for people with substance use disorder.
- Ms. Stevens said that it is also an administrative burden for providers and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), as providers need to call and find out if an individual's Medicaid is active or not.
- Ms. Stevens said that, according to the Fiscal Policy Institute, the average rent for a two-bedroom apartment in New Hampshire is \$1,498. She said that that is above even the increased income threshold in HB 1526-FN.

Robert Berry and Dawn Landry

General Counsel, Division of Medicaid; Medicaid Policy Administrator, DHHS

- Mr. Berry said that HB 1526-FN is an important bill and DHHS supports it. He said that DHHS wants to implement the program but lacks the funding to do so.
- Senator Sherman asked if the population involved was the 50/50 population or if it was the expanded population.
 - Ms. Landry said that none of the expanded population were involved. She said that the population served are mostly the Aged, Blind, and Disabled population.
 - Senator Bradley indicated he did not understand what Ms. Landry said.
 - Ms. Landry repeated that the primary population served by in and out medical assistance is the Aged, Blind, and Disabled population, which is a specific population of Medicaid eligibility.
- Senator Bradley said that, looking at the fiscal note, a program was authorized in HB 2-FN-A-L (2021) but implementation was delayed until July 1, 2023.
 - Mr. Berry clarified that HB 2-FN-A-L (2021) suspended HB 1393-FN (2020).
- Senator Bradley said that fiscal note says that HB 1526-FN would restore the previous bill upon passage.
 - Mr. Berry said that the fiscal note was prepared for HB 1526-FN as introduced. He said that it was not updated for the bill as the House amended it.
- Senator Bradley asked why the original fiscal note had a cost of \$7.7 million but the bill as amended would have an appropriation for \$2.6 million with an effective date of January 1, 2023.
 - Ms. Landry said that the \$2.6 million would cover January, February, March, April, May, and June of 2023.
- Senator Bradley asked why moving the effective date back reduced the cost.
 - Mr. Berry said that moving the effective date back to January 1, 2023 would reduce the number of months the program would cover.
 - Senator Bradley urged DHHS to have an updated fiscal note for when HB 1526-FN gets to the Finance Committee.
- Senator Bradley asked what services the in and out population would be eligible for.

- Ms. Landry said that once the spend down is met, then they are eligible for all Medicaid services.
- Senator Sherman said that it seemed like the real challenge for the in and out medical assistance population seems to be meeting their spend down with their real budgets. He asked if HB 1526-FN fixes the issue of non-payment in order to meet the spend down.
 - Ms. Landry said that by increasing the medical income limit, the spend down will be eliminated for some people and they will be moved over to a MCO. She said that for other the amount of their spend down will be reduced.
- Senator Sherman asked if someone never meets their spend down, then they can never access Medicaid.
 - Ms. Landry said that that is correct.
- Senator Bradley said that he would ask the Committee to support HB 1526-FN but told Mr. Berry and Ms. Landry to be prepared for questions in the Finance Committee about the financial impacts.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 15, 2022

Speakers

Senate Health & Human Services Committee

SIGN-IN SHEET

Date: Thursday April 14, 2022 **Time:** 10:30 a.m.

HB 1526- FN AN ACT relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance.

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Support: 54 Oppose: 0

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>
Rosenwald, Cindy	An Elected Official	SD 13	Support
McKinney, Dawn	A Lobbyist	NH Legal Assistance	Support
Eisner, Mary	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Houle, Normand	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Matthews, Marjorie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Manseau, Joline	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Sinclair, Jill	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Clyde, Terri	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Trudel, Karen	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Almy, Susan	An Elected Official	Myself	Support
Moore, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Doherty, David	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
West, Christie	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hatcher, Phil	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Dontonville, Anne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Pollinger, Erin	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Walcott, Emma	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Schofield, Kimberly	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Nichols, Beth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Pinski, Allison	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Widerstrom, Sally	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Leavitt, Deborah	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Rosenberger, Teresa	A Lobbyist	Brain Injury Association of NH	Support
Gaylord, Heather	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Landry, Jillian	State Agency Staff	Myself	Support
Brooks, Josee	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Duncan, Elizabeth	State Agency Staff	Myself	Support
Putney, Sheryl	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Donnelly, Ryan	A Member of the Public	Granite State Independent Living	Support
SKIDMORE, CLARENCE	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Stearns, Susan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hunnewell, Richard	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hunnewell, Anne	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hitchcock, Elizabeth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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King, Samantha	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Dolkart, Kenneth	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
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Wuemmerle, Nancy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Hamblet, Joan	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Stamatakis, Carol	A Member of the Public	NH State Commission on Aging	Support
Sherman, Senator	An Elected Official	SD24	Support
Belanger, Kelsey	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Griggs, Judy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Cranage, Amy	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
Robinson, Ellis	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support
DeJoie, John	A Lobbyist	National Assoc of Social Workers -NH Chapter	Support
Bernardin, Melissa	A Lobbyist	NH Public Health Association	Support
Rosenberg, Karen	A Lobbyist	Disability Rights Center - NH	Support
HALLOCK, LINDA	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support

Testimony

Cameron Lapine

From: Christine Gauvain <donahuec21@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Yes HB 1526

My name is Christine Gauvain and I am a clinical social worker in Nashua, NH and a member of NASW. I work for a community mental health center and am placed in the schools and on a mobile crisis response team. Please vote YES on HB 1526. In my experience providers often feel pressured to add on services for Clients who have high spend downs so that their spend downs can be met. Once they are met they are able to receive medications and much needed medical care. Centers are then burdened with writing off tens of thousands of dollars of this revenue because the Clients cannot pay the spend downs to the centers, and the centers cannot refuse care. This feeds into our mental health crisis because centers cannot afford to pay staff competitive wages, clients with spend downs receive an abundance of services and strain the system, and if the spend downs are not met some individuals go without medical care or medications. NH is one of the few states that has the spend down system. It may save the state money to do this, but our communities have suffered especially in the realm of mental health. There is no one fix to the mental health crisis in our state but this would alleviate a financial and administrative burden. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely
Christine Gauvain, MSW

Cameron Lapine

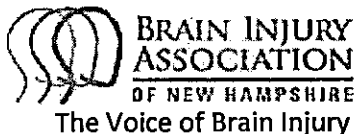
From: Krystal Chase <krystal@bianh.org>
Sent: Friday, April 8, 2022 3:36 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB1526

Hello,

My name is Krystal Chase and I am a licensed social worker and a resident of Manchester. I am also the director of programs at the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire. I am asking that you vote YES on HB 1526 relative to in/out Medicaid. I have personally worked with hundreds of people on in/out Medicaid who cannot access appropriate services on a regular basis due to challenges meeting their spenddowns each month. The spenddown system is antiquated and is not used in any other states except Connecticut, as far as I am aware. Improving access to medical care benefits all of the members of our communities.

Thank you,

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From: Megan Daniels <mrouleau22@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 9, 2022 5:03 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB 1526

Dear Senators,

I am writing as a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and a member of the NH NASW. I am writing to you requesting that you vote YES on HB 1526 regarding in-and-out Medicaid. This program is for those who make too much income to qualify for regular Medicaid but really don't have enough to spend on their medical bills when their living expenses are factored in. They are required to spend down their deductible every month in order to have access to necessary medical care, including mental health services. Some people would argue that every employer or private insurance company has a deductible so why shouldn't this population as well; a yearly deductible would be one thing but this is EVERY month, which is far and beyond excessive for most people not to mention those who are in financial hardship already.

Thank you for taking your time to read my testimony on this issue and for voting YES to HB 1526.

Respectfully,
Megan Daniels, LICSW
Raymond, NH

Cameron Lapine

From: Weare Representative <rep03281@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 11:38 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB 1526
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April 11, 2022

N.H. Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Legislative Office Building

33 North State Street

Concord NH 03301

Re: HB 1526, relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Granite State Taxpayers is New Hampshire's oldest statewide taxpayer advocacy group, founded in 1990 by the late Governor Mel Thomson and the late N.H. Senator George Lovejoy.

GST opposes HB 1526. This bill repeals a provision in the trailer bill that retained the income eligibility standard for the "in and out" Medicaid population at 133% of the federal poverty level for the biennium. In so doing, the bill re-opens the budget, appropriating an additional \$5.3 million in general funds, in violation of long-standing legislative practice: we have a two-year budget, not an annual budget.

The appropriate place for this proposal is in the next biennial budget. - For that reason, GST asks the Committee to find the bill ITL at this time.

Respectfully,

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for Granite State Taxpayers

Cameron Lapine

From: Rik Cornell <cornellr@mhcgm.org>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 1:11 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HP1526

I am a member of NASW and a Therapist for over 48 years. I am asking that you vote YES on HB 1526 and put an end to waiting to use funds to get the treatments they need.



Rik Cornell, MSW, ACSW, LICSW
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Cameron Lapine

From: Ali Huddy <huddyali@mhcgm.org>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 1:21 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Vote YES on HB1526

Please vote YES on HB 1526. Increasing the income level to \$901 would eliminate many individuals from being on a spenddown. This would allow them continuous access to benefits and coverage each month without the need to meet a monthly spenddown before their benefits kick in. There would be less barriers to access given continuous coverage. Individuals would no longer need to worry if they've met their spenddown each month before seeking or scheduling services or receiving much needed medications. Please support this bill and vote YES!



Ali Huddy | Director of Revenue Cycle Management

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From: Pete Costa <costapet@mhcgm.org>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB1526

Good Afternoon

My name is Peter Costa and I am a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker who has worked in the mental health field in New Hampshire since 1997. During this time, I have worked almost exclusively with the most vulnerable of our population—those with severe mental illness and/or substance misuse issues and of little economic means. I have personally seen the desperation of their situation—lack of social supports, housing instability/homelessness, serious medical illness, lack of access to adequate vision and dental care, vocational instability. I have also seen their tremendous resilience, tenacity, and hope—along with an unquenchable desire to be a valued, productive, and integrated member of our society. If you have the opportunity *to really talk* to these individuals, you would be *humbled* with their fearless pursuit of what you and I take for granted every day, all while dealing with a mental health issue that was NOT a choice of theirs.

I have personally seen the devastating and crushing burden of the concept of “spenddown” on these individuals. The idea that individuals need to meet a spenddown in order to access coverage for crucial healthcare—dental, medical, vision, and behavioral—is a concept that is poorly conceived and punitive to our most vulnerable. I have seen individual with life threatening medical illness choose not to pursue adequate care because of the burden of the spenddown. I have seen individuals forgo life-saving, necessary psychiatric treatment because of the fear of “incurring a bill” for which they have no ability to pay—which costs the system more money in the long run. I have personally seen patient decided to forgo necessary treatments because they have to decide whether to pay their rent, or buy groceries, or keep their electricity on because of the burden of the spenddown.

Contrary to what you might believe, our patients have a sense of their duty, their burden to society, their need to be fiscally responsible. Every month, we have seen our patients distress about their “spenddown”. This is one worry with which we should not be burdening our most vulnerable. As a community, we are only as healthy as the most vulnerable member, and the concept of a spenddown places an undue burden and responsibility on the victim. The bureaucratic game of “in and out” Medicaid is something that needs to be retired. I wonder how many decades we will waste before we grasp the concept that a bit of preventative medicine saves lives and money in the long run? Adequate and timely access to preventative and cost effective care results in an individual’s situation reaching crisis and then requiring our most expensive, reactive services.

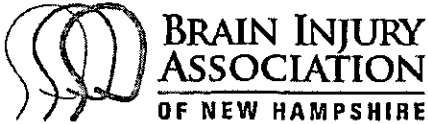
This bill is an opportunity for the NH legislature to demonstrate that they stand for the needs of all NH citizens—including the most vulnerable. It is an opportunity to demonstrate that NH values preventative healthcare in the spirit of better human outcomes and better fiscal stewardship. It is an opportunity to demonstrate that legislation can embody compassion. Please vote “yes” on HB 1526. The individuals this bill impacts are not strangers—they are your neighbors, your friends, your family, your community. Thank you.

Peter Costa, LICSW
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Pronouns: He/Him/His



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of Greater Manchester

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THE VOICE OF BRAIN INJURY

April 11, 2022

Senate Health and Human Services
State House, Room 302
107 North Main Street
Concord NH 03301

RE: HB 1526, relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance

Dear Senate Chairman Jeb Bradley and Health and Human Services Committee Members,

On behalf of the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire's 2,000 member families and caregivers, we urge your support of HB 1526, relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance.

The In and Out Medicaid program provides individuals who are living with a brain injury or stroke the support that is needed for them to continue to live a health life within their communities. The current income rate of \$591 for an individual and \$675 for a couple excludes individuals who have worked and paid into the Social Security system. Individuals are unable to meet the required cost of care under the In and Out program to ensure they receive needed medical services, so these individuals will forgo these services to ensure they are able to pay rent and put food on their tables.

Increasing the rate to \$901 for an individual and \$1,047 for a couple, will allow these individuals to access healthcare services that would otherwise not be covered under their Medicare insurance. This will allow them to remain within their communities and sustain a healthy life.

Thank you for your consideration of support for HB 1526.

Sincerely,

Erin Hall
Erin Hall, MS, CBIST
Senior Director

Cameron Lapine

From: Emily Cowan <emilycowanlcsw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 11:12 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: vote YES on HB 1526

Dear Legislators,

I am a clinical social worker. I've been practicing in NH for over 22 years (and hope to for 22 more), and am a member of the National Association of Social Workers. I have worked with clients who have in-and-out Medicaid, and as a single mother I've had Medicaid coverage for my child. Health care is most effective when it's continuous and there are no barriers to it. When a household of limited means is forced to allocate those means differently each month to meet a Medicaid threshold, it is impossible to create the stability and predictability needed for security, health and peace of mind. Imagine if one month you could afford your doctor's visit for bronchitis, and the next month you had to decide between repairing your car and having that same doctor's visit. Now imagine that if you don't pay for that doctor's visit, it will be even longer until you do meet the threshold for medical coverage. This is not a recipe for effective health care.

Please vote yes on this bill, and give our Medicaid recipients the same access to health care that those with private insurance and Medicare have.

Sincerely,
Emily Cowan, LICSW, NH license #933
Concord NH, and formerly of Lancaster NH

Emily Cowan, MSW, LCSW
16 Fayette Street
Concord NH 03301

tel. 603 631-5152

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"A hungry people listens not to reason, nor cares for justice, nor is bent by any prayers." -- Lucius Annaeus Seneca

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From: Pam Hoskins <hoskinsp@mhcgm.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 3:25 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB 1526

Hello – I am Pam Hoskins, LICSW, a therapist with the Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester. I live in Derry, NH and am a member of the National Association of Social Workers.

I strongly urge you to vote “yes” on HB 1526, as it will alleviate burdensome and frankly downright hurtful encumbrances placed on many people in NH, most particularly the population I have had the privilege to serve over the last 13+ years as a therapist. I can’t TELL you how many times clients of mine have been unable to pay for critically important medications, testing, or other services that could have aided in their recoveries from both physical and mental health issues – simply because they did not meet their monthly spend down. It borders on criminal the way people who are on Medicaid are forced to choose between medicine and food, or their therapy and their rent. Please put an end to this nightmare with your “yes” vote.

Pam Hoskins, LICSW
Therapist – Bedford Counselling Associates
2 Wall St. Manchester, NH 03104
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Preferred pronouns, she, her, hers



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From: Sarah Hart Wills <sarah@branchoutandgrow.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 6:24 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: re: HB 1526 relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance

Dear Health and Human Services Committee,

I am an NASW Social Worker/therapist in private practice as well as working for Monadnock Family Services part-time. I am asking you to please vote yes on HB1526.

In my role as a private practitioner, with mostly Medicaid clients, when they have in and out Medicaid, it technically means they do not get full medical coverage until they meet their spend down (like a deductible) each month. As most of these folks live very close to the poverty line, they can rarely pay for the services they need each month until their Medicaid kicks in. For me it means that much of their mental health care ends up not being paid for. This is hard on private practitioners at a time when we need as many clinicians willing to work as there can be. We do not want to be providing more free care (most of us already do a fair amount) and we do not want more clinicians to give up on Medicaid clients or leave the field entirely!

Please vote yes on HB 1526.

Thank you for your time.

Sarah Hart Wills

working in Keene, living and voting in Westmoreland

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From: carol@justicenh.org
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 11:09 PM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB 1526

Chairman Bradley and Members of the Committee,

I am writing as a member of the New Hampshire Commission on Aging, to express support of HB 1526.

Many older adults have difficulty paying for needed medical services and prescription drugs that are not fully covered by Medicare. The Medicaid program is one option for those who are eligible to obtain additional coverage and thus be able to access needed care and have more money available for other necessities. This can help alleviate financial insecurity for those on limited and largely fixed incomes. This bill will allow more older adults and people with disabilities to avoid the often burdensome "spend down" requirements that apply if their income exceeds a certain level. The "spend down" requirements can be particularly challenging for people who experience cognitive decline or have difficulty managing complicated paperwork.

Sincerely yours,

Carol Stamatakis
Lempster, NH

603-398-5389 (mobile)
Carol@JusticeNH.org

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From: Shanna R. Griffin <Shanna.R.Griffin@hitchcock.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 10:17 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: Bill HB1526

- My name is Shanna Griffin and I am a licensed social worker and I live in Bradford, NH and work at Dartmouth Hitchcock in Concord.
- Please vote YES on HB 1526
- It is very important that our families have access to mental health services regardless of ability to pay. Making it more difficult by adding extra costs to already stressed families is not something our government should be doing.. This appropriated money will alleviate these challenges and provide better access to necessary mental and physical health services

Thanks,
Shanna

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National Alliance on Mental Illness

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April 14, 2022

Honorable Chairman Jeb Bradley
Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Legislate Office Building Room 101
North Main St., Concord, NH 03301

Re: NAMI New Hampshire's support of HB 1526-FN

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Holly Stevens, and I am the Director of Public Policy at NAMI New Hampshire, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI NH is a non-profit, grassroots organization whose mission is to improve the lives of all people impacted by mental illness and suicide through support, education and advocacy. On behalf of NAMI NH, I am here today to speak in favor of HB 1526-FN, relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance.

When a person meets all Medicaid eligibility requirements for one of the Medicaid programs, but is over the income limit, he or she can receive partial coverage through the In and Out Medicaid program. Every month (or every six months depending on which time duration a person chooses) there is an amount that each person must incur in medical bills that reduces their net income to \$591. After they have spent enough to reach a net monthly income of \$591, Medicaid benefits are turned on for the remainder of the month. Because many of these people simply cannot survive on \$591 per month, either individuals go without necessary medical services or providers, many of them safety net providers, don't get paid for the services that are provided.

Year over year, due to inflation, the costs of all goods and services increase. Yet, the spend down threshold in NH's Medicaid In and Out program has remained stagnant. Per the bill's fiscal note, as of last October there were 6,073 Granite Staters subject to this income spend down simply to receive their necessary medical care. The fiscal note goes on to state that if HB 1526-FN were to pass, 998 of these individuals would be able to qualify for one of the other Medicaid programs without a spend down. While it may seem like a small number, for those 998 people this would make a huge difference in their lives, not only financially, but administratively as well. They would no longer have to send medical bills to DHHS to prove they had spent down to the threshold of \$591. For the remaining 5,075 people, it would mean a few extra dollars for food, gas, or rent. Under HB 1526-FN, for a household of one, the threshold would increase to \$901 and for a household of two, the threshold would increase to \$1,047. According to the 2021 New Hampshire Residential Rental Cost Survey Report, the median rent for a two-bedroom apartment in New Hampshire is \$1,498, well more than the income threshold that this bill would establish.

Not only is the Medicaid In and Out program difficult for beneficiaries, it also creates administrative burdens for both providers and the state. DHHS has to process and keep track of medical bills for each person on the program, and providers have no way of knowing when a patient's Medicaid

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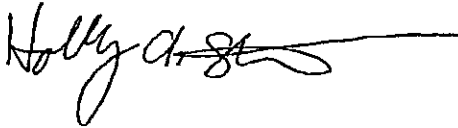
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benefit has been turned back on, without checking daily. Increasing the income limit would reduce the number of people on the program, thus leading to less administrative burden and cost to the state and its many providers who serve these patients.

For these reasons, NAMI NH strongly supports HB 1526-FN and urges the committee vote ought to pass.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly A. Stevens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Holly A. Stevens, Esq.

**TESTIMONY ON HB 1526
HOUSE HHS COMMITTEE – APRIL 13, 2022**

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify before you today. My name is Kelley Capuchino and I am testifying on behalf of the NH Community Behavioral Health Association (CBHA), representing all ten community mental health centers in New Hampshire.

The CBHA stands strongly in support of HB 1526 which aims to extend health care coverage to individuals who exceed NH's Medicaid income limits but cannot afford to pay for their medical bills. The proposed increases originally passed into law in 2020 lifted a financial burden on both the individuals who struggle to access and/or pay for their healthcare needs, as well as the providers who serve them.

While many providers may require guarantee of payment, community mental health centers are required by RSA 135-C to provide services to certain individuals without regard to their ability to pay. In 2019 the ten centers incurred losses of over \$7.5M from write-offs due to spenddowns. These losses are incurred by the CMHC's year after year.

As you know, a spenddown is similar to a monthly healthcare deductible. Individuals must incur the expense prior to their Medicaid becoming effective.

To illustrate the need for this bill I would like to share the following from my recent lived experience:

Individual's monthly income	\$1,255.10
Monthly Spenddown/deductible	\$ 664.10
Basic Monthly expenses	-\$1,200.00

(rent \$850.00; Medicare B \$170.10; auto insurance \$80; utilities \$75; This individual cannot afford Medicare Part D premium)

Remaining available monthly income is only \$55.10 for food, gas, medications, toiletries, copays AND spenddown.

I hope that this real life illustration helps you to understand the significant impact this bill could have by expanding healthcare access to individuals in need of medical services.

The NH CBHA respectfully asks that the Committee recommend this bill ought to pass. Thank you all for your time and consideration of this very important bill. I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

April 14, 2022

The Honorable Jeb Bradley, Chair
Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 101
33 North State Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: New Futures Support for HB 1526-FN (relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance),

Dear Senator Bradley and Honorable Members of the Committee,

New Futures appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1526-FN, relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance. New Futures is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that advocates, educates and collaborates to improve the health and wellness of all New Hampshire residents. In this role, we work extensively with policy makers, service providers and families to improve overall public health and health equity across the Granite State.

New Futures stands strongly in support of HB 1526-FN as it aims to increase access to health care coverage through New Hampshire's "In & Out Medical Assistance" program, which supports certain individuals in need. The "In & Out" program, also referred to as the Medicaid spenddown, plays a critical role extending health insurance coverage to individuals who exceed Medicaid's income limits but can't afford their medical bills. This population includes many individuals who have recently gained employment or increased working hours but are still trying to establish greater financial stability.

Currently, single adults earning more than \$591 per month qualify for the program once they have incurred a certain amount of medical expenses; and the income limit is \$675 for a family of two adults. These income limits, which haven't increased in about 30 years, rank among the lowest in the country.

As proposed, HB 1526-FN would increase those income limits \$901 and \$1,047, respectively. These increases, as originally passed into law in 2020 but suspended in the 2021 budget, would expand eligibility to another 1,000 households. For these individuals and families, "In and Out Medical Assistance" can be a lifeline, helping them to maintain access to needed health care and mental health and substance use treatment, among other services, despite changes in income and work status.

For these reasons, New Futures respectfully requests that the Committee recommend this bill Ought to Pass. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



Jake Berry
Vice President of Policy
New Futures

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From: Maryellen Hurley <mhurley25@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 9:40 AM
To: Jeb Bradley; James Gray; Tom Sherman; Becky Whitley; Kevin Avard; Cameron Lapine
Subject: HB1526

Dear Legislators,

I am writing in support of HB1526. As a retired social worker, I know how difficult the financial spend down policy is for many medicaid recipients. People do not get the care they need because they are unable to afford the spend down.

Thank you for addressing this issue.

Maryellen Hurley LICSW

Voting Sheets

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD

2021-2022 Session

Bill # HB 1526

Hearing date: 4-14-22

Executive Session date: 4-14-22

Motion of: OTP Vote: 5-0

Committee Member	Present	Made by	Second	Yes	No
Sen. Bradley, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion of: CONSENT Vote: 5-0

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Motion of: _____ Vote: _____

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Reported out by: Sen. Bradley

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Senate Finance Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # HB 1526-FW

Hearing date: N/A

Executive session date: 04/26/22

① Motion of: OTF

VOTE: _____

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② Motion of: More Amendment # 1746 & Comm. Amendment VOTE: 5-0

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SENATE
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, April 14, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Health and Human Services

to which was referred **HB 1526-FN**

AN ACT

relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Jeb Bradley
For the Committee

HB 1526, as amended by the House, repeals the suspension for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, of 2020, 39:1, which required the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the income eligibility standard for the "in and out medical assistance" policy. The bill also makes an appropriation to the Department to implement the revised income eligibility standard. The Committee heard testimony that this is a policy they have been looking to implement but have not been able to. The Committee was also informed that the population served by this program would primarily be the Aged, Blind, and Disabled population and would not be of any recipients of Medicaid expansion.

Cameron Lapine 271-2104

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1526-FN, relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Jeb Bradley for the committee.

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Docket of HB1526

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: (New Title) relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance and relative to the executive committee for the mental health counseling compact.

Official Docket of **HB1526**:

Date	Body	Description
12/9/2021	H	Introduced 01/05/2022 and referred to Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs
1/18/2022	H	Public Hearing: 01/25/2022 10:20 am LOB 210-211
2/3/2022	H	Executive Session: 02/08/2022 09:30 am LOB 210-211
2/9/2022	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 19-2; CC)
2/16/2022	H	Ought to Pass: MA VV 02/16/2022 HJ 3
2/17/2022	H	Referred to Finance 02/16/2022 HJ 3
3/11/2022	H	Division III Work Session: 03/14/2022 03:00 pm LOB 210-211
3/18/2022	H	==CONTINUED== Division III Work Session: 03/21/2022 10:00 am LOB 201-203
3/9/2022	H	Executive Session: 03/23/2022 10:00 am LOB 210-211
3/24/2022	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2022-1181 (Vote 21-0; RC)
3/31/2022	H	Amendment #2022-1181h : AA VV 03/31/2022 HJ 9
3/31/2022	H	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2022-1181h: MA VV 03/31/2022 HJ 9
4/5/2022	S	Introduced 03/31/2022 and Referred to Health and Human Services; SJ 8
4/7/2022	S	Hearing: 04/14/2022, Room Repts Hall, SH, 10:30 am; SC 15
4/14/2022	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 04/21/2022; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 16
4/21/2022	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; Refer to Finance Rule 4-5; 04/21/2022; SJ 9
4/27/2022	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2022-1833s , 05/05/2022; SC 18
5/5/2022	S	Committee Amendment #2022-1833s , AA, VV; 05/05/2022; SJ 11
5/5/2022	S	Sen. Kahn Floor Amendment #2022-1956s , AA, VV; 05/05/2022; SJ 11
5/5/2022	S	Ought to Pass with Amendments 2022-1833s and 2022-1956s, MA, VV; OT3rdg; 05/05/2022; SJ 11
5/13/2022	H	House Concurs with Senate Amendment (Rep. M. Pearson): MA VV 05/12/2022 HJ 13
6/9/2022	S	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2022-2108e Adopted, VV, (In recess of 05/26/2022); SJ 13
6/9/2022	H	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2022-2108-EBA : AA VV (in recess of) 05/26/2022
6/14/2022	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 05/26/2022); SJ 13
6/14/2022	H	Enrolled (in recess of) 05/26/2022 HJ 14
6/29/2022	H	Signed by Governor Sununu 06/27/2022; Chapter 265; I. Sec 3 eff as provided in sec 4 II. Rem eff. 01/01/2023 HJ 14

Other Referrals

June 8, 2022
2022-2108-EBA
08/10

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1526-FN

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred HB 1526-FN

AN ACT relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1526-FN

This enrolled bill amendment corrects the title of the bill and makes a technical correction to RSA numbering.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1526-FN

Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

AN ACT relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance and relative to the executive committee for the mental health counseling compact.

Amend RSA 330-D:8, IV as inserted by section 3 of the bill by replacing lines 8 through 12 with the following:

counselor organizations to be selected by their respective organizations; and

(3) The commission may remove any member of the executive committee as provided in the bylaws;

(c) Meet at least annually; and

(d) Have the following duties and responsibilities:

Senate Inventory Checklist for Archives

Bill Number: HB 1526 - FN

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Bill Hearing Documents: {Legislative Aides}

Bill version as it came to the committee

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Hearing Sign-up sheet(s)

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Hearing Report

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- amendment # 17415 - amendment # _____

- amendment # 18335 - amendment # _____

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Floor Action Documents: {Clerk's Office}

All floor amendments considered by the body during session (only if they are offered to the senate):

- amendment # 19564 - amendment # _____

- amendment # _____ - amendment # _____

Post Floor Action: (if applicable) {Clerk's Office}

Committee of Conference Report (if signed off by all members. Include any new language proposed by the committee of conference):

Enrolled Bill Amendment(s) 2108e

Governor's Veto Message

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