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## **Morse statement on privatizing operations at Cannon Mountain** *Finance Committee to amend HB 74 for savings and efficiencies*

(Concord) Senate Finance Chairman Chuck Morse, R-Salem, issued the following statement today regarding state-owned Cannon Mountain:

"In an effort to find additional savings and efficiencies in the budget, the Senate Finance Committee intends to amend House Bill 74 to allow for the privatization of operations at Cannon Mountain. With the challenges we face in balancing the budget, it's critical that we find creative solutions and that includes asking questions such as whether or not the state should be in the business of running a ski resort. As a result, we are exploring the possibility of turning the management of the ski area over to a private company. The future revenues we will realize by leasing Cannon would benefit the capital needs of our state park system. This proposal is also in line with other reforms the senate is currently considering."

**Note:** Public testimony regarding HB 74 is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Finance Committee on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in Room 103 of the State House.

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