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## **Senate President Statement on Day One of Budget Negotiations Regarding Medicaid Expansion**

CONCORD – Senate President Peter Bragdon, R-Milford, issued the following statement at the conclusion of the first day of budget negotiations between the House and Senate that centered heavily on the issue of Medicaid Expansion:

“The Senate continues to believe a cautious approach to Medicaid Expansion is in order. We need to ensure the idea of Medicaid Expansion is fully vetted. This is a \$2.5 billion decision, so we need the opportunity to look under the hood and ask tough questions about what is best for New Hampshire. Anything less is simply unacceptable. If the House can take the time to hold 28 separate meetings to review the recently defeated gaming bill, then surely the decision regarding whether to accept Medicaid Expansion rises to that same level of review, if not more. The Senate supports creating a study commission to help us all understand what major financial responsibilities our state may assume going forward.”

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