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Senate increases funds to Community College System and University System

Concord, NH – The Senate Finance Committee today voted to restore \$5.5 million per year in state funding to the University System of New Hampshire. They also voted to add \$1.25 million per year to the Community College System of New Hampshire as part of a plan that would allow CCSNH to freeze tuition over the next two years.

The Finance Committee also approved an amendment today aimed at improving the relationship between the Legislature and the University System. Both the Speaker and Senate President would gain seats on the USNH Board. The alumni of Granite State College would also elect a Board Member.

“Higher Education in New Hampshire continues to be a priority in the Senate, especially because the University System of New Hampshire has some of the highest in-state tuition rates in the nation and it is pertinent that we do what we can to keep costs from continuing to rise,” said Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem).

“We are encouraged to see the Community College System will freeze tuition with this increased level of funding over the next two years. We hope that the University System of New Hampshire will consider doing the same to keep education costs down for students in our state. This would be welcome news to current and future students attending universities in our state,” Morse added.

“By including members of the Legislature on the University System’s board, we will be able to participate in dialogue on a more regular basis in an effort to improve educational opportunities for students statewide,” Morse continued.

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