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### **Senate Finance delays decision on NH Health Protection Program re-authorization**

Concord, NH – Senate Finance voted down an amendment that would reauthorize the NH Health Protection Program (NH HPP), a pilot program, as part of the state's FY 16-17 operating budget.

"While we have seen positive preliminary results indicating a reduction in emergency room visits and uncompensated care, we believe the vote to re-authorize the NH HPP should occur next year when the plan has been fully implemented," said Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro).

"Waiting until next year will allow more information to be considered so the legislature can make a informed decision regarding continuation of the program," continued Bradley.

"It is premature to consider re-authorization before the program has been fully implemented and we see outcomes in a more conclusive way," said Senate Finance Chair Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith).

"With more comprehensive data, we will have a stronger grasp of the effectiveness of this program next year when we will review and discuss the foundation for re-authorization," added Forrester.

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