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Senate clears bill expanding definition of invasive aquatic species

Concord, NH -The Senate today approved legislation aimed at curbing the spread of invasive species into New Hampshire's rivers and lakes. HB 281 expands the definition of invasive species to cover animals, as well as plants, and expands the duties of the Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee.

"New Hampshire waters are under threat from both animals and plants spreading here from other states and countries," said Senator Jerry Little (R-Weare), a co-sponsor of HB 281. "With no natural predators to slow them down, these invasive species can take over, and dramatically transform our beautiful lakes."

"As the Senator representing the Sunapee Lakes Region of our state, I understand just how vital a healthy lake ecosystem is to the state's tourism industry, many small businesses, and property owners, as well as other aquatic plants and wildlife in the region. We have a responsibility to stop the spread of invasive species and this legislation will give the Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee the tools it needs to do that important job."

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