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### **Forrester addresses Joint Fiscal Committee requests, vetoed budget impact**

Concord, NH - Today, the Joint Fiscal Committee took up 40 requests from state agencies, approved transfers within existing programs, but tabled consideration of new programs that were included in the FY16-17 budget vetoed by Governor Hassan.

"We took our time to carefully consider each item on today's Joint Fiscal Committee agenda individually and discussed the impact each transfer, acceptance, or disbursement of funds would have on our citizens as well as the budget moving forward," said Senator Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith), who serves on the Joint Fiscal Committee.

"Our goal was to prevent as much harm to individuals, families, and those with disabilities as possible by approving spending under existing programs. However, spending on new items should be taken up by the full legislature, which is why I voted down or to table items that fell into this category," said Forrester

"The budget veto continues to have a significant impact by stalling new programs and limiting state agencies abilities to implement new programs, hire new employees, and plan for the future. The veto has done more harm than good for the State of New Hampshire. I continue to urge the legislature to vote for a veto override on September 16<sup>th</sup> because it is the most effective way of putting New Hampshire back on track," Forrester added.

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