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### **Fiscal Committee tables request to alter Retiree Health Benefit Plan**

Concord, NH - Today, the Fiscal Committee voted to table a request from the Department of Administrative Services which would have authorized changes to the state's Retiree Health Benefit Plan, increasing co pay and out of pocket costs for retirees both over and under the age of 65.

Senator Andy Sanborn released the following statement after the vote.

"I do not support the plan proposed today that was developed between the Governor's office and the Department of Administrative Services which is aimed at restoring a \$10 million deficit in the Retiree Health Benefit Plan by raising costs for retirees over the age of 65," said Andy Sanborn (R-Bedford).

"Many retirees over 65 live within tight budgets and any increase in healthcare costs could put them in an unfair, unexpected, and unstable financial situation when they were originally promised a certain level of health benefit coverage by the state before making the decision to retire."

"The Fiscal Committee will continue to study these issues and the concerns of retirees and help develop a long-term plan that does not place burden of additional healthcare related costs on the over 65 retiree population," added Sanborn.

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