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Joint Fiscal Committee votes on solution for \$10.6 Million retiree healthcare shortfall

Concord, NH -- Today, the Joint Fiscal Committee concluded its work on the Retiree Health Insurance Program, which is projected to face a shortfall of \$10.6 million.

Senate Finance Chair Jeannie Forrester (R-Meredith), and Senator Jerry Little (R-Weare) issued the following statements in response to the plan approved by the Fiscal Committee.

"Today's decision by the Fiscal Committee represents the culmination of a lot of hard work by a number of people. However, only in the last hours did the Governor make it known she was not willing to come to the table to solve this funding shortfall in a bipartisan fashion," said Senator Jeannie Forrester. "From the conversations that we had, it was clear that the Governor had no interest in working on a long-term solution to this problem that would protect our state's retirees from incurring unexpected costs."

"The plan passed by Fiscal avoids co-pay and deductible increases, which would have been implemented under the Governor's plan," said Senator Little.

"Our plan does the least amount of harm to retirees and is far better than the harsh measures proposed by the Governor that included higher co-pays and deductibles," said Senator Forrester.

"Most importantly, it means that healthcare for our retirees will not end in March 2017 because the fund has run dry," concluded Senator Forrester.

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