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Forrester seeks sustainable fix for NH retiree health care shortfalls

Concord, NH - Today, the Senate Finance Committee approved a bill, HB 1591, creating both a short-term fix and long-term plan to address the retiree healthcare system that faces an immediate shortfall of \$700,000, with an even larger shortfall estimated in years to come.

Senator Jeanie Forrester (R-Meredith) issued a statement following the committee vote.

"A few months ago, we learned that the New Hampshire retiree healthcare system would face a \$700,000 shortfall at the end of 2017. We also heard from the Department of Administrative Services' Commissioner that the department needed tools to address potential issues in the retiree health care system beyond the current budget."

"The legislation approved by Senate Finance today serves as a solution to both issues and ensures that there are no gaps in the coverage vital to New Hampshire's retirees, many of whom are reliant on this program for all of their medical care coverage."

"I am thankful for the support of my Senate colleagues in making sure New Hampshire's retirees continue to receive health care benefits."

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