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### **Morse, Bradley support increased drug interdiction efforts in NH**

Concord, NH - Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem) and Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) issued a statement following the committee recommendation of ought to pass on SB 131-FN-A which would provide additional state troopers to participate in drug interdiction efforts across New Hampshire.

"After putting in place a number of programs and funding to curb the heroin and opioid crisis over the past two years, we've seen incredible results coming out of programs like Granite Hammer," said Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem). "Today, we also learned that the number of opioid-related overdoses has dropped to the lowest rate in over a year in both the cities of Nashua and Manchester which tells us that the local and state-wide efforts are working to slow this crisis."

"Initiatives like Granite Hammer are designed to provide additional resources for local police departments, allowing them to team up with state troopers to focus exclusively on drug interdiction efforts, targeting high crime days and times. It is critical to ensure the longevity of programs that have proven to be successful in combating the heroin crisis and this legislation would provide additional resources to continue and expand this important work," said Morse.

"After nearly 500 heroin and fentanyl related overdose deaths last year, we need to continue to focus our efforts on programs that have proven to be effective in the areas of prevention, treatment and recovery, but also successful drug interdiction work that takes dealers and drugs off of our streets," Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro). "This is just one piece of the solution to ending the heroin crisis in our state; however, by providing additional troopers and resources to commit to drug interdiction work in our communities, we are sending a strong message that this illicit behavior will not be tolerated in New Hampshire. "

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