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### **Morse, Bradley urge House Committee support for cross border drug interdiction efforts**

Concord, NH - Today, the House Criminal Justice and Public Safety committee heard SB 131, a bill to establish a cross border drug interdiction program.

This legislation outlines program that would use Fiscal Year '17 funds to add five state troopers to work with Massachusetts officials targeting drugs and dealers at the border. This bill also adds \$2.4 million to expand the successful Granite Hammer Program, allowing more communities to take advantage of drug interdiction efforts.

Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem) and Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) issued the following statements after the hearing:

"New Hampshire's opioid crisis continued to be a major priority for the Senate and this legislation serves to target drug dealers, cutting the supply of deadly drugs, including heroin and fentanyl, from coming into this state," said Senate President Chuck Morse (R-Salem).

"Adding five additional troopers who will work directly with Massachusetts police and officials will make better use of our resources and critical information that leads to greater prevention of drugs crossing the border."

"We realize that curbing this crisis requires a multifaceted approach providing programs and resources for prevention, treatment and recovery, but we should also be providing law enforcement with the tools they need to stop illegal drug activity before it reaches our communities," added Morse.

"This legislation also serves to expand the Granite Hammer program which has shown considerable success in removing drug dealers from our streets, limiting the supply of heroin and fentanyl in our communities. It is programs like Granite Hammer that have a record of success where we continue to focus our efforts," said Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro).

"I want to thank Governor Sununu for his dedication to resolving the opioid crisis and for his leadership in bringing New Hampshire and Massachusetts officials together to work on cutting the supply of deadly drugs. I encourage the House to support adding troopers for cross border interdiction and expanding successful Granite Hammer program," said Bradley.

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