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Avard praises Senate Finance budget increase, responsive funding for DD community

Concord, NH - Senator Kevin Avard (R-Nashua) issued the following statement on the Developmental Disabilities waitlist funding in the Senate's Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget.

"We are all here for one reason: to help our friends and neighbors in need and provide individuals living with a developmental disability with community support and independence that can improve their quality of life."

"The budget before us today in the Senate has both increased funding by \$57 million over the last budget and has created a more responsive funding mechanism to address the changing needs of families with a disabled child."

"Additionally, this budget provides \$250.1 million in Fiscal Year 18 and \$260.9 million in Fiscal Year 19 while allowing the Department of Health and Human Services the ability to request up to \$4 million per year in additional general funds with the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee, if necessary, to respond to changes in the level of care and number of patients in need of these services."

"I support the work done in the Senate Finance Committee budget and I hope that my Senate colleagues can agree that we should pass this budget and provide our friends and neighbors with a high quality of life they deserve."

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