

Senate Finance Committee

Budget Briefing

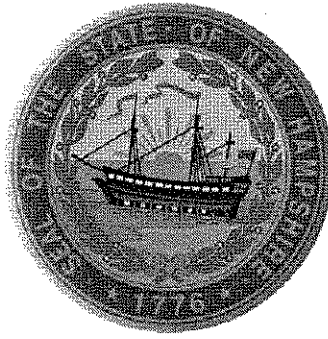


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Dear Honorable Senators,

On April 6th, the Senate Finance Committee began the long, arduous task of compiling a budget proposal for the State of New Hampshire. Our priorities were simple: ensure our most vulnerable citizens' needs are met, help support job creation and economic growth by reducing undue burdens on New Hampshire's small businesses by lowering taxes, protect taxpayers and live within our means.

The budget proposal before you is a thoughtful, conservative, yet compassionate budget that reflects our State's most important priorities.

I am proud that in this proposal of \$11.326 billion in total funds, which does not contain any new taxes, we have accomplished these goals and many more that will make the State of New Hampshire a better place to live and work.

The Senate Finance Committee's proposal takes aim at lowering business taxes to increase the number of quality jobs available, grow the State's economy, and restore a competitive business environment. New Hampshire will also see fully-funded Department of Health and Human Services programs, including Meals on Wheels, ServiceLink and Developmental Disabilities Services, including the waitlist, increased funding to critical drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment programs, support in funding Higher Education and local education state-wide, resources for improving transportation infrastructure, a stronger Rainy Day Fund, and an enhanced commitment to public safety.

This conservative plan will restore New Hampshire's reputation of being a great place to do business and provide a renewed emphasis on the importance of building a strong economic future for all the families who call the Granite State home.

I am thankful for all of the hard work and support from the Senate Finance Committee in producing a responsible budget proposal.

Thank you,

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Jeanie Forrester
Senate Finance Chair
District 2, R-Meredith

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Jerry Little
Senate Finance Vice Chair
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