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Senate Leadership Applauds Passage of Budget that Moves New Hampshire Forward

CONCORD—Today, the New Hampshire Senate passed HB 3 and HB 4 a compromise on the state budget.

Following the vote, Senate Leadership released the following statements:

“Budgets are a statement of our values, and this budget compromise makes clear that New Hampshire values the people of our state and is committed to ensuring every Granite Stater has the resources and opportunities they need to thrive,” said **Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester)**. “I am grateful for the hard work and leadership of budget writers in the House and Senate, particularly Representative Wallner and Senator D’Allesandro, for shepherding forward a fiscally responsible budget that preserves Democratic priorities including increased funding for mental health, child protection, and public education.”

Senate Finance Chair Lou D’Allesandro (D-Manchester) added, “New Hampshire should be proud that this compromise budget protects significant increases for education funding and municipal aid that will advance educational opportunities for all students, freeze in-state tuition at state colleges and universities, and support our cities and towns by providing critical relief to property taxpayers across the state.”

“Throughout the budget process, Democrats in the House and Senate have remained committed to building a budget that moves New Hampshire forward—and that is achieved in this compromise budget. No compromise is perfect, but I am pleased the Democrats delivered on their promise to prioritize Granite Staters by finally fully funding full-day kindergarten and implementing consistent affordable housing funding. Additionally, this budget increases funding for childhood lead poisoning prevention, mental health services, and substance use disorder treatment as well as implements long overdue Medicaid reimbursement rate increases to support our caregivers,” said **Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes (D-Concord)**.

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