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Senate Democrats' Granite Promise Plan to Provide COVID-19 Relief & Recovery for New Hampshire Workers Sent to Governor

CONCORD - Today, HB 1166, a portion of the Senate Democrats' Granite Promise Plan addressing worker safety and unemployment insurance was delivered to the Secretary of State. It next goes to the governor's desk where he will have five business days to sign, veto, or allow the bill to become law without his signature.

Senate Majority Leader Dan Feltes (D-Concord) issued the following statement in response:

"HB 1166 is about getting people back to work – safely. For those who have lost their jobs, and in turn their financial security, we need to put into law the current temporary relief measures including eliminating the one-week waiting period, which was vetoed last year by Governor Sununu, ensure proper funding for the unemployment insurance trust fund, and upgrade the computer system so no Granite Stater is systematically denied help like so many of our self employed workers. For those going back to work, HB 1166 waives cost-sharing and out-of-network charges for the testing and treatment for COVID-19 and extends FMLA unpaid leave for COVID-19 related reasons. It ensures free PPE for our small businesses to protect the health and safety of employees and customers. If the economy is going to begin to recover we have to support our workers and small businesses over big insurance. It is critical HB 1166 gets signed into law to ensure financial security and to safely get people back to work."

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