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Governor Sununu Vetoes HB 1234

CONCORD – Today, Governor Sununu vetoed HB 1234, an omnibus bill relative to state and local government administration.

Senate President Donna Soucy (D-Manchester) issued the following statement in response:

“Despite a global pandemic, the Legislature worked hard to complete the people’s work and to ensure public transparency throughout the entirety of our remote legislative activities. Every bill passed - including HB 1234 - was printed in the Senate calendar, had a public hearing and committee vote, and was voted on by the full Senate and House. For the Governor to suggest otherwise is inaccurate and frankly offensive.

HB 1234 was not a partisan bill; its contents were administrative bills essential to continuity of government. In vetoing it, Governor Sununu struck down requests from his own department heads in addition to prime sponsored legislation from Senate Minority Leader Chuck Morse, House Minority Leader Dick Hinch, and House and Senate Republican leaders Jeb Bradley and Sherm Packard.

While the issues this bill encompassed were not political, they were incredibly important to constituents, state agencies, and New Hampshire’s economy. Governor Sununu’s inclination to veto rather than engage in the legislative process has today thwarted critical efforts to increase sales opportunities for New Hampshire farmers, expand sports betting opportunities for New Hampshire cities, and expand renewable energy capacity.”

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On Background:

- Of the 38 bills comprised in HB 1234, 18 were introduced by Republicans. One was a request of the Adjutant General and another was a request from the Banking Department. Further, 27 had already been voted on in their originating bodies and were passed on a voice vote. The details are as follows:
 - SB 423 *relative to the election of charter commission members* - **Senator D’Allesandro**

- HB 1234 *relative to the heating of certain state-owned buildings in Concord and making an appropriation therefor* - **Rep. Mary Jane Wallner** - **passed House on VV**
- HB 1259 *relative to the rulemaking authority of the department of information technology* - **Rep. L Ober (R)** - **passed House on VV**
- HB 1326 *requiring the independent investment committee of the New Hampshire retirement system to report investment fees* - **Rep. Schuett** - **passed House on VV**
- HB 1377 *making a technical correction and a clarification in the law governing death benefits for emergency medical technicians and rescue squad members* - **Rep. Proulx (R)**- **passed House on VV**
- HB 1407 *relative to adopting rules relative to departmental forms* - **Rep. Hatch** - **passed House on VV**
- HB 1437 *relative to the qualifications of the banking department commissioner and deputy commissioner, relative to consumer complaints, and relative to applications for money transmitters* - **Rep. Hunt (R)** - **request of the banking department** - **passed House on VV**
- HB 1627 *creating an animal records database* - **Rep. Bixby**
- HB 1695 *relative to background checks for certain persons under the banking law* - **Rep Butler** - **recommendation of the committee to study the effects of past New Hampshire trust code legislation, established pursuant to 2019, 230:5** - **passed House on VV**
- HB 1702 *establishing a solid waste working group on solid waste management planning* - **Rep. Ebel** - **request of the study committee on recycling and solid waste, established pursuant to 2019, 265 (HB 617)** - **passed House on VV**
- HB 1704 *relative to compost* - **Rep. Ebel** - **request of the HB 617 study committee on recycling and solid waste** - **passed House on VV**
- HB 1714 *relative to ratification of amendments to the state building code and state fire code* - **Rep. Goley** - **passed House on VV**
- SB 757 *local option for operation of sports book retail locations* - **Sen. Rosenwald**
- SB 414 *relative to roads within the Woodsville Fire District* - **Sen. Giuda (R)** - **passed Senate on VV**
- SB 512 *relative to transportation of beverages and wine* - **Sen. French (R)**
- SB 557 *relative to the advisory council on career and technical education* - **Sen. Kahn** - **passed Senate on VV**
- SB 592 *relative to the Pease development authority board of directors* - **Sen. Sherman** - **passed Senate on VV**
- SB 635 *establishing the lakes region development authority* - **Sen. Morse (R)**
- SB 746 *relative to the charter for Brewster Academy* - **Sen. Bradley (R)** - **passed Senate on VV**
- SB 525 *relative to probate administration, distribution upon intestacy, and powers of attorney.* - **Sen. Feltes**
- SB 571 *relative to the uniform disclaimer of property interests act.* - **Sen. Feltes**

- SB 692 *relative to certain costs of the public utilities commission for participation in regional activities* - **Sen. Feltes - passed Senate on VV**
- SB 444 *amending the alimony statute due to changes in federal tax law* - **Sen. Carson (R) - passed Senate on VV**
- SB 669 *relative to authorization to grow industrial hemp* - **Sen. Carson (R) - passed Senate on VV**
- SB 575 *relative to appeals from the victims' assistance commission* **Sen. Khan**
- SB 591 *establishing a statewide solid waste disposal reduction goal* **Sen. Watters - passed Senate on VV**
- SB 540 *repealing the emergency medical services personnel licensure interstate compact* **Sen. Rosenwald - passed Senate on VV**
- SB 626 (New Title) *decreasing the fee to file a petition for a declaratory ruling with the site evaluation committee* **Sen. Ward (R)- passed Senate on VV**
- HB 496 *relative to the definition of antique snowmobiles, relative to water quality rules, and relative to the disposition of administrative fines for asbestos management violations* - **Rep. Hinch (R)**
- HB 311 (New Title) *relative to the authority of the state fire marshal to grant an exemption from fire code requirements to recovery houses.* **Rep. Connors - passed House 269-92**
- HB 1592 *relative to milk pasteurization* **Rep. Allard (R)- passed House on VV**
- HB 1347 *addressing impacts to other water users from new sources of water for community water systems* **Rep. M. Pearson (R) - passed House on VV**
- HB 1518 *relative to the alternative compliance payments for renewable energy* **Rep. Pearl (R) - passed House on VV**
- SB 456 *relative to the use of capital reserve funds* **Sen. Bradley (R) - passed Senate on VV**
- HB 274 (New Title) *relative to including under the meals and rooms tax facilitators of Internet transactions of motor vehicle rentals and facilitators of Internet transactions of room occupancies* **Rep. Packard (R)- passed House on VV**
- SB 498 *relative to customer electrical energy storage* **Sen. Fuller Clark**
- SB 511 *relative to the formula used to determine current use tax rates.* **Sen. Giuda (R)- passed Senate on VV**
- HB 1420 *relative to the use of force at New Hampshire national guard facilities* **Rep. Graham (R) - request of the Adjutant General - passed House on VV**
- JLCAR OHRV Language
- Issue to address issue w/ Monadnock Paper Mills in Peterborough