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NH Senate Passes SB 603, Biomass and Forest Products Workers Assistance Act of 2020

CONCORD - Today, the Senate voted in favor of SB 603, also known as the Biomass and Forest Products Workers Assistance Act of 2020. SB 603 follows Governor Sununu's vetoes of two bills that sought to protect important Granite State jobs in the biomass industry, resulting in layoffs, the closing of biomass plants in Springfield and Whitefield, and devastating impacts for our forestry industry, the third biggest industry in New Hampshire.

After the vote, prime sponsor Senate Majority Leader Feltes (D-Concord) issued the following statement:

"It is our responsibility as a Legislature to put forward proposals that continue to grow job opportunities for Granite Staters. Last year, Governor Sununu did just the opposite when he vetoed multiple biomass bills that cost dozens of hard working New Hampshire citizens their livelihoods. While the governor may feel comfortable leaving these people without relief, we do not. I thank my colleagues in the Senate for their work to right the wrongs done by the Sununu administration and give our workers the skills training and job matching they need and deserve."

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