



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

August 9, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 2

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 9th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 2, relative to funding for job training programs in the department of business and economic affairs.

Senate Bill 2 irresponsibly diverts millions of dollars from the Unemployment Trust Fund, triggering additional taxes for our citizens. Raiding the unemployment system for this purpose is shortsighted, risky, and financially irresponsible. I strongly support workforce programs, and have put forward several proposals to address the State's workforce issues including a \$16 million per year student debt assistance and worker retention program and a \$24 million investment into Nursing and STEM programs across the University System. Rather than move forward with these innovative proposals, the legislature has once again put aside sound financial management and opted for tax increases. I cannot support that approach.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 2.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor