



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

July 19, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 271

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 19th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 271, relative to requiring prevailing wages on state-funded public works projects.

In the midst of a booming economy with record low unemployment, the last thing we should do is reduce competition in our construction markets. New Hampshire already has some of the highest wages in the country, and this bill would unnecessarily raise the costs on New Hampshire taxpayers for government projects. The cost and administrative burden on employers would lead to less competition for government contracts, higher taxes, and poorer outcomes for New Hampshire.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 271.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor