June 25, 2019

Governor’s Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 275

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on June 25th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 275, requiring that all of the state's motor vehicles will be zero emissions vehicles by the year 2039.

This bill would require the entire state vehicle fleet transition to zero emission vehicles by 2039, with deadlines for light duty cars as soon as 2026. The fiscal note estimates a $28 million cost impact to state agency budgets in the form of higher vehicle costs. The State of New Hampshire is already making great strides in this and should not set arbitrary deadlines that will unnecessarily drive up taxpayer costs.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 275.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor