



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

July 28, 2020

**Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 1234**

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 28, 2020, I have vetoed House Bill 1234.

While I understand the unusual and unprecedented circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is extremely unfortunate that the legislature decided to manage their workload by merging nearly 40 previously separate pieces of legislation into this one 77 page omnibus bill. I am concerned that significant portions of this legislation have not had a chance to go through the public hearing process in the House of Representatives. Finally, most of the bills in the omnibus amendment do not relate to one another, making it more perplexing that they would send all of these proposals in a single package.

Despite the pandemic, it is important to remember that this bill is the byproduct of House leadership's unwillingness to work with the entire body to develop a plan to move forward with its session. Had they worked across the aisle as promised, omnibus bills like this one would have been able to be properly vetted. It is imperative for bills to go through the proper public hearing process and be given fair scrutiny by the individuals and stakeholders they affect.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 1234.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor