

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

July 12, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding Senate Bill 74

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 12th, 2019, I have vetoed Senate Bill 74, relative to register of deeds fees used to support the land and community heritage investment program (LCHIP), and establishing a committee to study the economic impact of land conservation and to review the LCHIP surcharge.

The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) is a great program that continues to benefit local communities across the state. This bill would have been better suited to offer a voluntary opt-in, rather than move forward with a mandatory fee increase that adds costs at closing onto homebuyers, and I hope such an option is taken up in the future.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed Senate Bill 74.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Sununu

Governor