



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

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU  
Governor

August 2, 2024

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 194-FN

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on August 2, 2024, I have vetoed House Bill 194-FN, requiring the Director of the Division of Historical Resources to compile and maintain a list of public monuments and requiring legislative approval of the amendment or permanent removal of historical markers.

New Hampshire state government is based the essential constitutional philosophy of separation of powers, in fact, Article 37 of the New Hampshire constitution says, "In the government of this State, the three essential powers thereof, to wit, the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial, ought to be kept as separate from, and independent of, each other, as the nature of free government will admit, or as is consistent with that chain of connection that binds the whole fabric of the Constitution in one indissoluble bond of union and amity."

Requiring approval by the Joint Legislative Fiscal committee before "amending or permanently removing any marker" crosses the line of separation between the branches and wrongly places the fiscal committee in charge of an Executive Branch decision that has no fiscal impact. As such, this legislation sets a problematic precedent.

For the reason stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 194-FN

Respectfully submitted,

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

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor