

A FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE BUDGET

Governor Sununu's budget prioritizes people over programs; state employees, our kids, and property taxpayers across the state.

FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE BLUEPRINT:

- No new taxes or fees.
- Eliminates the 7% Consumer Communications Services Tax.
- Lives within our means and downshifts cash, not costs on to cities and towns.
- Increases Rainy Day Fund by \$180M.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENTS:

- Across-the-board 10% pay increase for NH's state workforce - the single largest increase in state worker salaries in nearly 50 years – followed by another 2% raise next year.
- Dedicates an additional \$30 million to the InvestNH Housing Program — the most transformative and historic housing fund this state has ever seen to build new housing for our workforce and families.
- Increases investments into Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative.
- Across the board Medicaid rate increase for services to help recruit and retain critical workers.
- Increases investments into the Affordable Housing Fund by \$25 million, ensuring NH can construct or rehabilitate more affordable housing for low and moderate-income families.
- \$5M towards a computer science initiative that creates a statewide credentialing system and pays incentives to hundreds of new computer science teachers to become certified in their schools at no cost.

EDUCATION INVESTMENTS:

- Provides more money for public education than ever before – NH schools will see an additional \$200M over the next two years.
- Doubles funding for New Hampshire's Education Freedom Account Program and increases eligibility for EFA program by ensuring that children in certain high risk groups have the same doors of opportunity available to them, including those in foster care, those who are bullied, ESL students, students with parents in the armed forces, and children with disabilities or educational hardships.
- Revamps and simplifies the Education Funding Formula to target aid and provide more per student, including to students who receive Education Freedom Accounts and charter schools – increasing both base aid and free or reduced lunch, by more than 24% and 30% respectively – over just this biennium.
- \$75M set aside for school building aid projects.
- \$2M in funding to develop and update a New Hampshire based civics curriculum for kids.

LICENSING REFORM:

- This budget includes landmark legislation to grant universal license recognition for the professions in New Hampshire that require a license. If you have a substantially similar license and are in good standing in another state, there's no reason you shouldn't have a license on Day One in New Hampshire!
- If a small business owner needs a license to do their job or operate their business in their current state — New Hampshire will recognize their license here, incentivizing working professionals across all industries to move to New Hampshire.
- Fully removes 34 different outdated licenses from state government, eliminating 14 underutilized regulatory boards, and almost 700 unnecessary statutory provisions.
- Establishes an independent Office of Regulatory Review, Reduction, and Government Efficiency to be a watchdog to help eliminate and prevent frivolous rules and regulations as well as to find efficiencies within state government.

ONE TIME FUNDS:

- Uses one-time funds on one-time investments instead of growing the size of government programs
- Appropriates funding for the construction of a statue of one of New Hampshire's most revered women, Christa McAuliffe, to be placed on state house grounds to commemorate her selfless contribution to the State of New Hampshire.
- New \$8.4M in funds for the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services.
- We are investing \$2M into family resource centers to help families in crisis get the supports they need.
- Investing \$1.5M in juvenile peer-to-peer grief support to help students cope with the loss of their loved ones.