

# RELEASE: House Passes Family and Medical Leave Insurance Legislation With Strong Vote

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### **HOUSE PASSES FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE LEGISLATION WITH STRONG VOTE**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** – The House of Representatives voted [199-133](#) today to pass HB 712, which would establish a family and medical leave insurance program in New Hampshire. The bill will now go to the House Finance Committee. **Representative Doug Ley (D-Jaffrey)** released the following statement:

“Family and medical leave is a top priority for House Democrats, and I am proud that the House voted to pass this critical policy. Granite State families shouldn’t have to decide between maintaining their financial security or taking care of themselves or a loved one. HB 712 is a concrete way to make affordable paid family and medical leave accessible to Granite Staters.”

“This bill is sound policy to help address our state’s caregiving needs, assist individuals trying to recover from substance use disorder, and help New Hampshire become more attractive to a younger workforce. While Governor Sununu has claimed he will include language in his budget to authorize bidding for a supposed paid leave plan, we still have not seen the details and see no reason to start over from scratch. The legislature has been working on this proposal for years and it is ready to move forward.”

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