

RELEASE: House Committee Backs Affordable Housing Legislation

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HOUSE COMMITTEE BACKS AFFORDABLE HOUSING LEGISLATION

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Today, the House Municipal and County Government Committee voted to recommend passage of [HB 1629](#), and [HB 1632](#), bills to address the shortage of affordable housing availability in New Hampshire. Deputy House Majority Leader Marjorie Porter (D-Hillsborough) and Rep. Willis Griffith (D-Manchester) released the following statements:

Deputy House Majority Leader Marjorie Porter (D-Hillsborough), a member of the Municipal and County Government Committee:

“I thank all the stakeholders who came together to develop innovative ways to address the affordable housing shortage in New Hampshire. Representative Willis Griffith, a sponsor of this legislation, has been instrumental in building consensus on the bills passed today. By streamlining the application process, providing predictability to developers and establishing incentives for communities to pursue affordable housing projects, this legislation takes meaningful steps to expand affordable housing options in our state.”

Representative Willis Griffith (D-Manchester), sponsor of the legislation:

“As a young Representative, I experience firsthand the lack of affordable housing in our state. New Hampshire has one of the lowest vacancy rates in the country, and even when you can find a place to live it is often not affordable. The passage of these housing bills today is a strong step forward and shows how seriously we are taking the affordable housing crisis. I applaud all the work the sub-committee did with stakeholders the past few weeks on this bill and look forward to continuing to work hard to increase affordable housing in New Hampshire.”

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