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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – The Senate voted 12-11 today to pass [HB 616](#), providing a Cost of Living Adjustment to NH retirees in the State Retirement System. Prime Sponsor of the legislation **Representative Diane Schuett (D-Pembroke)** released the following statement:

“The passage of HB 616 today in the Senate recognizes the value that teachers, first responders, and state employees from all agencies bring to New Hampshire. Given the steadfast commitment of our state employees, it is frankly unreasonable that retirees have not been afforded a Cost of Living Adjustment in almost 10 years. Failing to account for inflation for this long has disturbed their quality of life. The COLA passed by the Senate today impacts the first \$50,000 of retirement income, affecting those lower-income retirees who need it most.”

“After a decade of failure, I am proud that the legislature has finally come to the table on a modest COLA for state retirees. I urge Governor Sununu to sign HB 616 into law to provide our dedicated state retirees with the benefits they deserve.”

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