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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, Governor Sununu vetoed [SB 2-FN](#), relative to funding for job training programs and also called the Granite State Jobs Act. **Representative Brian Sullivan (D-Grantham), Chair of the House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee**, released the following statement:

“Senate Bill 2 is an important step to close the gap between employers looking for skilled workers and our state’s low unemployment rate. Just earlier this month, Governor Sununu held a meeting with a handful of business executives to tout his veto of the budget. As reported by [multiple news outlets](#), during that meeting businesses told the governor that they are struggling with a lack of access to qualified labor. More than taxes or energy costs, the governor was told that not having qualified labor is the largest barrier to economic growth for businesses right now in New Hampshire.”

“This is not news. Still, Governor Sununu fails to understand that a low unemployment rate does not mean we should stop investing in job training programs. By investing in the Job Training Fund through the Department of Economic Affairs, Senate Bill 2 would have bolstered efforts to recruit and train both unemployed and underemployed Granite Staters to meet New Hampshire’s skill gap and worker shortage. Governor Sununu’s veto holds back New Hampshire businesses and harms our state’s economy.”

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