

HOUSE PASSES INDEPENDENT FACTFINDER REPORT FOR STATE EMPLOYEE CONTRACT

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DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE - Today, the House of Representatives passed and agreed to the independent Fact Finder's report that would end the stalemate between the Governor and seven different unions, including SEIU1984, the union that governs our State Employees. Although the Fact Finder's report was issued over 7 months ago, our State Employees have been without a contract for almost 2 years. **House Majority Leader Doug Ley (D-Jaffrey) released the following statement:**

"During the continuing COVID-19 crisis our State Employees have once again shown themselves to be an invaluable part of New Hampshire. Their hard work and dedication to the state has never been more evident than it was over the past few months. At the beginning of the bargaining process all Governor Sununu offered to state employees was a paltry \$150 one-time payment. While the Governor has been willing to take \$25,000 in raises, he was only willing to give State Employees a single \$150 check. The negotiation made its way to an independent third party agreed to by both the governor and the negotiating unions, which found that our employees did in fact deserve a raise. Rather than honor the process, the governor refused to bring the matter to the executive council. Today, Democrats in the House stood with working families and in one voice said that we agree that our hard working state employees deserve a raise and Governor Sununu should stop standing in the way."

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