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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE –Today, Governor Sununu vetoed House Bill 1494, a legislative package that included several workers’ protections. After the veto **Brian Sullivan (D-Grantham), Chair of the House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services, released the following statement:**

“House Bill 1494 was an attempt to support public workers in our state who have stepped up in a myriad of ways during the COVID-19 crisis. They have kept our state going through this crisis, even putting themselves and their health at risk and we should be there for them by passing meaningful legislation.

This legislative package expanded protections for our public employees by providing employee safety standards equal to those provided to private sector employees, established a state death benefit for a municipal or state public works employee killed in the line of duty, and included support for our unions. It also provided enhanced protection for firefighters who develop heart or lung disease. This is another slight to our state employees by a governor who has continued to reject contracts approved by the various state employee bargaining units.”

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