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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Yesterday, The House Municipal and County Government Committee recommended Ought to Pass for House Bill 586, legislation aimed at addressing the shortage of affordable housing in New Hampshire. **Representative Marjorie Porter (D-Hillsborough)**, Ranking Democrat on the committee, released the following statement:

“Increasing access to affordable housing remains a House Democratic priority this session. Last year’s House Bills 1629 and 1632 were bipartisan bills that came to us from the Governor’s task force on housing, but they needed a lot of fixing to make them workable. We tackled the work head-on, holding eight work sessions; pulling in a diverse, experienced, and bipartisan group of stakeholders to address the concerns raised by members of the committee and public. In the end, the House was successful in crafting bills that took meaningful steps to bring predictability and transparency to the entire process surrounding affordable housing development. Unfortunately, those bills did not survive due to the pandemic.”

“House Bill 568 as introduced included all of the changes and improvements that were incorporated into the final versions of House Bills 1629 and 1632 last year. Yesterday in committee, House Democrats held strong and made sure that this critical, bipartisan legislation passed. We successfully beat back an attempt by some of our Republican colleagues to stall this bill for a year, knowing full well that our constituents are suffering now and cannot afford to wait any longer. I look forward to working with members of both parties, all the stakeholders, and the Governor’s Office to get this bill signed into law as soon as possible.”

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