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CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, the House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee heard House Bill 509, legislation that would ensure access to paid sick time for New Hampshire workers and multiple minimum wage bills. After the hearings, **Representative Brian Sullivan (D-Grantham)**, Ranking Democrat on the committee, released the following statement:

“Too many New Hampshire workers do not have access to guaranteed paid sick days, and the Covid-19 pandemic has only exacerbated this disparity. Without access to paid leave, Granite Staters are forced to choose between their pay and caring for themselves or family members. Access to paid sick and safe days reduce flu rates, reduce employee turnover and protect the income and jobs of survivors of domestic violence. Lack of access to paid sick days also disproportionately impacts workers of color and women.”

“The Labor Committee also heard bills that would raise the minimum wage in New Hampshire. We have the lowest minimum wage in New England, and our workers continue to suffer because of it. Raising the minimum wage means that more low wage workers can pay their bills and put money back into the economy, something we need even more than ever as we continue working to address the financial impact of the pandemic on our state.”

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