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**REPUBLICANS IN GROSS OVERREACH INTO NH CLASSROOMS, AIM TO CENSOR TEACHERS
AND STUDENTS**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Today, the House Education Committee heard HB 1255, relative to teachers' loyalty. Following the hearing, **Deputy Ranking Democrat on the House Education Committee Rep. David Luneau (D-Hopkinton)** released the following statement:

“This bill is incredibly vague and seeks to intimidate New Hampshire’s schoolteachers into censoring conversations on the history of racism in the world and our country. In fact, a dedicated history teacher explained how her students are taught to reference sources far more robust than anything that has been offered by the bill’s sponsors today. To propose state laws questioning the loyalty of teachers is incredibly disrespectful, especially considering the incredible work New Hampshire teachers have done to continue educating our children during the past two years of a pandemic.

In 2021, Governor Sununu and Republicans passed legislation prohibiting discussions of racism and sexism, not just in schools but for organizations across New Hampshire. The Republican

Party has made it abundantly clear that they are committed to silencing Granite State teachers and students, a gross overreach into the walls of our classrooms. This draconian censorship is not what New Hampshire needs and must be stopped. Luckily, Granite Staters resoundingly agree with only 26 people supporting this bill and over 2,231 citizens opposing.”