# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL AND THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

New Hampshire, Operating Budget Bill and Trailer Bill, State Fiscal Years 2026-2027

### **Differences in Total Funds and General Funds**

#### **Current Budget**

### Governor's Proposal

#### House Finance Committee

## Change: Governor to House Committee

Total: \$15.17 Billion General: \$4.27 Billion

Total: \$16.01 Billion General: \$4.07 Billion

Total: \$15.37 Billion General: \$3.74 Billion Total: -\$643 Million General: -\$326 Mil.

#### Largest Dollar Decreases\* Governor to House Finance Committee





University System

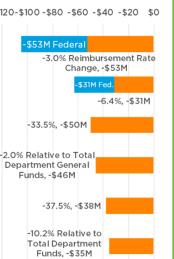
**Developmental Services** 

Department of Health and -2.0% Relative to Total Human Services Back-of-**Budget Reduction** 

Community Mental Health Services 190 Corrections Positions

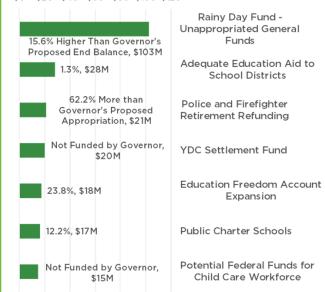
Eliminated

Department of Justice Backof-Budget Reduction



### Largest Dollar Increases Governor to House Finance Committee

\$0 \$20 \$40 \$60 \$80 \$100 \$120



### Agencies Eliminated (General Fund Savings)

-25.9% Relative to Total

Department General Funds, -

\$15M

- Human Rights Commission (\$3.2M)
- State Welcome Centers (\$2.3M)
- Office of the Child Advocate (\$2.2M)
- Board of Tax and Land Appeals (\$2.1M)
- Division of the Arts within Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (\$1.7M)
- Housing Appeals Board (\$581k)
- State Commission on Aging (\$561k)

### **Revenue Changes and Transfers**

- Video Lottery Terminal changes, Keno legalization throughout state, increasing ticket maximum values (\$211.1M)
- Motor vehicle fee increases (\$45M)
- Higher estimated Medicaid Enhancement Tax revenues (\$22.6M)
- Renewable Energy Fund transfer to the General Fund (\$20M)

#### Changes in Policies Attached to Budget

- Open enrollment for school districts
- Caps on local public school budgets
- No State inspections for motor vehicles
- Prohibition on diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, trainings, and policies in State and local gov'ts and contracts
- State energy policy market-focused shift
- General Funds to Granite Advantage
- Permits evictions at end of rental lease

### Other Savings or Funding Changes

- Removes funding for Governor's Scholarship Program (\$5.4M) and State Loan Repayment Program (\$800k)
- Eliminates Family Planning (\$3.6M) and Tobacco Prevention and Cessation (\$1.2M) Programs, as well as Prescription Drug Affordability Board (\$522k)
- Reduces Meals and Rentals distribution to cities and towns relative to Gov. (\$11.2M)

#### \*Note: Managed care organization payment timing shift not included.

Sources: Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, House Finance vs. Governor Recommended Compare Reports, Surplus Statements (4.3.25), 2025-1474h, 2025-1488h. For more details, see NHFPI's post House Finance Committee State Budget Reduces Funding by About \$643 Million from Governor's Proposal, Leaves \$113 Million for Rainy Day Fund, April 2025

#### Other Key Figures

- 326 positions eliminated in State gov't
- \$95.5M in back-of-budget reductions
- \$113M in unappropriated General Funds to the Rainy Day Fund at end of biennium

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