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Governor Ayotte Signs Housing Expansion Bills into Law

CONCORD, NH – Senator Keith Murphy (R-Manchester) issued the following statement today after Governor Ayotte signed several Housing bills into law:

“We know there is a housing shortage in New Hampshire, and there is now an easier path forward for Granite Staters to find housing. My colleagues and I have sponsored multiple bills this year that help our residents have an easier time accessing income tax credits, help builders and landlords build more workforce housing, and cut through bureaucratic red tape to start more housing projects. These bills are necessary steps towards expanding housing opportunities in our state and helping Granite State families. I want to thank Governor Ayotte for her support and for signing these housing bills into law.”

Background: The following Senate bills were signed into law today:

SB 153 allows the Commissioner of Transportation to approve or deny permit applications for driveways or public access within 60 days of receiving the application and creates an expedited driveway permit for major entrances of residential land for greater than 20 units. Senator McConkey is the prime sponsor of this bill.

SB 173 provides that residential property subject to a housing covenant under the low-income housing tax credit program shall be assessed an amount equal to 10% of the actual rental income and certain other income. The low-income housing tax credit program will help create long-term plans to increase the number of housing projects in New Hampshire. Senator Murphy is the prime sponsor of this bill.

SB 188 helps authorize licensed or certified third parties to certify documents and inspect buildings in compliance with applicable building codes.

SB 281 changes requirements related to building or construction in lots adjacent to class VI roadways.

SB 282 allows residential buildings of up to four floors above grade plane to have only one stairway under conditions established by the state building code review board.

SB 283 requires municipalities to exclude below-grade areas from floor-area-ratio (FAR) calculations, but allows developers to utilize below-grade areas for certain purposes without impacting calculations of FAR for buildings.

SB 284 changes the number of parking spaces municipalities can require for residential units.

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