



SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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SB 118 – Establishing a Child Fatality Review Committee Testimony

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Paula Minnehan, VP, State Government Relations for the New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA), and I am here representing all 26 of our state's community hospitals as well as all specialty hospitals.

NHHA supports SB 118. Creating a child fatality review committee through statute is prudent and creates the appropriate oversight and collaboration needed to review these special circumstances.

Since 2013, hospitals have been represented on three existing state fatality review committees:

- Child Fatality Review Committee created by executive order by Governor Judd Gregg
- Sudden Death in the Young Review Group created by a federal grant
- Sudden Unexpected Infant Death Review Group created by a federal grant

Our representative has been able to share important recommendations, educational materials, and other policy developments with all hospitals through her participation on these three committees. In reviewing the list of committee members outlined in SB 118, we noted, however, that there is no hospital representative named. **We request that you consider adding a representative of the New Hampshire Hospital Association to the child fatality review committee.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.