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**Republicans Combat Health Care Work Crisis**

**Concord, NH** – Senator Jeb Bradley(R-Wolfeboro) and Bill Gannon (R-Sandown) released the following statement on the passage of Senate Bill 86:

“New Hampshire health care workers are essential to our state, but unfortunately this sector of employment is experiencing a huge workforce crisis, worsened by the Covid-19 Pandemic,” stated Senator Bradley.

“We heard numerous health care providers testify that raising the Medicaid provider rates would allow them to hire and retain more staff, and therefore help more Granite Staters. For this reason, we’re raising that rate by 6% through SB86.”

“By making the immediate investment in our health care workforce, we’re able to provide Granite Staters with the medical access they need while still saving taxpayers money in the long run,” added Senator Gannon.

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***HB 105 removes the possibility of criminal penalties for omission of information on the live birth worksheet given to new mothers in New Hampshire. It also requires the mothers affirmatively consent to the inclusion of certain identifiable health information.***