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Senate Ways & Means Committee holds hearing on SB 3 clarifying state tax treatment of Paycheck Protection Program monies *SB3 helps struggling Main Street businesses during the pandemic*

CONCORD, NH -- The Ways & Means Committee today heard testimony on legislation designed to protect Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans from the federal government from being subject to either the state's BET or BPT taxes. SB3 is part of Republican efforts to help Main Street businesses and working families all across New Hampshire negatively affected by the pandemic.

Prime sponsor Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) called SB3 necessary to update New Hampshire tax rules to be in line with federal tax code because PPP money was never intended to be taxed. "PPP funds were designed to keep the American economy afloat during the significant uncertainty of the pandemic, it was never meant to be a taxable event," said Bradley, "Meaning there was never any intention to create revenue loss to New Hampshire."

Sen. Bradley stated, "When the pandemic hit, our state unemployment rate skyrocketed to above 15%, but in large measure, due to the Payroll Protection Program, our economy has come back, our unemployment rate is under 4% and businesses were able to do what the PPP was designed to accomplish, keeping hard working men and women in New Hampshire on the job and not having to apply for unemployment.

He added, "While things are improving, the pandemic and its negative effects will be with us for a while. We need to keep supporting our Main Street businesses and not undermine our economic recovery that is underway in New Hampshire. SB3 will help to do just that."

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