

SECOND REPORT

OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE

ON LAW AMENDMENTS

Second Session Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick

March 28, 2023

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To The Honourable The Legislative Assembly of The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Law Amendments begs leave to submit their Second Report of the session.

On February 23, 2023, your Committee met and had under consideration the subject matter of Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*.

Your Committee heard from representatives of the following organizations: New Brunswick Common Front for Social Justice; New Brunswick Federation of Labour; Canadian Cancer Society; New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity; Better Way Alliance; Decent Work and Health Network; Fredericton Chamber of Commerce; and Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

In addition, your Committee heard from staff of the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

Following these presentations, your Committee agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. THAT Bill 27, An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act, not be proceeded with in its current form.
- 2. THAT the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour undertake a review of the issue of paid sick days and report back to the House.

Your Committee begs leave to make a further report.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Hugh J. Flemming, K.C., M.L.A. Chair