

HOUSE REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE RECOMMENDATION SHEET

The purpose of the House Republican Alliance is to preserve and strengthen the principles and values of the Republican Party through the NH House of Representatives and throughout the state of NH, including fiscal restraint, personal freedom and responsibility, small government, free enterprise and strong families. We offer the following recommendations based on those principles, the Republican Party Platform, and the NH and Federal Constitutions.



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Bill Number	Committee	Committee Vote	HRA recommends
CACR 15	Judiciary	ITL 16-0	Oppose ITL
HB 1119	Municipal & County	OTP/A 8-7	No Recommendation
HB 1281	Judiciary	ITL 13-3	No Recommendation
HB 1438	Transportation	OTP/A 15-0	No Recommendation
HB 1562	Municipal & County	ITL 12-4	No Recommendation

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 REGULAR CALENDAR

JUDICIARY

HB 1281, relative to divorce petitions and procedures. ITL. Vote 13-3.

HRA Analysis: This bill forbids divorcing people from raiding joint accounts or dropping insurance coverage for a soon to be ex spouse (but not children) and eliminates the requirement that divorcing parties be domiciled in the state. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

HCACR 15, Providing that judges be elected for specific terms. ITL. Vote 16-0.

HRA Analysis: This constitutional amendment would require elected, rather than appointed, judges. The Platform: “Implement reasonable and periodic oversight of judicial officers, including term limitations.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1119, maximum optional municipal fee for transportation improvements. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 8-7.

HRA Analysis: This bill raises the maximum fee on registrations from \$5 to \$10. On one hand, it is an increased fee; on the other, it must be approved by the voters in any town that wishes to tax itself for transportation improvements of any sort, and the Platform states we should: “Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services,” and this certainly qualifies. You decide.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

HB 1562, allowing counties to establish heroin use prevention and treatment programs. ITL. Vote 12-4.

HRA Analysis: This bill authorizes counties to establish a set list of heroin abuse treatment and prevention programs, including needle exchanges, minimal penalties for possession or use of small quantities of heroin, and drug courts. It's not clear that counties, rather than the state, are the appropriate level for such programs; it's very clear that any funding will come from local property taxes. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 1438, relative to the registration of antique trailers. OTP. Vote 15-0.

HRA Analysis: This bill simply deletes the requirement that an antique trailer have only one axle, allowing additional trailers to be registered as antiques. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

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