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HOUSE REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE RECOMMENDATION SHEET



The purpose of the House Republican Alliance is to preserve and strengthen the traditional 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
HB 1134	Municipal & County	ITL 12-5	No Recommendation
HB 1143	Judiciary	OTP/A 11-8	No Recommendation
HB 1154	Criminal Justice	ITL 13-3	No Recommendation
HB 1159	Judiciary	OTP 13-6	No Recommendation
HB 1170	Criminal Justice	OTP 14-3	No Recommendation
HB 1190 (from consent)	Municipal & County	OTP 18-0	No Recommendation
HB 1195	Municipal & County	OTP/A 14-1	Oppose OTP/A
HB 1207	Legislative Administration	ITL 12-0	No Recommendation
HB 1214	Judiciary	ITL 14-4	Oppose ITL
HB 1230	Criminal Justice	ITL 13-3	No Recommendation
HB 1253	Judiciary	ITL 10-7	Oppose ITL
HB 1271	Resources	Interim Study 10-4	No Recommendation
HB 1282	Commerce	OTP/A 14-4	Oppose OTP/A
HB 1307	ED&A	ITL 11-8	No Recommendation
HB 1310	Municipal & County	ITL 17-0	Oppose ITL
HB 1316	Children & Family	ITL 17-2	Support ITL
HB 1323 (from consent)	Election	ITL 16-0	Oppose ITL
HB 1326	Criminal Justice	ITL 14-2	No Recommendation
HB 1333	Municipal & County	OTP/A 10-7	Support OTP/A
HB 1336	Judiciary	OTP/A 12-6	No Recommendation
HB 1354	Finance	ITL 13-10	Oppose ITL
HB 1362	Criminal Justice	ITL 15-1	Oppose ITL
HB 1376	Science	OTP/A 14-1	No Recommendation
HB 1389	Public Works	OTP 15-0	No Recommendation
HB 1392	Education	OTP 10-8	Support OTP
HB 1393	Education	ITL 11-7	Oppose ITL
HB 1399	ED&A	No Recommendation	No Recommendation
HB 1403	Labor	OTP 10-8	Oppose OTP
HB 1409	Judiciary	OTP 11-7	Oppose OTP

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HB 1411	Finance	OTP/A 13-10	Oppose OTP/A
HB 1444	ED&A	OTP 14-1	No Recommendation
HB 1449	Education	OTP/A 14-1	Oppose OTP/A
HB 1451	State- Federal	OTP 12-0	No Recommendation
HB 1452	Judiciary	ITL 13-4	Oppose ITL
HB 1456	Science	ITL 14-2	No Recommendation
HB 1495	Fish & Game	ITL 9-2	No Recommendation
HB 1501	HHS	ITL 17-0	No Recommendation
HB 1502 (from consent)	HHS	Interim Study 17-0	Oppose ITL
HB 1541	Commerce	ITL 9-5	Oppose ITL
HB 1570	Environment & Agriculture	OTP/A 8-4	Oppose OTP/A
HB 1572 (from consent)	HHS	OTP/A 17-0	Oppose OTP/A
HB 1577 (from consent)	ED&A	OTP 13-2	No Recommendation
HB 1601	Transportation	OTP/A 8-3	Oppose OTP/A
HB 1608	Environment & Agriculture	ITL 17-1	Support OTP
HB 1609	Judiciary	ITL 14-2	Oppose ITL
HB 1620	Criminal Justice	OTP/A 12-5	Support OTP/A
HB 1625	Criminal Justice	OTP/A 12-5	No Recommendation
HB 1626	Ways & Means	ITL 16-4	Support ITL
HB 1628	Ways & Means	ITL 16-4	Support ITL
HB 1633	Ways & Means	ITL 11-9	Support ITL
HCR 10	State- Federal	ITL 9-4	Support ITL
HCR 11	State- Federal	ITL 10-2	No Recommendation
HR 21	State- Federal	OTP 9-4	No Recommendation
HR 24	State- Federal	ITL 10-2	No Recommendation

**WEDNESDAY, March 5
REGULAR CALENDAR**

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HB 1207, relative to identification of the source of legislative bill proposals. **ITL. Vote 12-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill would require legislators identify any organization that provided them with “model” bill language. Since model bills are typically well vetted and used in other states, sponsors normally identify such sources without compulsion. (See HB1369, the Uniform Marital Property Act.) No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1195, establishing a commission to study the impacts of the property tax on New Hampshire’s residents, businesses, municipalities, and the economy. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 14-1.**

HRA Analysis: The property tax is clearly constitutional, traditional and largely under local control. The Platform, Part I, tells us to “maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services.” This commission is loaded to recommend a state-wide non-property tax, ie an income tax.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.

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TRANSPORTATION

HB 1601, relative to mandatory headlamp use. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 8-3.**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires headlight use from sunset to sunrise (instead of the current half hour of leeway on each end), and whenever it is raining or snowing. The Platform tells us that all people have “the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, unimpeded by intrusive government regulation and control.” If we don't trust our fellow citizens to know when to turn their headlights on, it's a sure thing we wouldn't trust them to pursue happiness their own way!

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.

BILLS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

ELECTION LAW

HB 1323, relative to candidates for state representative. **ITL. Vote 16-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows persons to sign up for state representative before they turn 18, provided they register to vote by election day. The Constitution, Part I, Article 11, states “Every inhabitant of the state, having the proper qualifications, has equal right to be elected to office,” and the filing period is a modern artifact.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1577-FN, relative to regulating alkaline hydrolysis for the disposal of human remains. **OTP. Vote 13-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill is essentially last year's HB316. No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HHS

HB 1502-FN, relative to induced termination of pregnancy statistics. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY. Vote 17-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires HHS to collect data on abortions and report annually to the legislature and the public. The committee believes the bill is confusingly written, and, based on the fiscal note, so does the department. The Platform, Part III, says we should “improve access to the information necessary to make informed health care decisions,” and data on abortions is not widely available at this time.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation on Interim Study, oppose ITL.

HB 1572-FN, establishing a commission to create a New Hampshire state plan for Alzheimer's disease and requiring certain training and education programs regarding Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia. **OTP/A. Vote 17-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, creates a 15 member, permanent commission to develop a plan for Alzheimer's and report annually on the plan – presumably they will be continually tweaking and updating the plan. This bill also requires the Police Standards and Training Council, in conjunction with this commission, to develop a training course for law enforcement on Alzheimer's: presumably the plan will let us know whether it is a part of the initial training, continuing education requirement, or an elective, since the bill doesn't. The Platform, Part II, requires us to “sunset programs and regulations to force periodic reevaluation.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1190, relative to approval of budget transfers in Hillsborough county. **OTP. Vote 18-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires executive committee approval, as well as the commissioners', if the transfer exceeds \$10K. No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

REGULAR CALENDAR PART II

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 1282-FN, relative to consumer protection for propane fuel users. **OTP/A. Vote 14-4.**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, creates a study committee on propane fuel contracts, and also changes the regulations on natural gas and oil suppliers who accept prepaid contracts. There's a new option for ensuring that they will have the financial resources to meet their contracts, and new reporting requirements, with a new \$100 fee. The Platform reiterates our opposition to new fees, as well as to increased business regulations.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1170-FN, repealing the death penalty in New Hampshire. **OTP. Vote 14-3.**

HRA Analysis: The Platform, Part VI, urges us to “strengthen prosecution and fair enforcement of death penalty laws,” but if HB1170 passes there would be no death penalty laws. It also says we must “prioritize programs to ensure effective spending,” and many doubt that spending millions on one death penalty case is effective spending.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience.

HB 1620-FN, relative to the use of drones. **OTP/A. Vote 12-5.**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, limits government uses of drones to protect the privacy of individuals, without eliminating their usefulness in mapping, firefighting, and other appropriate uses. Individual use of drones is only restricted as to weapons and surveillance of individuals. The Platform, Part II, calls for us to “protect the privacy of individuals from government snooping.”

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A.

HB 1625-FN, relative to penalties for possession of marijuana in one ounce or less and marijuana plants. **OTP/A. Vote 12-5.**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, makes possession of small amounts of marijuana a violation, and authorizes payment of the \$100 fine by mail, as is done with traffic violations. The Constitution, Article 18, states that penalties must fit the crime.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience.

EDUCATION

HB 1392, removing the restriction on the number eligible to transfer to a chartered school. **MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 10-8.**

HRA Analysis: This bill deletes the arbitrary limitations on the number of children who can transfer to a charter school, established when they were very new to the the state. This bill supports parents' rights to choose the best school for their child. The minority is concerned that this bill may "negatively impact the [traditional] public school by depleting a grade level of attendance or curriculum options," but they should be more concerned with why parents might remove their child from a traditional public school and enroll their child in a chartered public school. No one should force a child to remain in a classroom that is not meeting the child's needs. The Platform emphasizes that we should support parents' rights to control the education of their children, encourage school choice and competition and allow all parents to choose the best school program for their children.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.

HB 1393, tuition payments for students attending a chartered school in the student’s district. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 11-7.**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires a school district that sends all its elementary and/or secondary students to a school in another district to pay that same amount of tuition to a charter school that some students choose to attend. This equalizes the playing field for charter schools when competing for tuition with out of district high schools, for example, without affecting the sending school budget at all. This bill would not apply to a district that tuitions out only some of its students, while maintaining a school in the district. The Platform, Part IV, calls for us to “encourage school choice and competition.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.

HB 1449, relative to the requirements for filing a charter school application. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 14-1.**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, changes the charter school evaluation to put fully half the weight on the mission statement, the evaluation of which must be subjective, and we know how the department feels about charter schools. The Platform, Part IV, calls for us to “encourage school choice and competition.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1399, relative to the application for a vested deferred retirement allowance. **NO RECOMMENDATION Vote 9-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires non-employees applying for their (previously earned) pension follow the same schedule as employees. No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 1444, recognizing the month of April as Genocide Awareness Month. **OTP. Vote 14-1.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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HB 1403-FN, establishing a state minimum hourly wage. **MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 10-8.**

HRA Analysis: This bill not only sets a state minimum wage, it sets it at \$1/hr over the federal minimum, increases it again in a year, and then indexes it to Consumer Pricing Index (CPI). This is all done without regard as to whether or not an employer can afford this, and without regard as to whether or not the economy is favorable or unfavorable. Minimum wages reduce employment for unskilled labor, especially young people, and increase costs for businesses that use low-skilled labor, and their customers. Getting a job, learning skills, and earning more by producing more will lift more people from poverty than a government mandate that cripples businesses. The Platform, Part I, urges us to support jobs and businesses in New Hampshire, and minimum wage increases kill jobs. Employers are best positioned to determine the financial benefit an individual will bring to that business, and the hourly rate that company can afford to pay the individual and remain solvent.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 1134, permitting municipalities to reimburse assistance in obtaining social security benefits. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 12-5.**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes that when a municipality recovers previous welfare payments, they can use some of a SSDI or SSI (SS disability or low income payments) lump sum back payment to pay a representative who helped that person gain the federal payments. No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 1310, allowing towns and cities to end the property tax exemption for pollution control facilities. **ITL. Vote 17-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows towns to choose to end or adopt the property tax exemption for pollution control facilities. This exemption was created when pollution control was optional, so a town would have a good reason to encourage its adoption within the town. Now that pollution control is mandatory (by both federal and state laws), the tax exemption shouldn't be. The Platform, Part II, encourages "local control of ...taxes designed to support local services."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.

HB 1333, relative to the elderly property tax exemption. **OTP/A. Vote 10-7.**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows towns to pro-rate the elderly tax exemption, which is intended to allow the elderly poor to stay in their homes, if the elderly taxpayer shares their home with other adults who are not poor. The Platform, Part II, encourages "local control of ...taxes designed to support local services."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A.

RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT

HB 1271, establishing a committee to study the powers and duties of conservation commissions. **INTERIM STUDY. Vote 10-4.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

HB 1376, requiring the DES to examine the potential harm to the public and the environment of New Hampshire from the transportation of bituminous tar sands through Coos county by the Portland-Montreal pipeline. **OTP/A. Vote 14-1.**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, creates a study committee. No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 1456, relative to certificates for energy facilities by the site evaluation committee. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 14-2.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

REGULAR CALENDAR PART III

WAYS AND MEANS

HB 1626-FN-A-L, establishing up to 6 gambling establishments in the state and a gaming oversight authority. **ITL. Vote 16-4.**

HRA Analysis: The Platform, Part V, "oppose expanded gambling because of the negative social consequences."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

HB 1628, relative to games of chance and establishing a gaming regulatory commission and video lottery gaming. **ITL. Vote 16-4.**

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HRA Analysis: This bill is the most reasonable of three up for consideration. It ensures that the casinos provide table games for charitable gaming, allows up to six 250 slot machine casinos in the state, and applies a 55% tax rate with moderate license fees. The Platform, Part V, “oppose expanded gambling because of the negative social consequences.”

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

HB 1633-FN-A-L, relative to expanded gaming in New Hampshire. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 11-9.**

HRA Analysis: This bill is the governor's proposal to increase state revenues by expanding gambling, with one “high end” casino. The Platform, Part II, “reject expanded casino and video lottery gambling as a means to balance the budget or increase spending.”

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

STATE FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1451, establishing a canine veterans day. **OTP. Vote 12-0.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HCR 10, applying to Congress to call for a convention under Article V of the US Constitution. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 9-4.**

HRA Analysis: This convention would have a single topic: ending the free speech rights of corporations and other associations of individuals. The Constitution, Part 1, Article 22, “Free speech and liberty of the press are essential to the security of freedom in a state: They ought, therefore, to be inviolably preserved.” For those concerned that corporations have too much political power, consider that the US has one of the highest corporate tax rates in the world.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

HCR 11, commemorating the ratification of the seventeenth amendment to the United States Constitution. **ITL. Vote 10-2.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HR 21, supporting the right of the District of Columbia to be fully represented in Congress. **MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 9-4.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HR 24, urging Congress to investigate the Benghazi incident. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 10-2.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

JUDICIARY

HB 1143, relative to the New Hampshire Law Against Discrimination. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 11-8.**

HRA Analysis: This bill makes various changes to the state statutes against discrimination, to make it more parallel to the federal laws. The Constitution, Article 2, states “equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this state on account of race, creed, color, sex or national origin,” and we have all of RSA 354-A to explicate it in detail.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 1159, providing immunity for seeking medical assistance in an emergency overdose event. **MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 13-6.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 1214, relative to grounds for termination of tenancy. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 14-4.**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows a landlord to evict tenants when the lease expires, as most people assume a lease means. The Platform supports free markets and free enterprise, even in landlord/tenant relations.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.

HB 1253, relative to religious societies. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 10-7.**

HRA Analysis: This bill deletes the authority of religious societies to assess taxes and the statutory restriction on the amount that can be donated to unincorporated religious societies. The first repeals an unconstitutional authority (Part 1, Article 28: “No .. tax ...

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shall be imposed...without the consent of the people, or their representatives in the legislature); the second is obsolete and probably against the US Constitution.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.

HB 1336, relative to the landlord's agent requirement. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 12-6.**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, adds a local option for a \$500 fine for not registering an agent with the code enforcement office. That is a mandate on businesses that solves a problem only evident in large cities where code enforcement doesn't talk to the tax collector, but it is a local solution to a local problem.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 1452, relative to jury nullification. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 13-4.**

HRA Analysis: This bill shows the problem with trying to operate by rules rather than by principles. Last session, we approved jury nullification with a compromise position, that the defense might tell the jury of their authority. Since then, some prosecutors have started issuing contradictory instructions, confusing the jury. HB1452 puts the instructions back to the judge.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.

HB 1609-FN, relative to forfeiture of personal property. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 14-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill rewrites the civil asset forfeiture statute, making it part of the criminal proceedings rather than a separate operation. The Constitution, part 1, Article 19, asserts that "all subjects hath a right to be secure from all unreasonable searches and seizures of his person, his houses, his papers and all his possessions." Civil asset forfeiture on accusation is an unreasonable seizure.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.

FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

HB 1495, repealing the prohibition on the use of silencing devices for taking wildlife. **ITL. Vote 9-2.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

FINANCE

HB 1411, relative to restoring moneys to the department of health and human services. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 13-10.**

HRA Analysis: This bill would spend \$7M (about half) of the 12-13 surplus on HHS rather than putting it into the rainy day fund. As the platform (and Gov. Mel Thomson) says, "Low taxes are the result of low spending." The 14-15 budget was crafted last year and agreed to by the legislature and the governor. Shall we spend even more just because the people were a bit overtaxed in 12-13?

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

HB 1307, barring the state and subdivisions from acquiring military vehicles or equipment. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 11-8.**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, requires a vote of the legislative body before the state or a subdivision acquires military vehicles or equipment. Many people are concerned not only of the cost of such equipment, but also the separation between the police and the citizens that this militarization implies. No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1154-FN, relative to the use of a laser pointing device for self-defense or defense of others. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 13-3.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 1230-FN, relative to imposition of consecutive sentences. **ITL. Vote 13-3.**

HRA Analysis: This bill clarifies when sentences are to be served consecutively, rather than concurrently, and establishes the net minimum and maximum term to be served with concurrent sentences. The only possible cost impacts are that judges must specify in writing why a consecutive sentence is imposed, and current inmates may request that their consecutive sentences be aggregated. The argument against "judicial discretion" seems to object to having all sentences from a single act or incident be made concurrent. No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

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HB 1326, establishing the affirmative defense of unwitting possession of a controlled drug. **ITL. Vote 14-2.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issue identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB 1362, prohibiting enforcement of any federal law which bans certain firearms or limits firearm magazine size. **ITL. Vote 15-1.**

HRA Analysis: The Constitution, Part I, Article 2-a, states “All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property, and the state.” This is a stronger protection than the federal second amendment, and we must ensure that our rights are not infringed by federal rules.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 1541-FN, allowing health insurance policies to be sold without mandates. **ITL. Vote 9-5.**

HRA Analysis: Insurance policies without mandates are a great idea, offering more choices to consumers to buy just the coverage they value, rather than the one-size-is-more-than-big-enough-for-everyone policies mandated by Obamacare. The Platform, Part III, urges us to “Allow free market driven health care plans and “a la carte” insurance plans free from government mandates.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

HB 1316, requiring the use of metal detection devices in court-ordered, supervised visitation. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 17-2.**

HRA Analysis: This is a feel-good bill triggered by a recent tragedy, which would have serious unintended consequences. Due to the costs of staffing metal detection devices, it's possible that supervised visitation centers might close or have very limited hours, preventing even this minimal contact between these parents and their children. The Platform supports families and the vital role of parents in their children's lives.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.