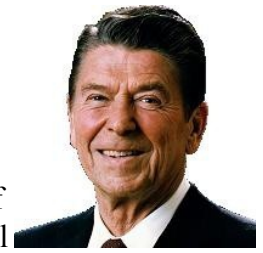


HOUSE REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE RECOMMENDATION SHEET



“TRUST BUT VERIFY”

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.

Bill Number	Committee	Committee Vote	HRA recommends
SB 27	Education	OTP 15-4	Support OTP
SB 41	Commerce	OTP/A 14-0	No Recommendation
SB 47	Transportation	OTP 13-4	Oppose OTP
SB 48	Education	OTP/A 15-4	Oppose OTP/A
SB 123	Science	OTP/A 15-3	Oppose OTP/A
SB 129	Finance	OTP/A 15-8	Oppose OTP/A
SB 135	ED&A	OTP/A 12-5	Oppose OTP/A
SB 146	Municipal & County	OTP 9-6	No Recommendation
SB 148	Science	OTP/A 16-1	No Recommendation
SB 189	Ways & Means	OTP 12-1	Oppose OTP
SB 198	Criminal Justice	OTP/A 11-2	No Recommendation

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REGULAR CALENDAR TRANSPORTATION

SB 47, relative to a surviving spouse’s right to retain a Purple Heart plate. **OTP. Vote 13-4.**

HRA Analysis: The Purple Heart is an *individual* award for those injured in combat and allowing a surviving spouse to use such a plate diminishes the honor. The Platform, Part III, urges us to “respect New Hampshire’s honored veterans.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

SB 41, revising the New Hampshire business corporations act, RSA 293-A. **OTP/A. Vote 14-0.**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or Platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 198, relative to the authority of county correctional officers. **OTP/A. Vote 11-2.**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or Platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

EDUCATION

SB 27-FN, monitoring by the department of education of programs for children with disabilities. **OTP. Vote 15-4.**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires an outside evaluation. The Platform, Part II, warns us to "ensure effective spending."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.

SB 48, relative to school performance and accountability. **OTP/A. Vote 15-4.**

HRA Analysis: This bill changes school performance language to agree with Common Core, the latest federal educational initiative. The Platform, part IV, states we "promote local control of education policy."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 135-FN, relative to the regulation of the practice of genetic counseling. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 12-5.**

HRA Analysis: This bill adds yet another licensed profession, for the benefit of the professional organizations who find it easier to lobby the legislature than to educate other medical professionals. The Platform, Part I, reminds us to "minimize business regulations, permits, licenses, and paperwork."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, support ITL.

FINANCE

SB 129-FN, relative to court-ordered placements in shelter care facilities and at the Sununu Youth Services Center, the CHINS program, and establishing a committee to study programs for children. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: OTP. Vote 15-8.**

HRA Analysis: This bill would reduce the population at the Sununu Youth Center to just violent or potentially violent offenders, saving the state millions. The unrelated amendment would accept a \$5.3M federal grant for the insurance dept to inform the public about and market the health insurance provisions in Obamacare. As the platform clearly states, we "oppose the implementation of Obamacare in New Hampshire." We should reject this grant and leave this task to the feds.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose committee amendment, oppose OTP/A, support OTP.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

SB 146-FN-L, relative to aid to permanently and totally disabled and old age assistance. **MAJ:ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 9-6.**

HRA Analysis: This is enabling legislation, but it might lead to venue-shopping and possibly to increased local welfare expenditures. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY

SB 123-FN-L, relative to the use of proceeds from the regional greenhouse gas initiative program. **OTP/A. Vote 15-3.**

HRA Analysis: This bill allocates \$2 million per year from the systems benefit charge (paid by all electricity ratepayers) and the RGGI auction to municipal energy efficiency programs, including paying consultants to tell them how to spend the money! The Platform, Part II, reminds us to "reduce energy costs and remove New Hampshire from RGGI."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.

SB 148-FN, relative to electric renewable portfolio standards. **OTP/A. Vote 16-1.**

HRA Analysis: This bill makes changes to the set prices of alternative energy. The Platform, Part II, reminds us to "reduce energy costs", but Part I, to "minimize business regulations."

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 189, relative to licensure of fuel gas fitters and plumbers by a mechanical licensing board within the department of safety. **MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 12-1.**

HRA Analysis: This bill consolidates the existing regulatory structure for these professions. The Platform, Part I, states we should "minimize business regulations." However, the long standing exemptions for property owners and their agents to do plumbing chores without a license were inadvertently deleted, in favor of the more restrictive home gas fitting allowance. Without that protection, this bill violates private property rights.

HRA Recommendation: Support the McGuire/Sanborn/Kurk floor amendment, support OTP/A; oppose OTP.