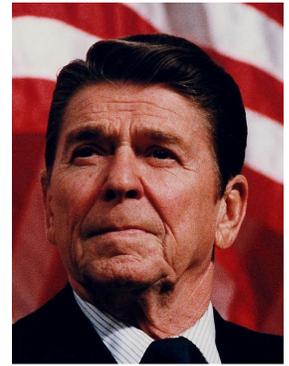


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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.

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Children and Family Law

SB6, relative to child protection staffing and making an appropriation therefor. **OTP Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill adds 36 positions to Child Protective Services this year, and more next year. While some increase may be reasonable, the department has vacant positions and excessive turnover, and 31 new positions are in the House budget. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

SB125, relative to parental reimbursement for voluntary services provided under the child in need of services (CHINS) program. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 15-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill removes means testing for 'voluntary' (extra) services delivered through Children in Need of Services, with no concern that parents might be able to pay for them. Platform; We believe the government has a duty to cut spending and cost of government at every opportunity.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

SB129, relative to misdemeanor cases filed in superior court. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 18-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill removes the presumption of 'class B' for misdemeanors filed directly in Superior court. No Constitutional or platform issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Education

SB82, relative to school food and nutrition programs. **OTP Vote: 15-3**

HRA Analysis: This bill increases the subsidy for school breakfast from 3 cents to 30 cents further encouraging irresponsible parenting. Platform: Promote personal responsibility and consequences for one's actions.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

SB139, establishing a committee to study options for lowering student debt. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 13-7**

HRA Analysis: It's a study committee. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Executive Departments and Administration

SB29, establishing a commission to study incidents of workplace violence against state employees. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: It's a study committee. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified..

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

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SB233, relative to the classification of certain state employee positions. **OTP/A Vote: 19-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill changes the pay grade of various positions, and has already been approved by the Joint Committee on Employee Classification and the outside consultant on appropriate pay levels. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

SB11, relative to mental health services and making appropriations therefor. **OTP Vote: 19-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill expands funding for mental health services, There are two questionable clauses: first, in two places DHHS is authorized to accept and spend federal funds without approval of the fiscal committee or governor and council; second, there is a new insurance mandate to cover hospital boarding of mental health patients prior to admission, with no copays or deductibles for the patient. This violates the platform: "Allow free market driven health care plans and "ala carte" insurance plans free from government mandates."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

SB232, adopting the model psychology interjurisdictional compact. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 13-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill adopts a multistate agreement to allow psychologists to practice in multiple states and share disciplinary actions. Most of it is reasonable; but the new RSA 329-D, X, 10, D, 1 states that the commission controlling the compact has: "The authority to promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this Compact. The rule shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all Compact States." This violates the Constitution, "Nor are the inhabitants of this State controllable by any other laws than those to which they, or their representative body, have given their consent."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

SB289, relative to health and human services. **OTP/A Vote: 19-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill updates a large number of statutes relating to HHS, mostly in minor ways. It does add a new licensing requirement for laboratory sample collection stations not run by laboratories, for example in a doctor's office, which are not currently licensed. Platform: "Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

SB290, relative to the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 16-5**

HRA Analysis: This bill minimizes the work requirements for expanded Medicaid. Platform: "Support the repeal of Obamacare and oppose its implementation in New Hampshire."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

SB99, relative to gainful employment and partial disability in workers' compensation. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: After being amended by the majority, this bill's fiscal note has not been updated. Information to the committee explains that it has the potential to increase the cost of workers' comp., but that the magnitude of that increase is unknown. Without knowing the cost of that increase, this bill should not be brought forward into law as it could increase costs to businesses and impose mandated costs on the State's political subdivisions. Constitution: Article 28-A. Platform: Oppose "downshifting" and Minimize business regulations.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP or OTP/A

SB151, establishing an administrative hearing procedure and penalty for an employer who fails to make payment of wages or who fails to secure workers' compensation coverage. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill increases the enforcement penalties available to the Department of Labor when a issue arises wages or workers' comp. The penalty may include the shut-down of the non-compliant business and criminal penalties for non-conformance with such orders. The platform asks us to foster an attitude of assistance and cooperation with business. Threatening closure through Department of Labor fiat does the opposite.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

Resources, Recreation and Development

SB74, (New Title) relative to register of deeds fees used to support the land and community heritage investment program (LCHIP), and establishing a committee to study the economic impact of land conservation. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 13-7**

HRA Analysis: This is a 40% increase to one of the most regressive taxes in all of state government. Please note that this tax is a surcharge, an additional tax imposed on users of the registry who already pay fees for the cost of the service of recording their documents. The NHGOP platform states “We believe that economies flourish when all people retain as much of their hard earned income as possible, to spend and invest as they see fit. We believe that low taxes are the result of low spending; that government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible, to always limit spending and growth of government, and to cut spending and cost of government at every possible turn. We believe as the New Hampshire Constitution states, that acquiring, possessing and protecting property is a natural, essential and inherent right.” The platform asks we “Strongly oppose new taxes and fees.” And that we “Cut or eliminate taxes which inhibit enterprise.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

Transportation

SB187, (Second New Title) relative to OHRV dealer and rental agency registration fees and snowmobile registration fees. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-4**

HRA Analysis: The bill would raise registration fees for OHRV and snowmobiles and establishes a snowmobile program advisory commission. Higher fees will fund grant in aid for snowmobile clubs to purchase equipment to maintain snowmobile trails and grooming of trails. OHRV fees are increased, however, the grant in aid is to be used solely for snowmobile clubs and not for OHRV trails. There were not any business plans submitted showing how the increased fees would fully fund trail grooming and maintenance by the snowmobile clubs. Platform; justify expenditures against measurable results; strongly oppose new taxes and fees.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

SB216, (New Title) requiring the New Hampshire transportation council to conduct a review of automated vehicle testing and deployment, establishing an automated vehicle testing pilot program, and providing requirements for automated vehicle deployment. **OTP/A Vote: 19-0**

HRA Analysis: The amendment replaces the original bill; it sets up structure and guidelines for the testing of autonomous vehicles, particularly level 5, in the state of New Hampshire. Licensing, registration, insurance requirements, certification. No platform or constitutional issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation