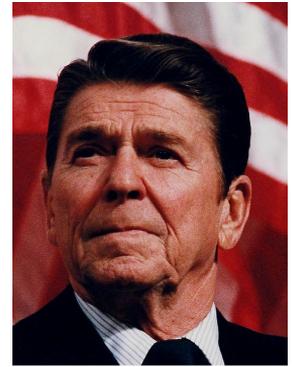


# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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, February 13, 2020**  
**Regular Calendar**

## Children and Family Law

**HB1103**, relative to the submission of evidence in divorce proceedings. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires evidence in a divorce case to be presented to the opposing party five days before a hearing. The Constitution requires legal remedies be complete and prompt, but there have been problems in divorce cases with "ambush" evidence.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose ITL

**HB1258**, establishing a committee to study the impact on youth of media concerning them available on the Internet. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-7**

**HRA Analysis:** It's a study committee. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Education

**HB1335**, relative to private rights of action regarding pupil safety. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 13-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would allow a private right of action against a school in a case of gross misconduct in bullying issues. Platform: Implement the nation's highest competency and accountability standards for our superintendent, principal, teachers, and students; empower teachers to maintain orderly, disciplined classrooms.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose ITL

**HB1681**, relative to school lunch reimbursements. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

**HRA Analysis:** As amended, this bill creates a study committee, No platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB1691**, relative to kindergarten adequate education grants. **OTP Vote: 20-0**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill pays the adequate education grant for full-day kindergarten students in the first year of such a program. It's an incentive to expand a half day program to full time. Platform: Promote local control of education policy and funding.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP.

## Fish and Game and Marine Resources

**HB1339**, relative to damage to crops or livestock done by animals. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A Vote: 13-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would allow the taking of an unprotected wild animal causing damage on private property. Constitution: [Art.] 2. [Natural Rights.] All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights – among which are, the enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting, property; and, in a word, of seeking and obtaining happiness.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose ITL

## Municipal and County Government

**HB1450**, relative to the powers of the zoning board of adjustment. **ITL Vote: 18-2**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill adjusts the language of the statute to more properly align with court rulings and common sense understanding. Platform: Work with municipalities to streamline planning and zoning barriers to business.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose ITL

**HB1452**, relative to employees of public libraries. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 13-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill makes a library employee subject to termination within the first 6 months without cause. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB1568**, prohibiting town employees and elected officials from profiting from businesses with which the town does business. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 12-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill assures that no elected official or municipal employee profits from a special relationship with any vendor. Constitution: [Art.] 10. [Right of Revolution.] Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose ITL

**HB1615**, requiring criminal background checks for persons brought into a library to interact with minors in library-sponsored events. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A Vote: 19-1**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would require libraries to do background checks on those who would interact with children. While there may be merit to the intent, it would place a tremendous burden on the parties involved. Platform: Oppose "downshifting" of costs and regulatory enforcement from state to local government.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

## Public Works and Highways

**HB1135**, naming a portion of route 49 in honor of Specialist Marc P. Decoteau. **OTP Vote: 17-0**

**HRA Analysis:** No platform or constitutional issues.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB1649**, establishing a road usage fee and making an appropriation therefor. **OTP/A Vote: 17-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill creates a new tax, based on the federal EPA mileage data, for cars and trucks registered in New Hampshire. It is a progressive tax, violating the constitutional provision that taxes be proportional. Platform: strongly oppose new taxes and fees.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A

## Transportation

**HB1605**, requiring children under the age of 2 years be restrained in a motor vehicle. **Maj. OTP; Min. Int. study Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill revises the requirements for child restraints for children under 2, in a way not supported by either the national highway traffic safety administration nor the manufacturers of child safety restraints. Since the platform doesn't ban stupid bills, there are no constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB1700**, relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill allows aliens who have filed an application for asylum with the US Immigration Services, to obtain a NH driver's license. Displaying a NH driver's license as identification is the first step in getting a ballot on the election day, same-day voter registration. This bill could facilitate the obtaining of an illegal ballot in violation of the NH Constitution and NH statutes.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP