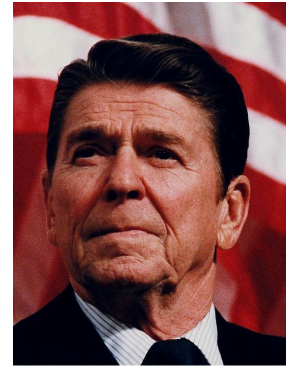


# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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.

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**  
**Regular Calendar**

## Children and Family Law

**SB144**, relative to child care scholarships. **Maj. ITL Vote: 8-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill establishes a child-care scholarship pilot program to provide enrollment-based reimbursement to childcare providers. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**SB326**, (New Title) relative to developing a plan to create the office of early childhood. **Maj. ITL Vote: 9-5**

**HRA Analysis:** The Council for Thriving Children is already formed and tasked by the Governor to make a plan for integrating services. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**SB431**, relative to child support in cases with equal or approximately equal parenting schedules. **OTP/A Vote: 8-7**

**HRA Analysis:** As amended, this bill increases funds attributed to the raising of a child. It also insures that the court is focused on the best interest of a child and does not limit the court by requiring additional considerations which may or may not be in the best interest of the child. Platform: Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**SB457**, establishing a committee to study nonprofit organizations contracting with the department of health and human services for children's services. **ITL Vote: 8-7**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**SB202**, prohibiting the sale of cosmetic products tested on animals. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 10-9**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB210**, relative to the sale of manufactured housing parks. **Maj. OTP Vote: 16-2**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB319**, relative to vaccination status and wellness incentives. **Maj. ITL Vote: 11-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill provides that health coverage offered by health carriers to employers may provide a wellness financial incentive to insured persons when voluntarily supplied with sufficient evidence the insured is currently fully vaccinated for Covid-19 at the time of enrollment. Incentives for taking experimental treatments does not equate to voluntary. Constitution: [Art.] 4. [Rights of Conscience Unalienable.] Among the natural rights, some are, in their very nature unalienable, because no equivalent can be given or received for them. Of this kind are the Rights of Conscience.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

**SB355**, requiring online marketplaces to disclose certain information to consumers. **Maj. Int. study Vote: 10-9**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## **Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**SB294**, relative to the release of a defendant pending trial. **without recommendation Vote:**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill amends the statute governing bail and pre-trial release to include provisions for pre-trial detention for commission of certain offenses that would create a presumption that the defendant is a danger to the public. This bill has constitutional issues both pro and con. On one side is the right to due process of defendants (Part I, Article 15) on the other protecting the lives of the people (Part I, Article 3).

**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your conscience

**SB299**, relative to the penalty for escape. **OTP Vote: 14-4**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB361**, requiring that bail commissioners be reimbursed for mileage traveled in the performance of their duties. **Maj. ITL Vote: 19-2**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## **Education**

**SB234**, requiring student identification cards to include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. **OTP/A Vote: 18-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## **Environment and Agriculture**

**SB367**, relative to the regulatory status of advanced recycling and manufacturing facilities. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 9-7**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## **Executive Departments and Administration**

**SB218**, declaring October 13 as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day. **ITL Vote: 12-5**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB219**, declaring the month of September as kinship care awareness month. **ITL Vote: 11-6**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB220**, relative to establishing a committee to study licensure of mental health professionals. **Maj. OTP Vote: 13-4**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB274**, relative to governmental construction contracts. **Maj. ITL Vote: 12-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would prohibit the requirement of labor agreements in state government and state government assisted construction contracts. This prevents a reduced number of potential bidders and competition, which can lead to increased costs to the government and thus the taxpayers we represent. Platform: Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose ITL

**SB325**, relative to local organization for emergency management and first responders. **Maj. OTP Vote: 15-4**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill defines first responders and includes first responders in the definition of emergency management and local organization for emergency management. This excessively broad definition does not qualify as "wholesome and reasonable" as set out in our Constitution Part II, Art. 5.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP

**SB330**, (New Title) establishing a committee to study and make recommendations relative to the office of professional licensure and certification and the licensure of professions under boards, councils, and commissions within the office; relative to the boxing and wrestling commission; and relative to the expiration of terms of the board of foresters members. **OTP/A Vote: 19-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB333**, relative to licensure of case management service providers. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 18-1**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB358**, establishing October 2022 as eczema awareness month. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 14-5**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill, with the amendment that totally replaces the original language, revises the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules to be 15 members, rather than 10, and divides them into three groups which each review a third of the rules. This has three significant advantages which allow for more effective oversight over rulemaking - transparency. Platform: Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**SB382**, (New Title) relative to licensure requirements for telehealth services and relative to licensure of physicians and physicians assistants through reciprocity agreements. **Maj. OTP Vote: 13-6**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill clarifies licensure requirements for healthcare professionals providing services by means of telemedicine or telehealth. The bill also authorizes the office of professional licensure and certification to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states to facilitate the licensure of out-of-state physicians and physicians assistants in New Hampshire. This bill in part increases regulation and in part reduces regulation.

**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your conscience

**SB397**, (New Title) relative to the mental health counseling compact and the interstate compact for the placement of children. **OTP/A Vote: 16-3**

**HRA Analysis:** The mental health compact contains a statement that their rules have the force of law. These laws have not been voted on by our body. Constitution: Part I, [Art.] 8. [Accountability of Magistrates and Officers; Public's Right to Know.] All power residing originally in, and being derived from, the people, all the magistrates and officers of government are their substitutes and agents, and at all times accountable to them.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A

**SB450**, relative to the prescription drug affordability board. **Maj. Int. study Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill makes changes to current law requested by the Prescription Drug Affordability Board. It would create a highly paid position of Executive Director, make significant changes to fees, and would established a non lapsing fund. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support IS

## **Finance**

**SB227**, relative to death benefits for first responders who die from suicide. **OTP/A Vote: 15-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill includes suicide as a work-related cause of death for first responders and corrections officers. Platform: Ensure that public employee benefits are similar to and do not exceed those of the private sector.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A

**SB267**, establishing the upland invasive species program, program fund, and program coordinator in the department of agriculture, markets, and food. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB275**, relative to the opioid abatement trust fund. **OTP/A Vote: 20-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB303**, (Second New Title) relative to the reimbursement of sheriffs offices for prisoner custody and control. **OTP Vote: 21-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB346**, requiring the department of environmental services to conduct feasibility and impact studies for the construction of a pier on Hampton Beach. **OTP/A Vote: 20-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB366**, requiring an audit of ballots cast in the 2022 primary and general election. **Maj. OTP Vote: 12-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This use of public funds is warranted to test machine accuracy and, increase more voter confidence. Platform: We believe that New Hampshire, with her rock-solid values and proud history of political activism, must preserve her First In The Nation Primary position. AND, prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

**SB371**, making an appropriation to the lead paint hazard remediation fund. **OTP Vote: 19-1**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill takes money from taxpayers (not all of whom are property owners) and gives interest free loans to those whom are property owners. Constitution: Part I, Article 10, 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 OTP

**SB376**, (New Title) relative to creating a board to review police incidents involving citizens affected by mental health issues. **OTP/A Vote: 20-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB381**, establishing an office of the advocate for special education. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 15-6**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill establishes the independent office of advocate for special education. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits. In this case, the expenditure is justifiable in order to help parents get the services needed for their children with disabilities. "Emphasize knowledge attainment and academic achievement." On the other hand, this can be seen as an expansion of government.

**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your conscience

**SB394**, (New Title) relative to the definition of a child with a disability under special education laws and establishing a commission to study special education eligibility. **OTP/A Vote: 20-1**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB401**, (Third New Title) making appropriations to the department of transportation for local highway aid and to the body-worn and dashboard camera fund and permitting the department of transportation to operate dash cameras in fleet vehicles. **OTP/A Vote: 18-2**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill makes appropriations to the department of transportation for state bridge aid and local highway aid and to the body-worn and dashboard camera fund. The bill also permits the department of transportation to operate dash cameras in fleet vehicles. This bill as amended also adds support for a rich developer to have a road project completed connecting to the Balsams resort. Constitution: Part I, Art. 2-b Right to privacy. Platform: 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.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A

**SB407**, relative to expanding Medicaid to include certain postpartum health care services and making an appropriation therefor. **OTP Vote: 20-0**

**HRA Analysis:** This act should be known as the "Some Healthy Moms, Some Healthy Babies Act of 2022." Only those classes of people qualifying for this program will receive benefits. Those who are just slightly above qualification will not only be on their own, but will be forced to subsidize those whom are only slightly less able to care for themselves. Constitution: Part I, Art. 10.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP

**SB412**, making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for nursing home reimbursement rates. **OTP/A Vote: 20-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB416**, relative to behavioral health assessment and treatment for children in out-of-home placements. **OTP/A Vote: 20-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB417**, establishing an electric school bus pilot program. **without recommendation Vote:**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB418**, relative to verification of voter affidavits. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 12-9**

**HRA Analysis:** Spending an estimated \$48,000 in FY 2023, and \$72,000 in FY 2025 is a reasonable amount to verify identity for same day voter registrants. Platform: We believe that New Hampshire, with her rock-solid values and proud history of political activism, must preserve her First In The Nation Primary position.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**SB420**, (New Title) establishing an extraordinary need grant for schools and relative to additional adequate education grant amounts for pupils receiving special education services. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 14-6**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB422**, establishing an adult dental benefit under the state Medicaid program. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 16-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill establishes yet another entitlement that will be in effect in perpetuity and will cost the taxpayers more and more in future years. Platform: Support the repeal of Obamacare and oppose its implementation in New Hampshire.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A

**SB430**, relative to health and human services. **OTP/A Vote: 20-0**

**HRA Analysis:** As amended this bill tinkers with this senate OMNIBUS bill. This does not qualify as "wholesome and reasonable" as set out in our Constitution Part II, Art. 5.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A

**SB438**, (New Title) establishing state procurement policies intended to promote the use of American materials. **Maj. OTP Vote: 18-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would require that any state construction project estimated to cost more than \$1 million would require any steel used in the project to be made in the US. Constitution: Part I, Article 10 prohibits crony capitalism.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP

**SB442**, relative to the suspension of a vehicle registration as a result of evading toll collection systems. **OTP Vote: 20-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB444**, relative to childhood adverse experiences treatment and prevention. **OTP Vote: 18-2**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill introduces psychobabble claptrap (a sect) as a basis for deploying ARPA fund 'free money' (note the accompanying inflation) to build programs which will then 'need' to be funded with state taxpayer funds derived from hard working citizens. Constitution: [Art.] 6. [Morality and Piety.] But no person shall ever be compelled to pay towards the support of the schools of any sect or denomination.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP

**SB445**, (New Title) relative to the broadband matching grant initiative. **OTP/A Vote: 19-1**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB458**, relative to the Sununu youth services center and operation of a replacement secure facility. **Maj. OTP Vote: 13-7**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB459**, relative to a health care facility workplace violence prevention program. **OTP/A Vote: 18-2**

**HRA Analysis:** As amended this bill requires non-state health care facilities to implement and maintain workplace violence prevention programs and establishes the healthcare workplace safety commission which also excludes state facilities from actions. Constitution: Part I, Article 10, 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:** Support amendment, Oppose OTP/A

## **Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs**

**SB404**, establishing a supplemental nutrition assistance program. **OTP/A Vote: 17-4**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## **Judiciary**

**SB216**, establishing a commission to study the landlord and tenant mediation program in circuit courts. **Maj. ITL Vote: 11-9**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB217**, relative to eviction notices. **Maj. ITL Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would double the time for notice of eviction in some circumstances from 30 days to 60 days. Interfering with contracts and property rights is a violation of our constitution.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**SB222**, permitting licensing boards to conduct remote meetings. **Maj. ITL Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires no physical location, no identification of members participating remotely, no reason required for remote participation, and no other important safeguards for meetings of public bodies. Constitution: Part I, Article 8, Government, therefore, should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive. To that end, the public's right of access to governmental proceedings and records shall not be unreasonably restricted.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**SB302**, establishing the personal privacy protection act. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill prohibits public agencies and bodies from releasing information that identifies donors and volunteers of any 501(c) entity. Constitution: Part I, Article 2-b Right of Privacy.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**SB339**, relative to meetings of boards and commissions in the department of safety. **Maj. ITL Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This is one of several bills this year from boards or agencies requesting an exemption from the physical quorum requirement in RSA 91-A. Constitution: Part I, Article 8 demands open and transparent government.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**SB344**, (New Title) relative to the electronic participation requirements of meetings open to the public under the right to know law. **Maj. ITL Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill adds a new section to RSA 91-A to allow bodies (except the General Court) to hold meetings with only a fourth of the body present at a physical location. Constitution: Part I, Article 8 demands open and transparent government.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**SB388**, relative to availability of information or records relating to the enhanced 911 system. **OTP Vote: 21-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB392**, (New Title) establishing a commission to study insanity and restoration of competency. **Maj. ITL Vote: 14-7**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

**SB209**, relative to electronic wage payments. **Maj. Int. study Vote: 14-7**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB345**, relative to youth employment. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill simplifies the law so employers can understand their obligations. Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**SB377**, (New Title) relative to the eligibility of certain injuries of state troopers for workers' compensation. **Maj. Int. study Vote: 12-9**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Municipal and County Government

**SB239**, relative to noncompliance with municipal audit requirements. **OTP Vote: 18-0**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB245**, establishing a committee to study agreements between developers and municipalities on municipal trash removal fees paid by condominium owners and renters. **OTP/A Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This is an unnecessary study committee and a waste of resources. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A

**SB246**, relative to qualified private communities. **Maj. ITL Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would have established a new chapter for qualified private communities. This bill would violate the right to contract protected by our constitution in Part I, Article 2.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**SB329**, establishing a commission to study barriers to housing development in New Hampshire, including workforce and middle-income housing. **OTP/A Vote: 10-8**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB400**, relative to training and procedures for zoning and planning boards and relative to financial investments and incentives for affordable housing development. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 10-8**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Resources, Recreation and Development

**SB258**, relative to the graves of African Americans alive during the period of American enslavement. **Maj. Int. study Vote: 13-8**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Science, Technology and Energy

**SB259**, relative to the definition of "municipal host" for purposes of limited electrical energy producers. **Maj. Int. study Vote: 14-7**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB263**, establishing the New Hampshire youth environmental education and conservation council. **Maj. ITL Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would have established a New Hampshire Youth Environmental Education and Conservation Council. With the amount of legislation with which we must deal, another group built to bring more legislation is counterproductive. Platform: Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**SB269**, (New Title) establishing a commission to study energy saving weatherization programs. **Maj. Int. study Vote: 12-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill attempts to establish a commission to study energy saving weatherization programs. With the amount of legislation with which we must deal, another group built to bring more legislation is counterproductive. Platform: Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support IS

**SB271**, relative to the Burgess BioPower facility. **OTP/A Vote: 20-2**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB424**, relative to renewable energy and natural gas. **Maj. OTP Vote: 15-5**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB448**, (New Title) relative to energy reduction by state agencies. **Maj. ITL Vote: 12-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill focuses on the purchase, operation, and maintenance of state-owned vehicles. No legislation is required for any state agency to make a decision regarding what are the most practical and cost-effective vehicles for their use. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

## **Special Committee on Redistricting**

**SB200**, relative to the election of district commissioners in Haverhill. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 8-7**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## **Transportation**

**SB447**, establishing the electric vehicle and infrastructure fund. **without recommendation Vote:**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would establish an electric vehicle infrastructure fund to be filled by state, federal, and grant monies. The constitution does not support this subsidization of private enterprise. Constitution: Part I, Article 10.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP or OTP/A, Support ITL

## **Ways and Means**

**SB318**, extending the hours in which games of chance may be conducted. **Maj. OTP Vote: 14-8**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB343**, (New Title) establishing a committee to study room occupancy tax revenues and fees and the formula for distribution to municipalities. **ITL Vote: 17-5**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB435**, relative to the net operating loss carryover under the business profits tax. **Maj. OTP Vote: 21-1**

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation