

# NHHRA

## RECOMMENDATION SHEET

The purpose of the NHHRA caucus 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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**Thursday, April 5, 2018**

SB313 Oppose OTPA Support ITL	SB477 No Rec	SB399 No Rec
SB402 No Rec	SB561 No Rec	SB528 Support IS or ITL
SB529 Vote Your Conscience	SB408 Support Int Study	SB55 Support ITL
SB536 Oppose OTP Support Table or ITL	SB539 No Rec	SB541 Oppose OTPA Support ITL

### HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

**SB 313-FN, (New Title) reforming New Hampshire's Medicaid and Premium Assistance Program, establishing the granite workforce pilot program, and relative to certain liquor funds. OTPA. Vote 21-0.**

**HRA Analysis:** This is the reauthorization of Medicaid Expansion. It extends the program for 5 years. To supplement federal funding reductions, it raises the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund to 5% of the Liquor Commission's gross profits and diverts those funds into a trust fund to pay for this program. The bill does include work requirements (including community service) with signs these might be approved by the Trump administration. How much will it cost to track those work requirements? Also included is an asset test. Employers of a TANF participant will be paid a subsidy of up to \$4,000. A severability clause is included, however. Our Platform says "Support the repeal of Obamacare and oppose its implementation in New Hampshire" and "Allow free market driven health care plans and "ala carte" insurance plans free from government mandates".

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTPA - Support ITL**

**SB 477, establishing a therapeutic cannabis medical oversight board. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL.  
Vote 15-5.**

**HRA Analysis:** No Constitutional or Platform issue.

**HRA Recommendation:** No Recommendation

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

**SB 399, naming a bridge in Concord in honor of David E. Powelson. OTP. Vote 16-0.**

**HRA Analysis:** No Constitutional or Platform issue

**HRA Recommendation:** No Recommendation

**SB 402, naming a portion of route 110 in Berlin in honor of Anthony B. Urban. OTP. Vote 14-0.**

**HRA Analysis:** No Constitutional or Platform issue

**HRA Recommendation:** No Recommendation

**SB 561-FN, (Second New Title) naming a bridge over the Little River between the towns of Plaistow and Atkinson the Lance Corporal Dimitrios Gavriel bridge. OTP. Vote 15-0.**

**RE HRA Analysis:** No Constitutional or Platform issue

**HRA Recommendation:** No Recommendation

## **RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**SB 528-FN-LOCAL, relative to dam registration fees and relative to permit fees for constructing or reconstructing a dam. INTERIM STUDY. Vote 10-8.**

**HRA Analysis:** Raises registration fees and our platform says to strongly oppose new taxes and fees.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support Interim Study or ITL

**SB 529-FN, (New Title) requiring the department of environmental services to conduct a study regarding the Baker River in the town of Warren and making an appropriation for such study.**

**MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 11-6.**

**HRA Analysis:** This is a study bill but with no appropriation for the study, A future solution could save the state money in the long run. Our Platform says to: "Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending". A 2004 study failed to be fully carried out. This bill singles out one town on one of many NH rivers that flood. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable results. Conflicting platform issues.

**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your Conscience

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

**SB 408-FN, licensing historic racing. MAJ: INTERIM STUDY. MIN: ITL. Vote 16-4.**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill allows electronic gaming devices for the purpose of gambling on races previously run. It requires the Lottery Commission to make rules under the pari-mutuel pools sections of current law. There is a party platform plank which rejects expanded casino and video lottery gambling as a means to balance the budget or increase spending. This bill however is not a means to balance a budget or increase spending. Per the fiscal note an added \$300,000 annually would be lottery fund revenue which goes into the Education Trust Fund. And our platform also says to improve our business climate and encourage small businesses.

**HRA Recommendation: Support Interim Study**

## **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION**

**SB 55, (New Title) relative to the servicing of backflow devices and arrest powers of fire marshals. ITL. Vote 8-3.**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would allow unlicensed and unqualified personnel to perform plumbing work. Though our platform states that we should Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork, it should not come at the risk of people's health.

**HRA Recommendation: Support ITL**

**SB 536-FN, relative to eligibility for death benefits for court security officers. OTP. Vote 9-2.**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill extends the \$100,000 line of duty death benefit we currently give to police officers and firefighters to court bailiffs and security officers. Platform: ensure that public employee benefits are similar to and do not exceed those of private sector. NH Constitution: Art 10, Government being instituted...not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family of class of men.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP -- Support Table or ITL**

## **FINANCE**

**SB 539-FN-A, making appropriations to the department of education for adequate education grants. OTPA. Vote 17-0.**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill provides districts with funds for 3rd grade reading differential aid due to them as a result of prior year test scores. It also extends to June 30, 2018 the Medicaid Expansion deadline for waivers and notification to participants if the program is going if the program is not going to be reauthorized. No Constitutional or Platform issue.

**HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation**

## **FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES**

**SB 451, relative to wildlife trafficking. MAJ: OTPA. MIN: ITL. Vote 12-4.**

**HRA Analysis:** The issues raised in this bill are already covered in federal laws. Our platform says that government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible, to always limit spending and growth of government.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTPA - Support ITL**

