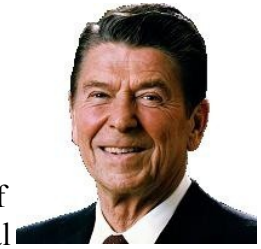


HOUSE REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE RECOMMENDATION SHEET



“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 60	Judiciary	OTP 13-6	Oppose OTP/A
SB 71	HHS	OTP/A 13-4	No Recommendation
SB 83	HHS	OTP 17-0	Oppose OTP
SB 96	Judiciary	ITL 11-8	Support ITL
SB 106	Judiciary	OTP 18-1	Support OTP
SB 108	Judiciary	OTP/A 15-4	Support OTP/A
SB 132	ED&A	ITL 14-3	No Recommendation
SB 146	HHS	OTP 16-1	No Recommendation
SB 157	Finance	OTP/A 16-2	Oppose OTP/A
SB 187	Judiciary	OTP/A 18-0	Support OTP/A

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 REGULAR CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 132-FN, establishing a committee to study police special details. **ITL. Vote 14-3.**

HRA Analysis: No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

FINANCE

SB 157-FN, establishing a New Hampshire disaster relief fund. **OTP/A. Vote 16-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill consolidates two existing dedicated funds into one and establishes a mechanism for disbursement of disaster relief. The committee amendment eliminates the proposed sunset. The Platform, Part II, encourages us to “sunset programs ... to force periodic reevaluation.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose the committee amendment, no recommendation on the underlying bill.

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

SB 71, establishing a committee to study the use and misuse of prescription drugs in workers’ compensation cases. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 13-4.**

HRA Analysis: No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

SB 83, relative to the controlled drug prescription health and safety program. **OTP. Vote 17-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill eliminates the proposed sunset, delays a required program audit and changes the composition of the oversight committee for this prescription drug monitoring program. The Platform, Part II,

encourages us to “sunset programs ... to force periodic reevaluation.”

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP.

SB 146-FN-L, relative to aid to the permanently and totally disabled and old age assistance. **OTP. Vote 16-1.**

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.

JUDICIARY

SB 60, relative to assisted living facilities and landlord tenant law. **MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 13-6.**

HRA Analysis: No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

SB 96, relative to vexatious litigants. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 11-8.**

HRA Analysis: This bill would require a “vexatious litigant” to post a bond or hire an attorney. The Constitution, part 1, article 14, states “Every subject of this state is entitled ... to obtain right and justice freely, without being obliged to purchase it.”

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

SB 106, relative to confidentiality in adult guardianship cases. **MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 18-1.**

HRA Analysis: This bill would require confidentiality of all data in adult guardianship cases. The Platform, Part II, encourages us to “protect the privacy of individuals.”

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.

SB 108, on the liability of landowners who permit use of their land for recreational activities. **OTP/A. Vote 15-4.**

HRA Analysis: This bill would protect landowners who let others use their land from lawsuits by, say, snowmobile trail groomers. The Platform, Part VIII, says we should “encourage landowners to keep their property open and accessible to responsible recreation.”

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A.

SB 187, posthumously emancipating enslaved Africans in New Hampshire. **OTP/A. Vote 18-0.**

HRA Analysis: The Platform, Part VII, state we “support the constitutional right of citizens to petition the general court for redress of grievances”, and the Republican Party was founded “to end the despicable practice of slavery.”

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A.

Pulled from the CONSENT CALENDAR

SB 43, relative to the property taxation of qualifying historic buildings. **OTP/A. Vote 16-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows a reduced appraisal for a building that is historic, partly used for a non-profit purpose and partly for profit. The Constitution, part 2, article 5, requires taxes to be “proportional and reasonable”, which implies equal assessments. This effort would more appropriately be addressed as a change in the property tax abatement statute.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.