

# HOUSE REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE RECOMMENDATION SHEET



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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, MARCH 9 REGULAR CALENDAR

### ELECTION LAW

**CACR 17**, allowing only a resident of the state to vote. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 11-7. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**CACR 23**, selectmen need not be present to receive votes. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 11-7. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1313**, on eligibility to vote and availability of information. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 11-7. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1356**, use of the terms “resident” and “inhabitant.” MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 11-7. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1468**, relative to sessions for correction of the checklist. OTP/A. Vote 13-6. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1482**, a committee on the statewide voter database. MAJ:OTP/A. MIN: OTP. Vote 10-5. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1529**, reporting felony convictions to the voter checklist. MAJ:OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 10-7. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1530**, relative to mail-in voting. ITL. Vote 13-5. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1532**, permitting state or county prisoners to vote by absentee ballot. ITL. Vote 15-3. **SUPPORT ITL.**

### ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

**HB 1440**, relative to certification for solid waste operators. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP.. Vote 15-3.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill eliminates certification for part-time and volunteer workers under supervision of certified workers, at a cost of \$50/year each. The Platform: “Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.”

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1499**, relative to certificates for rabies vaccination of dogs, cats, or ferrets. ITL. Vote 16-3. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1528**, relative to standards for aerobic septic systems. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 10-6. **SUPPORT ITL.**

### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

**CACR 21**, Providing that the attorney general be elected to a 4-year term. **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**

**HRA Analysis:** As amended, the CACR would have the AG elected by the legislature for a two year term, as we now elect the Treasurer and Secretary of State. This eliminates issues of fund-raising and partisanship, and makes the AG more responsive to the citizens of the state than to the Governor and the executive agencies. The Platform: “Support the people’s oversight of the Judiciary through their elected Legislature.”

**HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A.**

**HB 1122**, limitations on supervisory positions in state employment. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 14-2.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill sets limits on how many employees in an organization can be coded as “supervisor,” thereby getting a raise. Right now about half of all employees are “supervisors,” even though the organization charts show they don't actually have any subordinates! The Platform states: "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits," and creating higher paid positions without actually increasing their responsibility has no measurable benefits.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1187**, repealing licensure of showmen. ITL. Vote 7-5.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill repeals a very old law that requires various showmen to get a permit from the selectmen before holding a show in a town. The Platform: "Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork" and these permits serve no purpose.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1224**, establishing RV month in New Hampshire. ITL. Vote 13-2. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1282**, relative to the state building code. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 10-6. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1433**, establishing an ombudsman in the department of state. INTERIM STUDY. Vote 8-5. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1442**, relative to objections to proposed agency rules. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 12-4.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill gives JLCAR a new ability to object to rules, that they are injurious to businesses in the state. The Platform: "Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork" and this bill will allow JLCAR more opportunities to object to rules that impose new regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork on businesses.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1639**, relative to bonds for public employees. ITL. Vote 14-2. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1640**, relative to the expiration of administrative rules. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 11-2. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1658**, establishing one-stop business permitting. INTERIM STUDY. Vote 11-3. **No Recommendation.**

## **FINANCE**

**HB 242**, statewide improvement and assessment program. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 13-12. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1428**, funding eligible and completed drinking water and wastewater projects. OTP/A. Vote 25-0. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1475**, death benefit for a school employee. MAJ:ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 14-11. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1591**, relative to funding of retiree health benefits. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 17-8. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1670**, relative to public employee suggestions for cost-savings measures. ITL. Vote 21-4. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1686**, repealing the community heritage investment program. ITL. Vote 23-1. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1696**, continuation of expanded Medicaid. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 18-8.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill continues the expanded Medicaid program for another two years, funding the state's share with “voluntary” contributions from the hospitals and insurance companies, and a tax on the insurance plans sold to cover these people. This diverts insurance taxes from the general fund to the Medicaid fund; prioritizes health care of these childless, able bodied adults over that of the disabled; relies on “contributions” from the businesses that benefit from this extension to cover the cost (showing just how good a deal it is for the hospitals and insurance companies); and opposes the Platform: “Allow free market driven health care plans and “ala carte” insurance plans free from government mandates.” The committee amendment adds the administrative costs to those paid by the state, and should be supported.

**HRA Recommendation: Support the committee amendment (-0910h), oppose Umberger amendment (-0902h) to reinstate the severability clause, oppose OTP/A, support ITL.**

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

**HB 1178**, taking black bear assisted by a licensed guide. MAJ:ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 11-2.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill is a pro-business and pro-economy bill. The current rules allow guides to only help with the taking of 6 bears, which actually prohibits them from booking more than 6 hunters in a calendar year because if every hunter happened to take a bear (chances are about 30%), hunters booked later in the year would have their hunts canceled and their money refunded. This bill would allow guides to book throughout the bear hunting season, increasing their revenues and indirectly boosting the local and state economy with out-of-state hunters. The Platform says to encourage business and private enterprise, and remove obstacles preventing business growth. The artificial limit of being able to guide only 6 bear hunts a season is red tape that prohibits economic growth and hurts small businesses.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1548**, prohibiting the trade of shark fins. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 10-2. **No Recommendation.**

## **HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS**

**HB 1310**, a commission to study health care for all residents. INTERIM STUDY. Vote 10-4. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1420**, relative to controlled drug health and safety information. OTP/A. Vote 11-6. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1453**, qualifying medical conditions for cannabis. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 9-6. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1605**, prohibiting the use of latex gloves in food service. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 16-2.

**HRA Analysis:** As amended, this bill mandates that latex gloves, etc, not be used in food service. This is a micro-management mandate, despite the fact that businesses are voluntarily moving away from latex. The Platform: "Minimize business regulations."

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.**

**HB 1629**, disqualifying certain groups from public assistance. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 12-5. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1690**, extending the New Hampshire health protection program. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 9-8. **SUPPORT ITL.**

## **JUDICIARY**

**CACR 13**, Providing that the chief justice of the supreme court shall make rules governing employees of the courts and the practice and procedure to be followed in the courts. WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION. Vote 8-8

**HRA Analysis:** This resolution would establish that in the event of conflict between court-created rule and statute, statute shall prevail. Platform: Support the people's oversight of the Judiciary through their elected Legislature.

**HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.**

**CACR 22**, an individual's right to live free from government is fundamental. OTP/A. Vote 12-8. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1125**, requiring law enforcement to return stolen property. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 11-9.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill expedites the return of stolen property to the victim and makes provisions for admission of secondary evidence at trial. Constitution: Right to property; needlessly withholding property from a victim of crime furthers the original damage to his property rights.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1175**, relative to post-judgment real estate liens. OTP/A. Vote 14-2. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1249**, criminalizing false information in abuse or neglect cases. MAJ:ITL. MIN:OTP/A. Vote 10-7.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill clarifies that false swearing is subject to criminal penalty. The amendment goes on to provide that professionals involved in a case are subject to penalty for hiding exculpatory evidence. Platform: Ensure due process rights of those accused of child abuse or neglect.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1270**, jury's determination as to the applicability of law. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 9-8. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1328**, limiting abortions after 20 weeks. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 11-9. **Vote your conscience.**

**HB 1361**, relative to service of process. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 16-4. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1399**, requiring licensure of outpatient abortion clinics. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 14-5.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill targets just one type of health care clinic in order to achieve a "higher moral purpose." The Platform insists, "We believe that life is sacred, from conception to natural death and that we cannot diminish the value of one category of human life without diminishing the value of all human life."

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1417**, relative to records of public bodies. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 11-7.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill adds transparency to two types of 'non-meetings'; negotiations, and legal consultations. As amended it requires such records to include the specific exemption which is relied upon as the foundation for the convenings, names of members, meeting places, and beginning and ending times. Constitution: Part I, Article 8, To that end, the public's right of access to governmental proceedings and records shall not be unreasonably restricted.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1481**, relative to the qualifications of jurors. ITL. Vote 15-2. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1493**, relative to ownership of DNA. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN:ITL. Vote 11-9. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1496**, relative to the expectation of privacy in personal materials. ITL. Vote 14-6. **No Recommendation.**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill codifies an expectation of privacy and protection from intrusion by government and persons in his or her personal materials. This bill would prohibit collecting materials such as fingerprint, saliva, hair, and other effects without a warrant or court order. Platform: Protect the privacy of individuals from government agencies and employees who abuse their power and position.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1522**, adopting the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as law. ITL. Vote 16-1. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1555**, relative to the manner in which New Hampshire takes possession of land. ITL. Vote 15-3. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1570**, repealing the law on access to abortion facilities. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 11-9. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1575**, prohibiting certain court filing fees. ITL. Vote 14-3. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1623**, prohibiting an abortion based on genetic tests. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 14-5. **Vote your conscience.**

**HB 1625**, banning abortion after viability. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 9-8. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1636**, prohibiting abortions once an unborn can feel pain. NO RECOMMENDATION. Vote 9-9.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill prohibits abortions after the child can feel pain. Platform: Support the pre-born child's fundamental right to life and personhood under the Fourteenth Amendment, and implement all Constitutional and legal protections.

**HRA Recommendation: Support OTP.**

**HB 1660**, relative to eminent domain for gas pipelines. OTP/A. Vote 16-4. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1663**, prohibiting buying, selling, and experimenting on unborn infants. ITL. Vote 10-8.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill prohibits buying, selling, and experimenting on unborn infants or bodily remains resulting from abortion. Platform: Support the pre-born child's fundamental right to life and personhood under the Fourteenth

Amendment, and implement all Constitutional and legal protections.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1684**, prohibiting using public funds for abortions. NO RECOMMENDATION. Vote: 8-8

**HRA Analysis:** This bill strongly prohibits the use of public employees, facilities or funds to perform or assist in an abortion that is not necessary to save the life of the mother, or to counsel or encourage her to do so. Platform: Support the pre-born child's fundamental right to life and personhood under the Fourteenth Amendment, and implement all Constitutional and legal protections.

**HRA Recommendation: SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1687**, governmental liability for injury on playground structures. ITL. Vote 19-1. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1688**, relative to governmental liability for negligence claims. ITL. Vote 18-2. **SUPPORT ITL.**

## **LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES**

**HB 1252**, permitting employers to pay weekly or biweekly. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 13-9. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1301**, relative youth employment certificates. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN:OTP/A. Vote 11-8. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1322**, reports on public employee labor relations. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 13-9. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1346**, relative to minimum wage for tipped employees. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 10-8. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1376**, relative to temporary workers. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 10-8. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1480**, establishing a state minimum wage. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 12-10. **SUPPORT ITL.**

## **MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**HB 1112**, relative to subdivision of land. OTP. Vote 12-5. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1129**, approval of fees established by the register of deeds. ITL. Vote 11-4. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1180**, allowing towns to bond to expand Internet service. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 9-7. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1219**, on repurchase of tax-deeded property by the former owner. OTP/A. Vote 10-5. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1382**, on referendum procedure for public water systems. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 12-4. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1401**, relative to public libraries. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 12-4. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1455**, on membership of a budget committee. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 11-3. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1500**, relative to default budgets. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 12-4.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires the DRA to analyze certain default budgets, which may well become the actual budget. While it does add work to the DRA, the Platform states: "Expand openness and transparency to ... all recipients of taxpayers' funds." This analysis would provide a baseline for evaluating such expenditures.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL**

**HB 1508**, allowing public libraries to run privacy software. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 9-6. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1678**, relative to the information on a property tax bill. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 13-3. **SUPPORT ITL.**

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

**HB 1349**, location of the Merrimack county superior court. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 10-6. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 2016**, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement program. OTP/A. Vote 18-2.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill presents the plan for updating and maintaining the state's transportation network, which is fiscally sound. However, the "planning" for passenger rail simply wastes money, as almost all such rail systems overrun its capital budget and require continual subsidies from taxpayers. "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits."

**HRA Recommendation: Support a floor amendment to remove \$4M for rail, no recommendation on bill.**

## **RESOURCES, RECREATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**HB 1517**, relative to temporary seasonal docks. INTERIM STUDY. Vote 15-3. **No Recommendation.**

**SB 380**, establishing the drinking water and groundwater trust fund. OTP. Vote 18-0. **No Recommendation.**

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY**

**HB 1104**, relative to electric renewable energy classes. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 14-7.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill permits new hydroelectric power to count for compliance with RPS (renewable portfolio standards). The Platform states: "Work to reduce energy costs". Hydro power reduces costs to consumers, and, with biomass, is the most suitable form of renewable power in NH.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, support OTP, support amendment 2016-0533h, then support OTP/A**

**HB 1116**, relative to net metering. OTP/A. Vote 19-0. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1133**, relative to the maximum customer deposit. ITL. Vote 17-3. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1140**, financial responsibility for gas transmission pipelines. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 15-6. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1146**, relative to certificates of site and facility. ITL. Vote 15-5. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1148**, relative to pipeline capacity contracts. MAJ: ITL. MIN:OTP. Vote 11-10. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1174**, energy sources for new natural gas transmission compressor stations. ITL. Vote 14-7. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1320**, relative to assignment or transfer of an operating permit. ITL. Vote 14-5. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1374**, rebates to ratepayers from the renewable energy fund. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 18-3.

**HRA Analysis:** The bill directs that money in the renewable energy fund be rebated to retail consumers of electricity, lowering power costs. Otherwise, it is distributed to various energy savings projects in an opaque way to politically favored organizations. The Platform states: "Work to reduce energy costs."

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, support OTP.**

**HB 1470**, permitting additional site evaluation committee membership. ITL. Vote 18-1. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1479**, establishing a broadband study committee. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 13-8. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1659**, the clean power state implementation plan. MAJ: ITL. MIN: INTERIM STUDY. Vote 20-1. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1691**, changes to the renewable portfolio standard. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 13-8.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill increases the number of renewable energy credits (RECs) available to NH utilities, and it keeps more RECs in NH. Both these changes will lower electricity costs, while helping the state meet its renewable energy goals, in keeping the the GOP platform's goal, "to ensure an affordable, stable, and reliable energy supply."

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, support OTP/A.**

## **STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**HB 1288**, National Guard force protection policy. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 10-3. **No Recommendation.**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**HB 1132**, carrying a rifle or shotgun in certain vehicles. MAJ: OTP/A MIN: ITL. Vote 11-9. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HRA Analysis:** The bill permits hunters and sportsmen to have ammunition in their guns, in their vehicles. The Platform states: "Protect the rights of law abiding individuals to own and carry firearms..." Both the original bill and the committee amendment improve those rights, but the amendment is more restrictive.

**HRA Recommendation: Support the bill as either OTP or OTP/A, but oppose the committee amendment.**

**HB 1154**, authorizing and regulating license plate scanning devices. OTP/A. Vote 13-4.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill, as amended, authorizes law enforcement to use a strictly defined type of license plate scanner and incorporates rules for use. However, history has shown that once a device is authorized, it is used in ways never intended. The Platform: "Protect the privacy of individuals from government agencies and employees who abuse their power and position." License plate scanners would be very easy to abuse, and enforcement of any restrictions very difficult to enforce; police departments that used scanners have tended to stop the use due to hacking, lack of data confidentiality, and public outcry.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.**

**HB 1257**, revocation or suspension of a driver's license because of impairment. ITL. Vote 18-1. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1358**, regulating engine idling of certain vehicles. ITL. Vote 14-3. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1445**, tinted windows on motor vehicles. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 12-6. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1509**, relative to the definition of "houseboat." ITL. Vote 15-3. **No Recommendation.**

## **WAYS AND MEANS**

**HB 1192**, repealing the education tax credit. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 11-8. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1198**, valuation of telephone poles and conduits. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 18-5. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1247**, gambling by private individuals. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 13-6. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1360**, establishing a tax credit for media production. ITL. Vote 20-1. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1443**, relative to the reasonable compensation deduction. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 11-8. **SUPPORT ITL.**

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW**

**CACR 16**, Parents control children's health, education, and welfare. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 8-5. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1117**, establishing a child support maximum. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 9-7. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1236**, hearings on parental rights and responsibilities. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 10-4. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1238**, income for child support. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 10-5. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1248**, waiver of counsel in juvenile delinquency proceedings. OTP. Vote 9-5. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1250**, medical neglect of children. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 7-6. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1280**, grounds for modification of parental rights. OTP. Vote 10-1. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1471**, parental rights. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 8-5. **SUPPORT OTP.**

## **COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**HB 1139**, a committee on protections from financial fraud. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 12-8. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1188**, relative to the brew pub license. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 12-7. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1227**, repealing laws regulating Sunday business. OTP/A. Vote 16-4. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1339**, corporate governance annual disclosure. OTP/A. Vote 16-4.

**HRA Analysis:** The bill requires annual submittal of a complex disclosure form on corporate governance. The Platform states: "Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork." One time reporting and reporting changes in governance, if actually needed, would be more appropriate.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.**

**HB 1340**, insurance producer licensing. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 12-7. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1342**, prohibiting using credit scores to underwrite insurance. ITL. Vote 15-4. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1348**, repealing certain exemptions in consumer protection. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 10-9. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1478**, a commission on an alternative contract for health care payments. OTP. Vote 11-6. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1540**, relative to direct shipments of beer. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 13-5. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1608**, on uniform prior authorization forms. OTP/A. Vote 16-2. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1697**, regulating transportation network companies. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 15-2. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**HB 1297**, relative to harm to unalienable rights of inhabitants. ITL. Vote 10-3. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1314**, limiting regulations on the sale, use, and possession of firearms. ITL. Vote 9-4.

**HRA Analysis:** Currently certain public entities violate RSA159:26 and create local rules about where firearms can be carried. This bill amends the language of RSA 159:26 to make sure that areas being funded with taxpayer money do not create gun free zones. NH Constitution Art 2a: "All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state."

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1321**, transportation of alcoholic beverages by a minor. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 12-5.

**HRA Analysis:** The issue at hand is that if a minor is driving a car where alcohol is present in the car, even with an adult family member in the car, the minor is committing a crime. The bill, as amended by the minority, allows immediate family members to be with a minor for the transportation of alcohol. No minor should be charged with a crime for bring home groceries, including beer or wine, where their parent is in the car. NH Constitution, Part first Art 18: "All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense..."

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1330**, adding a former prisoner to the criminal & juvenile council. ITL. Vote 12-3. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1400**, defining suitable person to carry a firearm. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 13-3.

**HRA Analysis:** The bill is some of the language passed in SB116 [2015] "Constitutional Carry". While that bill eliminated the need for a license to carry a firearm, it also corrected the definition for a suitable person. Police chiefs

have been very inconsistent in issuing licenses as each applies different standards. This bill just corrects the “suitable person” language: If you can purchase a firearm, you can get a license to carry a firearm. Constitution Art 2a: "All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state."

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1435**, enforcement of the cell phone ban. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 13-5.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill changes the law on using a cell phone while driving: Currently talking on a cell phone or using a GPS phone feature is a primary offense and an officer can pull you over for it. HB1435 makes talking on a phone a "secondary action", meaning the officer needs to observe another violation of the law prior to pulling a person over. NH Constitution part first: "No subject shall be held to answer for any crime, or offense, until the same is fully and plainly, substantially and formally, described to him; or be compelled to accuse or furnish evidence against himself." The current law presumes guilt instead of innocence.

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1448**, contact between persons under a protective order. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 13-5. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1451**, allowing some convicted persons to petition for an annulment. OTP/A. Vote 18-0. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1474**, collecting data on firearm related deaths & injuries. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 11-4. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1543**, relative to prosecutorial misconduct. ITL. Vote 11-1. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1546**, permitting recording a public servant in public. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 10-4. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1547**, prohibiting bestiality. OTP/A. Vote 15-0. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1549**, requiring Safety to catalog certain activities. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 10-4.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires the NH Dept. of Safety to report on certain activities that could be seen as oppressive: Swat raids, Bear Cat deployments, shootings by police officers, tazings, drone use, civil asset forfeitures: The data is already collected for some of these activities, however it is not consolidated in a way that allows the citizens easy access to this data. This bill would consolidate the data, giving the citizens easier access under right to know requests. Part First, art. 38 "...and they have a right to require of their lawgivers and magistrates, an exact and constant observance of them, in the formation and execution of the laws necessary for the good administration of government."

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1552**, extending the penalty of death to acts of terrorism. ITL. Vote 11-4. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1599**, relative to shining a laser pointing device at an aircraft or vessel. OTP/A. Vote 13-0. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1600**, prohibiting the possession of a flame thrower. ITL. Vote 12-0. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1614**, on the criminal penalty for prostitution. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 13-3. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1626**, relative to drug take-back programs. OTP/A. Vote 13-1. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1631**, penalties for possession of marijuana. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 7-6.

**HRA Analysis:** The bill makes possession of 1/2 ounce or less of marijuana no longer a misdemeanor, but only a violation. Penalties for larger amounts or for dealing remain misdemeanors or felonies. NH Constitution, Part first Art 18: "All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense..."

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL.**

**HB 1632**, penalty for providing firearm to a prohibited person. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 7-6. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1635**, relative to the theft of a firearm. ITL. Vote 11-4. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1645**, carrying a pistol without a license. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 8-5.

**HRA Analysis:** NH is an open carry state, but prohibits carry within a car. This bill attempted to fix that issue, but had drafting issues. The minority amendment corrects those issues in a simple fashion, and makes it consistent with other open carry states, where someone who chooses to open carry can carry in a car. NH Constitution Art 2a: "All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state."

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, Support OTP/A with 2016-0617h**

**HB 1657**, prohibiting firearms in certain public places. ITL. Vote 11-2. **SUPPORT ITL.**

## **EDUCATION**

**HB 1120**, teacher qualifications at charter schools. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 13-4. **SUPPORT ITL.**

**HB 1225**, permitting wearing military uniforms at graduation. OTP/A. Vote 19-0. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1229**, prohibiting including assessment results without consent. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 10-8. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1231**, school policy on objectionable course material. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 13-6. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1232**, relative to visits to schools by non-academic organizations. OTP/A. Vote 13-5. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1274**, a committee on community college. MAJ: ITL. MIN: INTERIM STUDY. Vote 12-9. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1300**, on the content of patriotic exercises in schools. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 10-8. **SUPPORT OTP/A.**

**HB 1338**, student exemption from the statewide assessment. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 10-9. **SUPPORT OTP.**

**HB 1365**, requiring public schools to observe New Hampshire constitution day. ITL. Vote 17-2. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1371**, a committee to study education savings accounts. MAJ: OTP. MIN: ITL. Vote 12-8. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1393**, requiring Education to report statewide assessment results. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 11-10.

**HRA Analysis:** Data on statewide assessment results, sorted by the category of differentiated aid received, is an essential metric in evaluating the effectiveness of these programs. The Platform states: "Promote local control of educational policy and funding in order to create the best-managed school systems".

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, Support OTP with minority amendment 2016-0687h**

**HB 1484**, electing members of the state board of education. MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP. Vote 13-6.

**HRA Analysis:** This bill changes appointments of five of the seven BOE members from the Governor to the public. The Platform: "Promote local control of educational policy and funding in order to create the best-managed school systems".

**HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, Support OTP**

**HB 1612**, relative to the age for compulsory education. ITL. Vote 16-4. **No Recommendation.**

**HB 1637**, attendance in towns with no public schools. MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 12-9. **No Recommendation.**