

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.

Bill Number	Committee	Committee Vote	HRA recommends
CACR 17	Judiciary	Interim Study 16-4	Oppose OTP
SB 91	Commerce	OTP/A 9-8	Oppose OTP/A
SB 205	Children & Family	OTP/A 18-0	No Recommendation
SB 244	Judiciary	ITL 19-0	No Recommendation
SB 293	Children & Family	OTP 17-0	No Recommendation
SB 306	Commerce	OTP/A 9-7	No Recommendation
SB 317	Criminal Justice	OTP/A 18-0	Support OTP/A
SB 318	Criminal Justice	OTP/A 18-0	No Recommendation
SB 348	Education	OTP 10-8	No Recommendation
SB 361	Commerce	OTP 12-3	No Recommendation
SB 366	Ways & Means	ITL 11-9	Support ITL
SB 394	Judiciary	OTP 11-8	Oppose OTP
SB 421	Commerce	OTP 11-4	No Recommendation
SB 422	Commerce	OTP 13-2	No Recommendation

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30 REGULAR CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILY LAW

SB 205-FN, (New Title) relative to the use of metal detection devices at supervised visitation centers and establishing a commission to study supervised visitation centers. **OTP/A. Vote 18-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows court ordered visitation to be at supervised visitation centers with metal detectors. Since it is only by court order, and no visitation center is mandated to install or use them, there are no Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

SB 293, (New Title) establishing a committee to study open adoption agreements. **OTP. Vote 17-0.**

HRA Analysis: No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

SB 91, relative to drug use not approved by the Food and Drug Administration. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN: ITL. Vote 9-8.**

HRA Analysis: This bill adds yet another mandate to health insurance. The Platform, Part III, urges us to resist mandates.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A.

SB 306, establishing a commission to study New Hampshire mortgage foreclosure law, new federal regulations, and fair foreclosure practices. **MAJ: OTP/A. MIN:ITL. Vote 9-7.**

HRA Analysis: It's a study commission. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

SB 361, (New Title) relative to the licensing requirements for mortgage bankers and brokers. **OTP. Vote 12-3.**

HRA Analysis: This bill makes some very minor changes to the relevant statutes. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

SB 421, establishing a committee to study timely consumer access to prescription drugs. **OTP. Vote 11-4.**

HRA Analysis: It's a study committee. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

SB 422, relative to the definition of pharmacy benefit manager. **OTP. Vote 13-2.**

HRA Analysis: This bill makes some very minor changes to the relevant statutes. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 317-FN, relative to trafficking in persons. **OTP/A. Vote 18-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill expands the definition of human trafficking, establishes a new felony, that of compelling a person under 18 into sexual service, and confirms that a person compelled to perform such acts is not guilty of prostitution or juvenile delinquency. A victim of human trafficking is also entitled to sue the traffickers for damages. The Platform, Part VI, urges us to “establish strict laws against sexual predators” and human traffickers are among the worst predators.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A.

SB 318-FN, establishing the crime of domestic violence. **OTP. Vote 18-1.**

HRA Analysis: This bill identifies various crimes as “domestic violence” when the perpetrator and victim were related. No new crimes are created, just a new labeling scheme. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

EDUCATION

SB 348, a commission to study sexual abuse prevention education in elementary and secondary schools. **OTP. Vote 10-8.**

HRA Analysis: It's a study commission. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

JUDICIARY

CACR 17, relating to natural rights. Prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. **INTERIM STUDY. Vote 16-4.**

HRA Analysis: The Constitution already establishes that “All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights.” This CACR is unnecessary, and the concerns about adding more narrowly defined “protected classes” to the constitution are valid.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation on Interim Study, oppose OTP.

SB 244, (New Title) establishing a procedure for the annulment of a mental health record and establishing a commission to study mental health and firearms. **ITL. Vote 19-0.**

HRA Analysis: This bill intends to protect the constitutional right of individuals who have previously had mental health treatment to bear arms in self defense, but, as written, falls short of that goal. No Platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

SB 394, relative to the recognition of out of state marriages, uniform marriage recognition law, civil union recognition, and gender neutral references. **OTP. Vote 11-8.**

HRA Analysis: While not technically against the Platform, this bill declares “spouse,” “next of kin,” “immediate family,” and other gender neutral terms as “gender specific.” Other unintended consequences are likely in such a sweeping change.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP.

WAYS AND MEANS

SB 366-FN-A-L, relative to video lottery and table gaming. **MAJ: ITL. MIN: OTP/A. Vote 11-9.**

HRA Analysis: This is a two-casino gambling bill. The platform says we “Reject expanded casino and video lottery gambling as a means to balance the budget or increase spending,” and the minority report makes it clear that this bill is all about the revenue.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.