

HOUSE REPUBLICAN ALLIANCE SUPPLEMENTAL PINK SHEET

Due to a drafting error, HB 406 from Judiciary was listed incorrectly. It should have no recommendation: SB 406, establishing an early offer alternative in medical injury claims. MAJ: OTPA MIN: ITL Vote 9-4

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended establishes a voluntary evenhanded process for parties involved in a medical injury claim to quickly and efficiently settle the claim. The process provides an incentive for injured claimants as it reduces uncertainty and allows them to receive economic damages without having to hire an attorney and without having to wade through years of litigation. By adding more choice to how someone can pursue restitution this bill favors individual liberty. However, some object to the complex, one-sided nature of the mechanism. The amendment also includes two previous House bills.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

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REMAINING BILLS OFF CONSENT CALENDAR

SB 350-FN, relative to the sale of portable electronics insurance. OTP Vote 14-0

HRA Analysis: This bill is an important and business friendly clarification to the existing law relating to the licensing of entities and individuals selling insurance that covers cell phones, Blackberries and other portable electronic devices. This bill is a pro-business bill. It updates our current insurance regulations to make it easier to sell insurance on portable electronic devices. The bill is one of a nationwide effort to update insurance laws. The platform supports “Creating a supportive business climate.”

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

SB 244-FN, relative to the administration of the New Hampshire retirement system. OTP Vote 22-0

HRA Analysis: This is a housekeeping bill to correct language that was contained in SB 3 & HB 2 in 2011. The platform says government should be “effective and efficient.” Look for a floor amendment to further improve the bill.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP or OTPA

SB 83-FN, enabling municipalities to create other post-employment benefits (OPEB) trusts. OTPA Vote 13-1

HRA Analysis: This bill allows municipalities/school districts to create irrevocable trusts into which cities, towns and school districts could deposit funds for the future expense of post employment benefits other than pensions. This complex bill appears to follow the spirit of part 1 article 36 of the constitution regarding awarding pensions one year at a time. However, it is beyond our capabilities to fully vet it.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

SB 351, relative to proclaiming Blue Star Mother's Day. OTPA Vote 17-0

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, requires that the governor, each year, shall issue a proclamation calling for the proper observance of the first Sunday after Mother’s Day as “Blue Star Mother’s Day.” It also changes eligibility rules for free admission to the state parks by current and retired members of the armed forces.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

SB 282, authorizing the commissioner of safety to require the installation of an ignition interlock device or enhanced technology ignition interlock device as a condition of restoring driving privileges in certain instances.

OTP Vote 10-0

HRA Analysis: This bill provides that the department of safety shall have the authority to require use of an ignition interlock after an administrative hearing for those offenders who have lost their license or privilege to drive for offenses involving motor vehicles and alcohol. Currently interlocks must be order by courts, not the executive branch. The constitution requires that individual liberty can only be restricted after a court trial.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP and Support ITL