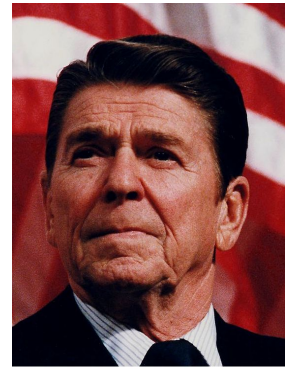


# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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.

**Thursday, May 23, 2019**

## Children and Family Law

**SB118**, establishing a child fatality review committee. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-6**

**HRA Analysis:** SB118 is a bill that establishes a Child Fatality Review Committee which was formed by executive order years ago and was housed in DOJ. They choose to move it to DHHS with over 10 appointments by the Chairman of DHHS which has a conflict of interest as some of the "patterns of deaths" may be within DHHS's purview. They also gave the power to subpoena which was never a power of the committee before and never hampered their data collection. Floor Amendment 2019-1849h addresses these problems by housing the Committee and having appointments made by the Office of the Child Advocate which is a more appropriate place and removes the power to subpoena as they can get the information from a range of sources and don't need the power. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Education

**SB140**, (New Title) relative to credit for alternative, extended learning, and work-based programs. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

**HRA Analysis:** SB140 basically repeals the "Learn Everywhere" program initiated by Commissioner Edelblut and our Governor with SB435 last year. This program extends the idea that much learning takes place outside the classroom. Local districts can award class credits for these programs while this program recognizes that some organizations serve many schools districts and the difficulty of gaining approval from each district. Learn Everywhere allows the state Board of Education to award credits after program approval. Our platform says to "Support innovative measures" and "Support market forces to provide and improve education".

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP

**SB196**, relative to non-academic surveys administered by a public school to its students. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill undoes the prior work of a study committee and then SB43 in 2017. It required written consent by parents for non-academic surveys other than the Youth Risk Behavior Survey which remains an opt-out survey. We have had many examples of surveys given to middle school and high school students asking intrusive, personal questions of the student and their parents without parental knowledge. This is clearly a Republican platform issue. Our platform says to "Promote education freedom and parental rights to control the education of their children". Floor amendment 1848h (calendar pg 32) will be brought forward to maintain the opt-in provision and add that electronic communication with parents for consent is acceptable.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose committee amendment; Support floor amendment 1848 (pg 32); Oppose OTP/A lacking amendment 1848

## Election Law

**SB67**, relative to the definitions of resident and residency. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill is one more convoluted attempt at defining resident and residence. Platform: prosecute violations of election law and ensure voting is done by New Hampshire resident citizens only; to prevent voter fraud we support the requirement to produce positive identification upon both registering and voting.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP

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**SB68**, relative to the centralized voter registration database. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill will allow the release of voter data in cases related to infringement upon the right to vote; it should also, in the interest of fairness, allow release of data in cases of voter fraud. Constitution: [Art.] 2-b. [Right of Privacy.] An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP

## **Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs**

**SB88**, relative to registry identification cards under the use of cannabis for therapeutic purposes law. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 18-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill, in addition to eliminating the waiting period, requires all medical cannabis reports to be prepared weekly, rather than monthly. Platform: minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A

## **Judiciary**

**SB36**, creating a cause of action for certain constitutional deprivations of right. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. OTP/A Vote: 12-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill creates a cause of action, allowing a citizen to sue a public body, for a violation of rights guaranteed by the NH constitution. The minority amendment makes clear that other remedies in law are to be used before invoking this statute; this avoids unnecessary duplicative processes. No compelling platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB296**, relative to live medical testimony in courts. **OTP/A Vote: 18-2**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill reduces the expense of having medical professionals testify in smaller medical claims litigation. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## **Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services**

**SB100**, relative to discrimination in employment based on criminal background checks. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This law limits the use of criminal background checks or inquiries about criminal records until after an in-person interview is conducted. While in the end, it doesn't change what employers can consider before hiring an employee, it does force some to comply with inefficient hiring processes and subjects them to fines if they do not adhere to the restrictions. This law hopes to force businesses into serving social justice by increasing red tape. Our platform asks us to minimize regulations, not increase them.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A

## **Municipal and County Government**

**SB31**, relative to membership of the New Hampshire community development advisory committee. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 13-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill adds an 11th member to the advisory board, with no platform issues identified. It also exempts the CDFA from rulemaking, in an attempt to allow it to use its expired (since 2013) rules without re-adopting them. Expired rules are specifically forbidden from being enforced. Constitution: laws must be approved by the people or their elected representatives.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose committee amendment; oppose OTPA. No recommendation on OTP

**SB154**, (New Title) allowing municipalities to adopt a credit against property taxes for certain workforce housing, and authorizing the sale of certain property by the town of Milton. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 17-3**

**HRA Analysis:** As amended, this bill creates a study committee on creating tax incentives for developing dense housing in town centers, and authorizes the town of Milton to sell their old fire station. No platform or constitutional issue identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Science, Technology and Energy

**SB123**, relative to lost and unaccounted for gas, and relative to electric distribution companies investment in natural gas operations. **OTP Vote: 16-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill assumes that a natural gas company has no interest in accounting for its products. This bill further uses very loose language such as 'innovative' and 'intended to'; laws should not have built-in loopholes. Platform: minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP

**SB165**, relative to net energy metering by low-moderate income community solar projects. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill subsidizes installation of solar electric for the benefit of low-moderate income communities. The cost of this subsidy will be passed along to ratepayers. Platform: work to reduce energy costs.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A

## Transportation

**SB133**, relative to the definition of emergency vehicles. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would authorize the vehicles the Dept of Corrections has already fitted with sirens, blue lights, emergency and warning lights that they use on prison grounds. This bill would also add Dept. of Corrections and certain DOC personnel, who are not sworn law enforcement officers, as being authorized to operate vehicles and such equipment on the public roadways. Present law now only gives that authority to sworn law enforcement officers with the power of arrest and to certain emergency vehicles such as fire and ambulances. No constitutional or platform issues.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB220**, relative to department of transportation access to crash data. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 13-6**

**HRA Analysis:** The bill would grant NH DOT timely access to crash data reports. The unlimited access granted the DOT could seriously weaken the Driver Privacy Act by negating the penalties for the improper release of private information. NH Constitution, Part First, Art. 2-b: An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL