

# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

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.



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**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**  
**Regular Calendar**

## Children and Family Law

**HB60**, raising the minimum age of marriage. **ITL Vote: 8-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would force a young couple to remain unmarried when they might choose to solemnify their relationship. Platform: We believe that traditional families are the foundation of strong communities, and that family life best nurtures love of country, faith in God, morality and concern for others.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB228**, relative to the calculation of child support in cases with equal or approximately equal parenting time. **OTP/A Vote: 8-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill as amended will create a more cohesive calculation of child support to meet the needs of the families and children who meet the criteria.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

## Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**HB65**, requiring food service establishments to establish food allergy awareness procedures. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would add unnecessary regulations for food service. Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support Int. study

**HB92**, establishing a committee to study best practices for companion animal groomers. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** Study committee is not needed, this one leads to more regulation which would be contrary to our platform.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB166**, relative to safety requirements for pools on foreclosed residential property. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would require a pool cover on certain properties creating a false sense of security. Constitution: Art.] 2. [Natural Rights.] All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights – among which are, the enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting, property.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB191**, relative to prior authorizations and patient transfers under managed care group health insurance policies. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would adjust prior authorisations and drive up insurance rates. Platform: Allow free market driven health care plans and “ala carte” insurance plans free from government mandates.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB245**, relative to the definition of grocery or convenience store. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP Vote: 18-1**

**HRA Analysis:** The bill was intended to repeal the food requirement for an off premises license, convenient stores. No platform or constitutional issues.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB472**, relative to retroactive denials of previously paid claims. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** RSA 415:6-i was just amended to reduce the allowable period for a retroactive denial from 18 months to 12 months a session ago and took effect January 1, 2019. No platform or constitutional issues.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB473**, establishing a renter's insurance notification requirement. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires landlords to inform the tenant that the landlord's insurance does not cover the tenant's belongings from loss or damage. Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB488**, establishing a committee to study the benefits of allowing New Hampshire citizens to purchase health insurance from out-of-state companies. **Int. study Vote: 13-6**

**HRA Analysis:** This is an unnecessary study committee. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB592**, requiring bond from pharmaceutical companies providing vaccines. **Maj. Int. study; Min. ITL Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** While this bill is flawed, Int. study leaves open the option of a better bill supporting the right of people to make claims for vaccine injuries. Constitution: Art.] 2. [Natural Rights.] All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights – among which are, the enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting, property.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support Int. study

**SB68**, requiring an employer to provide reasonable accommodations for pregnant employees. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP Vote: 11-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would require an employer to provide reasonable accommodations to prohibit discrimination. It is clear that this bill is unclear and needs more work. Platform: Foster an attitude of assistance and cooperation with business and increase responsiveness.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support Int. study

**SB69**, requiring employers to provide access to a sufficient space for nursing mothers and reasonable break time. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. OTP Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill, as amended, requires public employers to provide access to a sufficient space for nursing mothers and reasonable break times. This is in violation of Part I, Art 28-a. [Mandated Programs.] The state shall not mandate or assign any new, expanded or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures by the political subdivision unless such programs or responsibilities are fully funded by the state or unless such programs or responsibilities are approved for funding by a vote of the local legislative body of the political subdivision.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL or table

## **Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**HB147**, relative to assault against an elderly person. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill makes different crimes based on arbitrary ages of alleged actors and their alleged victims. Constitution: Part I, Art. 18. [Penalties to be Proportioned to Offenses; True Design of Punishment.] All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense. No wise legislature will affix the same punishment to the crimes of theft, forgery, and the like, which they do to those of murder and treason. Where the same undistinguishing severity is exerted against all offenses, the people are led to forget the real distinction in the crimes themselves, and to commit the most flagrant with as little compunction as they do the lightest offenses. For the same reason a multitude of sanguinary laws is both impolitic and unjust. The true design of all punishments being to reform, not to exterminate mankind.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL or table

**HB237**, relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations therefor. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP Vote: 12-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bills would tax and regulate cannabis. Our constitutions imposes no restrictions on the plants the people may choose to grow and consume. This bill would create a new never-ending bureaucracy.

**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your conscience

**HB238**, prohibiting provocations based on a victim's actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation from being used as a defense in manslaughter cases. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 13-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill seeks to insert Doublespeak into the manslaughter statute. "Objectively reasonable" is purely subjective. Constitution: Part I, Art 15, Every subject shall have a right to produce all proofs that may be favorable to himself.

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

**HB579**, requiring notice to the public before immigration checkpoints are conducted. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires notice of immigration checkpoints in New Hampshire. Constitution: Part I Art. 19 Every subject hath a right to be secure from all unreasonable searches and seizures of his person, his houses, his papers, and all his possessions. Platform: Demand the enforcement of national border security and immigration laws.

**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your conscience

**HB598**, relative to the portion of a minimum sentence to be served to be eligible for parole. **ITL; Min. OTP/A Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would allow an inmate to seek parole with only 1/2 of the minimum time served. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB620**, requiring law enforcement agencies to gather and analyze certain demographic information. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 12-8**

**HRA Analysis:** The intent of this legislation was to gather the demographic data of persons who have an encounter with law enforcement. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB629**, relative to the home cultivation of cannabis plants and the possession of certain cannabis-infused products. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would allow adults, 21 years and older, to possess and/or cultivate limited amounts of cannabis for personal use. Our constitution has no restrictions on the growth and use of plants.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose Int study, Support OTP

**HB632**, banning a sentence of life imprisonment without parole for a juvenile convicted of homicide. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** The intent of this legislation was to prevent the sentencing of a juvenile to life in prison when convicted of homicide. To ban that which might be an appropriate sentence would violate our constitution; "All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense."

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**SB92**, relative to increasing the penalty for criminal mischief, the release of a defendant pending trial, and requiring law enforcement candidate background checks. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill is intentioned to address the issue of the catch and release of criminals. Our constitution demands no subject be held until he is arraigned; the first stop after arrest is supposed to be at the courthouse to hear fully the charge being made. This bill papers over an ongoing violation of our constitution. Constitution: Part I, Art 15, [Right of Accused.] 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.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL or table

## Education

**HB20**, establishing the Richard "Dick" Hinch education freedom account program. **Maj. Int. study; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** Recommend interim study to keep Dick Hinch's name associated with education opportunities for all NH kids and to continue to study developments with education freedom accounts. Platform - expand education choice, excellence in education, local control, etc.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support Int. study

**HB136**, requiring schools to update documents and software to include the option of identifying a student as non-binary. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** Requires all public and chartered public schools to update documents and software, testimony indicates that districts are already making changes without this legislation. Bill not needed. Platform - moral obligation to be fiscally responsible.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB214**, relative to school building aid grants. **OTP/A Vote: 20-0**

**HRA Analysis:** Intends to provide statewide facilities condition assessment of public elementary and secondary schools using infrastructure funds previously appropriated. Needed for better understanding of statewide school building aid needs to plan and fund priority needs. Judge all buildings by same criteria, energy use, space, tech criteria, etc. Platform - Environment; energy & infrastructure projects, promote conservation and does not negatively affect NH's natural beauty or property values. AND government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB255**, relative to limited liability for institutions of higher education and businesses. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 11-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill, as amended, provides that no NH entity shall compel receipt of a COVID-19 vaccine by any individual who objects to such vaccination for any reason of personal conscience, a religious belief, or for medical reasons, including prior recovery from COVID-19. Constitution: Part I, Art. 4. [Rights of Conscience Unalienable.] Among the natural rights, some are, in their very nature unalienable, because no equivalent can be given or received for them. Of this kind are the Rights of Conscience.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A, Oppose OTP (if not amended)

**HB607**, establishing local education savings accounts for students. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. Int. study Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This is enabling legislation that allow for local tax dollars to "follow the child" only AFTER appearing on a ballot as a warrant article AND districts vote by 60% in favor. Platform - Ed Choice, Free Markets & support innovative measures to reduce tuition costs and increase national competitiveness, local control, no one size fits all.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB608**, relative to the formula for determining funding for an adequate education. **Maj. ITL; Min. Int. study Vote: 12-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This measure would examine the formula through which education funding is calculated. However, funding appropriations have already been submitted for the biennium through HB2 therefore this measure is not necessary. Platform: Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**SB44**, (New Title) establishing the New Hampshire workforce pathway program.

**Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 17-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This measure would have looked to establish a workforce pathways plan using new COVID funds, however plan developed less than 2 years ago deserves chance for implementation. Additionally, these efforts exist within the business industry and educational establishments. Not needed. Platform - government has moral obligation to be cost effective, always limit spending, support innovative measures

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

## **Election Law**

**HB87**, relative to the definition of electioneering. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill as amended addresses electioneering at and in the polling place in order to comply with constitutional protections for free speech. Constitution: Part I, Art. 22 [Free Speech; Liberty of the Press.] Free speech and liberty of the press are essential to the security of freedom in a state: They ought, therefore, to be inviolably preserved.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB327**, requiring that voters show identification when personally delivering absentee ballots to town and city clerks. **Int. study Vote: 19-1**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would require a city or town clerk to mark the affidavit envelopes of in-person absentee voters to indicate that such voters presented identification upon returning their ballots. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB514**, relative to ballot column rotation. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill, as amended, makes a modification to the formula used to determine ballot column rotations. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB531**, relative to determining the qualifications of voters and establishing provisional voter registration and provisional ballots. **Maj. Int. study; Min. ITL Vote: 15-5**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill eliminates the qualified voter affidavit and establishes provisional registration and voting procedures. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB535**, relative to the qualified voter affidavit. **Maj. Int. study; Min. ITL Vote: 17-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would repeal the qualified voter affidavit and sworn statement on registration forms now used in Election Day voter registration. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB554**, relative to temporary absence from domicile for voting purposes. **Maj. Int. study; Min. ITL Vote: 17-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill proposes to amend RSA 654:2 which defines a voter's temporary absence and what impact that absence has on domicile for voting. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## **Executive Departments and Administration**

**HB84**, declaring May 21 as Ona "Oney" Judge Day and naming the new terminal at Portsmouth international airport at Pease in her honor. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 15-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would honor Ona "Oney" Judge Staines. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB204**, proclaiming January 24 as "Granny D" day. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 15-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would proclaim January 24 as "Granny D" (Doris Haddock) Day." No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB275**, relative to the governor's power to initiate a state of emergency and various emergency powers. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** As amended, this bill modifies the powers the legislature grants to the Governor related to a state of emergency. This is but a small step in limiting the authority improperly delegated to the executive branch. Constitution: Part I Art. 37. [Separation of Powers.] In the government of this state, the three essential powers thereof, to wit, the legislative, executive, and judicial, ought to be kept as separate from, and independent of, each other, as the nature of a free government will admit, or as is consistent with that chain of connection that binds the whole fabric of the constitution in one indissoluble bond of union and amity. Part II Art. 2. [Legislature, How Constituted.] The supreme legislative power, within this state, shall be vested in the senate and house of representatives, each of which shall have a negative on the other.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB414**, relative to evacuations under a state of emergency. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 12-6**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill permits the governor to recommend but not compel an evacuation. Constitution: [Art.] 2. [Natural Rights.] All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights – among which are, the enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting, property; and, in a word, of seeking and obtaining happiness.

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

## **Finance**

**HB91**, relative to death benefits of first responders who die from suicide. **OTP Vote: 21-0**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill will provide a \$100,000 benefit to any first responder's family who loses a family member due to suicide. One must ask if \$500,000 per year might be better spend on suicide prevention for first responders. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB254**, relative to the placement of minors in secure settings. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill provides that under RSA 169-B, when a minor is detained, there must be a continuum of care from least restrictive (community-based) to most restrictive (institutional). No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB398**, making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for funding eligible wastewater projects. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill as amended fulfills the state funding commitment toward certain wastewater projects, the funding to come from available funds. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB412**, making an appropriation to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding public water system projects. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill provides an appropriation to allow the Department of Environmental Services to accept federal funds to assist public water systems in their preparations for grant requests. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB536**, relative to death benefits for public works employees killed in the line of duty, and relative to workers' compensation offsets for certain retirement system benefits. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

**HRA Analysis:** This will provide a \$100,000 death benefit to the family of any municipal or state public works employee killed in the line of duty. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB591**, (New Title) relative to certain liquor license fees. **OTP Vote: 17-4**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill raises an annual license fee of \$216 for retailers that sell only tobacco products. Platform: Strongly oppose new taxes and fees, including an income, sales and capital gains tax.

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

## **Fish and Game and Marine Resources**

**HB118**, relative to the fish and game commission. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A Vote: 16-5**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would make several changes to the Fish and Game Commission. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB490**, permitting the use of live-action game cameras. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 14-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill as amended addressed using game cams while hunting. Article 2-b. Right to Privacy. An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

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

**HB103**, establishing a dental benefit under the state Medicaid program. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 19-1**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would substantially expand an existing government program. Platform: We believe that low taxes are the result of low spending; that government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible, to always limit spending and growth of government, and to cut spending and cost of government at every possible turn.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL or table

## **Judiciary**

**HB359**, creating a private cause of action for discrimination based on hairstyles relative to a person's ethnicity. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill seeks to create a private cause of action for discrimination based on hairstyles relative to a person's ethnicity. As described in the minority report this is a redundant protection for classes which already have enhanced rights. Constitution: [Art.] 10. [Right of Revolution.] Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB478**, relative to treatment of PFAS contaminants in the drinking water of the Merrimack Village Water District. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 14-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires that Saint Gobain Performance Plastics pay for the remediation of water in certain wells in Merrimack that it contaminated with PFAS. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB597**, relative to the expectation of privacy. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 18-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill, as amended, defines what kinds of "personal information" are protected under the recently enacted right of privacy provision in Part 1, Art. 2-b of the NH Constitution.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB622**, protecting nascent human life as a reasonable and valid state interest. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill, as amended, removes the section requiring an ultrasound examination of the Fetal Life Protection Act. Platform: 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 OTP/A, Support ITL or table

## Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

**HB517**, relative to the state minimum hourly rate. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would raise the minimum wage in the state. Minimum wage harms those with the least skills to offer an employer thereby forcing them to accept government dependency. Platform: Support the concept of “merit pay.”

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB589**, requiring workers' compensation to cover prophylactic treatment for critical exposure **OTP/A Vote: 16-6**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires coverage for prophylactic treatment for first responders who suffer critical exposure. Removing rational limits which exclude tears, saliva, or perspiration will increase insurance rates which will be passed on to taxpayers. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL or table

## Legislative Administration

**HB558**, establishing a committee to study the use of information technology in the legislative process. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill seeks to establish a committee to study the use of information technology in the legislative process. Platform: Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

## Public Works and Highways

**HB122**, making an appropriation to the Carroll and Strafford counties freight rail improvements project and making an appropriation for the Coos county freight rail improvement project. **OTP/A Vote: 18-0**

**HRA Analysis:** The committee amendment replaces the entire bill including the title. The amendment simply separates the project into two distinct projects under the appropriate agency. No constitutional or platform identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Resources, Recreation and Development

**HB571**, repealing the prohibition against OHRV travel on Hoit Road Marsh. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill repeals the prohibition against OHRV travel on Hoit Road Marsh in the city of Concord and restores the citizen's right to access a public asset. Platform: Provide public access to all public lands and great ponds, subject to adequate protection for indigenous plants and animals.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

**HB611**, abolishing fluoridation in water. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill prohibits the introduction of fluoride into the drinking water of the state. Water fluoridation is the delivery of a medication without warning. Constitution: Part I, Art. 4. [Rights of Conscience Unalienable.] Among the natural rights, some are, in their very nature unalienable, because no equivalent can be given or received for them. Of this kind are the Rights of Conscience.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

## Science, Technology and Energy

**HB153**, establishing a committee to study universal Internet access for New Hampshire. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 18-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This is an unnecessary study committee. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB167**, relative to net energy metering limits for customer generators and the purchase of output of limited electrical energy producers. **Maj. ITL; Min. Int. study Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill expands net-metering in ways that would result in higher costs for utility ratepayers, and unfairly favors certain energy generators. Platform: Work to reduce energy costs and remove New Hampshire from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB172**, establishing greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and establishing a climate action plan. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill addresses reducing New Hampshire's greenhouse gas emissions. Platform: Work to reduce energy costs and remove New Hampshire from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB308**, relative to broadband access to pole attachments. **ITL Vote: 14-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill provides payment for pole replacement costs when necessary to accommodate the provisioning of broadband Internet services. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB376**, establishing a committee to study applications of microgrids in electricity supply. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 12-9**

**HRA Analysis:** The proposed committee was found unnecessary because the Public Utilities Commission already has an active docket on the same subject. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB382**, establishing a commission to study the utility rate structure of demand charges. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would have established a commission to study the utility rate structure of demand charges. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB394**, establishing a commission to study the short and long term impacts of pending national and regional carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire's residents, agriculture, wildlife and natural resources-based tourism sector, and commercial enterprises. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would establish a commission to study the impacts of carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB410**, establishing a committee to study the requirements of reporting by utility companies of information required for valuation of certain utility property for purposes of RSA 72. **OTP/A Vote: 19-2**

**HRA Analysis:** The purpose of this committee is to look at the 59 generating facilities in the state of New Hampshire that may not be reporting their inventory or paying taxes. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB543**, establishing a commission to study nuclear power and nuclear reactor technology in New Hampshire. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 15-6**

**HRA Analysis:** The proposed commission will be charged with investigating advances in nuclear power technologies. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB549**, relative to the energy efficiency resource standard and the system benefits charge. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 11-10**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill changes the programs and expenses that system benefits charges may fund, and adjusts the procedure for setting and increasing the rate of the system benefits charge. The bill also modifies the duties of the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board. Powers delegated to the legislature are to be exercised by the legislature, not further delegated to unelected bureaucrats. Constitution: Part I, [Art.] 37. [Separation of Powers.] In the government of this state, the three essential powers thereof, to wit, the legislative, executive, and judicial, ought to be kept as separate from, and independent of, each other, as the nature of a free government will admit, or as is consistent with that chain of connection that binds the whole fabric of the constitution in one indissoluble bond of union and amity.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

## **Special Committee on Redistricting**

**HB50**, apportioning state representative districts. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. OTP/A Vote: 8-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill, as amended, is the committee's recommendation for apportionment of state representative districts according to the 2020 census.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB52**, apportioning congressional districts. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. OTP/A Vote: 8-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill, as amended, is the committee's recommendation for apportionment of congressional districts according to the 2020 census.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB54**, apportioning county commissioner districts. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. OTP/A Vote: 10-5**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill provides for the apportionment of our county commissioners.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation



## Ways and Means

**HB355**, relative to Keno. **OTP/A Vote: 19-5**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill will allow current licensed lottery retail locations, in jurisdictions that have voted to allow Keno, to be licensed by the Lottery Commission to offer Keno as a lottery product in the retail store. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB364**, expanding the definition of charitable organization to include fraternal organizations for the purposes of holding raffles. **OTP/A Vote: 21-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill revises the definition of charitable organization relative to games of chance. No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB614**, exempting the state and political subdivisions from payment of the costs of compliance with the renewable portfolio standard. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This amended bill exempts all NH state and local government electricity consumption from continued payment of a use-based share of the cost of NH's electric renewable portfolio standard (RPS). Platform: Work to reduce energy costs and remove New Hampshire from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A