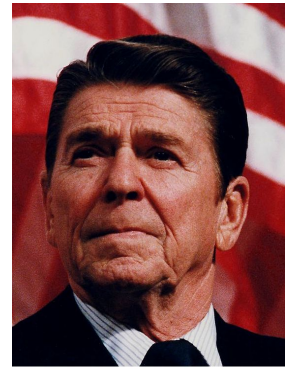


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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, March 31, 2022
Regular Calendar - Part One

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HR15, condemning the Communist Party of China and the People's Republic of China. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 11-10**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HR17, opposing all federal and state efforts to establish a carbon tax on fuels for electricity and transportation. **Maj. OTP Vote: 11-10**

HRA Analysis: Platform: Oppose all laws, programs, and mandates from local, national, and international organizations and governments contrary to our principles: including, but not limited to, educational standards, United Nations programs, international treaties, sustainable development initiatives, wealth redistribution plans, and punitive environmental controls.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HR18, urging Congress to remove the exception from the 13th Amendment: "except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted." **Maj. ITL Vote: 12-9**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Transportation

HB1093, relative to the licensure of nonresident aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire. **Maj. ITL Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: Platform: Demand the enforcement of national border security and immigration laws.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1302, relative to the weighing of vehicles. **Maj. OTP Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1401, prohibiting the disclosure of the number of miles driven by a specific driver licensed by the state or vehicle registered in the state. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill prohibits both the Department of Safety and vehicle inspection stations from sharing personally identifiable mileage information with certain taxing authorities outside New Hampshire without the vehicle owner's consent. Constitution: Article 2-b right to privacy.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1424, relative to the speed limit for watercraft on Lake Winnepesaukee. **Maj. ITL Vote: 15-3**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1463, relative to drivers' licenses issued in accordance with the Real ID Act of 2005. **ITL Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: Providing driver's licenses and ID cards to illegal aliens or to asylum applicants, rather than asylum recipients, is bad public policy and undermines the purposes and objectives of federal immigration law. Platform: Demand the enforcement of national border security and immigration laws.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1666, relative to the application process for driver's licenses and the privacy of motor vehicle records. **Maj. ITL Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill, if passed, would provide driver's licenses to undocumented individuals. Platform: Demand the enforcement of national border security and immigration laws.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Ways and Means

HB1478, relative to the business profits tax applicable to certain large, low-wage employers. **Maj. ITL Vote: 18-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill would increase the Business Profits Tax rate. Platform: Keep state government lean to allow lower business taxes.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1524, establishing a national service alumni attraction and retention fund. **Maj. ITL Vote: 12-11**

HRA Analysis: Volunteer NH is a 501(c)3 organization; grants to nonprofits are in violation of our constitution. Constitution: Article 10 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

Regular Calendar - Part Two

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB1349, decriminalizing the possession and use of psilocybin mushrooms. **ITL Vote: 18-2**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Education

HB1646, relative to representation on a cooperative school district board. **OTP/A Vote: 19-0**

HRA Analysis: As amended, this bill requires cooperative school district boards to have at least one elected member from each pre-existing district, and all members of the cooperative school board shall be elected within their own district. Platform: Promote local control of education policy and funding in order to create the best-managed school systems.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Election Law

HB1064, requiring the use of hand-marked, durable paper ballots in elections. **ITL Vote: 20-0**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1473, authorizing a forensic audit of the November 3, 2020 election results in Merrimack county for president, governor, and United States senate races. **Int. study Vote: 20-0**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Legislative Administration

CACR24, the attorney general. Providing that the attorney general be elected by a majority vote of the members of the general court in a joint session. **ITL Vote: 15-0**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

CACR25, legislative term limits. Providing that no person shall serve more than 15 terms in either the house of representatives or the senate. **ITL Vote: 15-0**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

CACR26, relating to the house of representatives. Providing that 100 of the representatives are elected using party list proportional representation. **ITL Vote: 15-0**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

CACR27, elected and appointed officials. Providing that all state court judges shall be subject to recall and removal by petition and vote of registered voters pursuant to provisions established by the legislature. **ITL Vote: 15-0**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Municipal and County Government

HB1155, relative to persons elected to a local board serving on another board. **Int. study Vote: 17-1**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Regular Calendar - Part Three

Finance

HB1235, relative to compensation paid to a crime victim. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1417, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers. **Maj. ITL Vote: 11-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill would require the state to pay 7.5% of retirement system contributions of other employers, namely cities, towns, school districts and counties, for teachers, fire and police. Platform: Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1462, relative to motorcycle learner's permits. **OTP Vote: 21-0**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1526, relative to income eligibility for in and out medical assistance. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1535, relative to cost of living adjustments for retirees in the state retirement system. **OTP/A Vote: 18-3**

HRA Analysis: As amended, HB1535 gives a one-time \$500 benefit to retirees who receive a retirement benefit of \$30,000 or less. Platform: Ensure that public employee benefits are similar to and do not exceed those of the private sector.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL

HB1552, establishing a board for the certification of assessors. **Maj. ITL Vote: 12-9**

HRA Analysis: The bill moves assessor certification and regulation from the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) to its own board within the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC). This transition understandable, transparent, and fiscally responsible for public monies. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, Support OTP

HB1587, relative to determination of average final compensation under the retirement system and making an appropriation therefor. **OTP/A Vote: 20-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill modifies final compensation for Group II retirees of the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) by including their highest 5 years in the calculation. Constitution: Part I, Art. 10, 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: Oppose OTP/A

HB1604, including state medical facilities in the statute providing medical freedom in immunizations. **OTP/A Vote: 13-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended requires state hospitals and medical facilities to grant religious and medical exemptions from vaccination requirements, provided that any request for a medical exemption shall include the supporting documentation required by federal regulation. Constitution: whenever the ends of government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new government.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1609, relative to the scope of the fetal protection act. **OTP/A Vote: 20-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill provides an exception from the prohibition on abortion after 24 weeks in cases of fetal abnormalities incompatible with life and construes the ultrasound requirement for purposes of determining the gestational age of the fetus. 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

HB1624, relative to students with disabilities participating in co-curricular activities and making an appropriation therefor. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires the Dept of Ed to review the consolidated state plan to ensure school districts establish unified co-curricular activities and make appropriations. No platform or Constitution issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

HB1627, establishing an education freedom account program administrator in the department of education and making an appropriation therefor. **OTP/A Vote: 17-3**

HRA Analysis: As amended, HB1627 mandates the education department participate in a federal program that includes the USDA and Medicaid. While promoted as a simplification for Medicaid recipients to be automatically matched and included in free breakfast and lunch programs at school, what is not mentioned is the nearly \$60 million potential additional costs the State of NH may be required to “adequately fund” as calculated by finance at the Department of Education. This is an expansion of Medicaid. Platform: Encourage education freedom to allow all parents to choose the best public, private, charter or home school programs for their children. Promote Education Savings Accounts. ALSO; Support the repeal of Obamacare and oppose its implementation in New Hampshire.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose amendment, Oppose OTP/A, Support OTP

HB1642, relative to lead testing in children. **ITL Vote: 11-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill seeks to have the public school system serve as an enforcement arm to have children tested for lead poisoning before day care and before attendance in schools. Constitution: [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: Support ITL

HB1647, relative to the calculation of child support. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 12-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, updates the child support formula to better provide for children. Platform: Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1661, relative to regional career technical education agreements. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires sending district schools and career and technical education (CTE) centers to enter into an agreement to include scheduling, access, transportation, and credits for CTE students. The bill also makes an appropriation to the legislative branch for a new legislative parking garage and for razing the department of justice building and the Storrs Street garage. Platform -Excellence in Education. This bill allows for easier logistical access for families to get their children to the school that fits them best. AND; Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB1662, related to privacy obligations of the department of health and human services. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill sets up a data privacy and information technology board. Two notable problems with the amendment cause serious concerns. First, it sets up the board to be in violation of the RSA 91-A requirement "minutes shall be promptly recorded and open to public inspection not more than 5 business days after the meeting." Second, it allows a board member to delegate a replacement to substitute for their absence. Constitution: Part I, Art. 8, demands transparency and Part II, Art. 5, urges us to establish "all manner of wholesome and reasonable orders, laws, statutes."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL

HB1682, establishing the law enforcement conduct review committee in the New Hampshire police standards and training council and making an appropriation therefor. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Ways and Means

HB1584, establishing a capital improvement grant program for the benefit of state fairs and agricultural fairs. **OTP/A Vote: 22-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill creates a dedicated fund and a process to provide matching grants to the state fairs for infrastructure projects. State taxpayer dollars should not support the private non-profit organizations that run them. 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: Oppose OTP/A

HB1598, legalizing the possession and use of cannabis. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 12-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended would implement a responsible recreational cannabis policy similar to how our state sells and regulates liquor. While this reduces restrictions on a natural plant product, it also expands a government run 'business.'

HRA Recommendation: Support amendment, Vote your conscience

Removed from Consent Calendar

Finance

HB1540, relative to recording custodial interrogations. **OTP/A Vote: 21-0**

HRA Analysis: The committee on finance deemed this bill to have little fiscal impact. It is extremely difficult to understand how voluminous audio/video recordings, stored for possible judicial review, might be archived at "little or no financial impact on the state or its political subdivisions." While the goal is admirable and may even save money in lawsuits, it seems a more balanced and thoughtful review of all costs and expenses are due. This calls into question whether or not there are 28-a issues of concern.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience