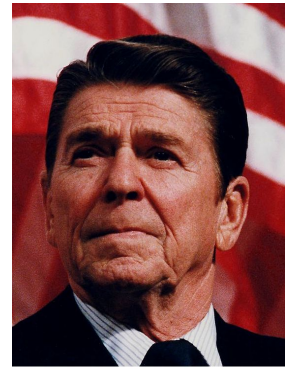


# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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, April 21, 2022**  
**Regular Calendar**

## Children and Family Law

**SB458**, relative to the Sununu youth services center and operation of a replacement secure facility. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 13-1**

**HRA Analysis:** No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Criminal Justice and Public Safety

**SB291**, establishing a committee to study the issue of unmarried cohabitants, domestic partnerships, and common law marriage. **Maj. ITL Vote: 12-8**

**HRA Analysis:** No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB306**, relative to the penalties for various motor vehicle violations. **OTP Vote: 16-4**

**HRA Analysis:** The bill allows the prosecutor to increase the penalty for a moving violation when there is a cellular phone in use. Constitution requires penalties to be proportional to the offense. [Art.] 18. [Penalties to be Proportioned to Offenses; True Design of Punishment.] All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP

**SB401**, (Third New Title) making appropriations to the department of transportation for local highway aid and to the body-worn and dashboard camera fund and permitting the department of transportation to operate dash cameras in fleet vehicles. **Maj. OTP Vote: 19-2**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill makes appropriations to the department of transportation for state bridge aid and local highway aid and to the body-worn and dashboard camera fund. The bill also permits the department of transportation to operate dash cameras in fleet vehicles. Constitution: Part I, Art. 2-b Right to privacy. 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

**SB456**, establishing a law enforcement conduct review committee in the police standards and training council and making an appropriation therefor. **Int. study Vote: 21-0**

**HRA Analysis:** No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

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## Education

**SB381**, establishing an office of the advocate for special education. **Maj. OTP Vote: 10-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill establishes the independent office of advocate for special education. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits. In this case, the expenditure is justifiable in order to help parents get the services needed for their children with disabilities. "Emphasize knowledge attainment and academic achievement."

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

**SB420**, establishing an extraordinary need grant for schools. **OTP/A Vote: 19-0**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill establishes an extraordinary need grant for schools in addition to regular adequate education grants and relief grants. As amended it provides increases to base aid and differentiated aid that is considered the responsibility under the New Hampshire state constitution. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits. These grant awards do not guarantee beneficial outcome and only benefit specific schools and not all education in New Hampshire.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support amendment 1384h, Oppose OTP/A

## Election Law

**SB242**, relative to the disqualification of certain persons from performing the duties of an election official. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill as amended provides that an election official who is on the ballot shall not be allowed to remain in the area designated for counting votes, to ensure an equal "playing field" for all candidates. Part 1, Article 11 "Every inhabitant of the state, having proper qualifications, has equal right to be elected into office. Platform: "That it is our responsibility to hold government accountable and it is through the ballot box that we do so."

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**SB365**, relative to absentee ballot outer envelopes. **Maj. ITL Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB418**, relative to verification of voter affidavits. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill attempts to close the most glaring election integrity shortfall, for same day registrations. This bill as amended requires anyone registering on Election Day to present an ID, or they must vote using an Affidavit Ballot. The voter then has seven days to produce proper ID, if not their ballot will be removed and their vote subtracted from the total. Platform: "That we the people are strongest when we stand together, that it is through the integrity of the ballot box that we do so."

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose committee amendment, Support OTP or OTP/A

**SB425**, relative to the establishment of an election information portal. **Maj. ITL Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would implement an \$11,500,000 website/portal for online voter registration, absentee ballot application & other changes, it would grow state government to do so. This new portal would also jeopardize voters personal consumer data. Part 1, Article 2-b Right to Privacy. "An individual's right to live free from government intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent." Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**SB427**, modifying the absentee voter registration process, absentee ballot application, and absentee ballot voting process. **Maj. ITL Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would expand the basis under which someone could vote by absentee ballot. Part 1, Article 11 of the NH Constitution states:as amended to allow absentee voting for those "who by reason of physical disability are unable to vote in person." This bill would violate that clause.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

## Environment and Agriculture

**SB267**, establishing the upland invasive species program, program fund, and program coordinator in the department of agriculture, markets, and food. **OTP/A Vote: 17-0**

**HRA Analysis:** No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Executive Departments and Administration

**SB438**, (New Title) establishing state procurement policies intended to promote the use of American materials. **Maj. OTP/A Vote: 13-5**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires the use of American made steel products in all public works projects where the state administers the contract and the contract involves at least \$1,000,000 state dollars. This places US manufacturers in a special class contrary to our Constitution Part I, Art. 10.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP/A

## Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

**SB403**, re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program. **Maj. OTP Vote: 14-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill re-establishes the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP - Support IS

**SB407**, relative to expanding Medicaid to include certain postpartum health care services and making an appropriation therefor. **Maj. OTP Vote: 17-4**

**HRA Analysis:** This act should be known as the "Some Healthy Moms, Some Healthy Babies Act of 2022." Only those classes of people qualifying for this program will receive benefits. Those who are just slightly above qualification will not only be on their own, but will be forced to subsidize those whom are only slightly less able to care for themselves. Constitution: Part I, Art. 10.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support Kofalt sunset amendment, Oppose OTP/A

**SB416**, relative to behavioral health assessment and treatment for children in out-of-home placements. **wr Vote:**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires children's behavioral health assessments to include a functional behavioral assessment and a behavioral intervention plan prior to the placement decision. The Department of Health and Human Services states that if the intent of the bill is to broaden the FBA beyond its traditional uses and into the behavioral health arena, there will likely be a "significant" state cost. Where it seems unclear as to the extent of the bill it is impossible to evaluate the costs and benefits. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP

**SB430**, relative to health and human services. **OTP/A Vote: 19-1**

**HRA Analysis:** This senate OMNIBUS bill with 23 parts gets pumped up to 65 parts with the house amendment. This does not qualify as "wholesome and reasonable" as set out in our Constitution Part II, Art. 5.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support committee amendment - Oppose OTP/A

**SB444**, relative to childhood adverse experiences treatment and prevention. **OTP Vote: 15-6**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill introduces psychobabble claptrap (a sect) as a basis for deploying ARPA fund 'free money' (note the accompanying inflation) to build programs which will then 'need' to be funded with state taxpayer funds derived from hard working citizens. Constitution: [Art.] 6. [Morality and Piety.] But no person shall ever be compelled to pay towards the support of the schools of any sect or denomination.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP

**SB459**, relative to a health care facility workplace violence prevention program. **Maj. OTP Vote: 12-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires health care facilities to implement and maintain workplace violence prevention programs and establishes the healthcare workplace safety commission. This bill also permits law enforcement to arrest an individual without a warrant in certain circumstances related to health care workplaces. Constitution: [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. Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

**HRA Recommendation:** Support floor amendment, Oppose OTP

## Public Works and Highways

**SB278**, relative to funding for the Piscataqua River turning basin project in the port authority project. **OTP Vote: 21-0**

**HRA Analysis:** No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB346**, requiring the department of environmental services to conduct feasibility and impact studies for the construction of a pier on Hampton Beach. **OTP Vote: 14-6**

**HRA Analysis:** No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## **Special Committee on Redistricting**

**SB240**, apportioning state senate districts. **Maj. OTP Vote: 8-7**

**HRA Analysis:** No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**SB241**, apportioning executive council districts. **Maj. OTP Vote: 8-7**

**HRA Analysis:** No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## **Transportation**

**SB442**, relative to the suspension of a vehicle registration as a result of evading toll collection systems. **OTP Vote: 15-0**

**HRA Analysis:** No constitutional or platform issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## **Amended by the Senate**

### **Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**HB307**, relative to the state preemption of the regulation of firearms and ammunition. **Vote:**

**HRA Analysis:** Adjustments need to be made to assure adherence with our right to bear arms.

**HRA Recommendation:** Request CoC

### **Finance**

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

**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:** Non-concur

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

**HB503**, (Second New Title) codifying the council on housing stability and relative to telehealth and medically assisted treatment for substance use disorder. **Vote:**

**HRA Analysis:** Beyond the regular horrible things you can expect, this council has over 30 members. This is a poor use of time and resources which stands against our platform.

**HRA Recommendation:** Non-concur