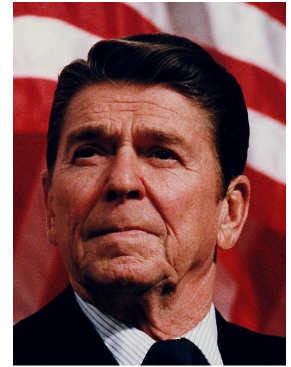


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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 9, 2023
Regular Calendar

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB498, requiring fish and game officers to obtain a warrant to conduct a search and seizure. **ITL'd Feb 23**

HRA Analysis: Reconsideration motion

HRA Analysis: This bill repeals Fish & Game's ability to search boats, cars and persons without a warrant. The Constitution: Part 1st, Article 19, requires a warrant based on probable cause for all searches.

HRA Recommendation: Support Reconsideration
Oppose ITL, Support OTP

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB31, repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: The bill allows possession and sale of antique tools and arms. NH Constitution, Part 1st, Article 18, Penalties to be proportioned to offenses, true design of punishment.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB32, relative to possession or discharge of a firearm in a safe school zone. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: The bill prohibits possession of a firearm in a school safe zone. Constitution Part 1st, Art 2 and 2a, The bearing of arms & Right to Privacy

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB59, requiring a background check prior to any commercial firearm sale. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill redefines commercial sale to include all sales and interferes with the sale of private property legally owned. Constitution of N.H. Part 1st, Article 12. Every member of the community has a right to be protected by it, in the enjoyment of his life, liberty and property.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB78, repealing an act prohibiting the state from enforcing any federal statute, regulation, or Presidential Executive Order that restricts or regulates the right of the people to keep or bear arms. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill interferes with the capacity of the State to protect the rights of the people to keep and bare arms, Constitution of N.H. Part 1st, Articles 2 and 2-a; The bearing of arms & Right to Privacy

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB106, relative to extreme risk protection orders. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: Allows ex parte hearings to take away people's personal property. Constitution Part first art. 12 But no part of a man's property shall be taken from him without his own consent.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

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HB216, exempting dimethyltryptamine from the controlled drug act. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 14-6**

HRA Analysis: The bill decriminalizes a rarely used hallucinogenic compound that has limited side effects with limited uses. This drug is classified as class 1 drug. Competing constitutional issues. NH Constitution, Part First, Art 18 All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense"

[Art.] 38. [Social Virtues Inculcated.] A frequent recurrence to the fundamental principles of the constitution, and a constant adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality and all of the social virtues.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB624, relative to federal immigration checkpoints. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 14-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires a law enforcement agency to provide public notice of an immigration checkpoint/
Platform: Demand the enforcement of national border security & immigration laws

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Education

HB367, relative to eligibility of students in the education freedom account program. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: The bill with the committee amendment 0226h increase the cap to 350% of poverty level. With the sky high inflation and wage increases to attempt to keep pace with inflation, the cap increase will allow families receiving increase to possibly now qualify. In addition, families who narrowly missed qualifying will possibly qualify with the cap increase. Platform: Promote education freedom and expand Education Freedom Accounts.

HRA Recommendation: Support Majority amendment 2023-0226h; Oppose Minority amendments 2023-0449h; Support OTP/OTPA

HB380, relative to non-academic surveys administered by a public school or a chartered public school to its students. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: HB 380 would change the requirement for parents from opt-in to allow their children to take non-academic surveys to opt-out. Platform: Promote parental rights to control the education of their children

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP, Support ITL

HB440, relative to the uses of education trust fund. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: While EFAs and a number of other programs have been added to law, the RSA dealing with uses of the Education Trust Fund was not updated, The EFA legislation passed just two years ago specifies that funding is to come from the Education Trust Fund. This bill corrects the oversight. Platform: Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending and Encourage education freedom.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP /Oppose ITL

HB464, relative to eligible students in the education freedom account program. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: This bill expands the EFA program by adding underserved and at-risk students without a family income cap. The added student groups include: children who are persistently bullied, foster care children, students in failing schools, children with disabilities, and children in military families. Platform: Expand education savings accounts.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP /Oppose ITL

Judiciary

HB112, relative to tenant's right to notification prior to the sale of a multifamily home. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: Original bill required 60 days notice to tenants plus time to obtain financing by tenants if the tenants wanted to purchase the property.

Amdt.0252h bi-partisan eliminates financing condition and simply provides for a 60 written notice. Amendment reduces the harm to the property owner 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 Amendment 0252h
Support ITL.

HB117, relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Expiration of rental terms over 6-months equivalent to eviction with 30 days advance notice. Constitution Art 12. But no part of a man's property shall be taken from him.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/Oppose ITL

HB401, relative to evictions based on the owner's intent to renovate the property. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Bill provides too many conditions, alternative units, onerous process and penalties imposed upon landlord beyond a 60-day advance notice. Whereas RSA-540:2 has adequate satisfactory provisions as already cited for HB-117. Constitution Art 12. But no part of a man's property shall be taken from him.

HRA Recommendation: Support Table or ITL.

HB469, prohibiting discrimination against tenants holding certain vouchers for purposes of renting dwellings. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Bill is a hindrance to free market and unfavorable to business. Section 8 vouchers are costly to owner besides involving copious rules, requirements and risk. Without the ability of free choice to limit or exclude vouchers for certain types of properties, property value and income could be adversely affected. Constitution Art 12. But no part of a man's property shall be taken from him.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/ Support ITL or Table.

HB567, relative to notice of rent increases in certain residential rental property. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Notices required for rent increases on residential properties, viz: 30 days on non-restricted, 60 days on restricted, and 6 MONTHS for any increase of 15% or more! The much more reasonable Amdt. keeps the 30 and 60 days provisions, but changes the 6-month advance notice to 60-days for increases exceeding 15%. Platform: We believe in free people, free markets, free enterprise. Constitution: Part 1st, Article 12 - But no part of a man's property shall be taken from him.

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendment 0429h
Oppose OTP/ Support ITL

HB647, relative to causes of action for individual rights. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A Vote: 16-3**

HRA Analysis: Establishes Cause of Action vs. State in violation of individual rights.
No clear platform issues identified

HRA Recommendation: Support Table

Municipal and County Government

HB51, relative to requiring towns and school districts use warrant articles for lobbying agents. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 15-5**

HRA Analysis: NH GOP Platform: Gov't Structure- bill increases transparency re: appropriation of taxpayer dollars to lobbying agencies

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL; Support OTP

HB90, relative to the municipal planning master plan. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Bill attempts to force a wish list of renewable energy views/goals into local planning standards. NHGOP platform: Require that all energy and infrastructure projects constructed within New Hampshire be constructed in a manner which does not negatively affect New Hampshire's natural beauty and personal property values

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP; Support ITL

HB154, relative to the adoption of public health ordinances by municipalities. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: Bill requires approval by a majority vote of legislative body in a town of any new public health ordinances. NH GOP Platform: Support the moral and ethical right of informed consent with regard to all medical treatment and intervention

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB177, relative to the definition of qualified structures under the community revitalization tax relief incentive. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: Bill expands community revitalization tax relief incentives; NH GOP Platform: Taxes & Spending- bill overrides local control of taxation & increase taxes; Flawed bill- fails to take into account RSA 79-E:2 Definitions which addresses "qualifying structures"

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB467, relative to public playground accessibility. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: NH Constitution: Part 1, [Art.] 28-a. [Mandated Programs.]- Unfunded mandate; Bill is not needed as playgrounds already must comply with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design. However, not having this legislation, towns are building playgrounds that are not compliant with federal ADA standards and are being forced to use taxpayer dollars to fix the mistake.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB477, to prohibit municipal inspections of owner-occupied units of multi-unit housing. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: NH Constitution: Part 1, [Art.] 2-b. [Right of Privacy.]- bill upholds privacy rights of property owners; NH GOP Platform: Gov't Structure- bill protects privacy of individuals from gov't agencies

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL; Support OTP

HB485, establishing deputy animal control officers. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: NH GOP Platform: Gov't Structure- bill fails to justify expenditures against measurable benefits

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Science, Technology and Energy

HB92, requiring the adoption of innovative vehicle emissions standards pursuant to section 177 of the federal Clean Air Act. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: NH GOP Platform: Strongly oppose new fees, Oppose all laws, programs and mandates. NH Constitution Part 2, Art 2: The Supreme Legislative Power, within this State, shall be vested in the Senate and House of Representatives.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP; support ITL

Oppose all amendments

HB161, relative to customer generators of electricity as group hosts under net metering. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Platform: Work to reduce energy costs. Expands net metering to allow a party currently net metering to also join a group net metering group, making a dual source of net metering benefits possible. Currently no mechanism exists to account for credits from two sources. The PUC has an open docket investigating the issue. The DOE recommends waiting for completion of the PUC investigation.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP; Support ITL

HB251, relative to the cost of compliance with disclosure of electric renewable portfolio standards. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: Requires the PUC identify an estimated approx annual cost (in \$ rather than \$/kwh of the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) for inclusion on a ratepayers December electric bill. This will be done at no additional cost to the utility or ratepayer. Platform: Expand openness and transparency to employment, expenditures and all recipients of taxpayers' funds.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB281, relative to least cost integrated resource plan of utilities. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Repeals the requirement for electric and natural gas utilities to submit integrated resource plans for new facilities. Due to utility divestment, electric utilities no longer manage production facilities or build new ones. The primary reason for this law no longer exists. The bill repeals an outdated law. Platform: Sunset programs and regs to force periodic reevaluation.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP; Oppose ITL

HB298, relative to placement of personal wireless service facilities. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork. Platform: Justify expenditures against reasonable benefits. Modifies the application review process for collocating a personal wireless service facility. The standards proposed are excessive, including the requirements to have a licensed engineer review every simple collocation. The DOE is tasked with developing a model zoning ordinance. It should be encouraged to complete the task in developing a reasonable model ordinance.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP; Support ITL, (Discuss amendment on 3/6)

HB372, establishing a commission to study the short and long-term impacts of pending national and regional carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire's citizens, businesses, institutions, and environment. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Establishes a commission to study carbon pricing and its impact on New Hampshire. Platform: Strongly oppose new taxes and fees, including income, sales and capital gains taxes; Platform: Oppose all laws, programs & mandates including punitive environmental controls. Platform: Economies flourish when all people retain as much of their hard earned income as possible to spend & invest as they see fit.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

Support ITL

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HCR5, urging the taking of appropriate legal action against multinational fossil fuel companies for harms incurred from disinformation campaigns about the effects of fossil fuel combustion. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

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. Finally, there is no rational judicial jurisdiction.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL