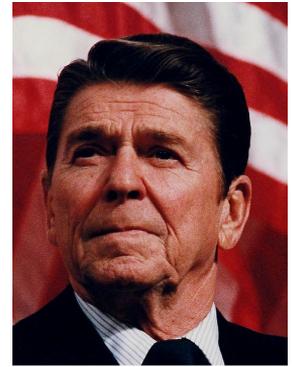


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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 16, 2023
Regular Calendar

Children and Family Law

HB497, relative to the confidentiality of records within the division of children, youth, and families. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: The bill requires that DCYF provide records to a small list of people unless the DHHS commissioner petitions the court to withhold the information and the court agrees. NH Const. 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: Support OTP

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB76, imposing a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a firearm. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: The bill mandates a 3 day waiting period between purchase and pick up of a firearm. NH Const. [Art.] 2-a. [The Bearing of Arms.] All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB89, relative to posthumous exonerations and annulments. **OTP/A Vote: 20-0**

HRA Analysis: As amended, the bill attempts to posthumously correct wrongs of the justice system. Unfortunately, the amendment has "notwithstanding the provisions of part II, article 52 of the New Hampshire Constitution"

HRA Recommendation: Oppose amendment 2023-0472h
No recommendation on the bill

HB328, an act legalizing certain controlled substances for persons 21 years of age or older. **ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 17-3**

HRA Analysis: Bill decriminalizes LSD and other psychedelics for those over 21. NHGOP platform: Support the State's Constitutional right to determine legal restrictions on possession of controlled substances
NH Constitution Art. 6, 18 and 38 apply

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience on the bill

HB360, an act legalizing cannabis for persons 21 years of age or older. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: Bill decriminalizes marijuana for those over 21. NHGOP platform: Support the State's Constitutional right to determine legal restrictions on possession of controlled substances
NH Constitution Art. 6, 18 and 38 apply.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience on the bill

HB444, prohibiting possession of a firearm at a polling place. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: The bill prevents possession of a firearm at a polling place and those who violate face jail time. NH Const. [Art.] 2-a. [The Bearing of Arms.] All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

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HB596, prohibiting the use of racial profiling in law enforcement activities and in sentencing. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: The bill intends to drive a racial bias into the criminal justice system. NH Const Part Art. 12, The State cannot justify failure to prosecute a crime based upon who committed it.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Education

HB71, repealing a department of education report on chartered public school funding. **OTP Vote: 16-4**

HRA Analysis: Eliminates a report that is no longer necessary due to a rule change in 2016. Platform: Sunset programs and regulations to force periodic reevaluation. Justify expenditures against measurable benefits.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB104, relative to multi-stall bathrooms and locker rooms in schools. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: All multi-stall bathrooms and locker rooms in all NH public schools and public charter schools shall be same sex. It is current in building code, NH Constitution Article 6 Morality and Piety.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB170, requiring the teaching of cursive handwriting and multiplication tables. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Requires the teaching of cursive handwriting and multiplication tables by fifth grade. allows for an accommodation for students with an IEP or 504 Plan. Platform: Emphasize knowledge attainment and academic achievement.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/OTP-A

HB394, relative to the organization of cooperative school boards. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: Allows for rotation of the chairperson from a different district in consecutive years. The location of school board meetings shall rotate among the district. Permits reasonable designated exceptions. Platform: Promote local control of education policy and funding in order to create the best-managed school systems.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB399, allowing for a testing exception for graduation from high school. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 14-6**

HRA Analysis: Requires the DOE to design and administer a high school diploma equivalency test which would exempt students age 13 or older who pass the test from attendance requirements. Drafting has issues, Platform: that every child is filled with potential and is unique in his/her own right.

HRA Recommendation: Support Table or recommit

HB514, relative to the dissemination of obscene material by schools and institutions of higher learning. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Removes K-12 schools from the exemption for dissemination of obscene material. Allows DHHS and the Department of Ed. to initiate complaints. Requires the creation of a school board complaint policy for obscene or questionable material. Platform: Promote parental rights to control the education of their children.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

Election Law

HB590, allowing the removal of political advertisements containing a candidate's name and which appear to be the candidate's advertising on public property by the candidate. **ITL Vote: 15-5**

HRA Analysis: Bill allows the candidate to remove signs on public property that contains their name No platform or Constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

Environment and Agriculture

HB231, prohibiting the removal of claws from cats. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Bill prohibits declawing of cats and imposes fines - We believe in free people, free markets and free enterprise. Platform: We believe in free people, free markets and free enterprise. Remove barriers to business formation and encourage small businesses; Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

HB58, prohibiting payment of subminimum wages. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: This bill seeks to eliminate tips from being credited as payment toward minimum wage, requiring the employer to always pay \$7.25 in addition to tips received. Platform: We believe in free people, free markets and free enterprise. Remove barriers to business formation and encourage small businesses.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB125, relative to youth employment during the school year and at night. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: The bill prohibits work after 9PM (outside of those limited vacation times) for 16 and 17 year olds. Such a law would greatly limit the ability of many teenagers to learn the life lessons that accompany holding one's first job. It would also reduce work opportunities for teens as these restrictions, and the penalties for violating them, scare off potential employers. Platform: We believe that happiness and success are the result of individual effort, hard work and dedication to a purpose.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Science, Technology and Energy

HB208, establishing greenhouse gas emission reduction goals for the state and establishing a climate action plan. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Requires adoption of a climate action plan that mandates "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Accepts the premise that all greenhouse gases are problematic and that NH could significantly influence the local climate by eliminating them. Platform: oppose all laws programs and mandates including punitive environmental controls.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB263, requiring notification to renewable energy customer-generators of issues related to renewable energy credits. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Requires the DOE to send annual notices to solar and wind power generators that do not claim their renewable energy credits that their value may be used by utilities to reduce all ratepayers electric rates. Platform: work to reduce energy costs

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB523, relative to net energy metering limits for individual and business customers. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Increase the net metering limit from 1 MW up to 5 MW Platform: Work to reduce energy costs Oppose all law, programs and mandates from local, national, and international organizations and governments contrary to our principles, including, but not limited to, educational standards, UN programs, international treaties, sustainable development initiatives, wealth redistribution plans and punitive environmental controls.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB524, relative to regional greenhouse gas initiative funds. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Changes to RGGI ratepayer rebate formula by removing from ratepayers another \$2/ton of eligible rebate monies, resulting in an estimated total increase to ratepayers of \$6.4M

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB605, relative to solar generation under the renewable portfolio standards. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Requires solar REC requirements to rise from 17% in 2023 to 7.5% in 2030 and 25% by 2050. The additional ratepayer cost in 2030 would be about \$46M. Platform: Work to reduce energy costs. Oppose all laws, programs and mandates from local, national, and international treaties, sustainable development initiatives, wealth redistribution plans, and punitive environmental controls.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HCR4, urging Congress to propose a constitutional amendment to establish congressional term limits.

HRA Analysis: US Constitution Article 5

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

Transportation

HB54, relative to antique car inspections. **OTP/A Vote: 17-3**

HRA Analysis: No platform or constitutional issues. Only changes the month for inspections for antique cars.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience.

HB93, authorizing municipalities to reduce speed limits seasonally. **ITL Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill bypasses already existing law with “Notwithstanding the provisions of ... any other law ...” and is overly broad. There already are provisions in RSA 265:62, V to make seasonal speed limit changes. This may result in a patchwork of unexpected and unreasonable reduced speed limits that are not based on any engineering or traffic investigation. No platform or Constitution issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

HB198, modifying the new resident drivers' license transfer requirement. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: The bill requires that those who reside in NH and then move out notify the DOS of their departure from the state. Allowing someone to be seen as a resident when they have left the state leaves us on the hook for potential obligations. Those who no longer reside here cannot provide their consent about government. NH Constitution. Therefore, all government of right originates from the people, is founded in consent, and instituted for the general good.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB222, to require the use of seat belts during the operation of motor vehicles. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: The perennial seatbelt bill. May violate Art.2 & 2-b.

We believe, above all else, in the founding principle that all people are created equal, endowed by our Creator with the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, unimpeded by intrusive government regulation and control.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL