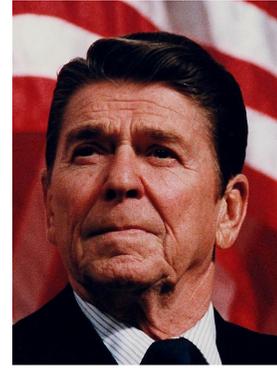


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

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.



"Trust but Verify"

Thursday, May 18, 2023
Regular Calendar

Judiciary

SB128, relative to payment for legal services for persons involuntarily admitted for mental health services. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. OTP Vote: 17-3**

HRA Analysis: The bill moves the costs for court appointed legal counsel from DHHS to the Court system, the amendment requires that those who have means be required to pay for these attorneys when they can. Don't support bill as sent over by the Senate: Constitution Part First, Art. 15 "...offense punishable by deprivation of liberty shall have the right to counsel at the expense of the state if need is shown..."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTPA; Oppose OTP

Public Works and Highways

SB258, relative to the disposal of highway or turnpike funded real estate. **ITL Vote: 13-5**

HRA Analysis: Bill allows the property to be sold at less than market value: NHGOP Platform: "... that government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible,"

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Resources, Recreation and Development

SB164, (New Title) relative to consideration of biodiversity in the land and community heritage investment program.

Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 16-4

HRA Analysis: Complicates the process to fund projects through LCHIP. NHGOP Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Ways and Means

SB120, relative to charitable gaming license applications, wages, stakes, and bonds. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: Changes the laws about how charitable gaming is run. No platform issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Education

SB272, establishing a parents' bill of rights in education. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Bill ensures that teachers are honest with parents. NHGOP platform: We believe that the children's best interest is to have a substantial relationship with each parent and the government should only interfere with that relationship with just cause. Our platform states: "Promote education freedom and parental rights to control the education of their children."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose all floor amendments gutting the bill

Environment and Agriculture

SB267, (New Title) requiring the commissioner of the department of environmental services to consider "cumulative impacts analysis" in rules and statutes. **OTP/A Vote: 19-0**

HRA Analysis: Bill creates one new classified position in government to oversee 'Cumulative Impacts' are to programs within the Department of Environmental Services; Platform "Privatize programs and functions that can be handled more effectively by the private sector"

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

Executive Departments and Administration

SB195, relative to the purchase of steel products with the Buy America certification. **OTP Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: Bill clarifies existing law. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

SB32, relative to the opioid abatement trust fund. **Maj. OTP; Min. OTP/A Vote: 16-3**

HRA Analysis: Allows Opioid settlement funds to be received into the state. We agree with prevention and treatment but harm reduction term is too broad. Platform: Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP ; Support 1833h

If minority amendment fails, Support ITL.

SB85, relative to emergency behavioral health services and behavioral health crisis programs. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill will increase insurance mandates and will drive up costs for NH employers and citizens - limits prior authorization requirements. Platform: Allow free market driven health care plans...

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

SB127, relative to certain programs administered by the department of health and human services.

HRA Analysis: Omnibus bill - no platform

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

SB200, relative to optometrists. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. OTP/A Vote: 14-6**

HRA Analysis: Allows optometrists to administer the vaccine. There are real medical concerns about eye doctors administering vaccinations. Increases free market options to get some vaccines. NHGOP platform "Allow free market driven health care plans and "ala carte" insurance plans free from government mandates" Platform also states: "Improve access to the information necessary to make informed health care decisions, including information about the quality and cost of services provided by physicians, hospitals and insurers" Competing platform ideals

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

SB239, (New Title) relative to the use of harm reduction services to treat alcohol and other substance misuse. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Harm reduction bill - we need to be fiscally responsible and this bill does not define the term of harm reduction appropriately to the level it should be. NHGOP Platform Privatize programs and functions that can be handled more effectively by the private sector

Kofalt amendment 1861h better defines harm reduction

HRA Recommendation: Support FLAM 1861h

Oppose OTP/OTPA

SB263, extending the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program and reestablishing the commission to evaluate the effectiveness and future of the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Bill continues a social medicine program 'Obamacare' to those that are not working or only working part time. NHGOP platform: Support the repeal of Obamacare and oppose its implementation in New Hampshire NHGOP Platform: Sunset programs and regulations to force periodic reevaluation

FLAM 1742h limits the extension to 2 years as was done in HB2 and this adds back in the sunset provision.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

Support FLAM 1742h

Removed from Consent Calendar

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

SB58, relative to arrests without a warrant while in the care of a medical professional on the premises of a residential care or health care facility. **OTP/A Vote: 20-0**

HRA Analysis: Bill amendment 1490h would potentially allow a medical kidnapping for failure to follow medical advice. Constitution: Part first Art. 18 All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense. Support FLAM 1834h adds State Of Emergency HB127 to the bill. Support 1834h Part 2, Article 2 & 41, The Governor only holds the power to convene the legislature. Support FLAM 1835h minimizes the harm of amendment 1490h

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP; Support FLAM 1834h, Support FLAM 1835h