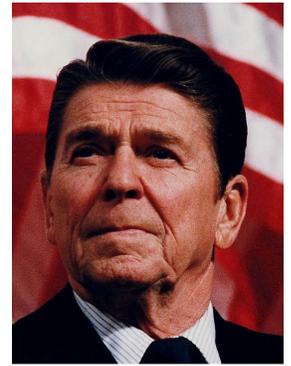


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

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, June 8, 2023
Regular 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

Education

SB213, relative to educational institution policies on social media. **OTP/A Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: Bill will allow for online participation in some education programs where student data is collected in violation of Part first, Art 2b, Right to privacy "An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent"

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTPA

Election Law

SB70, relative to the establishment of an election information portal. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 13-5**

HRA Analysis: The bill would create a way for people to request an absentee ballot remotely by others. NHGOP platform :...ensure voting is done by New Hampshire resident citizens only; to prevent voter fraud we support the requirement to produce positive identification upon both registering and voting"

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP or Oppose OTPA

Environment and Agriculture

SB61, relative to surface water setbacks for landfills. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: Current DES landfill siting rules are set to expire next year. The bill requires DES to contract with outside experts to develop new rules that are science-based rather than distance-based. No platform or constitution issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

Finance

SB172, allowing court-appointed guardians to receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families benefits. **OTP Vote: 25-0**

HRA Analysis: Current law does not allow those appointed as guardians access to certain benefits to help take care of the children assigned to them, this bill corrects this oversight. Part first, Art 10: "Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, ..."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

SB204, requiring trauma kits to be available in state-owned buildings. **OTP/A Vote: 24-1**

HRA Analysis: The bill will require state owned buildings to have trauma kits in addition to other first aid kits available. Trauma kits are for large wounds that are life threatening such as an accident that causes deep laceration while doing maintenance. When used appropriately, these kits can save lives by preventing blood loss. No constitution or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

SB42, relative to overpayment of unemployment compensation. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: When an applicant for unemployment improperly receives money through misrepresentation or omission, that money must be paid back. If that money is not paid back within the required time, it begins to accrue interest as a late penalty. The original bill would waive this interest, except for cases of criminal fraud. As amended, the interest can be waived or reduced according to the circumstances. Simply eliminating all late penalties inhibits the ability of the Department to collect improperly received money, reducing their ability to efficiently manage the unemployment trust fund. Expenses to this fund are passed on to employers through increased unemployment tax. Amendment 1799h eliminates the forgiving of interest in the bill. Platform states: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits

HRA Recommendation: Yes on 1799h. Oppose OTP without amendment.

SB193, relative to the obligation of collective bargaining units to negotiate in good faith. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: Adds a statutory definition, of 10 business days, was what is a "reasonable delay" when scheduling a contract negotiation at the request of one party. Republicans on the committee do not believe this should be specified in law. The amendment removes ambiguity, specifying that the 10-day limit is in business days. Platform "Minimize business regulations..."

HRA Recommendation: Support committee amendment 2023-1800h.
Oppose OTP or OTPA

Municipal and County Government

SB110, (New Title) relative to residency status. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: The purpose of the bill is whether town A or town B pays for the emergency shelter program. Homeless people often migrate to "hub" towns (cities) that have many services. This bill would increase to 30 days from one day, the responsibility of the previous town of residence to pay for temporary assistance. Platform: "Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services"

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP; Support ITL

SB132, prohibiting cities and towns from adopting sanctuary policies. **without recommendation**

HRA Analysis: Bill prohibits the state, local government and law enforcement agencies from having any written sanctuary policy prohibiting communicating/cooperating with federal Immigration & Naturalization officers. NH GOP Platform- Demand the enforcement of national border security and immigration laws; Oppose any form of amnesty for illegal aliens; Define trespass to include illegal presence in New Hampshire.

HRA Recommendation: Support FLAM 2023-2131h; Support OTP/A or OTP; Oppose ITL

Resources, Recreation and Development

SB60, relative to water quality. **OTP/A Vote: 20-0**

HRA Analysis: Allows property owners greater ability to withdraw water up to certain limits. NHGOP platform: Recognize that private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely use and enjoy their property.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

SB160, relative to the use of OHRVs on designated trails and requiring a permit to operate certain OHRVs from before sunrise to after sunset. **OTP/A Vote: 20-0**

HRA Analysis: Prohibits use of OHRVs that have been registered in other states to be used on OHRV trails. Competing platform issues: Recognize that private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely use and enjoy their property; Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

Science, Technology and Energy

SB54, relative to purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities. **OTP/A Vote: 18-0**

HRA Analysis: Permits NH distribution utilities to enter into multiyear purchase power agreements. They may be for up to 20 years and up to 20% of the state's electrical load. The amendment requires that there be an opportunity for public comment, independent third party cost-benefit analysis and performance incentives &/or penalties. Platform: Work to reduce energy costs....

HRA Recommendation: Support OTPA.

Special Committee on Childcare

SB94, relative to residential child care licensing of child care institutions and agencies. **OTP/A Vote: 9-0**

HRA Analysis: Bill adds to the requirements to run certain childcare facilities. Platform: Remove barriers to business formation and encourage small businesses; Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

Transportation

SB118, requiring children under the age of 2 years to be restrained in a motor vehicle. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill tells parents & guardians how to protect their children. Platform: Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP

SB256, establishing a safety program for off-highway recreational vehicles. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 15-5**

HRA Analysis: Requiring licensing and training for OHRV operators. Platform: Privatize programs and functions that can be handled more effectively by the private sector: and Recognize that private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely use and enjoy their property

Note: The amendment is a technical fix to the January 1st date.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Ways and Means

SB49, (New Title) relative to creating a dedicated, non-lapsing fund, and a biennial report of such fund, for OPLC.

OTP/A Vote: 19-0

HRA Analysis: Creates a non lapsing fund to allow the Office of Professional Licensure to operate. No platform or constitution issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation