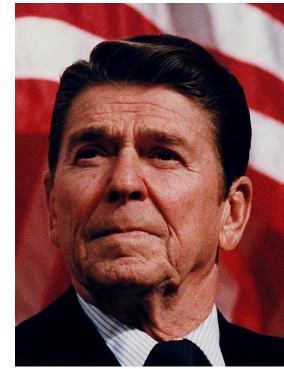


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

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, March 7, 2024 Regular Calendar

Children and Family Law

CACR17, relating to the rights of parents. Providing that parents shall have a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their minor children. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-6**

HRA Analysis: "Parents have a fundamental right and responsibility to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their minor children." That is the basis of this CACR drawn from US Supreme Court decisions. The weaknesses of this CACR is that it leaves the government in control of its power to intervene, and fails to recognize the natural rights of the child. Amendment fixes this. Platform issue: Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children.

HRA Recommendation: Support FLAM 2024-1003h
Oppose OTP if amendment fails

HB1006, relative to creating a family access motion for the enforcement of parenting plans. **OTP/A Vote: 14-0**

HRA Analysis: Creates a "family access motion" as a tool to enforce parenting time, as ordered in parenting plans in the Family Division of the Circuit Court. The Special Committee on the Family Division of the Circuit Court heard testimony that when parenting time isn't being complied with, it is impossible to get enforcement. No peace officer is empowered with enforcement and going back to court only results in another unenforceable court order. This Bill enables the court to impose a fine payable to the aggrieved party, thus providing a method of motivation.

Amendment 0553h - 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."

HRA Recommendation: Support 2024-0553h; Support OTP/A

HB1189, relative to criteria for reporting child support delinquencies to federal agencies. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill corrects a flaw in the current system which requires payroll deductions, but does not accommodate pay period greater than one week. The creates false over reporting of delinquencies. which impacts the families. Platform "We believe that the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, healthcare, education, and wellbeing of their children is a fundamental right."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL; Support OTP

HB1263, relative to parenting coordinators in high-conflict cases. **OTP/A Vote: 14-0**

HRA Analysis: Enables the court to appoint a parenting coordinator in high-conflict family division cases, upon agreement by both parties, to assist the parties in creating an agreed upon parenting plan and minimizing conflict. The Special Committee on the Family Division of the Circuit Court heard testimony that having this tool available would be very beneficial to families, so they can decide their own upbringing of their children, instead of the court unfortunately, the bill fails to incorporate mechanisms to control the Parenting coordinator costs impact to families. Mixed platform issues. Grows government 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."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1266, relative to permitting recordings of open family court proceedings by parties. **OTP Vote: 8-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill will allow parties to record proceedings that are open to the public in the Family Division of the Circuit Court. The committee agreed that there are circumstances where an individual recording would be valuable, either for reference by the party or when the court recording is unavailable or insufficient. It is a result of the Special Committee on the Family Court. Platform: Support the people's oversight of the Judiciary

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1308, relative to parent access to children's library records. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A Vote: 13-2**

HRA Analysis: This measure seeks to require librarians to alert parents to children's selection of library materials. While the idea that parents should know what their children are accessing is good, the main bill was much too broad and unworkable. Amendment 0585h indicates materials shall be made available upon request. Platform: "We believe that the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, healthcare, education, and wellbeing of their children is a fundamental right. Decisions in regards to the upbringing, healthcare, education, and wellbeing of children should be the free choice of parents, acting on the children's behalf, unimpeded by intrusive government regulation and control."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL; Support Amendment 0585h. Support OTP/A or "Interim Study"

HB1392, relative to consideration of the opinion of the child in determining parenting time. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-5**

HRA Analysis: This measure seeks to provide an additional method for a to qualify a mature minor to express their preferences in the parenting plan and residence. As children grow and mature they gain increasing capacity to exercise and control of their natural rights which until emancipation are entirely under the protection and control of their parents. In the special situation of the dissolution of a marriage when the parents are at odd in this regard, the child if competent is owed a voice. Constitution: "All men are born equally free and independent;"

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL; Support OTP

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB1527, relative to criminal trespass. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: The bill allows the substitution of purple paint marks on trees for "Posted" signs on property. The majority of the committee believes this would create more problems than it solves. No platform or Constitutional issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

Education

HB1437, relative to the membership of the state board of education. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill flips the historic makeup of the state Board of Education. The board chair testified that the board was created over 100 years ago for citizen oversight of education. The amended bill removes existing law that prohibits educators and professionally involved in education. It then adds 4 new members including a public school teacher, member of the School Administrators Assoc. and a student. No more oversight. Platform: We, the people of the New Hampshire Republican Party, do stand united in our dedication to ... limited government. Constitution Art 8: Government, therefore, should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP or OTPA; Support ITL

HB1695, relative to the release of student personally identifiable information. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: Federal law (FERPA) allows for transmission of confidential student information to third parties under certain exemptions. The bill just adds that if the information is released, the parent has to be notified as to what information is being released and why. Platform: parental rights to control the education of their children.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTPA

Environment and Agriculture

CACR14, relating to the environment and natural resources. Providing that the state shall maintain and improve a clean and healthful environment for present and future generations. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 13-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill seeks to add environmental language to the NH Constitution. The natural rights recognized in the Constitutions all create a system of negatives upon the government, what cannot do. Platform: We believe as the New Hampshire Constitution states, that acquiring, possessing and protecting property is a natural, essential and inherent right.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Executive Departments and Administration

CACR11, relating to the retirement age for sheriffs. Providing that sheriffs attaining the age of 70 years during their elected term in office shall be permitted to complete their current term. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-4**

HRA Analysis: Allows sheriffs to continue in office until the end of their term, even after reaching age 70. No Platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

Fish and Game and Marine Resources

HB1029, relative to exempting certain persons from requiring a New Hampshire landing license if such persons are not landing for the purpose of the sale of the lobster or crab they have caught. **Maj. ITL Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill would remove the requirement that a person purchase a license from the state for the privilege of bringing lobsters or crabs for personal consumption that have been caught out of state or in international waters ashore in NH. Platform: 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. & Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL; Support OTP

HB1100, relative to coyote hunting. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 14-5**

HRA Analysis: This bill prohibits hunting coyote during certain months to coincide with coyote pup rearing. 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 ITL

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

HB1194, relative to the definition of noncommunicable disease. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill removes the word "infectious" from the definition of a non-communicable disease in relation to immunization requirements. Amendment 0809h permits exception for the tetanus vaccination. Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses ...

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP & Support OTP/A Amendment 0809h

HB1213, relative to immunization requirements for private schools and child care agencies. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: The original bill removes the immunization requirements for private schools and child care agencies. The Amendment 1810h removes applicability only for daycare agencies. Platform: Minimize business regulations NH Constitution: Part 1, Article 2b - Right to privacy.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP and Support OTP/A. Amendment 0810h

HB1240, relative to eating disorders as a qualifying condition for the therapeutic cannabis program. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 14-5**

HRA Analysis: This measure looks to add eating disorders as a qualifying condition for therapeutic cannabis. (14-5) No platform or Constitution stance identified

HRA Recommendation: Vote Your Conscience

HB1482, relative to the sale of human blood and organs. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 18-1**

HRA Analysis: The bill would allow sale of various body parts/fluids. Concerns were expressed that this would lead to harvesting of organs based on some testimony. Conflicting platform issues of self-autonomy vs. the right to protect life.

HRA Recommendation: Vote Your Conscience

HB1660, relative to coverage of certain procedures for minor children under the state's Medicaid program. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This measure prohibits taxpayers from having to pay for sexual mutilation for minor children (under the state's medicaid program) Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1706, relative to notice required prior to circumcision procedure. **Maj. Int. study; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: This measure creates additional mandated paperwork for doctors to provide notice prior to circumcision procedure. Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork.

HRA Recommendation: Support IS

Judiciary

CACR12, relating to the definition of the word "cherish." Providing that the 1784 word "cherish" shall be replaced by the 2024 word "cherish." **ITL Vote: 16-4**

HRA Analysis: As written, this would change the word "cherish" to "cherish" and the majority of the committee didn't feel this would change much. There was an amendment to make clear that it was changing the funding to what the legislature decided, but it unfortunately failed. Platform: "Promote local control of education policy and funding in order to create the best-managed school systems. Amend the Constitution to overturn the poorly decided Claremont rulings and return educational funding."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL, Support 2024-0524h amendment. Support OTP/A

HB1037, relative to repealing limited liability for manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This would repeal the limited liability statute for gun manufacturers (RSA 508:21), which would make gun manufacturers civilly liable for the criminal misuse of a firearm by another person. This is fundamentally unjust and threatens Second Amendment rights. Art 2A: "All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose Interim Study, Support ITL

HB1089, relative to the statute of limitations on civil actions involving PFAS. **Int. study Vote: 14-6**

HRA Analysis: Removes the six-year statute of limitations on civil actions involving PFAS. The committee, juggling the reality of how widespread PFAS contamination is, the steadily increasing understanding of the complexity of the contamination, and recognizing that a major source of PFAS contamination in NH has left the state, concluded that we needed more time to find balance. 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: Vote your conscience

HB1220, relative to abolishing the collection of racial and ancestral data for use in a marital application worksheet. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 17-2**

HRA Analysis: Removes the requirement to collect personal race and ancestry information on marriage application forms. The legislation was filed at the request of the Attorney General's Office, which highlighted successful court challenges of similar data request requirements in other states. The US Census already collects this type of data, and no state agencies use the data, creating data privacy concerns with no governmental benefit for retaining the collected information. NH Constitution: Part 1, Article 2b - Right to privacy. Platform: "Protect the privacy of individuals from government agencies."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1412, relative to court reporters. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill repeals state licensing of court reporters. Court reporters are only used privately to take and transcribe things like depositions, they are not used in court. Attorneys and others using stenographers can evaluate their qualifications on their own, when selecting whom to hire for the job; state licensing is unnecessary and serves primarily to limit free market competition. Platforms: "Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork" & "we believe in free markets."

HRA Recommendation: Support Lynn FLAM. Support OTP/A

Legislative Administration

HB1629, relative to attorney general's duties concerning legislators residing in different districts than they represent. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires the attorney general to notify the general court when the attorney general discovers probable cause to believe a legislator is residing in a different district than they represent. Part 2, Article 22 The House of Representatives shall choose their own Speaker, appoint their own officers, and settle the rules of proceedings in their own House; and shall be judge of the returns, elections, and qualifications, of its members, as pointed out in this Constitution.

HRA Recommendation: Support IS or ITL

HR29, declaring an economic justice bill of rights. **Maj. ITL; Min. Int. study Vote: 9-6**

HRA Analysis: This measure seeks to enshrine rights in the NH Constitution, but uses the wrong vehicle in a House Resolution. Many of the material things mentioned in this measure declared as rights deserve individual bills and that work is underway currently in the House and Senate unabated. Platform: We believe in free people, free markets and free enterprise.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Municipal and County Government

HB1086, relative to public notice of zoning board of adjustment hearings. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 13-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows municipalities to post public notice of ZBA hearings on a municipality's website in lieu of publication in a local newspaper. This bill is both problematic and unnecessary since not everyone possess digital access along with a number of other serious concerns, and there is nothing preventing municipalities from posting public notice of ZBA hearing on their website in addition to the publication in a print newspaper under current law. NH Constitution: Part First, Article 8- Open, accessible gov't; NH GOP Platform: Gov't Structure- Expand openness and transparency.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1120, repealing the provision that requires the reflection of municipal body votes on warrant articles. **Maj. ITL Vote: 15-4**

HRA Analysis: Legislation would allow the removal of government body voting recommendations on warrant articles. Conflicting principles exist. Some believe the voters should have the recommendations for guidance, others believe voters should be more involved and informed to be able to decide which way to vote. Lastly, many believe the recommendations are a form of electioneering.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

HB1125, relative to requiring public notice and comment at all county commissioner and delegation meetings. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 16-3**

HRA Analysis: This measure mandates the ability for the public a right to speak at county hearings, requires reasonable public notification of meetings and subjects meetings to right-to-know inquiries. Part 1, Article 8 - Accountability of magistrates Amendment 0754 - Limits public ability to ask questions. Violation of Part 1, Article 8 & Article 22. Amendment 0854h - Allows meeting participants 3 minutes to speak. Part 1 Article 8 & Article 22 - Free speech & accountability of magistrates and officers, public's right to know.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP
Oppose Amendment - 0754h. Support Amendment 0854h

HB1242, relative to the establishment of county-wide communication districts. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Communication districts can already be created within counties. This bill would permit commissioners to begin the process to establish county-wide districts. Municipalities not wanting to be included would then need to opt out of the district. Platform - "Local government (County in this case) should not be allowed to infringe on individual rights (municipalities in this case) and that the state should ensure protections from such local government overreach."

NH Constitution, Part First, Article 8- Open, accessible gov't; NH GOP Platform: Privatize programs and functions that can be handled more effectively by the private sector

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1250, enabling the creation of certain village districts. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-5**

HRA Analysis: Bill would allow creation of Village Districts for the alleged purpose of protecting bodies of water that encompass several towns. Private property owners not voting to be part of the Village District would lose property rights, be subject to additional taxation and liable for enforcement actions and fines. Districts could also include non-waterfront properties. Platform - "Recognize that private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely enjoy and use their property".

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP, Support ITL

HB1297, relative to the authority of municipalities to enforce ordinances related to health and safety. **ITL Vote: 16-3**

HRA Analysis: HB1297 would require costly and time-consuming rewrites and implementation of every municipality's zoning ordinance throughout the State. Platform - "Oppose downshifting of costs and regulatory enforcement from State to Local Government".

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1359, relative to appeals of certain zoning decisions by abutters. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill removes vague and open-ended RSA language including the phrases "any person aggrieved" and "person directly affected". The intent of the bill is to prevent frivolous appeals by an unlimited list of unaffected parties. Also adds clarity to the definition of abutter. Platform - "Work with municipalities to streamline planning and zoning barriers to business". FLAM 2024-0952h - would allow for property owners who claim to be directly affected in the municipality to appeal in zoning decisions. FLAM would reduce the bill's intent to limit those who can appeal while opening up the phrase "directly affected" to interpretation.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP. FLAM 2024-0952h No Recommendation

Public Works and Highways

HB1253, renaming the Blair State Forest in Campton as the Jane Kellogg State Forest. **ITL Vote: 19-0**

HRA Analysis: Renames State Forest - Kellogg although amazing conservationist but the department has a policy that does not allow naming after living people, and there is a cost involved to change all signing. Platform: Measurable costs against benefits...

HRA Recommendation: Vote Your Conscience

HB1510, establishing a commission to identify barriers to and solutions for electric vehicle sales and use. **ITL Vote: 12-6**

HRA Analysis: Establishes a committee to identify barriers and solutions for electric vehicles sales and use. Duplicitous. There is already a study running so the language from this bill will be added to the language to the currently running study. Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits & Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Resources, Recreation and Development

HB1142, relative to requirements for relevant work experience before taking the exam to be a septic designer or installer. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. Int. study Vote: 18-2**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended by the committee requires work experience prior to taking the septic system installer licensing exam a second time if the first attempt fails. Platform: Remove barriers to business formation and encourage small business. Amendment 2024-0653h - requires members who do not pass to take additional training. Platform: We believe that happiness and success are the result of individual effort, hard work and dedication to a purpose.

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendment 2024-0653h. If Amendment fails - Support IS or ITL

HB1208, relative to permitting requirements before timber harvesting operations in a wetland. **Maj. ITL; Min. Int. study Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires that persons or entities conducting timber harvesting operations in wetlands verify compliance with and maintain in their records all permitting documents required for the work being done. The bill is anti-landowner and free market. Platform: free market, lower taxes, local govt should not infringe on individual rights

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1483, allowing subdivision regulations concerning water supply. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows adoption of subdivision regulations to require water supply studies, determination of adequate water quantity for reasonably anticipated future water uses, and minimum on-lot private well testing requirements, and clarifies the applicants duty to pay associated costs. It's undefined what "future" means. Conflicting Platform: support limited govt. Platform: support local control. 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 Interim Study

Science, Technology and Energy

HB1036, relative to assessment of cost effectiveness of the systems benefit charge. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: The bill authorizes the PUC to improve or implement alternative methods, in addition to the current statutory methods, to assess the cost/benefit effectiveness of the ratepayers' System Benefit Charge, a mandated energy efficiency electricity tax. The amendment more clearly defines the PUC adjudicative process in method assessment. Platform: The government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible....

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1623, relative to the state energy policy. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: The bill refocuses NH's energy policy to support all forms of energy without preference to type, and to be market-driven, supporting development of cost-effective, affordable, reliable and stable energy resources. The bill provides tools to protect against premature facility closures before suitable replacements are available. The amendment improves the language clarity. Platform: The government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible....

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Transportation

HB1118, relative to the issuance of drivers' licenses for aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: The measure cleans up the statute that sets criteria for granting licenses to temporary resident aliens. The amendment 0637h keeps criteria for a temporary resident alien non-resident license shall and specifies license can not be considered valid id for state voter registration for any other purpose related to local, state, or federal voting. Allows the director to deny a license if it is determined that the person may be contrary to the public safety. Establishes that asylees may not receive a license until their status has been adjudicated. Platform: Define trespass to include illegal presence in New Hampshire. Amendment - Platform: Prosecute violations of election law and ensure voting is done by New Hampshire citizens only; to prevent voter fraud.

HRA Recommendation: SUPPORT OTP/A. Support Committee Amendment 0637h

HB1244, prohibiting smoking and e-cigarettes in motor vehicles when a passenger is under 16 years of age. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: Platform: We believe that individual liberty is guaranteed under the Constitutions of the United States and New Hampshire, that the liberty of the people must be protected above the power of the government... This is akin to seat belt laws.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1329, relative to creating special number plates for fire departments. **OTP Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

HB1332, relative to prohibiting electric vehicles from parking in parking garages. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: This measure seeks to prohibit electric vehicles from parking garages. No protocol exists to fight these fires. Thermal runaway creates noxious gas and temperatures in excess of 2000 degrees which spreads to other vehicles. Fire safety gear rated for 800 degrees. Garage structures melt and collapse under these circumstances and have already been refused in neighboring states. These are experimental vehicles and should be treated as such. Conflicting platform issues: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork vs. 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,...

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB1403, relative to temporary vehicle emission control equipment. **Maj. OTP/A; Min. ITL Vote: 12-7**

HRA Analysis: This measure extends the repair period for vehicles by adding 4 months to get repairs done.

Platform: Strongly oppose new taxes and fees, including an income, sales and capital gains tax

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1416, relative to prohibiting parking of non-electric vehicles in spaces designated for charging electric vehicles. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: No constitutional or platform issues. Legislates common courtesy.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

Ways and Means

CACR15, relating to taxation. Providing that a 2/3 vote is required to pass legislation imposing new or increased taxes or license fees, or to authorize the issuance of state bonds and providing that the general court shall appropriate funds for payment of interest and installments of principle of all state bonds. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: Bill requires a 2/3 majority to raise taxes or fees.

Platform: We believe that economies flourish when all people retain as much of their hard earned income as possible, to spend and invest as they see fit. Platform: Require super majorities to raise taxes.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1054, relative to the Northern Border Alliance Program fund. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This measure looks to dissolve the dedicated non-lapsing fund. This is the first step to take away funding for the Northern Border, by removing a non-lapsing fund. Program needs to continue - to protect our Northern border. Platform: Demand enforcement of national border security and immigration laws; Define trespass to include illegal presence in New Hampshire.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP; Support ITL

HB1254, relative to an optional local public safety assessment on certain room occupancies. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This measure allows for extra money to be a new form of room tax, created and assessed locally cities and towns with more tourism to help offset some of the burdens that make significant impact on the community. The state would have no say at all. This is a new, decentralized tax. Creates separate class of people. Part 1, Article 10 - Government being instituted for the common benefit...

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP; Support ITL

HB1391, allowing new vehicles purchased in the model year or before to be inspected in the second year after purchase. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL; Min. ITL Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: A slight reduction in regulatory intrusion only for those buying or leasing a new personal vehicle. Platform "Sunset programs and regulations to force periodic reevaluation"

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1536, relative to increasing the amount of the expense deduction allowed against the business profits tax. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 16-4**

HRA Analysis: This measure doubles the amount of the current year deduction that a company can take for investment in new capital equipment. Platform: Economies flourish when all people retain as much of their hard earned income as possible...

Platform: Strongly oppose new taxes and fees

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP