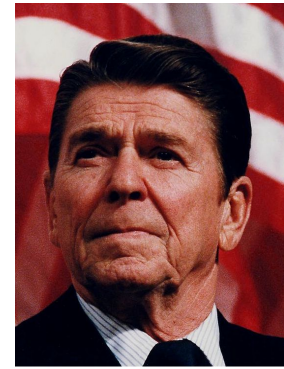


House Republican Alliance

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 28, 2024
Regular Calendar

Commerce and Consumer Affairs

HB1365, relative to substitution of biological products by pharmacies. **Maj. OTP/A 1243h; Min. Int. study Vote: 17-0**

HRA Analysis: HB1365 removes political, not scientific or medical, definitions which deny appropriate access to biologic drugs. Amendment #1243h - pharmacist must inform the prescriber, and should not suggest a product that increases the cost to the patient. Platform: Support the moral and ethical right of informed consent with regard to all medical treatment and intervention. Platform: Increase the use of market forces to improve health care and lower costs. NH Constitution Article 83, Part II: ... Free and fair competition in the trades and industries is an inherent and essential right of the people and should be protected against all monopolies and conspiracies which tend to hinder or destroy it. ...

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendment 1243h, Support OTP/A

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB1366, relative to penalties for the negligent or reckless operation of boats. **OTP/A 0111h Vote: 20-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes a different offense of negligent operation of a boat in addition to reckless operation of a boat. Amendment 0111h establishes a \$500 fine and loss of drivers and boating license for 60 days. NH Constitution: Part 1, Article 18 - Penalties to be proportioned to offenses.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP, Amendment 0111h, Support OTP/A

HB1539, relative to annulling, resentencing, or discontinuing prosecution of certain cannabis offenses. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 14-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill updates the existing annulment statutes found in the criminal code and puts the burden to seek an annulment on the state. Platform: Support the State's Constitutional right to determine legal restrictions on possession of controlled substances.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1713, relative to a defendant's presence during certain criminal proceedings

HRA Analysis: This bill would require defendants charged with crimes punishable by a period of incarceration of 15 years to life, to appear in court to answer for their charges in person. There are constitutional issues if the person has not yet been found guilty and they are being required to show up for various hearings. NH Constitution: Part 1, Art. 18 " All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense" We see no basis for OTP.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

Education

HB1014, relative to the registration of high school students to vote. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: The intent of this bill is to encourage high school students to register in the school to vote. The original bill includes providing assistance with filing registration applications. Amendment #2024-1159h simply puts information into the civics education statutes with reference to existing law requiring the state Board of Education to provide voting information. Platform: That we the people are strongest when we stand together, that it is our responsibility to hold government accountable and that it is through the integrity of the ballot box that we do so. NH Constitution - Part 1, Article 11 - All elections are to be free, an every inhabitant of the state of 18 years of age and upwards shall have an equal right to vote in any election.

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendment 1159h, If amendment fails, ITL.

HB1015, relative to requirements for literacy skill development in elementary grades. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This measure seeks to define methods to improve literacy skills. Amendment #0856h replaces bill with reading assessment and intervention program and relative to dyslexia and related disorders and making an appropriation therefore (Cordelli). Amendment #1106h - expands to include charter schools, mandates evidenced based literacy instruction and includes mathematics. Amendment #1109h replaces the whole bill with a comprehensive focus on literacy with expansive instruction. FLAM 1314h Platform: Emphasize knowledge attainment and academic achievement.

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendments 0856h, 1106h, 1109h, 1314h, Support OTP/A

HB1084, relative to qualifications for the commissioner of education. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This measure requires DOE Commissioners to be a certified teacher or administrator with 5 years combined experience. Platform: Reform the teacher certification process to include participation by individuals outside the standard education paradigm whose experiences will elevate appreciation for knowledge in the classroom.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP or OTP/A, Support ITL

HB1087, establishing a commission to study information literacy and media literacy instruction in public schools. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This measure establishes a commission to study how to teach students about information and media skills but we need a commission to identify how to do it and report back by November 1st. Platform: Emphasize knowledge attainment and academic achievement, plus personal responsibility.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation.

HB1093, prohibiting mandatory mask policies in schools. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill prohibits school mask mandates for students and the public. There are exemptions for sports and educational purposes such as science experiments. Amendment provides that school shall not prohibit policies that may require facial coverings as part of a student's IEP pursuant to RSA 186-C or accommodation plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Platform: Protect the privacy of individuals from government agencies & employees who abuse their power & position. Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children.

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendment 0911h or Support OTP/A

HB1287, relative to the definition of the term "evidence-based" within public education. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: The bill simply requires that new methods and standards be based upon evidence of their validity. Platform: Emphasize knowledge attainment and academic achievement.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1383, relative to cooperative school board district elections. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This measure seeks to allow small towns to elect their own board members rather than having the larger towns override their vote. Constitution Pt 1 Art 11 includes: Every inhabitant of the state, having the proper qualifications, has equal right to be elected into office. Amendment 1123h - changes provision for "at large" members to voting members from the town. Platform: Promote local control of education policy and funding in order to create the best-managed schools.

HRA Recommendation: Amendment Support OTP or OTPA

HB1452, relative to credentials for the position of superintendent of schools and school business officer. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This measure seeks to require education qualifications into law for the first time. Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork. Reform the teacher certification process to include participation by individuals outside the standard education paradigm whose experiences will elevate appreciation for knowledge in the classroom.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP or OTPA, Support ITL

HB1453, relative to degree granting authority of certain institutions of higher education. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This measure requires institutions of higher education institutions be organized as non-profits in order to be approved by our Hgh Ed Commission. This bill would restrict student access to education options that might meet individual needs. Platform: Support market forces to provide and improve education.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP, Support ITL

HB1476, relative to charter school memorandums of understanding. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: Charter schools with students with disabilities are to sign memorandums of understanding (MOU) with the student's resident district who is responsible for the student's services. This bill would require the MOU by November 1st of each year. The Department of Education, however, is concerned that some students might not have services performed until November 1st if the charter and resident district do not sign the MOU until November 1st. We need to study this issue. Platform: Promote local control of education policy and funding in order to create the best-managed school systems.

HRA Recommendation: Support IS

HB1481, relative to appointments to fill vacancies to at large cooperative school board seats. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires that the new member appointed to fill the vacancy be domiciled in the same town as the departed member. NH Constitution Part 1 Article 11 - Every inhabitant of the state, having the proper qualifications, has equal right to be elected into office. Small town candidates do not have an equal right if voters in other towns can decide their election.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1592, relative to the use of education freedom account funds in religious schools. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This measure would prohibit use of Education Freedom Account funds from being used for tuition for religious schools. Platform: We believe that the Founding Fathers gave the 1st Amendment its preeminent position with intent that religious freedom deserves to be protected.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP, Support ITL

HB1616, relative to parental consent for student participation in Medicaid to schools program. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill (a parent's rights statement) requires that parental consent is required for each new service performed and billing for that service. Parents have a right to know. Platform: Promote education freedom and parental rights to control the education of their children. Amendment 0716h removes educator violation penalty in Code of Conduct. Constitution: Part 1, 2-b An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential and inherent.

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendment #0716h. Support OTP/A

HB1642, relative to the role of cooperative school district board member representatives on school district budget committees. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill would make the school board member a non-voting member of the budget committee. Platform: Promote local control of education policy.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

Election Law

HB1091, relative to the financing of political campaigns. **OTP/A 1215h Vote: 20-0**

HRA Analysis: This measure cleans up various changes to the laws that regulate the financing of political campaigns, that have been identified by the SoS and AG as unclear or contradictory. It simplifies the existing statutes by consolidating the definitions and types of political committees and conforms reporting dates for all political committees and candidates. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

HB1596, requiring a disclosure of deceptive artificial intelligence usage in political advertising. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires the disclosure of deceptive synthetic media and deceptive and fraudulent deep fakes usage in political advertising. Amendment 1209h defines terms to be used in statute and exceptions to applicability. Part 1, Art. 22 "Free speech and liberty of the press are essential to the security of freedom in a state"

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendment 1209h, Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL

Environment and Agriculture

HB1102, relative to the definition of animal cruelty. **Maj. ITL; Min. Int. study Vote: 14-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill prohibits the breeding of brachycephalic dogs (pugs, pekinese, bulldogs, pomeranians, etc). This bill restricts commerce. Platform: free people, free markets and free enterprise.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1145, prohibiting the private ownership of landfills. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: HB1145 bans the private ownership of landfills in NH. This bill seeks to limit the amount of out of state trash in NH by making landfills publicly owned so they can get around the US Commerce Clause. They would be operated by contracted businesses, but the State (or subdivision) would own the land. We already have publicly owned landfills and the state can build a landfill if it desires. We do not need to exclude businesses from owning landfills. If there is an environmental problem with landfills, the appropriate fix is regulatory not land constraints. Platform: free people, free markets and free enterprise.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Executive Departments and Administration

HB1059, relative to the state building code. **OTP/A 0804h Vote: 20-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill updates the building code but not the energy code. FLAM 1300h requires adoption of the energy code. Platform: Sunset programs and regulations to force periodic reevaluation

HRA Recommendation: Oppose Amendment #0804h, Oppose FLAM 1300h. Oppose OTP or OTP/A

HB1190, relative to adopting the interstate social work licensure compact. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: Like all compacts, this requires that the compact's rules (as yet unwritten) have the force of law in every state. Constitution, Part 1, Article 12: Nor are the inhabitants of this State controllable by any other laws than those to which they, or their representative body, have given their consent.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP, Support ITL

HB1222, relative to physician assistant scope of practice. **Maj. OTP/A 0454h; Min. ITL Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill repeals the requirement that PAs work under a signed collaboration agreement with a physician.

Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork; Increase the use of market forces to improve health care and lower costs. Amendment 0454h - eliminates the requirement of the bill in VA positions. FLAM 1334h - turns the bill into a study committee. FLAM 1353h - retains HB1222 & Amendment 0454h language, requires collaborative agreements for PAs with less than 10,000 practice hours. Requires all PA collaborate with a physician or health care team. Requires PA to only practice medicine physician or medical team member are available in person or electronically. Requires PA to comply with all scope of practice with their employer law. Platform: Support the moral and ethical right of informed consent with regard to all medical treatment and intervention.

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendment 1353h. Support OTP/A

HB1271, relative to the conversion, combination, and reorganization of boards and advisory boards. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP/A 1248h Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: The bill, as amended, converts a number of regulatory boards into advisory boards. These boards have few licenses and have typically been the ones that operate efficiently. Amendment #1248h replaces section 1-10 and creates advisory boards replacing certification or standards issuing boards. Platform: Keep state government lean. Justify expenditures against measureable benefits.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose IS, support OTP/A

HB1545, relative to the disposal of state surplus property for affordable housing. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill would allow the state to sell surplus property for less than fair market value to agencies that will use the land for affordable housing. This results in a hidden subsidy, determined by the executive rather than the legislative branch. The bulk of state surplus property was obtained by the department of transportation, by eminent domain, for projects that have since been canceled. Constitution, Part 1, 12-a. No part of a person's property shall be taken by eminent domain and transferred, directly or indirectly, to another person if the taking is for the purpose of private development or other private use of the property.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP, Support ITL

Finance

HB1279, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 16-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill would require the state to pay a portion of the retirement benefit costs for local employees. The state has no control over the number of such employees, nor their pay. Platform: Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL.

HB1323, making an appropriation for the printing costs of the New Hampshire state constitution. **OTP/A 0909h Vote: 25-0**

HRA Analysis: The bill updates the requirements for what is printed in the Constitution that the SOS prints. Since it removes the pictures and names of who is in office, this will reduce the cost long term. The Constitution is likely to change in November. Amendment moves out the date to next fiscal year. Platform: Sunset programs and regulations to force periodic reevaluation

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

HB1280, relative to informed consent and patient rights. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: Affirms informed consent for health care providers, moving these requirements from administrative rule to statute. Platform: Support the moral and ethical right of informed consent with regard to all medical treatment and intervention

HRA Recommendation: OTP

HB1568, relative to Medicaid reimbursement for non-transport emergency medical services calls. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill would allow EMS agencies to seek reimbursement, using well established EMS billing practices, for services provided to patients who are not transported to the hospital, but rather received care and were able to avoid an expensive transport and subsequent ER stay. Platform: Increase the use of market forces to improve health care and lower costs

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP, Oppose Interim Study.

HB1607, relative to expanded safe haven protections. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP/A 1220h Vote: 19-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows a parent to surrender their child by placing the child in a safe haven infant safety device up to 61 days after the child's birth and provides protection from legal action to the parent. Amendment #1220h & FLAM 1351h excludes evidence resulting from the surrender of a child from any criminal liability. Platform: Encourage individuals and organizations that provide alternatives to abortion (death of a baby)....

HRA Recommendation: Oppose IS, Support FLAM and OTP/A

Municipal and County Government

HB1181, relative to solid waste districts. **Maj. OTP/A 1054h; Min. OTP/A 1048h Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill: (1) allows a Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) to contract with third party haulers and allows for a political subdivision within a SWMD to be able to receive the SWMD's contracted/volume pricing; (2) authorizes prompt payment of SWMD monthly bills by the treasurer upon signed manifest by 2 SWMD members previously empowered by the SWMD committee, as is currently allowed by RSA in towns and schools districts; (3) establishes statutory procedure with checks and balances for emergent expenditures/over-expenditures upon approval by DRA, similar to the procedure in the Municipal Budget law for towns and school districts, thereby providing a mechanism for accountability since no procedure currently exists for SWMDs. Platform: Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services; justify expenditures against measurable benefits; prioritize programs to ensure effective spending; expand openness and transparency to expenditures of taxpayers' funds.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1223, relative to governing body members of the budget committee. **Maj. OTP/A 1218h; Min. ITL Vote: 15-5**

HRA Analysis: This bill clarifies the role of governing body members for municipal budget. Amendment 0805h - creating local options for historic horse racing machines and games of chance. 1218h - creating local options for games of chance. This legislation is a non-germane amendment that would place into the RSAs language closely mirroring existing RSAs pertaining to Keno, allowing municipalities to determine, by warrant article, whether they would consider allowing "games of chance" (casinos) in their communities. This is not an anti-gambling bill, and it has zero effect on current revenues. No Constitutional or platform issues identified for bill or amendment.

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

Public Works and Highways

HB2024, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan. **Maj. OTP/A 0961h; Min. ITL Vote: 18-1**

HRA Analysis: Within the 10 yr Highway Plan are contained Unfunded Mandates, such as the forced transfer of the Continental Blvd section of State Highway back to the Town of Merrimack, causing a specific annual expense of \$508k and a corresponding \$.08 increase on the tax rate. Amendment removes the transfer of Continental blvd from the bill. GOP Platform: Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services; justify expenditures against measurable benefits; prioritize programs to ensure effective spending NH Const. Part 1, Article 28a, Mandated Programs: The state shall not mandate or assign any new, expanded or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures by the political subdivision unless such programs or responsibilities are fully funded by the state or unless such programs or responsibilities are approved for funding by a vote of the local legislative body of the political subdivision.

HRA Recommendation: Support FLAM #1269, Support OTP/A

Resources, Recreation and Development

HB1113, relative to shoreland septic systems. **OTP/A 1077h Vote: 20-0**

HRA Analysis: The bill requires a buyer to have an inspection on such aged septic systems or opt-out if they plan a repair or replacement within one year of purchase. Amendment #1077h lays out the requirements for septic testing and replacement in rules. FLAM #1302 - If the system is not operating properly the buyer would have one year to repair or replace. NH Constitution - Part 1, Article 2b - right to privacy. 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: Oppose OTP or OTP/A , Support ITL

HB1121, relative to creating certain wetlands permit exemptions after a natural disaster or flooding event. **Maj. OTP/A 1102h; Min. ITL Vote: 17-3**

HRA Analysis: As introduced, this measure seeks to give property owners the ability to apply for permit to remove woody debris and stream blockages from their streambeds after a flooding event or natural disaster. The amendment adds an important departmental maxim that stream blockages can be removed without permit if sediment disturbance is minimized and if no new permanent impacts are created. Platform: Environment: "Recognize that private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely use and enjoy their property. Promote conservation of open space, sensitive ecosystems, wildlife.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1301, relative to wake surfing on public bodies of water. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill will allow "25 residents OR property owners" of a town, to petition the Dept of Safety for a hearing to ban certain specific activities, specifically wake surfing, which would create an unenforceable ban on one specific sport. This would negatively impact the free economy and individual freedom to enjoy NH Lakes, which are held in public trust for the enjoyment of all by a small minority of individuals. Platform: Recognize that private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely use and enjoy their property. Promote conservation of open space.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP or OTP/A. Support ITL

HB1390, relative to regulating wakeboating and wakesports. **Maj. OTP/A 1085h; Min. ITL Vote: 13-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill attempts to strictly regulate the presence of one specific type of watercraft on NH Lakes: wakeboats. This bill is far too broad, unenforceable with the water depth restrictions and current resources, and is generally bad for NH lake tourism and economy. Amendment #0185h amends "wake sports" zones and sets restrictions on wake sports. Amendment 1322 sets prohibitions on wake surfing and limitations on wake sports. Platform: Recognize that private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely use and enjoy their property. Promote conservation of open space.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A or OTP. Support ITL

Special Committee on Housing

HB1291, relative to accessory dwelling unit uses allowed by right. **Maj. OTP/A 1203h; Min. ITL Vote: 8-2**

HRA Analysis: This bill increases from one to two the number of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) that are allowed by right with a single-family dwelling. Opponents frame this as central planning by the state telling towns (cities) what they must do. The reality is that zoning itself is central planning by towns telling individual property owners what they may not do. Towns do not have an inherent right to restrict property use; they do so only under power granted by the state, which is free to amend that power. The Constitution has two competing articles: Art. 2. All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights among which are, the enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting, property; and, in a word, of seeking and obtaining happiness. Art. 3. When men enter into a state of society, they surrender up some of their natural rights to that society, in order to ensure the protection of others; and, without such an equivalent, the surrender is void. The New Hampshire Supreme Court has said that "constitutional property rights must be respected and protected from unreasonable zoning restrictions". Our platform agrees: We believe that local government should not be allowed to infringe on individual rights and that the state should ensure protections from such local government overreach. The question is when are zoning restrictions unreasonable and overreaching?

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB1399, allowing municipalities to permit 2 residential units in certain single-family residential zones. **Maj. OTP/A 1157h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill would allow under some rather complex rules two residential units (i.e. a duplex) to be built on a lot that is zoned for single-family residences. Opponents frame this as central planning by the state telling towns (cities) what they must do. The reality is that zoning itself is central planning by towns telling individual property owners what they may not do. Towns do not have an inherent right to restrict property use; they do so only under power granted by the state, which is free to amend that power. The Constitution has two competing articles: Art. 2. All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights among which are, the enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting, property; and, in a word, of seeking and obtaining happiness. Art. 3. When men enter into a state of society, they surrender up some of their natural rights to that society, in order to ensure the protection of others; and, without such an equivalent, the surrender is void. The New Hampshire Supreme Court has said that "constitutional property rights must be respected and protected from unreasonable zoning restrictions". Our platform agrees: We believe that local government should not be allowed to infringe on individual rights and that the state should ensure protections from such local government overreach. The question is when are zoning restrictions unreasonable and overreaching?

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HR31, urging support of the dignity through prosperity act. **Int. study Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: This measure is a legislative proposal at the federal level aimed at improving the lives and economic prospects of individuals with permanent health conditions.

HRA Recommendation: Support IS

Transportation

HB1273, relative to the protection of personal information in driver licenses. **Int. study Vote: 19-0**

HRA Analysis: The intention of this bill is to protect the personal information from driver licenses. One of the bill's intentions is to restrict retail establishments, supermarkets, liquor stores, from scanning and storing driver license information which could be used for marketing or other purposes. The committee felt that the bill has merit but more work is needed to create a final bill.

HRA Recommendation: Support IS

Removed from Consent Calendar

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB1711, authorizing the state to report mental health data for firearms background check purposes and providing for processes for confiscation of firearms following certain mental health-related court proceedings and for relief from mental health-related firearms disabilities. **OTP/A 0431h Vote: 18-2**

HRA Analysis: The bill mandates that the names of mentally ill patients be added to a criminal database before they have actually harmed someone. The bill moves us one step closer to a minority report world. NH Const. Part First, Art. 2-a "All persons have the right to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves, their families, their property and the state."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP or OTP/A, Support ITL

Transportation

HB1637, relative to reducing requirements for vehicle inspections. **OTP/A 41222 Vote: 19-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill provides a bit more time to inspect their vehicle, especially now where scheduling is taking longer than normal. A FLAM will address an issue with the DMV.

Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork

HRA Recommendation: Support FLAM, Support OTP/A

Reconsideration

Election Law

HB1119, relative to absentee ballots. **Maj. OTP/A 0767h; Min. ITL Vote: 19-1**

HRA Analysis: Absentee voting for reasons beyond physical disability and absence from town, as per Part 1 Article 11, exceeds the authority of the Constitution, and is therefore unconstitutional.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL

HB1523, revising the moderator's worksheet for counting votes in elections. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: Revises the pre-election certificate to account for an inventory of ballots, including those that have been sent for absentee voting. No constitutional or platform issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Judiciary

HB1283, relative to end of life options. **Maj. OTP/A 0808h; Min. ITL Vote: 13-7**

HRA Analysis: Allowing for medical aid in dying, in those with less than 6 months to live. PLATFORM: "We believe that life is sacred, from conception to natural death and that we cannot diminish the value of one category of human life without diminishing the value of all human life."

HRA Recommendation: Vote Yes on Reconsideration. Support Amendment 0808h, Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL

Remove from Table

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

HB1683, relative to coverage of circumcision under the state Medicaid plan. **Maj. OTP/A 0573h; Min. ITL Vote: 14-6**

HRA Analysis: The bill is relative to medicaid coverage to circumcision which is considered cosmetic surgery. The bill would require medical necessity before this procedure is covered. Amendment allows for insurance coverage when medically necessary. Platform: Allow free market driven health care plans and "a la carte" insurance plans free from government mandates.

HRA Recommendation: Support Remove from Table, Amendment 0573h. Support OTP/A

Judiciary

HB1353, relative to authorizing the commissioner of the department of education to issue subpoenas. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: Authorizing the hearing officer of Dept of Education to issue subpoenas in certified educator in cases of allegations of serious code of misconduct violations. PLATFORM: Classroom "Promote personal responsibility and consequences for one's actions."

HRA Recommendation: Support FLAM #1361h, Support OTP/A