

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, October 10, 2024
Veto Override

HB194, (Third New Title) requiring the director of the division of historical resources to compile and maintain a list of public monuments and requiring legislative approval of the amendment or permanent removal of historical markers. **Vote: 194-179**
HRA Analysis: HB 194 as amended in committee of conference deals with the Department of Historical Resources ongoing project of reviewing, removing and/or rewording our 289 historic roadsigns throughout NH. The Governor claims this to be an executive branch function exclusively but it should be pointed out that most of our road signs originated from our NH private citizens and these same citizens deserve the right to testify in public hearings about any removal or rewording for political correctness. The current program does NOT provide for public input. HB 194 provides for legislative oversight and that's what the Governor objects to. Currently, 4 of the 289 markers have been retired. Three of these were deemed out-dated. One marker "Andrew Jackson's Visit" formerly located in Bow NH was retired. The notes listed on the department spreadsheet obtained by 91-a stated 'Flowery', nationalistic, no mention of controversial history with Native Americans, bad location {this marker was located at a Park & Ride- probably one of the better locations to pull over and view}. The narrative on the Andrew Jackson's Visit marker states, "'Just north of this point, on the boundary between Bow and Concord a large cavalcade of enthusiastic citizens met President Jackson and escorted him to New Hampshire's Capital. His official reception by the State Government on the following day, June 29, 1833, marked the conclusion of a triumphal New England tour.'
Platform: "Expand openness and transparency to employment, expenditures and all recipients of taxpayers' funds"

HRA Recommendation: Yea on override

HB274, relative to the administrative rulemaking process. **Vote: VV**

HRA Analysis: The bill makes minor tweaks to the rule making process to provide additional accountability of the agency.
Platform: "Expand openness and transparency to employment, expenditures and all recipients of taxpayers' funds"

HRA Recommendation: Yea on override

HB396, (New Title) permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances. **Vote: 192-184**

HRA Analysis: Bill as amended allows for biological sex to be utilized in 3 circumstances: 1. Multi use bathrooms; 2. Athletic/sporting competitions; 3. Facilities of involuntary commitment. Platform in support: traditional families are the foundation of strong communities. Part 1 Art. 3- ensure protection of others.

HRA Recommendation: Yea on override

HB1093, prohibiting mandatory mask policies in schools. **Vote: 187-184**

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: Yea on override

HB1187, (New Title) relative to prohibiting lease agreements of equipment for building or facility improvements. **Vote: VV**
HRA Analysis: This bill narrows the scope of RSA 33:7-e so that equipment leases under this section do not contain building renovations nor permanently installed equipment that become fixtures. Leases with an escape clause are always higher cost than other types of leases and cannot be economically escaped when the "equipment" is deeply installed and becomes a fixture. Leases of equipment that become fixtures are still supported under RSA 32 where escape clauses are optional along with a lower cost to taxpayers and a public hearing ahead of the annual meeting for public input/transparency if the lease exceeds \$100K. Platform: "We believe that low taxes are the result of low spending; that the government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible, to always limit spending and growth of government, and to cut spending and cost of government at every possible turn." "Expand openness and transparency to employment, expenditures and all recipients of taxpayers' funds."

HRA Recommendation: Yea on override

HB1233, relative to animal chiropractors. **Vote: VV**

HRA Analysis: The bill exempts these professionals from licensing by the veterinarians board. Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork

HRA Recommendation: Yea on override

HB1293, (New Title) relative to the use of certain fertilizers on turf. **Vote: VV**

HRA Analysis: Prohibits application of certain fertilizer within 25ft of the shore: Platform: "Provide public access to all public lands and great ponds, subject to adequate protection for indigenous plants and animals." Also Platform: "We believe that local governments should not be allowed to infringe on individual rights and that the state should ensure protection from such local government overreach." and Platform: "Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork"

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB1415, relative to PFAS facility liability. **Vote: VV**

HRA Analysis: Possibly conflicting platform "minimize business regulations": and also "Promote conservation of open space, sensitive ecosystems, wildlife, scenic vistas, historic and cultural landscapes, and especially New Hampshire's state historic sites"

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

HB1581, relative to cultivation locations for alternative treatment centers. **Vote: VV**

HRA Analysis: Bill expands options for the cultivation of cannabis increasing the supply. Platform: Increase the use of market forces to improve health care and lower costs.

HRA Recommendation: Yea on override

HB1622, relative to administrative rulemaking and license renewals by the office of professional licensure and certification. **Vote: VV**

HRA Analysis: This bill primarily codifies best practice for conditional approvals, which makes it faster and easier to approve rules. It puts actual penalties in cases of enforcing expired rules (which has been illegal since 2015) and, allows for payment of legal fees if a rule is judged invalid. Finally, it requires a full response to public comments, which some agencies do and some don't. Constitution: "Government, therefore, should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive."

HRA Recommendation: Yea on override

SB63, (New Title) relative to the adoption of public health ordinances by municipalities. **Vote: 186-180**

HRA Analysis: This bill limits open ended authority given to public health officials. Platform: We believe that local governments should not be allowed to infringe on individual rights and that the state should ensure protection from such local government overreach.

HRA Recommendation: Yea on override

SB318, (New Title) converting the manufactured housing installations standards board and the board of examiners of nursing home administrators into advisory boards, and creating a new advisory board named the advisory board of massage therapists, reflexologists, structural integrators, and Asian bodywork therapists. **Vote: VV**

HRA Analysis: The bill is a combination of several different license reforms. The MFG housing board becomes advisory but is no longer overseen by the Gov and EC, but selected and appointed by the OPLC. There are real concerns about the OPLC having control of this advisory board when the Federal government is mandating new rules and regulations. There is some value to being able to push back locally. Retaining control through the governor and EC makes sure that the bureaucrats don't control the entire process. [Art.] 37. [Separation of Powers.] In the government of this State, the three essential powers thereof, to wit, the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial, ought to be kept as separate from, and independent of, each other, as the nature of a free government will admit, or as is consistent with that chain of connection that binds the whole fabric of the Constitution in one indissoluble bond of union and amity.

HRA Recommendation: Nay on override

SB501, relative to driver licenses for noncitizens residing in New Hampshire. **Vote: 181-169**

HRA Analysis: The bill allows most illegal aliens to have access to get the DMV to get NH drivers licenses Platform: We support legal immigration and believe that enforcement of immigration laws is in New Hampshire's best interests.

HRA Recommendation: Nay on override

SB507, extending the time to petition for a new trial in certain cases. **Vote: 190-170**

HRA Analysis: This bill eliminates the 3 year limitation period for moving for a new trial in criminal cases where there is a claim of newly discovered evidence or new scientific understanding of evidence. US Constitution 5th Amendment: "nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law"

Bill needs to be re-written. This allows for endless loops of frivolous petitions and appeals for the same grounds. This will increase costs including potentially having to provide attorney services. Platform: "government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible"

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

SB543, establishing the state environmental adaptation, resilience, and innovation council. **Vote: 172-168**

HRA Analysis: Bill creates a new council to manage the environment. Justify expenditures against measurable benefits

HRA Recommendation: Nay on override