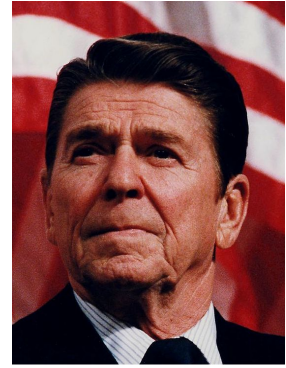


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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, February 6, 2025
Regular Calendar

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB511, relative to cooperation with federal immigration authorities. **OTP/A 0079h Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: As amended with Amendment 2025-0079h, this bill requires law enforcement agencies to comply with immigration detainers of inmates if safe to do so and prohibits state and local government entities from adopting sanctuary policies to prohibit or impede the enforcement of federal immigration law.

Platform: "Demand the enforcement of national border security and immigration laws"

HRA Recommendation: OTP/A

Education Policy and Administration

HB71, prohibiting the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill prohibits the use of public schools or institutions of higher learning from providing shelter for specified aliens who have not been admitted to the United States, absent a specified disaster.

Platform: "Oppose so-called 'sanctuary' policies that inhibit the enforcement of federal immigration law"

Platform: "Demand the enforcement of national border security and immigration laws"

Platform: "Define trespass to include illegal trespass in New Hampshire"

HRA Recommendation: OTP

HB129, relative to the definition of the term "evidence-based" within public education. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill defines "evidence-based" as applied to pedagogical methods and requires the department of education and all local school districts to conform with such definition in all communications. Platform: "Implement the nation's highest competency and accountability standards"

HRA Recommendation: OTP

Election Law

HB67, relative to agreements with the secretary of state for the use of accessible voting systems. **OTP Vote: 17-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill directs cities and towns to enable access to voting for individuals with disabilities during elections. Art 11- "voting ... shall be easily accessible to all persons including disabled"

HRA Recommendation: OTP

HB340, relative to electioneering by public employees. **Maj. OTP/A 0029h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Housing

HB60, relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: Currently a lease greater than 6 months is forever for a landlord, and for as long as the tenant wants, for the tenant. Constitution: Art 12. "But no part of a man's property shall be taken from him, or applied to public uses, without his own consent..." Private property rights - once contacts expire Republicans believe you should be able to terminate. Constitution: 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." If you can't control who lives on your property you have lost possession of it and you don't really own it.

HRA Recommendation: OTP

HB399, establishing a commission to study the New Hampshire zoning enabling act. **OTP/A 0023h Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes a commission which is needed to determine necessary changes to the zoning acts given many of them are 100 years old. The HRA does not take a position on study commissions.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB444, relative to a tenant's right to notification prior to the sale of a multi-family home. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0096h Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Currently there is no requirement to notify a tenant of the intent to sell a property. This bill would create unnecessary restrictions on property owners and could delay transactions. Platform: "acquiring, possessing and protecting property is a natural, essential and inherent right."

HRA Recommendation: ITL

HB623, relative to prohibiting corporations from purchasing single-family homes for a certain amount of time. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This legislation would place restrictions on the ability of corporations to purchase certain real estate. This takes aim at large companies, but any small private real estate investor and landlord which operates under LLCs (for example) would also be impacted. Platform: "We believe in free people, free markets and free enterprise".

HRA Recommendation: ITL

Judiciary

HB164, relative to local records retention. **OTP Vote: 13-0**

HRA Analysis: This legislation will create a state repository for municipal right-to-know records and funds a local government records manager in the NH Division of Archives and Records Management. Use of repository is optional. Part 1, Art 8: "Government, therefore, should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive. To that end, the public's right of access to governmental proceedings and records shall not be unreasonably restricted."

HRA Recommendation: OTP

Municipal and County Government

HB78, requiring a person to have a domicile in the district from which they serve as county commissioner. **Maj. OTP/A 0034h; Min. ITL Vote: 13-5**

HRA Analysis: Last term, Strafford County was districted for commissioner elections to align with the NH's other nine counties. Another RSA required amending to align with the change but was missed. This resulted in a commissioner running and being elected in a district where he did not reside, unlike every other elected office mandates. The amendment clarifies existing language by ensuring once elected, an elected official who moves out of the district would no longer be eligible to retain that position. Platform: "....Integrity of the ballot box..."

HRA Recommendation: OTP/A

HB110, authorizing counties to establish revolving fund accounts. **Maj. OTP/A 0057h; Min. ITL Vote: 11-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill authorizes county governments to establish revolving fund accounts for the provision of public safety services by county employees or volunteers outside of the ordinary detail of such persons or for any other public safety purpose deemed appropriate by the county. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Science, Technology and Energy

HB95, requiring the New Hampshire electric co-op regularly file a certificate of deregulation with the public utilities commission. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 15-3**

HRA Analysis: NHEC members already have the power to choose to be regulated.
Platform: "Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork"

HRA Recommendation: ITL

HB106, establishing a commission to determine the monetary costs of climate damage to the state of New Hampshire and the best means of recouping such costs. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Assumes "climate change" will cause damage distinguishable from regular weather fluctuations. No climate model in 50 years has reflected actual experience. Platform: "Oppose all laws, programs & mandates ... contrary to our principles, including ... sustainable development initiatives." "Keep state government lean"

HRA Recommendation: ITL

HB189, defining "clean energy" and the department of energy's 10-year state energy strategy to include new technology small-scale nuclear energy, renewable energy, and fuel diversity; and, removing references to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board. **Maj. OTP/A 0105h; Min. ITL Vote: 11-7**

HRA Analysis: Define "clean energy" as "low-greenhousegas emitting sources, nuclear and other renewable sources".
Platform: "Support policies that encourage research and development of our energy resources, including natural gas, hydroelectric power, nuclear energy and new technologies"

HRA Recommendation: OTP/A

HB306, establishing a commission to study the short and long-term impacts of pending national and regional carbon pricing mechanisms on New Hampshire's citizens, businesses, institutions, and environment. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Commission to study advocating for a carbon tax. Platform: Oppose all laws, programs & mandates ... contrary to our principles, including ... punitive environmental controls.

"Keep state government lean". "Strongly oppose new taxes and fees"

HRA Recommendation: ITL

HB526, establishing a climate change and damage division in the department of environmental services. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Expand government with a new "Climate Change & Damage Division" within the Dept of Enviro Srvcs.
Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits "

HRA Recommendation: ITL

Transportation

HB133, modifying the new resident drivers' license transfer requirements, specifying when the division of motor vehicles shall send violation notices, and appropriating funds to the division for technological upgrades required for legal compliance. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill would require nonresident drivers who establish residency in New Hampshire to notify the department of safety if they then cease to become residents within 60 days, or if their out of state driver's license expires or is relinquished. This ties to defining domicile for voting purposes. Platform: "ensure voting is done by New Hampshire resident citizens only"

HRA Recommendation: OTP

HB140, establishing a voluntary "blue envelope" program for drivers with autism spectrum disorders. **OTP/A 0129h Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes a program, named the blue envelope program, where a motor vehicle driver with an autism spectrum disorder may carry and present to law enforcement a blue envelope containing written information and guidance on effective communication with the driver. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB259, relative to increasing the number of handicap license plates and placards the department of motor vehicles may issue to individuals. **OTP Vote: 13-3**

HRA Analysis: This bill also specifies when the division of motor vehicles shall send violation notices, and appropriates funds to the division for technological upgrades required for legal compliance. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Ways and Means

HB83, increasing the minimum age for sports betting. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill raises the minimum age for sports betting from 18 to 21 years of age. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB328, establishing a charitable gaming oversight commission. **OTP/A 0069h Vote: 18-0**

HRA Analysis: As amended, this bill establishes a Charitable Gaming Oversight Commission for a period of 10 years. No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation