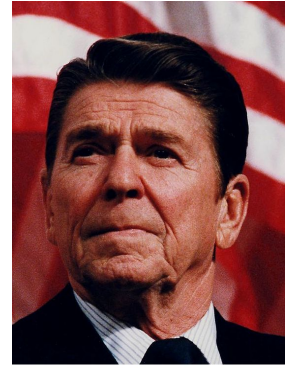


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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 13, 2025
Regular Calendar

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

HB238, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements from requiring employees join or contribute to a labor union. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: Federal law prohibits conditioning employment on union membership but does allow contract language requiring non-union members to pay fees to the union. In States with RTW laws, such provision are prohibited. Effectively, this would bring NH's private-sector unions into line with what 2018's Janus v. AFSCME did for public sector employees.

Principle: Platform: "support "right to work" legislation"

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

Municipal and County Government

HB346, relative to licensure fees for race tracks. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Adjusts the maximum fee that a municipality may optionally charge for health & safety inspections of a motor vehicle racetrack operation to match actual local costs. The maximum, optional fee has not been updated in nearly 60 years; and, without this change, taxpayers will continue to subsidize inspections of a private business.

Principle: Platform: "Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services"

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

Resources, Recreation and Development

HB127, extending the closing date of the OHRV trails on the Connecticut River Headwaters property from September 30 to Columbus Day. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 11-5**

HRA Analysis:

Principle: Platform: "Encourage landowners to keep their property open and accessible to responsible recreation"

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB174, increasing the maximum weight of a utility terrain vehicle to 3,500 pounds unladen dry weight. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis:

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

HB203, relative to coast guard approved personal flotation devices while on New Hampshire state waters. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-5**

HRA Analysis: Requires all occupants wear PFDs from Nov 15 through May 15 on state waters in canoes, kayaks, or rowing sculls, when not engaged in official competition.

Principle: Platform: "Prefer incentives to penalties and issue warnings before fines"

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB332, allowing for the establishment of a village district to protect and remediate surface waters. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-7**

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.

Principle: 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: Support ITL

HB334, relative to the comprehensive state development plan. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis:

Principle: Platform: "strongly oppose new taxes and fees" and "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

HB422, increasing penalties for violations of the shoreland and water quality protection act. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: Increase the penalty to three times the current amount.

Principle: Platform: "strongly oppose new taxes and fees"

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Science, Technology and Energy

SB4, relative to commercial property assessed clean energy and resiliency (C-PACER). **OTP Vote: 15-3**

HRA Analysis: Upgrades an existing loan program for rehabilitating older commercial buildings where the loan is tied to the building not the building's owner. The loan is paid like a monthly tax bill. No govt funds involved.

Principle: Platform: "Foster an attitude of assistance and cooperation with business and increase responsiveness"

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HB55, repealing the Selective Service Compliance Act. **OTP/A 0174h Vote: 18-0**

HRA Analysis: This measure leaves in place the Selective Service material the National Guard wanted to retain, but gets rid of requirements that impacted student financial help within USNH.

Principle: Platform: "Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork"

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB64, relative to extending hiring preferences for military members and their spouses to the state and private businesses, and establishing purchase preferences for disabled veterans and military spouses regarding state supply purchases. **OTP Vote: 18-0**

HRA Analysis: This will help recruitment and retention, which have been lagging, while recognizing the value of spouses to our military team.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

HCR8, urging Congress to find that the Piscataqua River and Portsmouth Harbor lie within the state of New Hampshire. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 14-4**

HRA Analysis: There is a twilight zone between the states that needs definition. There are concerns about N.H. residents paying Maine state income taxes.

Principle: NH Const. Part 1, Art 28. "taxes cannot be imposed without the consent of the people or their representatives in the legislature"

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HCR9, urging the United States to reject compliance with the European Union's Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-6**

HRA Analysis: This involves a national sovereignty issue and EU policies impacting America's business practices.

Principle: Platform: Oppose mandates imposed by international organizations.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HR11, urging the United States government to investigate allegations of abuse of minorities, especially Hindus, Buddhists, Christians, and other religious minorities by the interim government of Bangladesh. **OTP Vote: 18-0**

HRA Analysis: Rep. Khan is a native of this country, which has been taken over by fundamentalists.

Principle: Platform: "We believe in free people"

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

Regular Calendar

Environment and Agriculture

HB201, prohibiting the removal of claws from cats. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: The bill does not prohibit but does impose a civil fine for conducting cat declawing without a medically justifiable reason. There was no documented need for this bill. There was no specified reporting of enforcement mechanism.

Principle: Constitution: "Art 18. All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense" Platform: "Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses, and paperwork."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Judiciary

HB369, relative to misdemeanor sexual assault prosecutions. **OTP/A 0167h Vote: 11-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, mandates that a defendant charged with a misdemeanor sexual assault of a minor under 18 must choose to proceed in circuit court and waive the right to a jury trial, or immediately appeal to superior court for a jury trial. This provision aims to prevent multiple trials for the same crime, saving taxpayers from the burden of unnecessary extra judiciary and public defender costs.

Principle: Platform: "government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible"

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendment 0167h; Support OTP/A