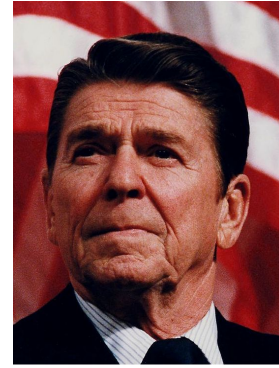


# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

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 20, 2025**  
**Regular Calendar**

## Criminal Justice and Public Safety

**HB109**, relative to false reports to law enforcement. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-6**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill establishes a crime to knowingly falsely allege misconduct or criminal conduct by a police officer acting in the performance of his or her official duty.

**Principle:** No platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB218**, relative to providing victims of crime with a free police report of the investigation. **Maj. OTP/A 0765h; Min. OTP Vote: 12-4**

**HRA Analysis:** As amended, This bill provides victims of crime with a right to request a free initial police report and, following the conclusion of the investigation or case, a free copy of the complete case file.

**Principle:** Constitution: "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:** Support OTP/A

## Regular Calendar

### Children and Family Law

**HB10**, establishing the parental bill of rights. **Maj. OTP/A 0695h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

**HRA Analysis:** Affirms primary role of parents, requires notification of parents about their rights, requires schools to truthfully respond to parent inquiries about their children within 5 days. Prohibits physicians providing prescriptions or medical care without written parental permission.

**Principle:** Platform: "Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children."

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB433**, making 17 the age of consent for marriage if either party is active duty military and removing language regarding age waivers for marriage registration records, since age waivers are no longer issued in New Hampshire. **without recommendation Vote: 7-7**

**HRA Analysis:** Reduces age of marriage to 17 with parental consent.

**Principle:** No platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

### Education Funding

**HB718**, requiring the state board of education to report the unfunded financial impact to school districts for rules adopted by the board which exceed state or federal minimum standards. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires the State Board of Education to report out-of-pocket costs that local districts must incur to comply with the rules that exceed state or federal special education standards.

**Principle:** Platform: "Promote accountability and transparency in education"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

## Education Policy and Administration

**HB68**, making best interest placements within the same school district mandatory in the absence of a valid reason to deny the placement. **Maj. OTP/A 0103h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires best interest placements to be approved, absent a valid reason to deny the request. If placements are denied, this bill requires superintendents to explain in writing why accommodations were not met within ten days of the decision.

**Principle:** Platform: "we support expanded education choices"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB235**, relative to amending the educator code of ethics and code of conduct to include responsibility to parents. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This would amend the Educator Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct to specifically include responsibility to the parents.

**Principle:** Platform: "Promote education freedom and parental rights to control the education of their children"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

**HB329**, relative to school district policies governing air quality and temperature issues in schools. **ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill requires school boards to develop a policy governing air quality and temperature issues in schools, as well as a heat illness prevention and emergency response plan.

**Principle:** Platform: "Promote local control of education policy"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB676**, relative to the composition and responsibilities of the parent and education service provider advisory commission, and establishing education freedom account impact and parent satisfaction surveys. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill clarifies the membership of the commission and requires quarterly meetings and an annual report. The bill also adds two surveys that are required in the Education Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

**Principle:** Platform: "Promote accountability and transparency in education"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

## Election Law

**CACR5**, relating to absentee ballots. Providing that no excuse shall be needed by the voter to receive an absentee ballot. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** Absentee voting should only be done as a matter of necessity, not of convenience. NH voters already have many options to vote by absentee ballot. Expanding the reasons for using an absentee ballot can result in lowering public trust in our elections when high numbers of voters are absentee voters.

**Principle:** Platform: "ensure voting is done by New Hampshire resident citizens only; to prevent voter fraud we support the requirement to produce positive identification upon both registering and voting"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL or Support Table

**HB136**, extending the time period for delivery of an absentee ballot from 5:00 p.m. to the close of the polls. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** The current law already supports timely absentee ballot delivery. Changing it may cause delays or confusion for poll workers and for voters since some polling locations have different closing times.

**Principle:** No platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB288**, requires that absentee ballots be requested at least 6 months prior to any election for which the absentee ballot is requested. **Maj. OTP/A 0349h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** As amended, this addresses federal law requirements for UOCAVA voters. UOCAVA voters may complete a new federal official postcard no sooner than January in the calendar year in which a federal election occurs. Other applications for absentee ballots are limited to no sooner than six (6) months prior to the election.

**Principle:** No platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB344**, enables the processing of absentee ballots before election day. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** Pre-processing absentee ballots may seem like a convenience, but it fundamentally alters the integrity and uniformity of our elections. Additionally, moving election processes away from election day opens an extended window for potential inconsistencies, raising unnecessary questions about election security and public confidence in the results.

**Principle:** No platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB389**, requiring candidates to attest they have not spent more than \$1,000 in an election. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0195h Vote: 10-7**  
**HRA Analysis:** The change proposed by this bill is unnecessary because it is redundant. Under the current statute (RSA 664:7) candidates who do not file a campaign finance report are already attesting, by an act of omission, that they are not required to do so because they have not expended over \$1000.00. This bill would require even those candidates to register with the online campaign finance system and file reports thus imposing an unnecessary administrative burden upon them with no increased benefit to the public.  
**Principle:** No platform or constitutional issues identified.  
**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB403**, relative to weather conditions which enable absentee voting. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**  
**HRA Analysis:** The current reasons to justify an absentee ballot associated with weather are: winter storm warnings, blizzard warnings and/or ice storm warnings. In the view of the majority, these reasons sufficiently cover weather events that would make it difficult or unsafe to travel to the polls on the day of an election.  
**Principle:** NH Constitution Part first, Art 11: "The general court shall provide by law for voting by qualified voters who at the time of the biennial or state elections, or of the primary elections therefore, or of city elections, or of town elections by official ballot, are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants, or who by reason of physical disability are unable to vote in person"  
**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL or Support Table

**HB474**, requiring a second witness at the counting of write-in votes. **Maj. OTP/A 0216h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**  
**HRA Analysis:** This bill as amended protects voters' write-in ballot when it is displayed as a digital image on a counting device and ensures the vote is cast according to the voter.  
**Principle:** Platform: We believe that we the people are strongest when we stand together, that it is our responsibility to hold the government accountable and that it is through the integrity of the ballot box that we do so.  
**HRA Recommendation:** Support AM 0216h; Support OTP/A

**HB630**, preventing the dissemination of deepfake materials of political candidates before an election. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-7**  
**HRA Analysis:** The current language in statute covers all types of technology by stating "other technology." Adding more types of technology would begin an ongoing language change to the existing law. Since there are so many variations and as technology continues to evolve, this bill would continuously need updates, when the current language covers "other technology."  
**Principle:** No platform or constitutional issues identified.  
**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

## Executive Departments and Administration

**HB233**, requiring meetings of the New Hampshire vaccine association to be audio and video recorded and published on its website within 48 hours, and requiring that questions put to it in writing or at a meeting be answered and posted on its website within 14 days. **Maj. OTP/A 0163h; Min. ITL Vote: 7-6**  
**HRA Analysis:** As amended, the bill merely requires the (Zoom) meetings be recorded and posted. Cost effect would be minimal.  
**Principle:** Platform: "Expand openness and transparency to employment, expenditures and all recipients of taxpayers' funds." (NHVA is supported by DHHS activities)  
**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB278**, relative to proxy carbon pricing in state procurement. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-5**  
**HRA Analysis:** This bill would require state procurement use a specific method to estimate future energy costs, and then make spending decisions based on that. Example: assume gas will be much more expensive, then buy more expensive electric cars.  
**Principle:** Platform: "government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible"  
**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

## Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

**HB732**, to enhance informed consent and accountability in psychotropic drug prescriptions for children under Medicaid. **Maj. OTP/A 0761h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**  
**HRA Analysis:** This legislation reinforces the fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to be fully informed about the potential risks and side effects of psychotropic medications prescribed to minors, ensuring they can make informed decisions about their child's health and well being  
**Principle:** Platform: "Support the moral and ethical right of informed consent with regard to all medical treatment and intervention" & "Decisions regarding the upbringing, healthcare, education, and wellbeing of children should be the free choice of parents"  
**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HCR7**, recognizing abortion as a critical component of comprehensive reproductive health care. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**  
**HRA Analysis:** This is a pro-abortion resolution. No meaningful impact other than Democrat messaging and virtue-signaling.  
**Principle:** Platform: "life is sacred, from conception to natural death"  
**HRA Recommendation:** Support Table or Support ITL

**HR16**, recognizing the essential contributions of frontline health workers in assisting the state to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and urging greater attention and support for local frontline health workers. **Maj. OTP; Min. OTP/A 0757h Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** Original resolution recognizes the contributions of front-line workers in COVID response. Amendment acknowledges that many of those same workers were fired when they refused to take the COVID vaccine.

**Principle:** Platform: "Support the moral and ethical right of informed consent with regard to all medical treatment and intervention"

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP, Support minority amendment 0757h and OTP/A

## Housing

**HB351**, requiring landlords to give tenants of at-will tenancies at least 60-days notice to evict. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill amends RSA 540:3, II to increase the required notice given to at-will tenants from 30 to 60 days. This bill represents a significant impediment to housing providers to regain control of their property from an at-will tenancy.

**Principle:** 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"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB558**, creating a public county registry of the monthly rent charged by landlords for each owned unit and prohibiting landlords from using algorithms or software to determine rental rates. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0187h Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill interferes with a free market and could harm existing tenants who often benefit for lower rents as a result of successful long term tenancies. Contracts between individuals and entities should be subject to a reasonable degree of privacy which this bill totally undermines. Further, the majority of the committee believes this bill provides an unfunded mandate on county registries to develop a new form of recording and reporting not currently contemplated in their operational structure.

**Principle:** Platform: "Remove barriers to business formation and encourage small businesses"; "Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork" & "Oppose "downshifting" of costs and regulatory enforcement from state to local government"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB628**, prohibiting landlords from discriminating against prospective tenants holding certain vouchers under the housing choice voucher program. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill would attempt to force housing providers to accept a government program and to enter into a contract with a government agency. Under this bill, housing providers that do not wish to accept vouchers would need to increase rents beyond the amount of a voucher. The net effect would be an almost certain increase in rental prices without an increase of housing supply or quality.

**Principle:** 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"

Platform: Remove barriers to business formation and encourage small businesses

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

## Judiciary

**HB88**, establishing community property trusts. **Maj. OTP/A 0706h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill allows married individuals to create community property trusts. Creating such a trust provides tax advantages to the couple under federal tax law.

**Principle:** No Platform or constitutional issues identified.

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB148**, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain circumstances. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** Same bill as HB396 from last year, vetoed by Governor. Allows for distinction based on biological sex for bathrooms/locker rooms, athletics, and prisons and other facilities of involuntary commitment.

**Principle:** Platform: "Defend women's sports against biological males" & "Protect women against biological males in locker rooms" & NH Constitution Part 1 Art. 3: "ensure protection of others".

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

**HB199**, extending the statute of limitation on civil actions relative to damage caused by per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill increases the current 6 year statute of limitations to a 20 year statute of limitations on civil actions involving PFAS. Some believe 20 years is excessive, given that it's not 20 years from the time of exposure, but rather 20 years from when the plaintiff discovers, or reasonably should have discovered, such harm or injury from PFAS. Comparatively, other civil cases have a statute of limitations of 3 years.

**Principle:** NH Constitution Part first [Art.] 23: "Retrospective laws are highly injurious, oppressive, and unjust. No such laws, therefore, should be made, either for the decision of civil causes, or the punishment of offenses."

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose OTP;  
Support ITL

**HB254**, relative to options for end of life care. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 11-7**

**HRA Analysis:** Allowing for medical aid in dying, in those with less than 6 months to live.

**Principle:** 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:** Oppose OTP;  
Support ITL

**HB273**, relative to a parent's access to their minor child's library records. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill allows a parent living in the same household to access current library records of a minor child. Adults are responsible for any financial loss to the library and therefore should at least know what they are paying for if materials are lost or destroyed. This also allows parents to monitor any harmful, inappropriate, or explicit material being accessed.

**Principle:** Platform: "We believe that the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, healthcare, education, and wellbeing of their children is a fundamental right. Decisions regarding 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:** Support OTP

## **Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services**

**HB280**, relative to wage payments. **Maj. OTP/A 0452h; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** Removes the requirement that wages be paid in a manner specified by State Law. The form of payment would be established by agreement between employer and employee.

**Principle:** Platform: "Minimize business regulations."

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB379**, relative to youth employment during the school year and at night. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0450h Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** Establishes a new "curfew" for older teens (16 or 17) limiting their work hours. Ties work restrictions to the public school district in which the employer is located without consideration of the education choices of the student/employee. Parents, not the State, are best positioned to determine what limits to put upon their children. A one-size-fits-all solution will interfere with reasonable decisions appropriate in some circumstances.

**Principle:** Platform: "Promote education freedom and parental rights to control the education of their children." & "minimize business regulations."

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB386**, prohibiting nursing agencies from including non-compete clauses in contracts with health care entities. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0451h Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** Proposes extensive restrictions on non-compete contracts for nurses. Non-compete clauses are already regulated by State Law and by court precedent. The bill's authors justify more regulation by referencing a worker shortage in health care. Limiting the hand of government will allow employers and employees to find the optimal solutions to staffing problems.

**Principle:** Platform: "Free people, free markets, and free enterprise."

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB442**, relative to prohibiting payment of subminimum wages. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** Targets the law which allows an employer to credit employee tips to meet the statutory minimum wage. This would up-end the existing arrangements by which restaurant and hospitality employees earn a living. Under current law, tipped employees are guaranteed minimum wage, and in many cases are the highest paid employees at their workplace. Disrupting this system could cause financial chaos in our large and important tourist industry. We should allow employers and employees to set pay in a way that works for them.

**Principle:** Platform: "Minimize business regulations."

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB726**, relative to the state minimum hourly rate. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** Raises the State's minimum wage to \$15 per hour. The bill's proponents ignore that the free market sets NH wages well above the minimum putting our State in the top 3rd for the nation. We should allow employers and employees to set pay in a way that works for them.

**Principle:** Platform: "Minimize business regulations."

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB757**, relative to tip pooling and sharing and automatic service charges. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0454h Vote: 11-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This is an attempt to repeal a 2023 law which made it easier for employers to manage a workplace where their workers share tips. The sponsor proposes adding regulation and red tape in an effort to help employers "reduce misunderstandings." Employers have not expressed that they have a problem.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

## Science, Technology and Energy

**HB221**, relative to assessment of cost effectiveness of the systems benefit charge. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

**HRA Analysis:** The bill would allow the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to consider reasonable modifications to improve the current statutory method to determine the cost effectiveness of the Systems Benefit Charge (SBC). The SBC is a fee paid on your electric bill to fund NH Saves, the state's energy efficiency and weatherization welfare program. Modifications would be made by adjudicative hearings.

**Principle:** Platform: "Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending" & "Work to reduce energy costs...".

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

**HB535**, relative to defining the role of the public utilities commission. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-8**

**HRA Analysis:** The bill attempts to more clearly define the roles of the Dept of Energy (DOE) and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), i.e, policy and investigative functions vs adjudicative functions, respectively. It further requires that PUC approve, without review, agreements signed between the utilities, the DOE and interveners. This means that charges, tariffs, services and rates could be approved without the PUC's review to determine whether they are legal, "just and reasonable".

**Principle:** No Platform of Constitutional issues identified

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB599**, establishing a committee to examine weatherization initiatives for homes in New Hampshire. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill establishes a Commission to study weatherization initiatives already addressed by NH Saves (\$70-80 M/yr in energy efficiency & weatherization) and the Dept of Energy (\$400K/yr in energy education). No further study is required.

**Principle:** Platform: "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

**HB672**, to allow for off-grid electricity providers in New Hampshire. **Maj. OTP/A 0627h; Min. ITL Vote: 12-5**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill enables construction of off-grid power production facilities. Facilities would be exempt from all utility regulation except siting regulation. All normal business related health, safety & employment regulation would still apply. Such facilities would likely serve a single energy intensive business entity like an AI data center.

**Principle:** Platform: "Remove barriers to business formation..." & "Work to reduce energy costs"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB710**, enabling electric utilities to own, operate, and offer advanced nuclear resources. **Maj. OTP/A 0716h; Min. ITL Vote: 14-3**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill as amended allows utilities to enter into Purchase Power Agreements (PPAs) with advanced nuclear resources for up to 20% of the utility's supply needs. It opens NH for building small modular nuclear reactors.

**Principle:** Platform: "Remove barriers to business formation..." & "Work to reduce energy costs"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HCR2**, declaring the development of advanced nuclear energy technology to be in the best interest of the state of New Hampshire and the United States. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 16-2**

**HRA Analysis:** This resolution urges policy makers to advance nuclear energy initiatives in the US and NH. It declares NH is open for nuclear energy development. It urges the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to expedite the approval process for new nuclear technology.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

**HCR4**, relative to rejecting all offshore wind energy projects in the waters off the coast of New Hampshire and the Gulf of Maine. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-6**

**HRA Analysis:** This resolution rejects all offshore wind energy projects in the Gulf of Maine until serious environmental and economic impacts can be understood and credibly mitigated. The current proposals would discharge hot chlorinated cooling water into the Gulf adversely impacting fisheries. Seabed disturbance from anchor cables and electromagnetic disturbance from transmission lines are well documented problems. Costs are estimated to increase rates by 3 to 5 times current rates.

**Principle:** Platform: "Work to reduce energy costs..." & "Oppose all laws programs and mandates ... contrary to our principles, including ... sustainable development initiatives...".

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

**HR15**, urging New Hampshire's congressional representatives to advocate for a change in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's policy. **OTP/A 0679h Vote: 17-0**

**HRA Analysis:** This resolution as amended encourages Congress mandate that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) be tasked with the review whether the costs of transmission line improvement or expansion are just and reasonable. Currently utility transmission line proposals are simply "presumed prudent". Large transmission line costs are substantially larger than that of local distribution lines and electrification is driving the need for more transmission service.

**Principle:** Platform: "Work to reduce energy costs...".

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

## State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

**HR12**, urging Congress to amend the Smith-Mundt Modernization Act of 2013. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This resolution calls for the reinstatement on the federal prohibition on government propaganda and information warfare against Americans - a prohibition long in place until it was repealed in 2012. Much of the corruption seen in the censorship-industrial complex, the USAID scandal, and more is directly downstream from this 2012 legalization of propaganda against Americans.

**Principle:** Platform: "Oppose all laws, programs, and mandates from ... organizations and governments contrary to our principles"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

## Ways and Means

**HB290**, increasing the taxes on cigarettes and electronic cigarettes and establishing a committee to study taxes on tobacco and other nicotine products. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-8**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill increases the tax on all cigarettes and little cigars by \$1.00 for each package

This increases the tax on electronic cigarettes to 65 percent of the wholesale sale price on nicotine liquids containers.

**Principle:** Platform: "Strongly oppose new taxes and fees" & "Require supermajority to raise taxes"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

## Removed from Consent Calendar

### Housing

**HB631**, permitting residential building in commercial zoning by right. **OTP/A 0667h Vote: 17-0**

**HRA Analysis:** As amended, bill requires municipalities to permit multi-family residential development on commercially zoned land, provided that adequate infrastructure shall be available or be provided.

**Principle:** Platform: "Work with municipalities to streamline planning and zoning barriers to business" & NH 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"

**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your conscience