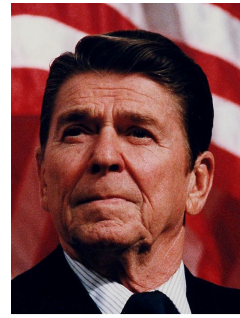


# House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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, April 10, 2025**  
**Regular Calendar - Part One**

## Public Works and Highways

**HB25**, making appropriations for capital improvements. **OTP/A 1455h Vote: 17-1**

**HRA Analysis:** The capital budget, appropriates approximately \$132.5 million in general fund bonding. This budget provides funding to the Community College System for critical maintenance, IT infrastructure and increases the capacity for its welding training program at Great Bay campus and to the University System of New Hampshire for building renovations at its Plymouth and Keene campuses. 1493h amendment: Prevents the appropriation from being used on state-owned active freight railroad lines, which are used by private entities including Boston Sand and Gravel which has million dollar profits and CSX which has billion dollar profits. According to the transportation plan, the businesses are supposed to pay for the rail maintenance.

**Principle:** NH Constitution 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." & Platform: "Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support Am 2025-1493h; Support OTP/A

## Ways and Means

**HB302**, relative to enabling the state treasury to invest in precious metals and digital assets. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 11-8**

**HRA Analysis:** It was unclear if bill is necessary, it appears that the treasurer is already enabled to do this.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB696**, exempting electricity generators from the utility property tax and including them under the statewide education property tax, and relative to communications services tax revenues. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 17-2**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill exempts electrical power generators (who are not utilities, but rather private entities) from the utility property tax and subjects them to the statewide education property tax. It is essentially revenue neutral. It reduces the conflict between DRA and municipal assessments.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

## Executive Departments and Administration

**HB493**, requiring education on child abuse and neglect for certain healthcare providers as a condition for licensure. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-7**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill mandates the board of medicine require every physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, take a 1 hour course on child abuse every license issue or renewal. The board of medicine has no authority over NPs or PAs. The board of medicine or nursing has full authority to require such specific training, and these professionals have flexibility to select different courses to reach the 100 hr (per biennium) requirement. With the courses available for free, online, the committee expects many professionals to take this training. Requires every 2 years.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** Support ITL

## Finance

**HB66**, relative to material subject to disclosure under the right to know law. **Maj. OTP/A 1005h; Min. ITL Vote: 16-9**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill makes three changes to the right to know law.

1. Replaces undefined term "citizen" with the word "person," so that anyone can make a right to know request regardless of where they live.
2. Enables requestors to request records be provided electronically, which the governmental body must honor if it keeps the records in the format requested and the request is not unduly burdensome.
3. Specifically provides that covered records include preliminary drafts of reports and other documents that are circulated to a quorum of the body.

**Principle:** Platform: "it is our responsibility to hold the government accountable" & NH Constitution: Part First, 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

**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/A 0555h; Min. ITL Vote: 14-11**

**HRA Analysis:** The underlying bill prohibits the conversion of schools to housing for illegal aliens. The committee's amendment adds language to all DHHS contracts requiring compliance with the Patients' Bill of Rights. This addresses the situation where the Speaker had to intervene on behalf of a patient refused treatment because they declined to be vaccinated, as is their right under that law. Amendment requires that anyone receiving medicaid funds must comply with the patient bill of rights.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB115**, relative to universal eligibility for the education freedom account program. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 14-11**

**HRA Analysis:** Small increase in EFAs in the first year (400% of poverty), then universal in the second year.

**Principle:** Platform: "support universal education freedom accounts"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB282**, increasing the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty. **OTP Vote: 25-0**

**HRA Analysis:** This bill addresses first responder claims for additional compensation beyond what is covered by insurance. The fund was established in recognition of the unique injuries that such employees might suffer. This money is under the control of Governor and Council to fund claims as they are made. Currently capped at \$500,000 per biennium, the bill raises the limit to \$1 million. Testimony was that the total disbursement of the fund has never exceeded \$350,000.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB506**, relative to background checks during motions to return firearms and ammunition. **OTP Vote: 24-1**

**HRA Analysis:** The bill seeks to expedite the return of firearms and/or ammunition seized from a defendant before NH courts, when the order for seizure no longer applies. Said return does not require a NICS check when returning firearms to a lawful owner, but provides for prompt processing if it is used.

**Principle:** Platform: "Protect the rights of law-abiding individuals to own and carry firearms." & NH Constitution 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:** Support OTP

**HB511**, relative to cooperation with federal immigration authorities. **Maj. OTP/A 0785h; Min. ITL Vote: 14-11**

**HRA Analysis:** 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. Amendment allows for county corrections to hold for 48 hours.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP/A

**HB612**, enabling the division of motor vehicles to create a temporary traditional driver's license for youth operators about to turn 21. **OTP Vote: 16-0**

**HRA Analysis:** Provides an alternative to requiring an almost-21 driver renew their under-21 license immediately before their birthday. This enables a more convenient and efficient process for those affected. After an initial software change, it should not cost the State money.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB639**, relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 15-10**

**HRA Analysis:** The bill is based on the findings of Governor Sununu's Commission on Cryptocurrency and Digital Assets Report. Bill sets up a framework for use of crypto-currencies in NH, so that no state or local government agency or subdivision thereof shall prohibit, restrict, or otherwise impair the ability of an individual to use digital assets to purchase legal goods or services. It also makes it legal for any person to engage in home digital asset mining if they meet current noise restrictions and for digital asset mining to be allowed in areas zoned for industrial use.

**Principle:** Platform: "Remove barriers to business formation and encourage small business" & "Support and develop a robust technology infrastructure throughout NH"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

**HB713**, relative to mile markers along Route 112. **OTP/A 1271h Vote: 25-0**

**HRA Analysis:** The lack of mile markers on the Kanc is a safety issue. The department's plan is to make the road safe (a duty of the State relative to State highways) and do so while working with localities to minimize cost. \$287k expenditure for mile markers.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**HB723**, repealing the multi-use energy data platform. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 14-11**

**HRA Analysis:** The bill repeals building a multi-use energy data platform for \$4.5 to 7M. Utilities already have created local energy data platforms for their customers. Other states and organizations are creating multi-use platforms. NH could eventually acquire one if the costs and benefits support it.

**Principle:** Platform: "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits." & "Privatize programs and functions that can be handled more effectively by the private sector."

**HRA Recommendation:** Support OTP

## Regular Calendar - Part Two

### Finance

**HB1**, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

**Maj. OTP/A 1474h; Min. ITL Vote: 14-11**

**HRA Analysis:** Budget appropriation bill. Committee amendment 1474h replaces the whole bill.

**Principle:** Platform: "Reject expanded casino and video lottery gambling as a means to balance the budget or increase spending"; "Strongly oppose new taxes and fees, including an income, sales and capital gains tax; "Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending" & "Limit the growth of state spending to not more than the rate of inflation plus population growth"

**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your conscience

**HB2**, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures. **Maj. OTP/A 1488h; Min. ITL Vote: 14-11**

**HRA Analysis:** Committee amendment 1488h replaces the whole bill. Increases several fees throughout including motor vehicle, DES, agriculture, etc. Implements: video lottery terminal gambling- allowed 24 hours per day, universal EFAs. Removes local municipal opt in provision for keno. Abolishes: office of child advocate, human rights commission, division of arts, highway welcome centers.

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**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your conscience

## HB2 Floor Amendments

**1499h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Deletes section mandating a tax decrease on local school districts without a 2/3rds vote.

**Principle:** Platform: "Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services"; "Promote local control of education policy and funding in order to create the best-managed school systems" & "Require supermajorities to raise taxes"

**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your conscience

**1501h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Appropriates \$1,836,892 of general funds for family planning, which are matched with federal funds.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**1503h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Removes the abolishment of the Office of the Child Advocate and appropriates \$2,189,787 for the OCA.

**Principle:** Platform: "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."

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose

**1509h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Appropriates \$14m to the department of business and economic affair for travel and tourism.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose

**1512h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Amends section 386 which imposes a tax cap on school districts, so that the CPI increase continues in perpetuity, rather than end in June 2027.

**Principle:** Platform: "Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services"; "Promote local control of education policy and funding in order to create the best-managed school systems" & "Require supermajorities to raise taxes"

**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your conscience

**1513h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Deletes section 385, relative to repealing the keno local option. This leaves keno under local control where a town can opt in or out of Keno.

**Principle:** Platform: "Reject expanded casino and video lottery gambling as a means to balance the budget or increase spending"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support

**1516h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Add section 426 to remove the hiring freeze on DHHS office of Health Equity

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

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose

**1517h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Amending section 68 to tax VLT gaming at 35%

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**1523h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Appropriates \$14m for travel and tourism and \$2,328,961 to fund highway welcome centers.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose

**1524h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Democrat mega amendment: amends 109 sections of budget, too long to summarize.

**Principle:** Too many platform and constitutional violations to list.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose

**1525h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Removes the universal EFA program and replaces it with a new public school ADMR formula

**Principle:** Platform: "support universal education freedom accounts"

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose

**1526h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Adds in: HB357 (Vaccine rulemaking) + HB230 (local health ordinances)

**Principle:** Platform: "Require informed consent, free from coercion, with regard to all medical treatment and intervention"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support

**1527h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Adds in: HB243 (false reports to DCYF) + HB381 (Firearms challenge to NFA) + HB207 (Slung Shots & blackjacks)

**Principle:** Platform: "Ensure due process rights of those accused of child abuse or neglect"; "We believe that the children's best interest is to have a substantial relationship with each parent and the government should only interfere with that relationship with just cause."; US Const Amdmt 10: "powers not given to the federal government are reserved to the states or the people."; NH Const. Art. 18 "All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense...." & 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:** Support

**1529h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Adds in: HB148 (Biological sex) + HB548 (Free market healthcare facilities)

**Principle:** Platform: "Defend women's sports against biological males"; "Protect women against biological males in locker rooms" "Allow free market driven health care plans and "ala carte" insurance plans free from government mandates"; "Increase the use of market forces to improve health care and lower costs" & NH Constitution Part 1 Art. 3: "ensure protection of others".

**HRA Recommendation:** Support

**1543h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Democrat mega amendment: amends 109 sections of budget, too long to summarize.

**Principle:** Too many platform and constitutional violations to list.

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose

**1545h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Removes the universal EFA program and replaces it with a \$33m appropriation for UNH.

**Principle:** Platform: "support universal education freedom accounts"

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose

**1546h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Removes HB60: the provision allowing for the expiration of the term of the lease or tenancy if over 6 months as grounds for an eviction.

**Principle:** 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 contracts 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:** Oppose

**1549h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Removes the repeal of the human rights commission and appropriates \$3,578,568

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

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose

**1550h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Removes opioid and alcohol treatment and abuse funding

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**1551h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Adds in: HB452- issuance of drivers' licenses for aliens temporarily residing in New Hampshire.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**1553h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Appropriates \$1,744,011 to the division of the arts in the department of natural and cultural resources

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

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose

**1555h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Requires DHHS ensure all Title IV-E funds are used in compliance with federal law and intent. Requires DHHS to provide a detailed report twice annually of all funds received and expended from Title IV-E.

**Principle:** Platform: "Expand openness and transparency to employment, expenditures and all recipients of taxpayers' funds"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support

**1559h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Adds in: HB340 (Electioneering) + HB274 (Voter Rolls Purge)

**Principle:** Platform: "Ensure voting is done by New Hampshire resident citizens only"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support

**1560h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Adds in: HB243 (false reports to DCYF) + HB381 (Firearms challenge to NFA) + HB207 (Slung Shots)

**Principle:** Platform: "Ensure due process rights of those accused of child abuse or neglect"; "We believe that the children's best interest is to have a substantial relationship with each parent and the government should only interfere with that relationship with just cause."; US Const Amdmt 10: "powers not given to the federal government are reserved to the states or the people."; NH Const. Art. 18 "All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense...." & 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:** Support

**1561h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Opt in for medicaid direct certification for free school lunch. Budget neutral- doesn't require additional ADMR funding from the state, uses federal funds, sunsets in 2028

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation

**1562h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Adds HB679 - stipulates that any vaccines mandated by the state under RSA 141-C:20-a must have undergone clinical trials that prove its efficacy in preventing the transmission of a disease.

**Principle:** Platform: "Require informed consent, free from coercion, with regard to all medical treatment and intervention"

**HRA Recommendation:** Support

**1566h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Removes group III retirement- which is incorporating a 10.11% state contribution and allows the employment of staff by the executive director and commission for the administration of the plan.

**Principle:** Platform: "Ensure that public employee benefits are similar to and do not exceed those of the private sector" & "Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending" & "cut spending and cost of government at every possible turn"

**HRA Recommendation:** Vote your conscience

**1567h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Removes universal EFAs and reduces the fees about half way between House finance proposal and how they are currently set.

**Principle:** Platform: "support universal education freedom accounts"

**HRA Recommendation:** Oppose

**1569h,**

**HRA Analysis:** Removes the dissolution of the board of tax and land appeals.

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

**HRA Recommendation:** No recommendation