

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, May 22, 2025
Regular Calendar

Children and Family Law

SB72, establishing a parents' bill of rights in education. **Maj. OTP/A 1832h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: The core bill affirms the 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. There is a weakness in the underlying bill, in that it has inadequate penalties which will result in limited enforcement. Amendment changes the response period to 10 days and also prohibits physicians providing prescriptions or medical care without written parental permission. There are deficiencies in amendment 1832h regarding the health care portion which doesn't allow for a teen to have a rape kit (sexual assault testing and evidence collection) without parental consent. These issues and deficiencies could be addressed by our caucus, by tabling the bill, to allow for sufficient time to come up with an amendment. This will allow us to meet the major priority in the Republican platform of passing a parental bill of rights.

Principle: Platform: SB72 unamended: "Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children." & Amendment 1832h: Does not "Establish strict laws against sexual predators".

HRA Recommendation: Support Special Order or Table to allow for improvements; if Table/Special Order fails Vote your conscience on AM 1832h; Support OTP; Vote your conscience on OTP/A;

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

SB267, relative to the penalty for engaging in prostitution as a patron. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 14-2**

HRA Analysis: Adds a \$500 fine for prostitution.

Principle: No Platform or Constitutional Issues

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

Education Funding

SB294, relative to lab fees for career and technical education courses. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Requires lab fees to be paid for by the sending school district.

Principle: Platform "Promote local control of education policy and funding in order to create the best-managed school systems."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Education Policy and Administration

SB97, relative to intra-district public school transfers. **Maj. OTP/A 1980h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill provides for intra-district transfers of students between district schools so there are no district financial issues. The amendment incorporates HB68 which passed the House and provides that superintendents shall allow for transfers outside the district if the parent feels that it is in the best interest of the child. It requires that in either situation the only restriction would be that the requested school does not have the capacity to accept the child. This legislation puts parents back in charge of their child's education.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support amendment 1980h; Support OTP/A

SB102, making informational materials regarding type 1 diabetes available on the department of education website. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 13-5**

HRA Analysis: SB102 requires the Department of Education to work with DHHS to make information available on Type 1 diabetes including risk factors and warning signs. Information can be made available via links to DHHS or other web sites. Type 1 is most common in childhood and warning signs are often missed.

Principle: Platform: "Improve access to information necessary to make informed health care decisions..."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

SB37, relative to residential care and health facility licensing. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Mandating quality control programs for all residential facilities. Requires posting of DHHS investigation results to the website. Competing platform issues.

Principle: Platform: "Minimize business regulations" & "Expand openness and transparency" & "Improve access to the information necessary to make informed health care decisions"

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

SB119, relative to Medicaid pharmaceutical services. **Maj. OTP/A 1867h; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill directs pharmacists to dispense brand name drugs to Medicaid beneficiaries when the brand name drug is on the department of health and human services preferred drug list. The bill also directs the department to develop a standing order for certain Medicaid-covered, over-the counter medications, medical supplies, and laboratory tests when deemed medically necessary and cost effective by the department. Amendment legalizes dispensing Ivermectin OTC.

Principle: Platform: "the government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible" & "We believe ... all people ... are endowed ... with the right to ... the pursuit of happiness, unimpeded by intrusive government regulation and control."

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendment 1867h; Support OTP/A

SB130, (New Title) establishing a commission to study delivery models for emergency medical services in the state of New Hampshire. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Creates a redundant commission for studying EMS.

Principle: Platform: "Keep state government lean"

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

SB243, relative to the child care scholarship program. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Expands the child care scholarship program at a cost of \$370k.

Principle: Platform: "to always limit spending and growth of government, and to cut spending and cost of government at every possible turn."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

SB257, establishing a committee to study state guidelines for Medicaid eligibility determinations. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 1750h Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: Establishes a committee to study expanding Medicaid

Principle: No Platform or Constitutional Issues

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

Judiciary

SB148, prohibiting those convicted of murder from financially profiting from the death of the victim. **OTP/A 1922h Vote: 17-0**

HRA Analysis: Codifies into law that you cannot inherit your victims estate if you intentionally murder them (slayer statute) and that you cannot profit off the crime- book or movie sales if you intentionally kill someone (Son of Sam law). Committee Amendment limits bill to 1st and 2nd degree murder (removes manslaughter), and makes technical corrections such as correcting the definition of murder to also include equivalent offenses under federal law and another state's law. FLAM provides clarification at the request of the AGs office that these civil cases shall not interfere (have a preclusive effect) with criminal prosecutions. Constitutional argument applies to both amendments and the underlying OTP/A.

Principle: NH Constitution Part 1 [Art.] 18: "All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense."

HRA Recommendation: Support AM 1922h; Support FLAM- 2025-2207h; Support OTP/A

Transportation

SB13, invalidating out-of-state driver's licenses issued to undocumented immigrants. **Maj. OTP/A 1934h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-6**

HRA Analysis: Revokes driver's licenses from those here illegally and as amended, prohibits driver's licenses to persons granted asylee status.

Principle: Platform: "Giving amnesty to illegal immigrants undermines the system and encourages a wide range of illegal activity."

HRA Recommendation: Support Amendment 1934h; Support OTP/A

SB157, relative to inspection and registration of certain fleet vehicles and necessary amendments and administrative rules regarding the state implementation plan. **OTP Vote: 15-0**

HRA Analysis: Reducing inspection requirements for fleet vehicles.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

SB272, relative to electric-vehicle charging station funding. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 8-7**

HRA Analysis: Adds a revolving fund for EV charging stations. Requiring signs on public and private land if there is an EV charging station, to designate those spots for EV vehicles only.

Principle: Platform: "Recognize that private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely use and enjoy their property" & NH Constitution Part 1, [Art.] 10. "Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men" [Class of men = electric vehicle owners]

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Removed from Consent Calendar

Executive Departments and Administration

SB30, proclaiming the Virginia opossum the state marsupial of New Hampshire. **OTP Vote: 11-2**

HRA Analysis: This bill would proclaim the Virginia opossum as the state marsupial and rename all opossums found within our state's borders to the New Hampshire opossum.

Principle: No Platform or Constitutional Issues

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

Housing

SB170, (New Title) relative to development and related requirements in cities, towns, and municipalities. **OTP/A 1948h Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: As amended by the committee, the bill says that adults are free to choose with whom to live - government cannot require that they be related by blood or marriage. Additionally, municipalities cannot impose more stringent requirements for wells or septic systems than required by DES. Committee amendment adds 'school enrollment status' as a protected class. Floor amendment removes adding 'school enrollment status' as a protected class, but still leaves the requirement that municipalities cannot require occupants of housing be related by blood or marriage. It further removes section IV, which is problematically worded in that it would prevent developers and planning board to collaborate during the design phase, how they do now.

Principle: Platform 1948h: "Minimize business regulations"

Platform 2317h and OTP/A: "We believe in free people, free markets, and free enterprise."; "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." 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"

Underlying bill: "Minimize business regulations" & 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: Oppose 1948h;

Support FLAM 2317h; Support OTP/A; If FLAM fails: Vote Your Conscience

SB174, prohibiting planning boards from considering the number of bedrooms a given unit or development has during the hearing and approval process. **OTP/A 1639h Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: Notwithstanding its title, the bill does allow considering the number of bedrooms regarding adequate water and sewer. It lets the free market rather than the dictates of planning boards decide on the best mix of bedrooms for a project. It does not allow considering the number of bedrooms with regards to school enrollment.

Principle: 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." 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" & 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. "

HRA Recommendation: Vote Your Conscience