## **Bills Amended by Senate Recommendation Sheet**

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Due to the large number of bills and limited time, these recommendations are not firmly based on Platform or Constitution. These are informed opinions of many HRA members.

## Thursday, June 12, 2025

"Trust but Verify"

HB177, Relative to children in placement pursuant to an episode of treatment for which the department of health and human services has a financial responsibility. HRA Analysis: Formatting changes. HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB316, Relative to reimbursement for ground ambulance services.HRA Analysis: Major rewrite.HRA Recommendation: Nonconcur

HB57, (New Title) Relative to the standards applicable to bail in criminal matters. HRA Analysis: Non-germane amendment regarding bail reform HRA Recommendation: Concur

**HB218**, Relative to providing victims of crime with a free police report of the investigation. **HRA Analysis:** Removes the timeline in which reports must be made available **HRA Recommendation:** Concur

HB416, Prohibiting the intentional disposal of yard waste into the surface waters of the state. HRA Analysis: Wordsmithing to add statute number in referenced language HRA Recommendation: Concur

**HB468**, (New Title) Establishing the crime of and penalties for unlawful use of unmanned aircraft systems and changing the reckless driving minimum penalties.

HRA Analysis: Added SB41 regarding reckless driving HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB670, (New Title) Adjusting the minimum fine for attacks by nuisance dogs.
HRA Analysis: Adds section "IV. Nothing in this section is intended to limit any civil recovery that an individual may claim under RSA 466:19, or as otherwise allowed by law."
HRA Recommendation: Concur

**HB778**, (New Title) Authorizing the director of the police standards and training council to detail law enforcement training specialists employed by the council for law enforcement and crowd control services and relative to disability retirement benefits.

**HRA Analysis:** Non germane amendment to have disability retirement benefit eligibility apply only to those physically incapacitated, and not mentally.

HRA Recommendation: Concur

**HB566**, Requiring permit applications for new landfills to contain a detailed plan for leachate management. **HRA Analysis:** Senate amendment maintains requirement of having 2 leachate disposal facilities under contract but reduces specificity of requirements to demonstrating that the permittee will be able to comply with the leachate disposal provisions of its operating plan.

HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB658, Raising the cap on certain reimbursements from the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund.HRA Analysis: Minor changesHRA Recommendation: Concu

HB82, Relative to the regulation of various occupations.HRA Analysis: The amendment specifically allows the electricians' board to have subcommittees.HRA Recommendation: Concur

**HB85**, Relative to temporary licensure for student respiratory therapists. **HRA Analysis:** The amendment rewords the criteria for this license, and the supervision of students. The bill allows students to work while in school, before they qualify for a permanent license. **HRA Recommendation:** Concur

HB156, (New Title) Relative to the duties of the advisory committee on state procurement.HRA Analysis: Senate amendment attaches a permanent study committee to the moribund advisory committee on state procurement and deletes the sunsetHRA Recommendation: Non-Concur

HB771, Relative to funding for open enrollment schools.HRA Analysis: WordsmithingHRA Recommendation: Concur

HB107, Relative to political advertising printed in newspapers, periodicals, or billboards.

**HRA Analysis:** Currently it's a misdemeanor and \$2000 fine, with up to one year in jail, if a newspaper doesn't include political advertising disclosure. House bill removed penalty altogether, senate amendment makes it a \$50 fine first offense, and \$1000 thereafter within a 5 year period, removing the potential jail sentence and cutting the fine in half. **HRA Recommendation:** Concur

**HB151,** Relative to the term for supervisors of the checklist. **HRA Analysis:** House version mandates, Senate version makes it optional to have 3-year terms. **HRA Recommendation:** Concur

HB270, (New Title) Requiring the preservation of electronic ballot counting device external storage devices. HRA Analysis: Senate changed 'memory device' to 'external storage device' numerous places. HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB464, (New Title) Prohibiting certain candidates for political office from participating in counting ballots. HRA Analysis: Added voter database, voter. eligibility and political committee requirements. HRA Recommendation: Concur

**HB626**, Directing the secretary of state to implement a vulnerability disclosure program for certain election systems. **HRA Analysis:** The Senate removed a section on the 'scope of the program' and a section of what to do upon identification of a security vulnerability.'

HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB532, Relative to alternative dispute resolution and individualized education plan team meeting facilitation. HRA Analysis: Removes redundant language HRA Recommendation: Concur

**HB667**, (Second New Title) Relative to health education and requiring the viewing of certain videos demonstrating gestational development.

HRA Analysis: Wordsmithing HRA Recommendation: Concur

**HB677**, (Second New Title) Relative to the possession and use of epinephrine at recreation camps, schools, and institutions of higher education.

**HRA Analysis:** Combines two related epinephrine bills together. **HRA Recommendation:** Concur

HB752, Relative to procedures for the closing of a charter school. HRA Analysis: Clarifying language and timelines HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB763, Relative to school emergency plans for sports related injuries.HRA Analysis: Describes plans for the use of AEDs at school sports venues. The Senate version amended the funding to a \$1 placeholder for donations and grants instead of money from the budget.HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB768, (New Title) Allowing public schools to contract with any approved nonpublic school.HRA Analysis: Changes "non-sectarian" to 'non-public'HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB655, (New Title) Relative to fish and game violations, permits, and licenses.

**HRA Analysis:** The Senate added a requested amendment to create parity with Maine fishermen on the catching of Atlantic Menhaden. I had no more ability to address it on the House side so they did it for us. The NH Fishermen are eager for this to be passed ASAP so F&G can amend rules. **HRA Recommendation:** Concur

HB117, Relative to the substitution of biological products. HRA Analysis: Aligning federal definitions HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB358, Relative to exemption from immunization requirements on the basis of religious belief. HRA Analysis: Senate amendment requires parental signature of exemption statement HRA Recommendation: Concur

**HB634**, (Second New Title) Relative to the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders. **HRA Analysis:** Senate amendment gives more power to the council, which the House was trying to repeal at the request of parents.

HRA Recommendation: Nonconcur

HB296, Relative to issuing building permits along private roads. HRA Analysis: Amendment adds a truncated appeals process HRA Recommendation: Concur HB309, Relative to making electronic rent payments optional. HRA Analysis: Amendment addresses banking regs and practices HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB342, (New Title) Relative to the approval process for new construction and to the adoption of energy efficient and clean energy districts by municipalities. **HRA** Analysis: Potential unfunded mandate for town Planning Boards to have to buy software in order to be able to comply with these new measurement requirements HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB382, (Second New Title) Repealing the requirement that vehicle funding loan contracts have successive periodic payments that are substantially equal in amount. HRA Analysis: Parking space limitation bill changed to vehicle loan funding bill HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB457, (Second New Title) Relative to zoning restrictions on dwelling units. HRA Analysis: Wordsmithing HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB369, (New Title) Relative to misdemeanor sexual assault prosecutions and relative to the duty to report for sexual offenders and offenders against children.

HRA Analysis: Senate amendment closes loophole which allows convicted sex offenders to avoid registering as a sex offender until they are released from prison.

HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB123, (Second New Title) defining pre-sequestration timber tax revenue, establishing a moratorium on carbon sequestration and establishing a commission to study the effects of carbon sequestration in New Hampshire forests upon state and local tax revenue, effective forest management, and the health of New Hampshire's logging industry.

HRA Analysis: Changed proposed extension of yield tax on sequestration stumpage to pre-sequestration taxation and created a Commission to study effects of sequestration on state and local revenues. Potentially unconstitutional to tell a property owner what they can do with their property, however the amendment does rid us of a potential new tax.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB124, (New Title) Enabling a municipal forest committee or conservation commission to offer surplus money to the municipality for deposit in the municipal unreserved fund balance.

HRA Analysis: Senate amendment changes a single term in order to more precisely capture the intent of the bill. HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB200, Relative to the procedure for overriding a local tax cap. HRA Analysis: Senate amendment simplifies the bill language by removing a clause. The change does not affect the legislative intent of the bill.

HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB228, Relative to petitioned articles at annual or special town meetings. HRA Analysis: Senate amendment changes the amount of time given to the primary petitioner to introduce a petitioned warrant article to a minimum of 10 minutes. HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB374, (New Title) Relative to local tax cap and budget laws.

HRA Analysis: Senate amendment removes language thereby allowing the question to adopt a local tax cap or school district budget cap to be amended by the legislative body.

HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB554, (Second New Title) Clarifying the placement of advertising signs on state-owned property. HRA Analysis: Senate amendment replaces the bill and title with SB 45 which was unanimously recommended ITL by House Election Law on the Consent Calendar, and the full House adopted the ITL recommendation. HRA Recommendation: Nonconcur

HB25, Making appropriations for capital improvements. HRA Analysis: Minor project changes HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB189, (New Title) Relative to the department of energy's 10-year state energy strategy and removing references to the energy efficiency and sustainable energy board.HRA Analysis: Changes "low greenhouse gas emitting" to "minimal or no greenhouse gas emitting".HRA Recommendation: Concur

**HB504,** Relative to the state energy policy. **HRA Analysis:** Adds "distributed energy and storage". **HRA Recommendation:** Concur

HB672, To allow for off-grid electricity providers in New Hampshire.HRA Analysis: Adds restriction of interconnection for "primary or backup supply".HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB682, Relative to the office of offshore wind industry, the offshore and port development commission, and the office of energy innovation.

**HRA Analysis:** Minor structural changes to the bill, no substantive changes.

HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB690, Directing the department of energy to investigate the state's withdrawal from ISO-New England and other strategy decisions that impact ratepayers in relation to New England's environmental policy.
HRA Analysis: Redrafting that largely improves the prose of the bill, no substantive changes.
HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB163, Relative to state funds.

**HRA Analysis:** Senate amendment does not change House bill and established an additional state fund: New Hampshire Armories or Other National Guard Facilities Fund.

HRA Recommendation: Concur

HB591, (New Title) Relative to hours for keno gaming.HRA Analysis: Senate amendment changes permitted Keno playing hours from specified hours to simply the hours that a business establishment is open.HRA Recommendation: Vote Your Conscience

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HB650, Removing references to repealed funds and relative to state park and robotics education funds.HRA Analysis: Wordsmithing of Consent Calendar BillHRA Recommendation: Concur

**HB696,** (New Title) relative to the application of utility property taxes and statewide education property taxes to electric generating facilities.

**HRA Analysis:** Fixed some technical issues, substantively the same. **HRA Recommendation:** Concur