

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, February 5, 2026 Regular Calendar

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB1556, relative to the commission of domestic violence offenses in the presence of a child. **ITL Vote: 11-0**

HRA Analysis: The judge is already allowed to consider this circumstance. It establishes a mandatory minimum.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB1697, exempting certain firearms and firearm accessories manufactured and retained in New Hampshire from federal regulation. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: The bill makes it possible to have firearms and firearms accessories that are made in and stay in NH be exempt from Federal law.

Principle: NH Const: P 1, 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" and US Const Amend 10: Powers not delegated are reserved to the states. Art 1, Sec 8: "The Congress shall have power to ...regulate commerce among [not within] the several states..." These planks, although compelling, are contrary to federal jurisprudence under Wickard v. Filburn (1942)

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB1793, prohibiting public colleges and universities from regulating the possession or carrying of firearms and non-lethal weapons on campus. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: The bill corrects a long standing problem of treating one class of adults differently than all others. The US has decided that 18 is the age of adulthood and therefore all rights should be allowed for that are adults.

Principle: NH Const: P 1, 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

Education Policy and Administration

HB1448, prohibiting the use of the World Economic Forum materials within state curriculum. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill proposes to prohibit curriculum from the World Economic Forum (WEF) from inclusion in NH schools.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB1832, adding students with parents on active military duty to the education freedom accounts priority guidelines. **Maj. OTP/A 0167h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill, as amended, proposes to add a new priority group to the Education Freedom Account program for students residing in NH with one or more parents or guardians who are on active military duty. This priority group would not be subject to the program's enrollment cap.

Principle: NH Const: P 1, Art 10: "Government being instituted ... not for the private interest or emolument of anyone man, family, or class of men....". Platform: The utmost honor must be bestowed upon those who are willing to serve and sacrifice in the US military.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

Election Law

HB1081, requiring political committees to certify with the secretary of state whether they have, or anticipate having, less than \$1,000 in receipts or expenditures in an election cycle. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill is redundant. Current law requires filing of reports when receipts and/or expenditures exceed \$1000. If receipts and expenditures is less than \$1000, then no report is needed and therefore, by omission, are certifying the same.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB1487, creating an independent commission to propose redistricting maps for the legislature to consider. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: The New Hampshire Constitution assigns the responsibility for redistricting to the Legislature, not to an independent commission. The bill could further shift that authority to the Supreme court if the Legislature doesn't accept this commission's decision.

Principle: NH Const P 2, Art 9: "... every ten years thereafter, the legislature shall make an apportionment of representatives according to the last general census of the inhabitants of the state taken by authority of the United States or of this state."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Housing

HB1098, relative to municipalities denying building or occupancy permits for property adjacent to class VI roads under certain circumstances. **ITL Vote: 17-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill limits when municipalities may deny building or occupancy permits solely because a property abuts a class VI road, reducing arbitrary barriers to lawful property use.

Principle: NH Const P 1, Art 2: "All men have certain natural, essential and inherent rights – among these are ... acquiring, possessing, and protecting property...."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1196, repealing the state housing champion designation and grant program. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill repeals a state-run designation and grant program that incentivizes municipal behavior through centralized funding and policy pressure.

Principle: NH Const: P 1, Art 10: "Government being instituted ... not for the private interest or emolument of anyone man, family, or class of men....". Platform: always limit spending and growth of government.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1405, relative to the housing finance authority's affordable housing guarantee program. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill expands or modifies state financial guarantees that place taxpayers at risk to subsidize housing outcomes selected by government rather than markets.

Principle: Platform: "always limit spending and growth of government" and "justify expenditures against measurable benefits."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1612, relative to the use of price-fixing websites, algorithms, or other software by landlords. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill restricts the use of certain pricing tools by private landlords, inserting government oversight into voluntary market behavior.

Principle: Platform: "minimize business regulations."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1661, relative to expanding the housing finance authority's community heroes program and makes an appropriation therefor. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill expands a targeted subsidy program and appropriates taxpayer funds to favor specific classes of residents over others.

Principle: NH Const: P 1, Art 10: "Government being instituted ... not for the private interest or emolument of anyone man, family, or class of men....". Platform: always limit spending and growth of government.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HR30, finding that planning, zoning, and related regulations have been and should continue to be the responsibility of municipal government. **ITL Vote: 17-0**

HRA Analysis: This HR reaffirms the intent of RSA 672:1 and declares that planning, zoning and related regulations have been and should continue to be the responsibility of municipal government; and that zoning, subdivision regulations, and related regulations are a legislative tool that enables municipal government to meet more effectively the demands of evolving and growing communities. These powers are limited in scope to the jurisdiction granted by the General Court to the political subdivisions.

Principle: No platform issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Judiciary

CACR13, relating to registers of probate. Providing that the office of register of probate and all references to such office be eliminated. **OTP Vote: 13-2**

HRA Analysis: This CACR eliminates the office of Register of Probate and all references to such office in our Constitution, consistent with statutory changes made in 2011.

Principle: No platform issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

HB1123, requiring certain companies to post expected salary ranges on public job listings. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-9**

HRA Analysis: The bill would require the post of salary range along with job openings. The NH GOP believes that employers and employees should be free to act as they see fit. Government has no business getting involved.

Principle: Platform: "Free people, free markets, and free enterprise"; "minimize business regulations".

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1168, relative to employer documentation requirements. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: Increases the amount of time for an employer to respond to a wage claim against them from 10 to 30 days. Under the current limit, employers can feel they don't have time to prepare their response.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1352, relative to payment and dispute resolution for medical bills under workers compensation. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0150h Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill attempts to reduce the time for workers' compensation payments to be made through increased data collection and involvement by the Dept. of Labor. As drafted, and as amended, does not address the timeliness of workers compensation payments.

Principle: Platform: "Keep state government lean."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Public Works and Highways

HB1193, naming a 911 call service center in Laconia in honor of Bruce G. Cheney. **OTP Vote: 13-0**

HRA Analysis: Names the new public safety answering point (PSAP) in Laconia as the Bruce Cheney 911 Service Center.

Principle: No platform issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HB1485, relative to eligibility and fees for late refund requests of road tolls. **OTP Vote: 14-0**

HRA Analysis: Current law only provides a late filing process for political subdivisions. Private entities do not have a late filing process for them to pursue for their refund. With this bill, private entities would now be afforded the same process as political subdivisions to file late for their refund.

Principle: US Const Amend 14: "No State shall ... deny ... equal protection of the laws."; Platform: "Foster an attitude of assistance and cooperation with business and increase responsiveness".

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

Resources, Recreation and Development

HB1088, transferring funding for the water well board from the general fund to a special nonlapsing fund. **OTP Vote: 12-0**

HRA Analysis: Aligns the Water Well Board's funding structure with its regulatory and fee-based operations. The bill creates a dedicated, nonlapsing fund supported by fees, fines, and penalties already associated with the program, relieving pressure on the general fund while ensuring stable, predictable funding for board operations. This change improves transparency, accountability, and long-term program sustainability without increasing overall state spending.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1477, relative to the permitting and regulation of anchored seasonal floating platforms on public waters. **OTP/A 0067h Vote: 11-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill introduces a \$50 yearly permit for private anchored seasonal platforms, which are currently regulated in statute, with funds split between the navigation safety fund for marine patrol and the cyanobacteria mitigation fund.

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

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL

HB1751, relative to a start park public safety parking surcharge. **OTP Vote: 14-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes a new 5% public safety surcharge on paid parking at state park facilities and creates a dedicated, nonlapsing fund to return those revenues quarterly to host municipalities for police, fire, and emergency medical services.

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

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP, Support ITL

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HR24, honoring Tadeusz Kosciuszko. **OTP Vote: 14-0**

HRA Analysis: This resolution honors Revolutionary War patriot Tadeusz Kosciuszko.

Principle: No platform issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HR25, recognizing the Kingdom of Bhutan as responsible for the oppression and forced eviction of more than 100,000 Bhutanese citizens during the late 1980s and 1990s. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-1**

HRA Analysis: This resolution addresses historical actions by Bhutan.

Principle: No platform issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HR45, urging Congress to find that the Piscataqua River and Portsmouth Harbor lie within the state of New Hampshire. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 8-6**

HRA Analysis: HR-45 functions as a formal assertion of New Hampshire's constitutional and fiscal interests by objecting to federal actions that impose improper jurisdictional or economic burdens on the state and its residents.

Principle: Platform: "We believe as the New Hampshire Constitution states, that acquiring, possessing, and protecting property is a natural, essential and inherent right."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

Transportation

HB1452, relative to parent-taught driver education as an alternative to traditional driver education programs. **ITL Vote: 11-3**

HRA Analysis: This bill would give parents the option of "home schooling" their own child in both classroom instruction and behind the wheel training that is equivalent to an approved driver education course.

Principle: Platform: "Promote education freedom and parental rights to control the education of their children"; & "Encourage education freedom to allow all parents to choose the best public, private, charter or home school program for their children".

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL/ Support OTP