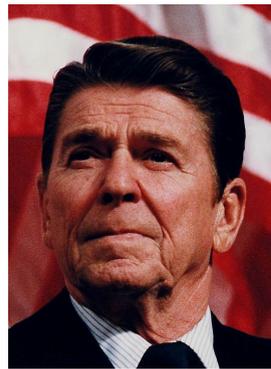


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"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, February 12, 2026
Regular Calendar

Children and Family Law

HB1323, relative to parental alienation. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-6**

HRA Analysis: Strengthens protections against a repetitive pattern of provable negative behaviors by one parent to undermine the other parent. Encourages preservation of both parents' relationships with the child unless alienation or abuse is proven, and includes safeguards against misuse by explicitly excluding good-faith abuse/neglect allegations.

Principle: Platform: "Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children." & "...children's best interest is to have a substantial relationship with each parent...."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1460, prohibiting the sale of location and other sensitive data regarding children. **Maj. OTP; Min. Int. study Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: The bill prevents the sale of the location and other sensitive data regarding children. The operative word is "sale." It does not prevent parents from sharing information about their children.

Principle: [Art.] 2-b [Right to Privacy] An individual's right to live free from government intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1710, relative to procedures relating to child abduction. **Maj. OTP; Min. Int. study Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: Provides a method for the court to stop a parent from potential parental abduction.

Principle: Platform: "Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children." & "...children's best interest is to have a substantial relationship with each parent...."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB1570, relative to governmental budget authority for agreements for law enforcement agencies to participate in federal immigration enforcement. **ITL Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: Require any New Hampshire law enforcement agency seeking a 287(g) agreement with ICE to first obtain prior approval from the local or county "governmental budget authority" complete with a formal cost estimate and public disclosure.

Principle: Platform: "Always limit spending and growth of government...."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1642, relative to extreme risk protection orders. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-3**

HRA Analysis: The bill is a standard "Red Flag" bill, taking your property, (firearms) before you have committed any crime and requiring an individual to prove their innocence to get their property returned.

Principle: [Art.] 15. [Right of Accused.] No subject shall be held to answer for any crime, or offense, until the same is fully and plainly, substantially and formally, described to him; or be compelled to accuse or furnish evidence against himself. & [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 ITL

HB1715, relative to the electronic filing of domestic violence and stalking petition case documents. **ITL Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires the creation of an electronic filing system for DV petitions.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Education Funding

HB1701, reestablishing the New Hampshire college graduate retention incentive partnership program and making an appropriation therefor. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0217h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill would create a government program to make incentive payments to college graduates in NH who stay in the state to work.

Principle: Platform: We believe in free people, free markets and free enterprise.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Education Policy and Administration

HB1716, relative to the academic accountability of education freedom accounts. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Requires annual EFA student evaluations (portfolios & assessment tests) be reported to the DOE to determine a student's "academic proficiency rate". In public schools testing is in 3rd, 8th & 11th grade. It also removes the long-standing option of having portfolios evaluated by a teacher at a non-public school.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1808, establishing the position of academic research and improvement performance data analyst in the department of education and making an appropriation therefor. **OTP Vote: 17-0**

HRA Analysis: Establishes an academic research position which would be responsible for analyzing and reporting performance data.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Election Law

HB1678, requiring the secretary of state to accept voter registration forms directly from voters and to create an online portal for direct voter registration. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: The bill creates a new unfunded and costly administrative layer within the Dept of State that undermines New Hampshire's long-standing, locally administered election system.

Principle: Platform: "Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Executive Departments and Administration

HB1636, directing the department of revenue administration to study options for generating state revenue. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-2**

HRA Analysis: The bill requires the Department of Revenue Administration to study options for generating \$500 million in state revenue to pay for the "minimum conservative threshold" base adequacy found in recent New Hampshire supreme court rulings and directs the Department to submit no fewer than five options in a report to the General Court.

Principle: Platform: "... Overturn the poorly decided Claremont rulings and return educational funding and policy to the people at the local level."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

HB1584, directing the department of health and human services to provide notice of medical and religious exemptions from immunization requirements and relative to the form of such exemption. **Maj. OTP/A 0324h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Requires transparent notice of exemptions in all DHHS vaccine-related promotional materials and eliminates the exemption form that DHHS falsely claims is required in order to get an exemption.

Principle: Platform: "Improve access to the information necessary to make informed health care decisions..." & "Require informed consent, free from coercion, with regard to all medical treatment and intervention..."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1719, removing Hepatitis B from the list of diseases for which immunization is required under state law. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Removes the Hep-B vaccine mandate. The CDC recently changed its recommendation, shifting from universal HepB vaccination at birth to individual-based decision-making for infants born to mothers who test negative.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1798, relative to the coverage of diapers under the state Medicaid plan. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0249h Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Adds coverage for diapers under Medicaid. Diapers are widely available to indigent families via charitable groups, so this is simply an unnecessary expansion of government programs.

Principle: Platform: "Always limit spending and growth of government...."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Judiciary

HB1067, relative to the mental health courts. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: The bill would establish 11 costly county-based mental health court locations (two in Hillsborough County) with a goal to reduce "the costs of incarceration", by presumtively reducing the frequency of involuntary emergency admissions and by lowering recidivism. Those who commit violent crimes and sexual assault wouldn't be excluded from the program.

Principle: Platform: "Establish strict laws against sexual predators including life incarceration as appropriate."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1501, limiting judicial immunity. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 13-5**

HRA Analysis: The way the bill is written, it doesn't actually change anything. Under current law, if a judge acted outside of his or her judicial role, the judge is not immune from civil or criminal liability.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Municipal and County Government

HB1505, requiring municipalities, towns, and cities to submit documentation to the department of revenue administration proving they are in compliance with local budget and tax caps. **Maj. OTP/A 0233h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: The bill requires towns, school districts & village districts to submit documentation to the DRA showing compliance with locally adopted tax and budget caps (overriding only with 3/5 vote). The bill establishes enforcement, standardizes calculations, and ensures transparency to ensure compliance of voter-approved caps.

Principle: [Art.] 28. "No ... tax ... shall be ... levied ... without the consent of the people." Platform: "Require supermajorities to raise taxes; maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Public Works and Highways

HB1607, relative to the use and storage of road salt. **OTP/A 0497h Vote: 15-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill purports to prohibit "unsafe" chemical storage, "protect" water sources from contamination, and empowers DES to regulate and enforce new regulations.

Principle: Platform: Minimize business regulations & Oppose "downshifting" of costs and regulatory enforcement from state to local government

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A; Support ITL

Resources, Recreation and Development

HB1301, increasing certain mooring fees and directing such funds to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund. **OTP/A 0181h Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill doubles the fee for moorings not in a congregate mooring field and directs such funds to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.

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

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A; Support ITL

HB1426, requiring the department of environmental services to employ certified personnel in each program area. **OTP/A 0331h Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires the department of environmental services to employ at least one certified individual in each program area.

Principle: Platform: "Oppose all laws, programs and mandates ... contrary to our principles, including but not limited to educational standards..." & "Encourage apprenticeships."

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A; Support ITL

HB1530, requiring notification of abutters and public review prior to disturbing beaver dams in non-emergency situations. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0172h Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: Mandates a 30-day notification period and public review before addressing beaver dams in non-emergency situations. Poses a serious threat to the efficiency and reliability of the state's critical road infrastructure, especially for the logging industry.

Principle: Platform: "Acquiring, possessing and protecting property is a natural, essential and inherent right."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1655, establishing a funding source for maintaining state owned dams. **Maj. OTP/A 0170h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes fees on property that has waterfront access to a body of water created by a state-owned dam and directs such fees to the maintenance of state-owned dams.

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

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL

HB1664, directing the department of natural and cultural resources to remove the Hannah Duston Memorial in Boscawen. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0174h Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes a Hannah Duston Memorial Site Advisory Council of 11 members. The Council shall make an annual report to the General Court.

Principle: Platform: "Always limit spending and growth of government"

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP/A, Support ITL

HB1768, relative to free day-use admission and metered parking at state parks for all honorably discharged state resident veterans. **OTP/A 0358h Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes that honorably discharged New Hampshire veterans are exempt from day-use and metered parking fees at state parks upon presenting acceptable proof of status. Only a few parks are affected by this bill. An alternate means of funding by increased allowable donations was included in this bill.

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

HB1837, relative to the New Hampshire marine patrol. **OTP/A 0332h Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill modifies boating laws by updating penalties, prohibiting certain operating practices, requiring vessel display standards, and revising specified safety provisions.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

Science, Technology and Energy

HB1002, repealing the solar energy systems tax exemption. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-6**

HRA Analysis: Repeals the solar property tax credit. Solar is considered a mature industry no more worthy of a tax credit than high efficiency heat pumps or gas furnaces or triple pane windows.

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....".

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1542, relative to renewable energy fund compliance payments. **Maj. OTP/A 0241h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill rebates Alternative Compliance Payments (payments made when utilities cannot source a prescribed amount of renewable energy) back to the ratepayer, lowering electric bills.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1738, relative to ratepayer benefits from the regional greenhouse gas initiative. **OTP Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill extends NH's participation in the RGGI program with some needed updates. Due to RGGI's current structure, NH benefits financially from this renewal.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

Transportation

HB1176, relative to the display of license plates on vehicles. **Maj. OTP/A 0197h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill removes the requirement that a motor vehicle display a front license plate unless the vehicle is used for commercial purposes or is towing a trailer or other apparatus.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1421, modifying title exemptions for motor vehicles manufactured before the year 2000. **Maj. OTP/A 0445h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-5**

HRA Analysis: This bill exempts any motor vehicle that is at least 20 years old from the requirement to obtain a certificate of title, except for heavy trucks and truck-tractors.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Ways and Means

HB1409, modifying the deposit of revenues collected from video lottery terminals. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0414h Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: Directs all VLT funding from the general fund to the Educational trust fund instead.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1580, relative to the taxation of non-primary residences. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0278h Vote: 16-3**

HRA Analysis: This bill creates a tax against properties that do not act as primary residences.

Principle: NH Constitution Part II, Article 5 grants the legislature "full power and authority . . . to impose and levy proportional and reasonable assessments, rates, and taxes, upon all the inhabitants of, and residents within, the said state; and upon all estates within the same." *Rand v. State of New Hampshire* (2025 N.H. 27).

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1596, relative to the collection of certain health care program premiums; funding for the university system of New Hampshire; and raising the tobacco tax. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: Raises the tobacco tax. Appropriates moneys to the university system of New Hampshire. Repeals the collection of certain healthcare premiums.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1810, relative to a road salt fee to support certified winter road maintenance practices. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill would add a \$4 per ton fee to road salt purchases in an attempt to influence more people to participate in the existing Green Snow Pro program offered by the NH DOT.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL