

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, March 5, 2026
Regular Calendar

Children and Family Law

HB1225, relative to the definition of adjusted gross income with respect to child support guidelines. **Maj. OTP/A 0599h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill adds more deductions from gross income in calculating adjusted gross income used in child support calculations.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB1048, relative to repealing the prohibition on the possession or sale of blackjacks, slung shots, and metallic knuckles except by or to minors. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 7-5**

HRA Analysis: This bill amends the prohibition against carrying or selling a blackjack, slungshot, or metallic knuckles so that it only prohibits sale to or possession of the said items by those under 18 years of age.

Principle: 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

HB1238, relative to the penalties for the offense of disobeying an officer. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-4**

HRA Analysis: This bill changes the penalty for fleeing police from a class A misdemeanor to a class B felony. Also greatly increases seriousness if any injury is caused (previously serious bodily injury) from a class B felony to a class A felony.

Principle: Constitution: Art. 18. All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP; Support ITL

HB1387, repealing limiting liability for certain design features of firearms. **ITL Vote: 7-5**

HRA Analysis: This bill removes liability limitations for the absence or presence of certain design firearm features. We believe repealing this would allow civil suits to attack gun manufacturers and drive them away from NH.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1393, relative to the definition of public servant and the offense of official oppression. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 7-4**

HRA Analysis: This bill adds federal officials to the list of public servants and makes it a class B felony for any public servant to interfere in an election. Concerned this will be used for legal warfare against federal agents conducting legitimate business.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1454, relative to the possession of firearms following a court order requiring surrender of firearms and ammunition. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-2**

HRA Analysis: This bill makes it a criminal offense to possess a firearm in violation of a court order requiring the surrender of firearms, and also makes the offense a qualifying offense triggering the presumption that the defendant is dangerous and may be denied bail.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1822, relative to reporting of civil immigration detentions by state, county, and local law enforcement and correctional facilities. **ITL Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires semi-annual reporting regarding the number of illegal aliens detained by any state, county, or local law enforcement or correctional facility.

Principle: Platform: always limit spending and growth of government.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Education Funding

HB1495, allowing a reimbursement anticipation note to be used as collateral in certain circumstances. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Restricts school districts that borrow against special education aid or adequacy education grants to categorize such funds as revenue, so long as they are only used for the same purpose as the fund source. The primary purpose for adequacy and special education funds is for those services, not for other non-related purposes.

Principle: Platform: Support innovative measures to reduce tuition costs

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1578, adds definitions and reporting requirements relative to education freedom accounts. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Adds reporting requirements to the Education Freedom Account (EFA) program and dictates a Legislative Budget Assistant audit when the EFA administrator is already annually audited by an independent auditor.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1610, allowing school districts to annually retain year-end unassigned general funds. **Maj. OTP/A 0809h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: As amended, the bill requires that unrestricted general purpose funds must be appropriated by the voters or council annually, separate from the budget. It limits how money left unspent and retained from the previous year can be spent with the total amount to no more than 3% of the budget.

Principle: Platform: Always limit spending and growth of government

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1815, relative to education financing. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill declares: “How the state and its local governmental entities choose to raise, allocate, and spend financial resources to implement this integrated public education system is a political policy matter reserved to legislative and executive judgment and control.”

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HR19, encouraging state colleges and universities to invite more conservative speakers to campus for the purpose of increasing diversity of viewpoints. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: This resolution sends a timely message in defense of free speech and intellectual diversity at New Hampshire’s public and private colleges and universities.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Education Policy and Administration

HB1129, authorizing superintendents or their designee to allow limited use of personal laptops and tablets in schools and establishing that such use is exempted under school cell phone use policies. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill authorizes local officials to allow the use of personal electronics by students under certain circumstances.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1256, removing the authority of the state librarian to award scholarships to students attending graduate library schools. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: repeals RSA 201-A:10, VII, the ability of the State Librarian to award scholarships to qualified persons to attend a graduate library school accredited by the American Library Association.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1264, increasing the requirements of the education freedom savings account oversight committee and modifying the purpose of the committee. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill would increase the requirements of the Education Freedom Account (EFA) Oversight Committee committee to include the review of student data, eligibility requirements, and EFA expenditures..

Principle: Platform: prevent invasions of privacy....

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1331, enabling the town of Derry to absorb the Derry cooperative school district. **Maj. OTP/A 0581h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill enables the Derry town council to incorporate the Derry Cooperative School District as a department of the town through a charter amendment.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1402, relative to credentials for the position of superintendent of schools. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0185h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes required credentials to serve in the position of school superintendent.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1403, relative to credentials for the position of school business administrator. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0402h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes six pages of required credentials for the position of school business administrator.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1573, permitting excused absences for students participating in civic engagement or attending a career or technical education event. **Maj. OTP/A 0396h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: As amended, this bill permits excused absences for students that are participating in civic engagement activities and career or technical education (CTE) activities so long as parental notice is provided to schools and other requirements are met.

Principle: Platform: Encourage education freedom to allow all parents to choose the best public, private, charter or home school program for their children

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1635, modifying the requirements of suicide prevention education policies in schools. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: The bill reduces suicide prevention mandated training to every 2 years, instead of annually, which aligns this training with other required trainings, encouraging uniformity.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1640, relative to consent for school billing purposes. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill directs department of education and the insurance department to adopt rules relative to signature requirements for school billing, which federal law already requires an annual consent to access a child’s Medicaid benefits to bill for services.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1820, requiring the department of education to administer the education freedom account program. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill changes oversight and administration of the EFA program to the Department of Education.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1834, relative to the education freedom account enrollment cap. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill proposes extending the Education Freedom Account cap through the 2026-2027 school year.

Principle: Platform: Expand education tax credits and support universal education freedom accounts

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Election Law

CACR14, relating to qualifications for office.

Providing that candidates of the office of governor, state senator, and state representative shall be citizens of the United States. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-6**

HRA Analysis: This Constitutional Amendment would place the requirement of US citizenship for holding state office in the New Hampshire Constitution.

Principle: No position on constitutional amendments.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Executive Departments and Administration

HB1500, establishing a commission to study and propose procedures in the event of a state government shutdown. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: Establishes a commission to study and propose procedures in the event of a state government shutdown.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Fish and Game and Marine Resources

HB1167, enabling the use of ferrets for hunting. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill would simply allow a person to bring a pet ferret along with them while hunting, it would not allow use of the ferret to hunt.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

HB1317, relative to patient privacy protections. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-7**

HRA Analysis: Duplicates existing federal privacy protections.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1653, relative to emergency medical care provided at freestanding hospital emergency facilities. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires freestanding hospital emergency facilities (FHEFs) to explicitly offer patients a choice of receiving facility on transfer and document that choice.

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

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL; Support OTP

Judiciary

HB1465, establishing mandatory reporting of civil rights violations committed by members of the judiciary. **ITL Vote: 18-0**

HRA Analysis: Current law and rules already provide for reporting of violations. The way the bill is written, could result in attorney client privilege being violated.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation.

HR38, authorizing and directing the house judiciary committee to investigate whether cause exists for the impeachment of any justice of the New Hampshire supreme court. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 12-5**

HRA Analysis: As amended with the Kuttab FLAM, this resolution authorizes and directs the House Judiciary Committee to investigate whether there are grounds for impeaching Justice MacDonald.

Principle: Platform: Support the people's oversight of the Judiciary through their elected Legislature & Constitution Part 2 Art. 17: The house of representatives shall be the grand inquest of the state

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL; Support FLAM; Support OTP/A

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

HB1451, relative to protecting workers from extreme temperature-related injuries and fatalities in the workplace. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0479h Vote: 12-8**

HRA Analysis: Creates new regulations for all employers to handle hot and cold days.

Principle: Platform: Minimize business regulations

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1484, establishing a state minimum wage and providing for incremental increases. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0554h Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: Raises the minimum wage to \$17 per hour over four years. As submitted, it eliminated the minimum wage consideration for tipped employees, upending the hospitality industry. The amendment restores the current language for tips.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Legislative Administration

CACR22, relating to the compensation of the legislature.

Providing that the present compensation per elected term for legislators is hereby abolished. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 7-4**

HRA Analysis: Removes the \$100/year stipend for state legislators, which would allow legislators to set their salary by statute.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1114, relative to the documentation and preservation of public comment reports by standing legislative committees. **Maj. ITL; Min. Int. study Vote: 8-3**

HRA Analysis: Takes the online testimony received by the gen court and asking the Chair and/or ranking member to analyze the testimony and write a report indicating why or why not it was used in the bill recommendation.

Principle: Platform: always limit spending and growth of government

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL or Table

HR42, honoring the life and legacy of Melissa Hortman. **OTP Vote: 6-5**

HRA Analysis: Honors Melissa Hortman

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Municipal and County Government

HB1134, relative to the town meeting form of local governance. **Maj. OTP/A 0204h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Bill clarifies the order in which total appropriations in warrant articles accumulate after the vote for purposes of determining when a warrant article will trigger an override vote of a local tax or budget cap.

Principle: Platform: Expand openness and transparency to ... expenditures

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1227, relative to the calculation of the local tax cap. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-7**

HRA Analysis: Bill allows increased spending beyond a locally adopted tax cap by exempting bond debt from a tax cap without a supermajority override vote thereby circumventing the purpose of a tax cap.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Resources, Recreation and Development

HB1020, proclaiming Lake Winnepesaukee the official state lake of New Hampshire. **Maj. ITL; Min. Int. study Vote: 10-6**

HRA Analysis: The committee felt that naming a state lake should be expanded into a competition for school children to promote their local lake for the title of state lake, but that this is not a complex issue requiring legislative involvement.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1046, enabling a person to carry a firearm on a snowmobile being operated on private property. **Maj. OTP/A 0131h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: The bill will make it legal to carry a loaded firearm on a snowmobile is being operated on private property with permission. It allows traveling through or between farming or agricultural areas while in the course of protecting livestock or crops.

Principle: 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/A

HB1141, prohibiting the extraction of groundwater for the purpose of bottling in plastic bottles. **OTP/A 0532h Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: The amendment 2026-0532h is a non-germane amendment completely replacing the original bill. It fixes NH's outdated mining permit system. It transfers primary authority to NHDES, which already manages alteration-of-terrain and land-use permits.

Principle: Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork & Foster an attitude of assistance and cooperation with business and increase responsiveness

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A; Oppose if Amendment fails

Science, Technology and Energy

HB1666, requiring capacity planning in the state 10-year energy strategy. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-7**

HRA Analysis: The bill requires compilation of materials already available from the PUC, DOE and ISO-NE. It would be a redundant work product.

Principle: Platform: always limit spending and growth of government.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HR35, urging the prohibition of the intentional release of polluting emissions, including cloud seeding and weather modification, to preserve the atmosphere of New Hampshire. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: The resolution declares that NH stands against all geoengineering activities over NH. FLAM 0761h changes the requirement for DES to notify federal authorities to a recommendation.

Principle: Platform: ...geoengineering in all forms must be opposed...

HRA Recommendation: Support FLAM 0761h and Support OTP/A

Transportation

HB1078, creating a gold star family and gold star father license plate. **OTP Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: Creates a gold star family and father license plate.

Principle: Platform: Respect New Hampshire's honored veterans

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

Ways and Means

CACR10, relating to the adoption of tax laws.

Providing that no law shall establish or increase a state imposed tax unless adopted by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution requires any bill establishing or increasing a state-imposed tax to originate in the House of Representatives and be adopted by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting.

Principle: Platform: Require super-majorities to raise taxes

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1063, reducing the amount of meals and rooms taxes operators can retain. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0236h Vote: 13-6**

HRA Analysis: Amendment 0236h creates a financial incentive for small businesses and operators for timely remittances to the State

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL