

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"

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026
Regular Calendar - Part One**

Children and Family Law

HB1376, relative to a parent's ability to raise their child in a manner consistent with the child's biological sex. **Maj. OTP/A 0865h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended ensures that a parent's decision to raise their child consistent with the child's biological sex cannot be used as evidence of abuse, neglect or unfitness.

Principle: Platform: Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children. & NH Constitution Part 1 [Art.4] "Rights of Conscience"

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1378, relative to parental access to a minor child's electronic medical records. **without recommendation Vote: 8-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill ensures parents are granted full access to their child's medical records except if a medical professional determines that access would likely result in abuse or if legally barred by other statutes or court orders.

Principle: Platform: Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1565, relative to the penalty for false reports of suspected abuse and neglect made to the division for children, youth, and families. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill provides that a person who makes a false report maliciously or with the intent to cause harm shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and creates a right of action for civil damages against the abuser.

Principle: Art 14. Every subject of this State is entitled to a certain remedy, by having full recourse to the laws, for all injuries he may receive to his person, property or character....

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1643, relative to the report of a guardian ad litem. **Maj. OTP; Min. Int. study Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill removes the authority of the court to request that the guardian ad litem's report propose an allocation of decision-making responsibility; a parenting plan; or a specific parenting schedule.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1771, removing prospective repeal of child care staffing ratios and the associated waiver system and requiring the department of health and human services to provide certain notice regarding availability of the waiver. **OTP Vote: 16-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill removes the prospective repeal of child care staffing ratios and its waiver system and requires DHHS to provide annual notice to child care providers of the option to request a waiver of the child care staffing requirements.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Commerce and Consumer Affairs

HB1285, establishing an interagency task force to determine if New Hampshire may implement an R-PACER program. **Maj. OTP/A 09h03; Min. ITL Vote: 13-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended establishes a task force to evaluate the merits of an R-PACER financing program for residential units similar to the approved C-PACER program for commercial units. The underlying bill begins the process of expanding government authority over private residential property financing.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1554, requiring insurance carriers to provide peer-to-peer review at any stage of prior authorization and mandating disclosure of reviewer credentials. **Maj. OTP/A 0805h; Min. Int. study Vote: 13-2**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended requires insurance carriers permit peer-to-peer review at any stage of prior medical authorization, establishes qualifications for reviewing providers, and requires disclosure of such information to the treating provider.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

HB1239, relative to the offense of loitering or prowling. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 7-5**

HRA Analysis: Prohibits certain registered offenders who are required to register due to a sexual offense against a child under 13 years of age from appearing within 1,000 feet of a childcare facility, church, school or any area where a reasonable person would know that minor children congregate.

Principle: Platform: Establish strict laws against sexual predators...

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1240, relative to the apparent use of a deadly weapon during the offense of criminal threatening. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: Makes it a class B felony of criminal threatening to use what reasonably appears to the victim to be a deadly weapon.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1248, relative to the penalties for intoxication or under the influence of drug offenses. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: Adds offenses to the operation of a motor vehicle for which the defendant was convicted, and as condition of that conviction, was sentenced to an alcohol or controlled substance, education, treatment, or counseling program, within 10 years preceding the date of the second or subsequent offense, as a requisite prior conviction for enhanced DWI penalties.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1279, relative to the use of physical force in defense of a person. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: Allows someone to use physical force in defense of a third party in their vehicle or on their property.

Principle: Platform: Protect the rights of law-abiding individuals to own and carry firearms to defend themselves, their families and their property...

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1423, relative to the offense of improper influence. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 7-5**

HRA Analysis: Expands the offense of improper influence to include threats to immediate family members of a public servant, party official, or voter and provides a minimum penalty.

Principle: Platform: Prosecute violations of election law...

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1464, relative to discrimination, harassment, and violence based on political affiliation or opinion. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 7-5**

HRA Analysis: Prohibits discrimination based on a person's political affiliation or opinion.

Principle: Platform: Minimize business regulations & always limit spending and growth of government

HRA Recommendation: Oppose OTP; Support ITL

Education Funding

HB1121, defining the cost of an adequate education. **Maj. OTP/A 0808h; Min. OTP/A 0995h Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended defines specific elements of an adequate education to be teachers, principals, administrative assistants, guidance counselors, library/media specialists, technology coordinators, custodians, instructional supplies, technology, professional development, facilities operations and maintenance, and transportation.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1561, prohibiting nationals of the People's Republic of China from attending state institutions of higher education. **Maj. OTP/A 0797h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended prohibits nationals of the People's Republic of China engaged in a masters or doctorate program, research or employment from attending state institutions of higher education and establishes penalties for violations.

Principle: Platform: We believe a strong national defense is necessary to preserve freedom and opportunity in America.... We believe that freedom can only exist in a nation that is willing to defend it.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1807, relative to information on tax rates and tax impact information on warrant articles. **Maj. OTP/A 1004h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**
HRA Analysis: This bill as amended updates mandated voter information regarding average student costs, teacher and administrator salaries.
Principle: Platform: Promote accountability and transparency in education.
HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Education Policy and Administration

CACR24, relating to the right to educate children.
Providing that parents and guardians have a right to direct the education of their children. **Maj. OTP/A 0941h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**
HRA Analysis: As amended this resolution creates a new constitutional article asserting parents and guardians have a right to direct the education of their children.
Principle: Platform: Promote educational freedom and parental rights to control the education of their children.
HRA Recommendation: OTP/A

HB1132, prohibiting the display of certain flags in public schools and public charter schools and establishing penalties for the display of prohibited flags. **Maj. OTP/A 0767h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**
HRA Analysis: This bill as amended limits the display of flags in schools to the US, NH, POW/MIA, town, school and service branches. Flags used in educational instruction are also permitted.
Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified
HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1155, relative to the home education advisory council. **Maj. OTP/A 0878h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**
HRA Analysis: The bill as amended repeals the Home Ed Adv Council (HEAC) and authorizes the Dept of Ed to adopt rules for home education.
Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified
HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1268, modifying definitions and requirements relative to home education programs. **Maj. OTP/A 0887h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**
HRA Analysis: This bill as amended restructures the definitions, administration, and requirements for home education. It establishes a parental right to home education and a right to maintain privacy of their home education program.
Principle: Platform: Promote educational freedom and parental rights to control the education of their children.
HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1358, establishing a commission to study transitioning all public schools to public charter schools and relative to the method for converting to a charter school. **Maj. OTP/A 0924h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**
HRA Analysis: This bill as amended establishes a commission to study transitioning all public schools to public charter schools.
Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified
HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1374, relative to the procedures for withdrawal from a cooperative school district. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**
HRA Analysis: This bill modifies the procedure for withdrawal from a cooperative school district by allowing a majority of voters in a single withdrawing district to withdraw.
Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified
HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1529, repealing the reading recovery training program. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**
HRA Analysis: This bill repeals the defunct reading recovery training program.
Principle: Platform: Sunset Programs and regulations....
HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1817, permitting all students the choice to attend the school district in which they reside. **Maj. OTP/A 0911h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**
HRA Analysis: This bill as amended expands access to curricular courses and co-curricular programs within school districts for education freedom account students.
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

HB1828, requiring the department of education to establish an auditing process relative to teacher preparation programs at the post-secondary educational level. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**
HRA Analysis: This bill requires the Dept of Ed to review professional educator preparation programs to ensure effective literacy instruction is provided. It authorizes the Dept to make rules relative to the auditing process of preparation programs.
Principle: Platform: Implement the nation's highest competency and accountability standards for our ... teachers.....
HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1836, relative to the input-based accountability system requirements and enforcement. **Maj. OTP/A 0648h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended requires the Comm of the Dept of Ed to withhold grant funds from a public school or district until such time as the input-based school accountability system report is submitted and requires notice thereof to the schools/districts.

Principle: Platform: Promote accountability and transparency in education.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Election Law

CACR21, relating to voting eligibility.

Providing that only legal residents who are at least 18 years of age or older who reside in the place they claim as domicile shall be eligible voters.

Maj. OTP/A 0455h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-5

HRA Analysis: As amended, this CACR focuses on requiring US citizenship as a qualification for voting. Non-US citizens are already prohibited from voting in federal elections, and we have RSA 654:7 requiring citizenship to be a registered voter in New Hampshire.

Principle: Platform: ... Ensure voting is done by NH resident citizens only....

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB590, relative to cooperative school district school board elections. **Maj. OTP/A 1066h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill was recommitted to the committee at the request of the minority after originally appearing on the Consent Calendar. The amended legislation prohibits school districts from establishing voting systems in which voters from one town are able to determine the representative for another town. Each town should select its own representative to the school board.

Principle: Art. 11 Every person shall be considered an inhabitant for the purposes of voting in the town, ward or unincorporated place where he has his domicile.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB686, requiring a voter to provide identification when requesting an absentee ballot. **Maj. OTP/A 0972h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill prohibits certain public entities, excluding educational institutions, from conducting or sponsoring political surveys, polls, or questionnaires in their official capacities.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1062, authorizing the secretary of state to conduct random audits of the citizenship qualification of registered voters. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill authorizes the secretary of state to conduct random audits of the citizen qualification of registered voters and refer violations to the AG for prosecution.

Principle: Platform: ... Ensure voting is done by NH resident citizens only....

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1125, enabling school districts to adopt partisan school district elections. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 8-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill enables school districts to choose whether or not to adopt partisan school district elections.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1272, providing that each candidate's party affiliation be printed on the town or school district ballot. **Maj. OTP/A 0947h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended provides an option for each candidate's party affiliation to be printed on the town or school district ballot.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1300, changing the state's congressional districts. **Maj. OTP/A 0980h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended requires every town and ward in a city conduct a vote on a local tax cap question for their school district and fixed cap on the school administrative unit budget in even numbered year at the state general election held in November. A 3/5 majority is required for any cap.

Principle: Platform: Maintain local control over spending and taxes designed to support local services. & Require supermajorities to raise taxes

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1306, relative to the counting of absentee ballots. **Maj. OTP/A 0635h; Min. ITL Vote: 13-4**

HRA Analysis: This bill creates the absentee ballot certificate and requires a specific reconciliation process to be performed for absentee ballots and recorded on the absentee ballot certificate.

Principle: Platform: ... Ensure voting is done by NH resident citizens only....

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1396, relative to vacancies in state offices. **Maj. OTP/A 0984h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended allows a vacancy in a state representative seat to be filled by a Gubernatorial/Exec Council appointment of the same political party rather than special election.

Principle: Part Second, Art 16. All intermediate vacancies, in the House of Representatives may be filled up, from time to time, in the same manner as biennial elections are made.

HRA Recommendation: Support Table or ITL

HB1418, setting a minimum affirmative vote for new or expanded spending for SB 2 towns. **Maj. OTP/A 0971h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended requires any increased town or school budget in an SB2 jurisdiction be passed by at least 15% of the registered voters.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1601, requiring the secretary of state to create a voter education program that includes information on recent changes to voting laws. **OTP Vote: 15-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill directs the Secretary of State to use available federal funds from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to inform voters about recent changes to New Hampshire election law.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1604, requiring suitable public facilities such as schools and town halls be made available as polling places upon request by local election officials. **OTP/A 0676h Vote: 15-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires suitable public facilities be made available as polling places upon request by local election officials.

Principle: Platform: Government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Environment and Agriculture

HB1275, relative to the effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances on agriculture. **Maj. OTP/A 0925h; Min. ITL Vote: 12-1**

HRA Analysis: Provides immunity to farmers for damages caused by PFAs as a result of standard agricultural practices, including the land application of sludge or biosolids. Directs the NHDES to initiate rulemaking under RSA 541-A by June 30, 2027 to develop concentration-based standards for PFAS in biosolids at land-application sites.

Principle: Platform: Support cost-efficient means to protect, develop and market agricultural, forest and high value natural resource products

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Executive Departments and Administration

HB1616, prohibiting state agencies and political subdivisions from advertising or expending funds to advertise vaccines in the state of New Hampshire. **Maj. OTP/A 0903h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: Prohibits agencies from advertising vaccines. Education is OK.

Principle: Platform: Minimize state spending and focus on important activities. NH Constitution: Supports Part II, Art. 5 (legislative spending control). Platform: informed consent free from coercion; moral right to consent.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTPA

HB1675, establishing a commission to investigate the New Hampshire Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and requiring funding only be provided for the direct services materially benefitting survivors of sexual and domestic assault. **Maj. OTP/A 0946h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: As amended, applies 91-A to the organization chosen by the DHHS commissioner to implement the Domestic Violence Grant Program and subcontractors. Requires annual operational reports from DHHS for DV Grant Program and DOJ for Victim Assistance Grant Program. Existing exceptions to 91-A protect confidential information.

Principle: HB1675 as amended. NH Constitution: Supports Part I, Art. 8 (transparency) and Part II, Art. 5 (legislative power to assess taxes/spending with accountability). Platform: expand openness/transparency to expenditures; justify expenditures against benefits.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1788, holding state contracts with DEI provisions to be void as a matter of law and establishing a right of action for taxpayers where public entities or state agencies engage with contracts with DEI provisions. **Maj. OTP/A 0453h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: Updates language from HB2 to better define protections for disability & informal student groups. Created right of action for citizens aggrieved by DEI policy implemented contrary to state law. Prohibits contracts which include DEI.

Principle: NH Constitution Art. 1: All men are born equally free and independent.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Finance

HB661, relative to the department of health and human services management of social security payments, supplemental security income payments, and veterans benefits for children in foster care. **Maj. OTP/A 0821h; Min. Int. study Vote: 13-12**

HRA Analysis: Begins a process where DHHS would forgo using certain federal payments to offset the cost of foster care, and the funds would be put in trust for the child. This includes a roughly \$250,000 consulting contract in the current year's budget. It would mean a substantial decrease in revenues in future budgets as the State replaces this money with General Fund dollars.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1042, raising the unified contingent credit limit. **Maj. OTP/A 0859h; Min. ITL Vote: 16-9**

HRA Analysis: This bill raises the limit of loan guarantees the state can issue, over a number of programs.

Principle: No constitutional or platform issues identified.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1515, repealing the child care grant program administered by the department of health and human services. **Maj. OTP/A 0690h; Min. ITL Vote: 14-11**

HRA Analysis: As introduced, the bill repeals a grant program to providers of child care. The program was not funded in the governor's budget but was included in HB2 contingent upon Federal funds being available. To date, those funds have not materialized. Absent that funding, this would repeal the authorization for the program for the remainder of this budget cycle. The amendment leaves the program intact (in case Federal funding does become available) but removes a requirement for the agency to request full funding using State money in the next budget.

Principle: Platform: Limit the growth of State spending.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP or OTP/A.

HB1569, repealing the directive that the state sell the Anna Philbrook Center for Children property in Concord. **OTP Vote: 25-0**

HRA Analysis: To balance the budget, HB2 required the sale of a building associated with the NH State Hospital. It may be that the property in question is worth more to the State than it would raise in revenue. It is unwise to use one-time revenue sources to fund operating expenses.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Fish and Game and Marine Resources

CACR15, relating to the right to hunt, fish, and harvest game and fish.

Providing that citizens of New Hampshire shall have the constitutional right to hunt, fish, and harvest game and fish, subject to restrictions existing in law. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 8-6**

HRA Analysis: This CACR will place the right to hunt and fish into our constitution so that no future legislature can use a simple majority to ban that right.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

HB1022, relative to religious exemption from immunization requirements. **Maj. OTP/A 0814h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill clarifies (and simplifies) the process for asserting a religious exemption from vaccine mandates. In doing so, it removes DHHS discretion in creating a "form" that asks for information that is not required by statute.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1071, repealing immunity afforded health care facilities when following directives adopted in response to the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Maj. OTP/A 1006h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8

HRA Analysis: Repeals extraordinary immunity provisions afforded to health care facilities responding to COVID emergency directives.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1117, relative to the right of licensed health care providers to freely communicate with patients, colleagues, and the public about medical information, emerging therapies, and treatment options. **Maj. OTP/A 1026h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended provides that a healthcare provider shall not be subject to disciplinary action, professional sanction, or civil or criminal liability for communicating with a patient, another provider, or the public about emerging medical research, experimental treatments, innovative therapies, or off-label uses of medications, provided the communication is made in good faith and not knowingly false or misleading.

Principle: Art 2-b: An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential & inherent. Art 22: Free speech ... is essential.... Platform: Improve access to the information necessary to make informed health care decisions, including information about the quality and cost of services provided by physicians, hospitals and insurers.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1219, relative to immunization requirements in foster family homes. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Removes vaccine mandates for adult caregivers in foster homes. NH currently defers to the CDC on a LONG list of required vaccines.'

Principle: platform: "Support the moral and ethical right of informed consent with regard to all medical treatment and intervention."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1335, requiring health care providers to disclose to patients indirect financial incentives received by the provider. **Maj. OTP; Min. Int. study Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Requires reporting of financial incentives >\$5k (e.g. if a doctor is paid to prescribe certain drugs.)

Principle: platform: "Support the moral and ethical right of informed consent with regard to all medical treatment and intervention."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1337, repealing the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders. **OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Parents in the autism community have long complained that this council is ineffective. They have violated statute by granting themselves the power to extend appointments and to appoint new members. They also lack transparency and refuse to respond to 91-A requests.

Principle: Platform: "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1449, limiting times vaccine clinics may operate at schools and requiring parents or legal guardians to be present with their child during the administration of vaccinations at such a clinic. **Maj. OTP/A 0989h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Several known cases exist in NH of children being vaccinated in schools AGAINST the explicit wishes of their parents. There are also cases outside of NH. These clinics violate parental rights, distract from the core mission of the school, and have led to multiple cases of medical battery.

Principle: Platform: Decisions regarding the upbringing, healthcare, education, and wellbeing of children should be the free choice of parents...

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1562, relative to licensing requirements for health care facilities that operate on a membership-based business model. **Maj. OTP/A 0415h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Allows certain health care facilities to be licensed in NH without forcing them to accept all forms of payment.

Principle: Platform: promoting free-market health care free from government mandates.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1706, repealing the refugee resettlement program in the department of health and human services and prohibiting expenditure of state funds on refugee resettlement. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Costs federal dollars, but consumes some state personnel resources as well. Refugee populations increase population density, occupying scarce housing and driving up the cost of living for NH citizens.

Principle: Platform: "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1734, authorizing the establishment of experimental treatment centers. **Maj. OTP/A 0666h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Expands innovation and offers new options for patients with limited treatment options.

Principle: Platform: promoting free-market health care free from government mandates.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1735, permitting treatment of certain severe illness under the right to try act. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Clarifies medical right to try that we passed last year.

Principle: Platform: promoting free-market health care free from government mandates.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1772, relative to the state's participation in a multistate consortium to conduct clinical trials using ibogaine as an investigational new drug for the treatment of substance use disorder and other neurological or mental health conditions, and making an appropriation therefor. **Maj. OTP/A 0365h; Min. Int. study Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Permits the prescription of ibogaine for clinical trials

Principle: Platform: promoting free-market health care free from government mandates.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1773, relative to food and drink purchased under SNAP, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. **Maj. OTP/A 1019h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Prohibits SNAP beneficiaries from using EBT to pay for candy and soda. Retailers will have to update point-of-sale systems to exclude products.

Principle: Platform: "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits." & Minimize business regulations

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB1797, relative to eligibility for public assistance, including the New Hampshire employment program, family assistance program, and SNAP. **Maj. OTP/A 1027h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: As amended, strengthens work and eligibility requirements for SNAP. Directs DHHS to verify eligibility of enrollees that make exclusively out-of-state purchases and to enter into data-sharing agreements with other state agencies to verify SNAP benefit eligibility.

Principle: Platform: "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits."

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Housing

HB1336, allowing exceptions to the cap on residential security deposits for applicants not meeting standard approval criteria. **Maj. OTP/A 0763h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Allows higher security deposits for applicants who do not meet standard screening criteria. The bill primarily affects private contractual agreements between landlords and tenants. amendment allows a higher security deposit only when an applicant does not meet standard screening criteria (amendment adds guardrails so the practice cannot be used arbitrarily)

Principle: Platform: Private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely use and enjoy their property and remove barriers to business formation and encourage small business.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1709, relative to prohibiting the rental of residential property to individuals unlawfully present in the United States. **Maj. OTP/A 0943h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Prohibits occupancy or tenancy of real property by Illegal Aliens if the Alien is illegally present in the United States; has previously been convicted of a felony in the United States and deported or left the United States after such conviction; and the status is confirmed by the Department of Homeland Security

Principle: Platform: "Oppose any form of amnesty for illegal aliens" Platform: "Define trespass to include illegal trespass in New Hampshire"

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Judiciary

CACR9, relating to the retirement age for judges.

Providing that the mandatory judicial retirement age shall be increased from 70 to 75. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Increases the age of judicial retirement from 70 to 75.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1115, adding a definition of citizen of New Hampshire. **Maj. OTP/A 0190h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Establishes a statutory definition of "Citizen of New Hampshire" as a citizen of the United States who is domiciled in this state.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1299, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances and establishing that certain biological sex distinctions do not qualify as discrimination. **Maj. OTP/A 0854h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: Bill allows for biological sex to be utilized in 3 circumstances: 1. Multi use bathrooms; 2. Athletic/sporting competitions; 3. Facilities of involuntary commitment. Amendment requires one single use bathroom be available in public buildings.

Principle: Platform: Defend women's sports against biological males & Protect women against biological males in locker rooms.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1313, repealing buffer zones for reproductive health care facilities. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Repeals the buffer zone law for reproductive health care facilities.

Principle: US Const Amend 1: freedom of religion, freedom of speech and right to assemble; NH Const: P1 [Art. 22] Free speech...

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1356, relative to the statute of limitations for bringing a private right of action for violation of the statute prohibiting medical procedures and treatments intended to alter a minor's gender. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Extends the statute of limitations for bringing a private action for violation of the statute prohibiting medical procedures designed to alter a minor's gender from 2 years to 10 years from the date the minor reaches the age of majority.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1384, relative to reporting requirements for persons or entities financing lawsuits. **Maj. OTP/A 0921h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: As amended, this bill prohibits foreign adversaries of concern from financing commercial lawsuits in New Hampshire. The original bill, which the committee did not support, prohibited third party financing of lawsuits if the financier had influence over the settlement approval, and mandated the disclosure of financing amounts.

Principle: Platform: Demand the enforcement of national border security

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1419, establishing a commission to study whether a court with specialized jurisdiction over corporate, commercial, and equitable matters should be established. **Maj. OTP/A 0897h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: As amended, this bill establishes a commission to study the feasibility, benefits, and risks of establishing a business court or an otherwise enhanced business docket with specialized jurisdiction over corporate, commercial, and equitable matters.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1447, restricting the use of certain public and private facilities on the basis of sex and establishing that such restriction does not qualify as discrimination. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: Bill allows for biological sex to be utilized for restrooms, locker rooms, changing areas, and sleeping quarters.

Principle: Platform: Defend women's sports against biological males & Protect women against biological males in locker rooms.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1631, relative to the contents of the attorney general's annual report detailing state forfeiture information for the preceding fiscal year. **Maj. OTP/A 0713h; Min. ITL Vote: 13-5**

HRA Analysis: This bill adds more requirements for the annual report from the attorney general concerning forfeitures of personal property.

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/A

HB1665, relative to the issuance of subpoenas in administrative proceedings. **Maj. OTP/A 0696h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: As amended, this bill provides that in hearings held before administrative agencies both parties have the right to subpoena witnesses and documents to support their respective positions.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

HB1043, relative to employer discretion in offering minimum payment options to employees. **Maj. OTP/A 0386h; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: Modifies a provision, unique to California and NH, that requires employees to be paid a minimum of two hours. While the bill keeps the policy in effect, it allows that an employer policy takes precedence. The amendment clarifies that it should be a "written" policy.

Principle: Platform: Minimize business regulations...

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1072, relative to employer notice of department of labor investigations. **Maj. OTP/A 0534h; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: Requires 30 days notice before the Dept. of Labor inspects a work site, with exceptions for safety related issues. This would bring the law in line with current NHDOL enforcement. The amendment cleans up concerns that the Department had, particularly with respect to involving the NH Attorney General.

Principle: Platform: "Foster an attitude of assistance and cooperation with business" and "Prefer incentives to penalties and issue warnings before fines"

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1245, relative to voluntary portable benefits plans for independent contractors. **Maj. OTP/A 0237h; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: Adopts language being put into place in other states which helps to clarify that an organization can fund benefits for independent contractors without causing them to be reclassified as employees. This would not make any practical changes to NH law as the Department of Labor doesn't now consider this as an employee classification factor. It does, however, send a signal to contracting organizations that this will not make them a target for enforcement'

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1704, permitting public employees to bargain individually with public employers without any intervention. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: Allows a public-sector employee who is in a negotiated bargaining unit to reach a separate agreement with an employer. GOP Leadership's floor amendment 2026-0699h removes criminal penalties for certain Union actions.

Principle: Platform: Uphold the right to join or avoid labor unions without coercion or intimidation

HRA Recommendation: Support motion to amend with 2026-0699h. Support OTP or OTP/A.

Municipal and County Government

HB1066, relative to warrant articles authorizing lease agreements. **Maj. OTP/A 0923h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This amended bill creates a consistent legal framework for municipal leases and ensures that long-term commitments—especially those involving fixtures or building upgrades—receive the same voter protections as other major debt. By requiring a 3/5 supermajority for non-returnable, debt-like leases and preserving simple majority approval for true equipment leases, it strengthens fiscal accountability and safeguards local taxpayers.

Principle: Platform: "Require supermajorities to raise taxes."

HRA Recommendation: Support 2026-0923h. Support OTP/A.

HB1076, relative to authorizing or rescinding the use of electronic ballot counting devices. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 15-3**

HRA Analysis: Gives voters instead of the selectboard the authority to decide if and how many ballot counting machines will be used in their town, adding a missing rescind mechanism to law.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1113, enabling towns to establish a 3-year term for town moderators. **OTP/A 0806h Vote: 12-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill enables towns to establish a 3-year term for town moderators.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1131, relative to the official ballot referendum form of town meetings. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill restores the pre-2019 process for adopting SB 2 by placing the question back on the official election-day ballot, allowing voters to decide the issue through the same accessible procedures used for all other local governance changes. By eliminating the current unique requirement for in-person meeting attendance, it expands voter access, preserves existing safeguards, and reestablishes the practical ability of communities to consider SB 2 as originally intended

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1137, relative to municipal budget committee membership. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-5**

HRA Analysis: This bill clarifies that members of governing bodies, school boards, and village districts serving on budget committees participate in an ex-officio, non-voting role to prevent dual voting on the same warrant articles and uphold one-person-one-vote principles. By aligning municipal statutes with recent cooperative district changes, it strengthens transparency, avoids conflicts of interest, and ensures consistent, voter-centered budget oversight statewide.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1184, relative to the issuance of no trespass orders on municipal or school district property. **OTP/A 0756h Vote: 18-0**

HRA Analysis: This bipartisan bill creates a uniform, transparent process for no-trespass orders on municipal and school property by limiting emergency orders to 72 hours, requiring governing-body approval for any extension, and guaranteeing clear notice, written findings, and prompt hearing rights. It preserves the ability to act swiftly in true emergencies while preventing indefinite or unchecked exclusions from public property through strict duration limits, due-process protections, and mandatory oversight.

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."

HRA Recommendation: Support 2026-0765h. Support Pauer FLAM. Support OTP/A.

HB1195, relative to municipal zoning requirements for child day care providers. **Maj. OTP/A 0724h; Min. OTP/A 0738h Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill defines child care centers for purposes of local zoning requirements and provides that, with limited exception, municipalities shall allow the operation of a child care center by right on commercially or residentially zoned land provided that the center is in compliance with child care licensing requirements of DHHS.

Principle: Platform: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork. Art. 12: Every member of the community has a right to be protected by it, in the enjoyment of his life, liberty, and property.

HRA Recommendation: Support 2026-0724h. Oppose 2026-0738h. Support OTP/A.

HB1213, relative to the number, selection, and terms of town highway agents. **Maj. OTP/A 0408h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: Enables towns decide at the number of highway agents they want, whether elected or appointed, and if terms run 1, 2, or 3 years. By allowing an appointed "expert agent" option, the bill gives municipalities the flexibility to hire a professionally qualified manager when needed, improving oversight, continuity, and technical expertise in highway operations while still preserving full local control.

Principle: Platform: "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits", "Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending" and "Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services"

HRA Recommendation: Support 2026-0408h. Support OTP/A.

HB1224, relative to the default budget for official ballot town meetings. **Maj. OTP/A 0301h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: The amended bill replaces the default-budget formula for SB 2 towns with a clearer, strictly defined calculation that adjusts for one-time costs, eliminated positions, long-term vacancies, and the actual salaries and benefits of filled positions, while reversing transfers used for one-time expenditures. It also creates a narrow exception allowing default budgets to retain funding for actively recruited public-safety vacancies and ultimately aims to make default budgets more transparent, consistent, and resistant to inflation while preserving essential public-safety capacity.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1319, enabling towns, village districts, or school districts to adopt or rescind a local fiscal accountability committee for towns and schools. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill authorizes communities to create an independent Local Fiscal Accountability Committee (FACTS) that reviews budgets, analyzes spending, and offers alternative recommendations to strengthen oversight of municipal and school district finances. By giving voters an objective, elected body modeled on the state's COGE commission, it enhances transparency, identifies efficiencies, and provides a consistent tool for improving fiscal accountability across towns and school districts.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1355, relative to eliminating the default budget from the official ballot referenda. **Maj. OTP/A 0695h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: The amended bill eliminates the default budget system in SB 2 communities and replaces it with a single proposed operating budget that voters consider at both the deliberative session and the official ballot, with a continuation budget or a lower revised budget available only if the proposal fails. Supporters argue this structure restores meaningful voter choice, removes automatic upward pressure on spending, and strengthens accountability by requiring governing bodies to present realistic, defensible budgets.

Principle: Platform: "Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services" and "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits"

HRA Recommendation: Support 2026-0695h. Support OTP/A.

HB1516, requiring municipalities to produce pie charts, bar charts, and QR codes on property tax bills depicting where and how tax dollars are being allocated. **Maj. OTP/A 0610h; Min. ITL Vote: 11-6**

HRA Analysis: The amended bill creates a local option system allowing municipalities to add a link or QR code on year-end tax bills directing residents to detailed, standardized information about municipal, school district, and county spending, including pie charts, 10-year trends, annual reports, meeting minutes, and approved budgets. By giving voters easy access to clear visuals and core documents, the bill offers communities a practical, locally controlled tool to strengthen transparency, and improve taxpayer understanding

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

HRA Recommendation: Support 2026-0610h. Support OTP/A.

HB1526, relative to the adopting of a municipal budget committee and electing members thereof. **Maj. OTP/A 0694h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: The amended bill standardizes how municipalities adopt or rescind budget committees, clarifies the election or appointment of at-large members, and aligns cooperative school district procedures with municipal timelines. It also unifies ballot language and voting rules across traditional town meetings, SB 2 communities, and charter municipalities, improving transparency and ensuring consistent, voter-friendly processes when budget committees are created or changed.

Principle: Platform: "Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services" and "Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending"

HRA Recommendation: Support 2026-0694h. Support OTP/A.

HB1575, relative to the determination of the default budget by the budget committee. **Maj. OTP/A 0294h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: The amended bill clarifies the SB 2 budget process by requiring the municipal budget committee—already responsible for preparing the operating budget warrant article—to also prepare the default budget, ensuring both figures are developed under the same statutory authority. This alignment strengthens consistency and accountability while giving voters clearer, more reliable budget information and reinforcing confidence in the integrity of the default budget process.

Principle: Platform: "Maintain local control of spending and taxes designed to support local services" and "Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending"

HRA Recommendation: Support 2026-0294h. Support OTP/A.

HB1581, requiring municipalities to give notice to property owners when the assessed value of their property changes. **Maj. OTP/A 0597h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: Creates local option to require that property owners receive a mailed notice within 14 days whenever their property's assessed value changes by more than \$1,000, except during a full town-wide revaluation year, ensuring taxpayers are not caught off-guard by unexpected assessment and resultant tax increases. It also standardizes how towns and cities adopt or rescind this option via the official ballot.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Public Works and Highways

HB2026, relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement plan. **OTP/A 0863h Vote: 13-0**

HRA Analysis: Base Bill adopts the Governor's 10-yr transportation plan. The amendment adds a \$6 million dollar protect for construction in 2033

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Science, Technology and Energy

HB1721, relative to limiting new system enrollment and adjusting compliance payments under the renewable portfolio standard program. **Maj. OTP/A 0514h; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill limits the future renewable energy certificates (RECs) and caps their duration to 20 years. It mandates reduction in alternative compliance payments as REC availability declines. This gradually reduces the requirement for utilities to purchase renewable power, returning it to a market based commodity.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

HB1723, requiring utilities and electric grid operators to assess and report the vulnerability of high-voltage transformers to geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances, and to recommend mitigation measures to protect the state electric infrastructure. **Maj. OTP/A 0935h; Min. ITL Vote: 13-3**

HRA Analysis: This bill directs the Department of Energy to investigate vulnerabilities of high voltage transformers to geomagnetic and electromagnetic disturbances and report findings with recommendations.

Principle: Platform: Support policies that encourage R&D of our energy resources....

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HCR13, requesting Congress to call a constitutional convention relative to implementing term limits for elected members of both houses of Congress. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 12-5**

HRA Analysis: This House Concurrent Resolution supports NH's interest in a Convention of States to propose a US Constitutional Amendment to implement term limits for Congressional Representatives and Senators.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HR26, supporting peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. **Maj. OTP/A 0849h; Min. ITL Vote: 15-1**

HRA Analysis: HR supporting a member who comes from Congo

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HR36, urging the federal government to accept cash at all points of service. **Maj. OTP/A 0394h; Min. ITL Vote: 14-1**

HRA Analysis: HR supporting a member concerned about paying cash for entrance to National Parks

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HR39, recognizing and celebrating the enduring relationship between the state of New Hampshire and Canada. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 14-1**

HRA Analysis: HR encouraging comity between N.H. and Canada.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Transportation

HB1178, relative to permissible window tinting on motor vehicles. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: The bill directs the NHDOT commissioner to establish testing and measurement procedures for window tinting. It also allows the commissioner may also waive the requirements of RSA 266:58-a and issue a special permit to a person who for bona fide medical reasons requires after market tinting on.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1252, requiring the department of motor vehicles to only administer the skills test for commercial driver's licenses in English and prohibiting the support of an interpreter for the administration of the skills test for commercial driver's licenses. **Maj. OTP/A 1010h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: Requires that commercial drivers tests be administered in English and prohibits interpreters during the administration of both the knowledge and skills tests.

Principle: Platform: Oppose so-called 'sanctuary' policies that inhibit the enforcement of federal immigration law

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

Ways and Means

CACR18, relating to tax rates. Providing that the rate of taxes in the state shall not exceed certain annual percentages. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: Neither New Hampshire, nor its political subdivisions, shall increase spending in excess of a four-year moving average of inflation, up to two and one-half percent maximum.

Principle: Platform: Limit the growth of state spending to not more than the rate of inflation plus population growth.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1068, relative to the meaning of "hotel" as it pertains to meals and rooms taxation. **Maj. OTP/A 0691h; Min. ITL Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Clarifies that someone staying in hotel more than 30 days, such as temporary medical workers, are considered "residents" and not subject to room and meals taxes beyond 30 days. Currently a refund has to be requested

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1194, relative to credits for assessments paid by insurers. **Maj. OTP/A 0799h; Min. Int. study Vote: 16-1**

HRA Analysis: Insurance companies pay into a industry disaster fund covering very large losses. The bill gives insurers additional time to replenish the losses, preventing short term spikes in premiums.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1597, relative to business profits tax expense deductions. **Maj. OTP; Min. ITL Vote: 13-6**

HRA Analysis: The IRS now allows accelerated depreciation of \$2.5 million. NH allows \$500k. The bill will bring NH tax code in line with IRS, encouraging economic growth in NH, deferring taxes and improving cash flow

Principle: Platform: Cut or eliminate taxes which inhibit enterprise, earnings and savings and investment

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP/A

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Children and Family Law

HB518, requiring the commissioner of the department of health and human services to provide a detailed annual report of all costs incurred by the division for children, youth and families. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 13-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires the Comm of the DHHS to provide a detailed annual report of all costs incurred by the DCYF. Monthly reports are currently available.

Principle: Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1377, allowing parents to make alternative caregiver arrangements for their children without transferring guardianship. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows parents to make alternative caregiver arrangements of 2 years in duration for their children without transferring guardianship.

Principle: Platform: Maintain the fundamental role and responsibility of both parents in the care, upbringing and discipline of their children.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Commerce and Consumer Affairs

HB1146, relative to subscription fees for motor vehicle features. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP/A 0457h Vote: 11-4**

HRA Analysis: This bill prohibits motor vehicle manufacturers, dealers, and their agents from offering or requiring subscription fees for the activation or use of certain motor vehicle features that are already installed at the time of sale or lease. This does not include services involving external cellular, satellite, wireless, internet, or other off-vehicle network connectivity.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

CACR19, relative to the personal possession of cannabis. Providing that adults 21 years of age or older shall have the right to possess a modest amount of cannabis intended for their personal consumption. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-2**

HRA Analysis: Legalizes cannabis for those 21 years or older. This would providing a right that is still against federal law.

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

HB1034, relative to possession of firearms on school property. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: Prohibits carrying a firearm on school property.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1049, relative to storage requirements for firearms. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: Requires firearms to be securely stored when not in use and that a locking safety device accompany all private and commercial firearms transactions and increases penalty of negligent storage from a \$1k fine to a misdemeanor.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1061, establishing a commission to study alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders who are primary caregivers. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: Establishes a commission to study the feasibility of allowing nonviolent offenders who are primary caregivers to serve their sentences in alternative ways to incarceration.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1084, relative to the relinquishment of deadly weapons by those subject to a domestic violence protective order. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: Modifies the process for when a domestic violence order of protection is issued requiring the respondent to relinquish deadly weapons. Also requires a search for weapons, even if there's no probable cause.

Principle: US Constitution Fourth Amendment: no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause...

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1142, relative to requirements for law enforcement officers assisting in immigration enforcement. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: Requires any law enforcement officer that is participating in the federal 287(g) program to identify themselves by name, badge number, agency and to remain unmasked. There is no exception for religious coverings.

Principle: NH Constitution [Art.] 5. Every individual has a natural and unalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience & Platform: Demand the enforcement of national border security and immigration laws.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1235, legalizing certain quantities of cannabis. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 8-5**

HRA Analysis: This bill authorizes the possession and use of cannabis by a person 21 years of age or older.

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

HB1302, relative to post-arrest photograph distribution by law enforcement officers. **ITL Vote: 7-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill prohibits the release of post-arrest photographs for nonviolent offenses.

Principle: NH Constitution [Art.] 8. ...the public's right of access to governmental proceedings and records shall not be unreasonably restricted.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1364, requiring quarterly reports from counties, municipalities, or any other political subdivisions of the state that enter into certain agreements with the federal government concerning assistance with federal immigration enforcement. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 7-5**

HRA Analysis: Requires any political subdivision that has entered into an agreement with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement federal 287(g) program to submit a quarterly report to the attorney general.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Education Funding

HB1824, relative to school district financial distress. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill authorizes the Comm of the Dept of Ed with the affirmation of the joint legislative fiscal committee, to enter into loan agreements with financially insolvent school districts. Authorizes municipalities to provide financially insolvent school districts with assistance from municipal funds. Establishes the school district adequacy revolving loan fund.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HR40, urging the legislature to adequately fund public education. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: This resolution urges the legislature to adequately fund public education.

Principle: Part 2 Art 38 Provided,, nevertheless, that no money raised by taxation shall ever be granted or applied for the use of schools....

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Education Policy and Administration

HB1212, establishing a commission to review draft rules related to minimum standards for public school approval and state academic standards developed by the department of education. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0768h Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: Creates a commission to review all drafts of education rules related to minimum standards for public school approval and state academic standards.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1280, establishing a commission to study public school open enrollment. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0937h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Establishes a commission to study public school open enrollment & suspends open enrollment until it's complete.

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 ITL

HB1334, removing the authority of the education freedom accounts scholarship organization to make decisions about certain educational expenses. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Removes the authority of the education freedom accounts scholarship organization to make decisions about certain educational expenses.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1401, amending the meaning of scholarship organization as it pertains to education freedom accounts. **Maj. Int. study; Min. ITL Vote: 13-4**

HRA Analysis: Allows the department of education to select for-profit scholarship organizations.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1513, relative to reporting and transparency reports for the education freedom account program. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Establishes reporting requirements for the scholarship organization responsible for education freedom accounts.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1804, consolidating school administrative units, making chief school administrator jobs an elected position, and defining education roles. **Maj. Int. study; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Consolidates the authority and duties of school administrative units.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1823, requiring every school, school district, and school administrative unit to produce independent audits and financial reports to be posted publicly and sent to the department of education and the department of revenue administration. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0397h Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: Requires every school, school district, and school administrative unit to produce independent audits and financial reports

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Election Law

HB1201, requiring certain political committees to disclose the identity of their donors. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0269h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill raises serious donor privacy concerns by requiring nonprofit political committees to publicly disclose donor identities, which could have a chilling effect on their activities. It would also impose new administrative and compliance burdens—particularly on smaller nonprofits with limited resources—without clear evidence that existing law is inadequate.

Principle: Constitution: "Art. 2-b. An individual's right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information is natural, essential, and inherent"

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1277, relative to proof of identification on absentee ballot applications. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0987h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: The majority of the committee had concerns that relying solely on a written identification number would weaken an important safeguard currently used to verify voter identity. A numeric identifier alone is easier to obtain, share, or misuse than a copy of an identification document.

Principle: Platform: "support the requirement to produce positive identification upon both registering and voting"

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1391, establishing a commission to study the implementation of a single ballot primary election. **Maj. ITL; Min. Int. study Vote: 11-5**

HRA Analysis: The bill sought to establish a single ballot primary study commission.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Executive Departments and Administration

CACR26, the powers of the governor. the governor shall not call up the national guard without the approval of the executive council. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 13-3**

HRA Analysis: This CACR would give the executive council a veto on the governor deploying the NH National Guard. Structurally, the CACR does not prevent the council from preemptively stopping all or some deployments for a full term, and has questionable applicability to Defend the Guard as it was heard in committee that the federal government mobilizes the Guard for overseas operations.

Principle: No platform or Constitutional Issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1180, updating the definition of the state building code to include the International Energy Conservation Code 2024. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-6**

HRA Analysis: NH stays one implementation cycle behind other states to allow early adopters to find the problems in the codes and to preemptively amend the codes to smooth implementation. This bill would leapfrog NH to the latest code as the second state to adopt the 2024 Energy Code. Builders are free to exceed code requirements, so this is not necessary for the construction of highly efficient homes.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1320, establishing a study committee to analyze past, present, and potential funding sources for the New Hampshire state council on the arts. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 8-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill creates a committee to study ways to raise funds for the arts, something legislators can do without a study committee.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1609, limiting the use of state, county, and municipal funds and property for construction and operation of certain immigrant detention facilities. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0207h Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: This anti-ICE bill would prevent communities and the state from entering into some agreements with the federal government. Strafford County demonstrated that local control on this issue works.

Principle: Anti-platform: enforce border security; oppose sanctuary policies; support immigration enforcement.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Finance

HB1399, making an appropriation to the Claremont school district for costs associated with a building renovation project from the revenue stabilization reserve account. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0816h Vote: 14-11**

HRA Analysis: This bill is a \$5,000,000 bail-out for Claremont, ostensibly for the purpose of reimbursing the district for part of the cost of the renovations to Stevens High School completed in 2015 during the building aid moratorium.

Principle: Platform: "government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible" & "Promote accountability and transparency in education"

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1411, directing the state treasurer to withhold payments owed by the state to the federal government where the state has been deprived of federal aid as a result of presidential executive order. **Maj. ITL; Min. Int. study Vote: 14-11**

HRA Analysis: This bill seeks to create a tit for tat retaliatory framework, withholding stat payments to the federal government if money the state believes it is due are withheld for any reason.

Principle: US Constitution: Section. 10. No State shall ... pass any law impairing the obligation of contracts

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1750, making a supplemental appropriation to the department of health and human services for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 14-11**

HRA Analysis: The Federal government reduced funding of administrative support for States' SNAP programs. This bill would appropriate General funds (to the tune of \$4.4 million) to replace the lost Federal money.

Principle: Platform: Limit the growth of State spending.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

HB1179, relative to minimum nursing home staffing standards. **Maj. ITL; Min. Int. study Vote: 11-7**

HRA Analysis: Establishes minimum nurse staffing standards for nursing homes

Principle: Platform: Minimize business regulations

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1316, restricting the collection and disclosure of autism-related data by state agencies. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Places restrictions on sharing autism data, but HIPAA and FERPA already protect such data, so this seems unnecessary

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1760, repealing the directive that the department of health and human services seek a waiver to establish pharmacy copayment and premium requirements under the state Medicaid plan and making an appropriation therefor. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Reverses federal changes that require copays and premiums under Medicaid. Increases state spending on welfare programs.

Principle: Platform: "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1794, directing the department of health and human services to identify the impact of Medicaid changes on New Hampshire residents' access to health care. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill directs DHSS to identify in a report the impact of state and federal Medicaid changes on New Hampshire residents' access to health care.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues.

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1796, allowing the use of psilocybin in approved clinical settings to treat qualified medical conditions. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows the use of psilocybin in approved clinical settings to treat qualified medical conditions.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Housing

CACR16, relating to property. Providing that individuals may sleep on property they own or have a legal right to occupy. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Constitutional amendment allowing individuals to sleep on property they own (private property) or can lawfully occupy (public property) subject to the availability of water, sewer and other general constraints.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1008, relative to modifying innovative land use controls, requirements, and appeals. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0149h Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Modifies innovative land use controls and appeal processes. Expands state involvement in municipal land-use regulation and could affect local control and property development rights depending on implementation.

Principle: NH Constitution: Art. 2 – property rights

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1017, relative to accessory dwelling units and workforce housing. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0289h Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Expands accessory dwelling units and workforce housing mandates. May reduce local zoning authority and impose statewide requirements affecting property owners and municipalities.

Principle: NH Constitution: Art. 2 – property rights & Platform: "Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork"

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1136, relative to accessory dwelling units. **ITL Vote: 17-0**

HRA Analysis: Addresses accessory dwelling unit regulations. Restricts property owners rights / likely would permit the imposition of local zoning requirements to restrict land use for ADUs permitted by existing law

Principle: NH Constitution: Art. 2 – acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; Platform: "Recognize that private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely use and enjoy their property."

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1145, relative to affordable housing investment fees. **Maj. ITL; Min. Int. study Vote: 11-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill would authorize municipalities to adopt ordinances imposing "affordable housing investment fees", which are effectively taxes on new construction. This would further raise housing construction costs, decreasing supply and affordability.

Principle: Platform: oppose new taxes and fees

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1171, relative to eviction safeguards for tenants whose Social Security payments are disrupted. **Maj. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Adds eviction protections when Social Security payments are delayed. While intended to protect vulnerable tenants, the bill potentially alters private lease enforcement and property owners' contractual rights.

Principle: Platform: protect liberty of citizens and property rights

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1218, relative to the disclosure of rights and responsibilities during the sale of a mobile home in a mobile home park. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0596h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Requires additional disclosures during mobile home sales in parks. This creates additional regulatory requirements on property transactions and park owners and reduces park property owner rights.

Principle: NH Constitution: Art. 2 – acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; Platform: “Recognize that private property owners are the most effective land stewards and have a fundamental right to freely use and enjoy their property.”
Platform: minimize business regulations and paperwork

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1343, allowing remote and hybrid meetings for the governing body of the organization of unit owners. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Allows remote or hybrid meetings for condominium or association governing bodies. Primarily administrative; promotes flexibility

Principle: No platform or constitutional issue identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1357, permitting in all residentially zoned areas by right the placement of newly constructed manufactured homes. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP Vote: 16-1**

HRA Analysis: Requires municipalities to permit manufactured homes in all residential zones by right. While intended to increase housing supply, it may override municipal zoning authority and local planning decisions.

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.”

HRA Recommendation: Support Interim Study

HB1375, prohibiting landlords from charging more than one application fee per tenant every 12 months. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0421h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Limits landlords to charging only one application fee per tenant per year. Establishes price controls on private rental market transactions and may interfere with property owners’ ability to manage tenant screening costs.

Principle: Platform: minimize business regulation

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1432, relative to electric utility rate classification and cost allocation for condominium associations. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Changes electric utility rate classifications for condominium associations. Raises potential concerns regarding regulatory intervention in utility pricing structures and market allocation of costs.

Principle: Platform: government should be cost-effective / minimize regulatory interference in markets

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1613, directing the department of business and economic affairs to produce a report detailing methods to increase lending practices for housing developments that help persons with disabilities. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0623h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Requires a state study on expanding lending practices for housing developments serving persons with disabilities. Primarily a research/reporting requirement with minimal direct constitutional impact.

Principle: Platform: limit growth of government spending / justify expenditures against measurable benefits

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1660, relative to municipal credit enhancement agreements and tax increment financing for priority housing development. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Expands municipal credit enhancement and tax increment financing mechanisms for housing development. These programs can shift tax burdens or expand municipal financial commitments, raising questions about government spending priorities.

Principle: NH Constitution [Art.] 10. Government being instituted for the common benefitand not for the private interest or emolument of one class of men;

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Judiciary

CACR20, relating to the power of the supreme and superior courts. Providing that such power is repealed. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 16-2**

HRA Analysis: Repeals article 72-a of the second part of the constitution, which vests judicial power in the supreme court, the superior court, and lower courts as established by the legislature

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

CACR23, relative to legislative oversight of the judicial branch. establishing legislative oversight of the judicial branch. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: Establishes a legislative oversight commission to oversee and recommend discipline for members of the judicial branch.

Principle: Platform: Support the people’s oversight of the Judiciary through their elected Legislature

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL; Support OTP

CACR25, relative to the right to marry. Providing that the right to marry is a fundamental civil right and that the state shall protect the right of every individual, regardless of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or race, to marry and to have their marriage legally recognized. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-7**

HRA Analysis: Requires that the state recognize the right to marry between two individuals regardless of sex, sexual orientation, race, or gender identity.

Principle: Platform: We believe that traditional families are the foundation of strong communities

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

CACR29, Relating to the supreme court.

Providing that the supreme court may not make rules that have the force and effect of law. **without recommendation Vote: 10-10**

HRA Analysis: This CACR amends Part 2, Article 73-a of the Constitution by removing the sentence “The rules so promulgated shall have the force and effect of law.” The sentence in question was added to the Constitution in 1978 without being part of the question presented to voters or the voters’ guide.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1032, creating an exception to physical attendance and quorum requirements under the right-to-know law for individuals with disabilities and individuals caring for a household member with disabilities. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0495h Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: Removes in person attendance requirements under RSA 91-A for individuals with disabilities or individuals caring for those with disabilities.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1297, relative to property owned pursuant to the public trust doctrine. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 12-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill is intended to prevent a person from acquiring property owned pursuant to the public trust doctrine from being adversely possessed, however the bill contains no definition of what the public trust doctrine means or what properties would be subject to it.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1389, relative to PFAS facility liability. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0855h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes strict liability for PFAS without regard to fault, knowledge, or intent, and applies to persons who owned or operated a facility at the time of a release, potentially decades in the past, before regulatory standards existed: current and former owners face substantial exposure, and redevelopment purchasers would assume significant risk.

Principle: NH Constitution Part 1, Art 23: Retrospective laws are highly injurious, oppressive, and unjust. No such laws, therefore, should be made, either for the decision of civil causes, or the punishment of offenses.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1416, prohibits certain government regulations regarding pregnancy resource centers in connection with abortion and contraception service offerings. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0916h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Prohibits the state, state agencies or subdivisions, or any municipality from adopting certain regulations regarding abortion and contraception service offerings, in connection with pregnancy resource centers.

Principle: Platform: Encourage individuals and organizations who provide alternatives to abortion by meeting the needs of mothers through adoption, support, counseling and educational services...

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL; Support OTP/A

HB1456, repealing the legislature's declaration of authority over public education. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: Repeals last year’s HB 2 language stating that the legislature has the constitutional responsibility for education funding.

Principle: Part 2 Art 38 Provided,, nevertheless, that no money raised by taxation shall ever be granted or applied for the use of schools....

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1590, harmonizing the age of personhood under the criminal code and the fetal life protection act. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 13-4**

HRA Analysis: Amends the fetal life protection act to match the existing statutory age of fetal personhood to be the end of 20 weeks of gestation as previously established in the homicide statutes to resolve Constitutional conflicts with Articles 2 and 16 of the NH Constitution.

Principle: NH Constitution [Art2] Right to Life; [Art.] 16. ...Nor shall the Legislature make any law that shall subject any person to a capital punishment... without trial by jury & Platform: Support the pre-born child’s fundamental right to life and personhood.

HRA Recommendation: Oppose ITL; Support OTP

HB1593, relative to nondiscrimination due to disability. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP Vote: 11-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill codifies the language of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 into state law.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1702, relative to notice requirements and enforcement for pharmacies dispensing medications intended to induce chemical abortions. **ITL Vote: 17-0**

HRA Analysis: Requires medical facilities and pharmacies that provides chemical abortion drugs to post a notice regarding the potential reversibility of mifepristone. Concern raised regarding compelled speech.

Principle: US Constitution, 1st Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

HB1177, adding a definition to the labor laws regarding remote work and defining the nature of such employment. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: The bill attempts to create a new regulatory structure for remote workers. Under current law, remote workers have all the same protections that on-site employees have. The bill's language would create pitfalls for employers and might eliminate, or at least discourage, NH employees from working from home.

Principle: Platform: Minimize business regulations

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1188, relative to noncompete agreements for low-wage employees. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0612h Vote: 11-9**

HRA Analysis: The bill would dramatically expand NH's existing law regarding non-compete agreements. The sponsor drew from a National reform effort without considering NH case law or the efforts of prior legislatures to create what is currently in place.

Principle: Platform: Minimize business regulations

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Legislative Administration

HB1359, relative to municipal association lobbying dues. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes the requirements for a municipality or school district to appropriate or expend public funds for membership in any municipal association, including the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1360, establishing a legislative commission on municipal association oversight. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 9-1**

HRA Analysis: This bil establishes a legislative commission for NHMA oversight.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Municipal and County Government

HB1027, subjecting appropriations of local conservation commissions to the approval of local governing bodies. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0425h Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: This bill subjects appropriations of local conservation commissions to the approval of local governing bodies.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1273, enabling municipal support and incentives for residential flood resilience improvements. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 12-5**

HRA Analysis: This bill enables additional municipal taxation for residential flood resilience funds and improvements.

Principle: Platform: Strongly oppose new taxes and fees.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1383, relative to methods for overriding local tax caps. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill removes the requirement that a municipality or district must vote by official ballot to override a local tax cap.

Principle: Platform: Strongly oppose new taxes and fees & Require supermajorities to raise taxes.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1434, enabling municipalities to vote to allow the sale of Keno. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires municipalities to 'opt in' rather than 'opt out' (current procedure) of permitting Keno in their community.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Public Works and Highways

HB1543, relative to the transfer of state-owned real property to municipalities. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-3**

HRA Analysis: This bill adds additional procedural and technical requirements before the state could transfer a class'S or class II highway to a municipality.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Resources, Recreation and Development

HB1258, relative to per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and public health data. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0796h Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: The bill directs the NHDES publish on its public website the results of all PFAS sampling and testing conducted, received, or compiled by the department

Principle: Platform: "Always limit spending and growth of government" & "Justify expenditures against measurable benefits"

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Science, Technology and Energy

HB1028, relative to the definition of renewable generation facility. **ITL Vote: 15-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill ineffectively attempts to amend the definition of a renewable energy facility with respect to payments in lieu of taxes.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1722, relative to consumer protections and energy classifications for large-use electric facilities. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill directs the public utilities commission (PUC) to develop a separate rate structure beyond commercial/industrial for new large scale energy users and establish different tariff rates. New facilities already must pay for interconnection and system upgrades.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1724, relative to public transparency of electric utility retail charges and cost reporting for transmission, wholesale electricity, capacity, and generation adequacy. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0737h Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires utilities to publish an new annual report of information already available in ISO-NE, NH DOE, NH PUC reports.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1745, relative to the allocation of public utility costs to ratepayers. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0732h Vote: 12-6**

HRA Analysis: This bill prohibits utilities from recovering certain legal, trade association and business advertising costs currently adjudicated as just and reasonable by the PUC.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

HCR12, calling upon the federal delegation from New Hampshire to support Medicare for All, a universal health insurance program that guarantees all people the health care they need. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-6**

HRA Analysis: Partisan measure calling for universal health insurance.

Principle: Platform: "Support repeal of ObamaCare and oppose its implementation in New Hampshire"

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HR23, affirming the importance of digital literacy and access for older Americans. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-7**

HRA Analysis: Partisan measure calling to educate and engage older citizens re:computers and internet access and utilization

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HR34, declaring that Sharia law and political Islam represent an existential threat to the state and country and that any deference to Sharia law by a government institution is prohibited. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP Vote: 13-3**

HRA Analysis: This measure seeks to raise awareness about perceived threats of Islamism

Principle: Platform: Take any and all actions possible to protect against the implementation of any part of Sharia law in New Hampshire, including legislation outlawing Sharia law

HRA Recommendation: Oppose IS; Support OTP

HR37, recognizing the United Nations universal declaration of human rights and urging the responsible and moral oversight of and accountability for military equipment used by international allies especially in Gaza. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-6**

HRA Analysis: This measure seems to assign moral equivalence between the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks and the Israeli response

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Transportation

HB1075, classifying recreational vehicles as a motor vehicle in the context of new vehicle arbitration proceedings. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 0988h Vote: 9-7**

HRA Analysis: Administrative change that to include recreational vehicles to New Motor Vehicle Arbitration law. Amendment adds motor home to definition of RVs

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1165, relative to gender designation on state-issued identification. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-5**

HRA Analysis: The identification cards issued by NH, including driver's licenses, shall use only male or female as gender identifiers.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Ways and Means

HB1144, amending the excavation tax rate. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 11-8**

HRA Analysis: The bill doubles the tax (\$0.02/cu yd to \$0.04/cu yd) on earth or gravel removed.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1420, creating a temporary local newspaper advertisement tax credit. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP/A 0889h Vote: 15-3**

HRA Analysis: This bill creates a new temporary (3 Year) tax credit for broadcast and print media. Rationale: reporting of local news is struggling with advertising dollars going to social media (Facebook) that doesn't pay for beat reporters.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1559, increases the percentage allocation of New Hampshire's gaming revenue to problem gaming services. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 12-7**

HRA Analysis: Funding for problem gaming has just been established in HB-2 at 0.25% of VLT revenue. There is no evidence that this level of funding is inadequate or needs to be increased to 1%.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1708, relative to statewide education property taxes and other tax revenues. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 12-7**

HRA Analysis: The bill increases BPT from 7.5% to 8.5%. Wrong direction.

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

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Removed from Consent Calendar

Election Law

HB1223, relative to the moderator's authority to verify the device count during an election. **ITL Vote: 17-0**

HRA Analysis: NH Constitution Part II Art 32 states that the moderator shall sort and count the vote and make no mention of machines. RSA 656:40 mandates the use of machines if they are purchased while unconstitutionally removing the moderator's authority to spot-check the machine results to ensure accuracy. HB1223 makes RSA656:40 constitutionally compliant by restoring the moderator's authority and role to verify machine accuracy, if they deem it necessary, and it also lays out a simple and transparent procedure for reporting vote count discrepancies found by the moderator, if any.

Principle: NH Constitution Part 2 [Art. 32] ... moderator.... shall, in said meetings, in presence of the said selectmen, and of the town or city clerk, in said meetings, sort and count the said votes....

HRA Recommendation: Oppose Table; Oppose ITL; Support OTP