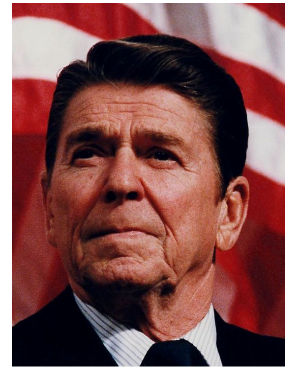


House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet



"Trust but Verify"

The purpose of the House Republican Alliance is to preserve and strengthen the traditional principles and values of the Republican Party through the NH House of Representatives and throughout the state of NH, including fiscal restraint, personal freedom and responsibility, small government, free enterprise and strong families. We offer the following recommendations based on those principles, the Republican Party Platform and the NH and Federal Constitutions.

Thursday, March 26, 2026
Regular Calendar

Finance

HB112, (New Title) requiring students in the university and community college systems of New Hampshire to pass the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services civics naturalization test, take a course that covers fundamental American documents as part of the general education curriculum, or pass a civics course competency test. **Maj. OTP/A 3095h; Min. ITL; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: The bill as amended requires that students graduating from a college or community college should have some very basic civics knowledge.

Principle: Platform: Emphasize knowledge attainment and academic achievement

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB629, (New Title) raising the cost of a boat decal fee and allocating the funds collected by such fees to the dam maintenance fund. **OTP/A 2953h Vote: 15-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill seeks to raise revenue for the NH dam maintenance fund. An additional \$5 added to the boat decal fee will collect money from the beneficiaries of the recreational opportunities offered by NH lakes.

Principle: Platform: Provide public access to all ... great ponds; Strongly oppose new taxes and fees; Support policies that encourage ... development of our energy resources including ... hydroelectric power....

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB1130, relative to judicial performance evaluations. **Maj. OTP/A 1099h; Min. ITL; Min. ITL Vote: 13-12**

HRA Analysis: This bill strengthens the evaluation of judges, by adding in-court observation and statistical analysis of case processing times. It requires judicial evaluations be publicly available. The amendment provides that the commentary contained in evaluations shall not be published in order to accommodate the legitimate concern that such commentary may be slanderous.

Principle: Platform: Expand openness and transparency

HRA Recommendation: Support AM 1099h; Support OTP/A

HB1421, modifying title exemptions for motor vehicles manufactured before the year 2000. **OTP Vote: 25-0**

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

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1457, relative to natural organic reduction of human remains. **OTP Vote: 25-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill allows for the natural organic reduction of human remains and provides regulation for the practice.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

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HB1458, (New Title) relative to the licensing of massage establishments and massage, reflexology, structural integration, and Asian bodywork facilities. **OTP/A 1188h Vote: 25-0**

HRA Analysis: As amended, the bill will require the operator of a facility offering massage or bodywork services to be licensed and to obtain a proprietor license after providing a taxpayer ID number and passing a state police background check for sexual crimes, kidnapping, and human trafficking.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1469, (New Title) relative to the licensing requirements for massage therapy establishments. **OTP/A 0615h Vote: 13-1**

HRA Analysis: This bill requires that massage establishments be licensed through the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC). The advisory board and office are responsible for establishing rules for the license.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

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

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

Principle: Platform: Strongly oppose new taxes and fees

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

HB1483, creating a motor vehicle license plate for amateur radio operators. **OTP/A 0163h Vote: 15-0**

HRA Analysis: Reestablishes special plates for amateur radio operators. Space available, the call sign is shown on the plate. This is in service to the public interest that these individuals offer in the event of an emergency.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1492, (New Title) relative to the regulation and appeal of motor vehicle towing from public highways and prohibiting the division of motor vehicles from suspending a license on the basis of debt owed to a private entity related to the towing or storing of a motor vehicle. **OTP Vote: 25-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill authorizes the department of safety to oversee and set fees for towing and wrecker services on state highways. It establishes an appeals process for fee disputes. As amended, it removes the ability for the DMV to suspend an individual's drivers license due to not paying a towing debt.

Principle: [Art.] 18. All penalties ought to be proportioned to the nature of the offense. & [Art.] 10. Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men...

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1555, relative to the administration and enforcement of the state fire code. **OTP/A 0668h Vote: 14-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill will provide greater pathways for appeals of decisions and facilitate greater code flexibility when fire codes change.

Principle: Platform: Remove barriers to business formation

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1563, relative to the special education aid formula. **OTP/A 1086h Vote: 25-0**

HRA Analysis: As amended instead of providing special ed aid for \$50k or more, it now provides it at 2.5x the average per pupil. This bill modifies the required state aid for special education. The proposed formula changes aim to place greater fiscal responsibility at the district level.

Principle: Platform: Promote local control of education policy and funding; & Return educational funding and policy to the people at the local level.

HRA Recommendation: Support AM 1086h; Support OTP/A

HB1571, requiring the department of education to review statewide academic standards and curriculum and making an appropriation therefor. **OTP/A 0900h Vote: 25-0**

HRA Analysis: As amended, this bill directs the Department of Education to revise the academic standards for math, English, and science beginning in June 2026 and then every 10 years.

Principle: Platform: Emphasize knowledge attainment and academic achievement

HRA Recommendation: Support AM 0900h; Support OTP/A

HB1576, relative to the enforcement of criminal restitution obligations. **OTP/A 0366h Vote: 13-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill modernizes the enforcement of criminal restitution obligations

Principle: [Art]2: All men have certain natural, essential and inherent rights - among these are ... acquiring, possessing and protecting property....

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1602, creating a safe battery recycling stewardship program. **OTP/A 0405h Vote: 14-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended creates a battery recycling stewardship program. FLAM: 1242h fixes many of the errors identified in finance committee.

Principle: Conflicting Platform Issues: Minimize business regulations, permits, licenses and paperwork; Strongly oppose new ...fees; Promote conservation of ...sensitive ecosystems; Require all ... infrastructure projects ... be constructed in a manner which does not negatively impact New Hampshire's natural beauty and personal property values.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience

HB1633, expanding the information provided to survivors of sexual assault regarding their existing rights. **OTP Vote: 12-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill expands the information provided to survivors of sexual assault regarding their existing rights.

Principle: [Art]14: Every subject of this State is entitled to a certain remedy ... for all injuries he may receive in his person

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1705, establishing an employee assistance program for small town and volunteer first responders and making an appropriation therefor. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP/A 0531h; Min. OTP/A 1202h Vote: 14-10**

HRA Analysis: This bill would direct the State Employee Assistance Program to also service small town or volunteer first responders. The intent is to provide critical support for emergency workers whose employer might be too small to provide it.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

HB1775, relative to utility ownership of natural gas and nuclear power generation facilities. **Maj. OTP/A 0594h; Min. ITL; Min. ITL Vote: 11-6**

HRA Analysis: Enabling bill that permits utility ownership of small scale (< 5 MW) nuclear and gas power production as exists for solar already. Total investment may not exceed 10% of the utilities' distribution capacity in MW. Encourages entrepreneurial investment and development.

Principle: Platform: Support policies that encourage research and development of our energy resources, including natural gas, hydroelectric power, nuclear energy and new technologies

HRA Recommendation: Support OTP

HB1809, authorizing the medical use of psilocybin through a program established in the department of health and human services. **OTP Vote: 18-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill authorizes the medical use of psilocybin through a program established in the department of health and human services, costing an unfunded \$250,000. With the minority amendment, this bill would establish an advisory board to evaluate the potential of psilocybin to treat PTSD, depression, and substance-use disorder and defers the board's start until the next biennium.

Principle: Platform: Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

Ways and Means

HB1542, (New Title) allowing alternative compliance payments to the renewable energy fund to be refunded to ratepayers on a per kilowatt hour basis. **Maj. OTP/A 1085h; Min. ITL; Min. ITL Vote: 10-8**

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

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

HRA Recommendation: Support AM 1085h; Support OTP/A

HB1655, establishing a funding source for maintaining state owned dams. **without recommendation Vote: 9-9**

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

Principle: Platform: Provide public access to all ... great ponds; Strongly oppose new taxes and fees; Support policies that encourage ... development of our energy resources including ... hydroelectric power....

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL; Oppose OTP