

House Republican Alliance Recommendation Sheet

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



"Trust but Verify"

Thursday, May 7, 2026
Regular Calendar

Education Funding

SB513, requiring schools to engage an owner's project manager for construction of school building aid projects at the time of application.

OTP/A 1586h Vote: 17-0

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended requires engaging an independent owner's project manager for any school construction/renovation project of greater than \$2M.

Principle: Platform: We believe ... that the government has a moral obligation to the people to be as cost effective as possible & Work with municipalities to streamline planning & Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTPA

SB531, establishing a task force to study the feasibility of the creation of cosmetology related programming in Coos County. **Maj. OTP/A 1704h; Min. OTP/A 1762h Vote: 9-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes a task force to study creation of a Coos County cosmetology program. As amended it establishes career and technical programs within the UNH and Community College system and requires school systems to report the aggregate debt associated with food and nutrition services.

Principle: Platform: Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending & Promote accountability and transparency in education.

HRA Recommendation: Support OTPA

Environment and Agriculture

SB442, relative to pet transfers. **OTP Vote: 13-0**

HRA Analysis: This bill corrects terminology in RSA 437:8 to be internally consistent; "health certificate" is now "official certificate of transfer".

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Executive Departments and Administration

SB669, relative to on-premises licenses for licensed barbershops and salons. **Maj. Int. study; Min. OTP/A 1563h Vote: 13-3**

HRA Analysis: This bill creates a two tier licensing system for offering alcoholic beverages at barbershops and salons with an increased fee for tier 2 establishments. It requires inspections and reports by the Liquor Commission.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

Finance

SB481, (New Title) relative to the sale of the Sununu youth services center property. **Maj. OTP/A 1503h; Min. OTP/A 1511h Vote: 13-11**

HRA Analysis: This is a housekeeping bill, correcting duplication and conflict created by the current HB2. In HB2, the proceeds from an eventual sale are deposited in either the General Fund or a dedicated fund, depending on the section. This bill eliminates the duplication, with competing amendments picking one or the other destination for received funds.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

SB592, enabling regional, conservation, and energy resource planning for habitat strongholds and wildlife corridors and creating a commission to study transferring ownership of the Winnepesaukee River Basin program to an alternative authority. **OTP/A 1277h Vote: 15-0**

HRA Analysis: The only expense in this bill is a technical director for the Winnepesaukee River basin water program, requested and paid for by the program. There's also a study committee and a minor wording change for existing planning groups.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No Recommendation

SB603, relative to the funding of the SNAP program by the department of health and human services. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP/A 1515h Vote: 13-11**

HRA Analysis: After the passage of our State budget, Federal money for the administration of SNAP was reduced. If we are to maintain the ongoing level of support for this program, we must come up with General Funds to do so. As received from the Senate, this bill explicitly state the process that a Department would use to transfer funds between budget lines. As a result, this bill has no impact on the process. The minority amendment seeks to appropriate all the lost Federal funding as General Funds money, without identifying sources or other cuts.

Principle: Platform: Limit the growth of state spending

HRA Recommendation: Oppose the minority amendment. No platform or constitutional issues with the recommended ITL or OTP without amendment.

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

SB421, (New Title) relative to the membership and duties of the trauma medical review committee and establishing a study committee to review the membership and duties of other boards and an appointment related to emergency medical services. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill modifies the amendment of the trauma medical review committee and establishes a study committee to review the membership and duties of other emergency services boards.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

SB422, relative to membership of the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill adds 2 public members to the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention, one with expertise in gaming addiction and one in long-term recovery. It makes the representative of the state's faith-based community a voting member.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

SB454, requiring the department of health and human services to update existing relevant public health outreach programs by incorporating information to aid public understanding and awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. **OTP Vote: 14-4**

HRA Analysis: This bill directs DHHS to engage in public health outreach regarding Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia.

Principle: No platform or constitutional issues identified

HRA Recommendation: No recommendation

SB501, relative to authorization of seclusion or restraint during a personal safety emergency by a physician, physician associate, or advanced practice registered nurse. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill authorizes a physician associate, or advanced practice registered nurse to order seclusion or restraint during a personal safety emergency without review in 15 minutes by a physician. Currently all seclusion or restraint decisions are subject to after the fact review.

Principle: Platform: Require ... freedom from coercion ... & NH Constitution Part 1 [Art. 15] , due process shall require that clear and convincing evidence that the person is potentially dangerous to himself or to others...

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

SB520, relative to breast surgeries for minors. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill expands the prohibition of breast surgery exceptions for minors to include "unwanted sexual attention, harassment, abuse, physical discomfort, or diminished ability to participate in sports".

Principle: Platform: Require a person attain the age of majority before gender reassignment surgery.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

SB615, (New Title) establishing a commission to study the use and regulation of SNAP in New Hampshire. **Maj. ITL; Min. OTP Vote: 10-8**

HRA Analysis: This bill establishes a commission to study the use and regulation of SNAP benefits. Sufficient data exists to make policy decisions.

Principle: Platform: Justify expenditures against measurable benefits & Prioritize programs to ensure effective spending.

HRA Recommendation: Support ITL

SB670, (New Title) establishing a developmental services oversight commission; relative to reporting requirements regarding the death of a child in residential care; and relative to the registry of founded reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults. **Maj. OTP/A 1516h; Min. ITL Vote: 13-5**

HRA Analysis: This bill as amended establishes a dedicated oversight commission regarding developmental services and a registry of individuals with "founded reports" of abuse, neglect or exploration. "Founded reports" can be made without any input from the accused perpetrator and the right to contest with counsel is only available on appeal.

Principle: Conflicting Platform Planks: Support the sanctity of innocent life vs Ensure due process rights for those accused of child abuse or neglect.

HRA Recommendation: Vote your conscience