



New Hampshire Liberty Alliance

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SB 207-FN, relative to paycheck equity.

Committee recommendation: Criminal Justice and Public Safety : OTP/A 16-2

This bill, which adds new mandates on employers and the department of labor, is **anti-liberty**:

- This bill is redundant as pay equity is already in statute (RSA 275:37 Equal Pay); feel-good legislation like this demeans more pressing issues.
- New mandates on employers and on the commissioner add costs and reduce productivity.

SB 207
NAY
ON
OTP/A

SB 390, (New Title) prohibiting discrimination against employees who are victims of domestic violence and establishing a committee to study the protection of employees from domestic violence.

Committee recommendation: Criminal Justice and Public Safety : OTP 11-7

This bill, which would add another layer of prohibited practices on employers, is **anti-liberty**:

- So-called discrimination bills are very difficult to enforce. They lead to increased litigation, and exacerbate cynicism among employers and the public.
- Unless there is a proven, demonstrable problem in this area, added regulations simply make New Hampshire less attractive to businesses. That leads to a weaker economic base, which negatively affects all employees.

SB 390
NAY
ON
OTP

SB 355, relative to access to social media by educational institutions

Committee recommendation: Education: OTP/A 19-0

This bill, that seeks to protect all students' social media privacy, is **pro-liberty**:

- A school, private or not, by forcing a student to share their credentials, is both forcing someone to violate a contract and then, by using those credentials, violating a contract themselves.
- Rarely does the NHLA support new criminal laws, but we support a law forcing people to not violate contracts.

SB 355
YEA
ON
OTP/A

SB 120-FN, relative to political contributions and expenditures and relative to reporting by political committees.

Committee recommendation: Finance: OTP/A 13-5

This bill, which increases regulations on political speech, is **anti-liberty**:

- The bill places an onerous and crippling paperwork burden on two or more people who wish to communicate their views to the public. It has a disparate impact on small political groups that would not be required to file under Federal election law.
- This bill is a deliberate attempt to circumvent the Citizen's United decision, and is aimed at small groups.
- New Hampshire has a long history of anonymous speech dating back to before the Revolutionary War.
- This bill moves up the registration requirement of 'political committees' from 14 days to 48 hours. Political committees are defined as ' Any organization of 2 or more persons that promotes the success or defeat of... candidates or... measures.'
- Failure to register is already a criminal offense (RSA 664:21 V), but SB120 adds a new fine on unregistered political committees of up to 25% of any expenditures, even if they aren't required to be reported.

SB 120
NAY
ON
OTP/A

SB 416-FN-A, (New Title) relative to highway fund appropriations and establishing a committee to study the effectiveness and efficiency of the department of transportation.

Committee recommendation: Finance : OTP/A 13-10

This bill, prohibiting allocation of highway funds to the judicial branch, is **pro-liberty**:

- This will keep more of the highway fund money available for roads and bridges.

**SB 416
YEA
ON
OTP/A**

SB 389, (New Title) relative to the enforcement of motor vehicle laws by officers of the fish and game department.

Committee recommendation: Fish and Game and Marine Resources : OTP 13-2

This bill, which grants conservation officers special powers, is **anti-liberty**:

- Conservation officers are given leeway in the field to search personal effects and vehicles under the lesser restriction of "reasonable suspicion." All other officers must find "probable cause" before searching property without a warrant.
- If this passes other divisions of law enforcement would be able to call conservation officers to traffic stops and thus circumvent their own "probable cause" restrictions.
- **The NHLA supports amendment 1813h, which raises the burden for a warrantless search at a traffic stop from 'reasonable suspicion' to 'probable cause.'** This brings conservation officers in line with other law enforcement.

**SB 389
NAY
ON
OTP**

SB 319-FN, relative to access to reproductive health care facilities.

Committee recommendation: Judiciary: OTP/A 12-7

This bill, which violates the 1st Amendment, is **anti-liberty**:

- Whereas the NHLA has a policy of not taking positions on the issue of abortion in general, this bill's assault on freedom of expression protected by the First Amendment merits our taking a position in opposition to this bill.
- The bill targets the right of people to peacefully assemble, violating the 1st Amendment.
- The city of Manchester has an ordinance requiring foot traffic to keep moving as to not block sidewalks.
- This bill pushes protesters away from the source and into neighboring properties.
- This bill will force/allow a private business to place signage on public sidewalks/roads and possibly in front of neighboring properties.
- Many of the complaints this bill looks to resolve are already covered by existing statutes.

**SB 319
NAY
ON
OTP/A**

SB 369-FN-A, relative to the Medicaid enhancement tax.

Committee recommendation: Ways and Means: OTP/A 14-4

This bill, which expands a sales tax on essential medical services, is **anti-liberty**:

- This tax is of questionable constitutional validity, which is admitted in the Majority report.

**SB 369
NAY
ON
OTP/A**