



GOLD STANDARD

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SB 131-FN, authorizing the purchase of health insurance from out-of-state companies.

SB 131

Commerce Committee Recommendation: ITL 4-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill opens the door to more competition and more choice in health care.

NAY ITL

- NH customers should be allowed the opportunity to buy healthcare from any insurer willing to sell to them.
- While there may be no companies currently interested in this model, we shouldn't ignore the possibility of a health care startup revolutionizing the industry and looking to do business in NH.
- This bill allows for improved health insurance flexibility for companies looking to relocate to NH, and their employees living near other states.

HB 353, relative to the governance of condominium unit owners' associations.

HB 353

Commerce Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 4-1

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill micromanages Home Owner Associations.

NAY OTP/A

- Government should not mandate details as to how condo owners run their HOA. These policies may work for some HOAs, but not all.

SB 369-FN, requiring public schools to include drug and alcohol education as part of their health education curriculum.

SB 369

Education Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill imposes unnecessary, unfunded mandates on local school districts

NAY OTP/A

- This bill is unnecessary. RSA 189:10 already requires drug and alcohol education. Furthermore, state regulations, ED 306, updated in July 2015, explicitly require K-12 health and wellness education programs that includes instruction on "substance use and abuse including tobacco, alcohol, and drugs".
- No members of the public were afforded an opportunity to speak at the joint public hearing, despite the fact that several had signed up to do so. It is wrong to undermine public access to the NH legislative process, particularly for the purposes of rushing through unnecessary, redundant legislation.
- In general, state legislators should not compel schools to adopt particular curricula. It should be up to local parents and teachers to determine the appropriate age to introduce these subjects. Kindergarten students do not need to be taught about alcohol.

HB 606-FN-L, relative to costs for public records filed electronically.

Executive Departments and Administration Recommendation: OTP/A 4-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill reduces fees for NH residents and makes government more accessible.

- This bill will encourage people to ask for electronic copies of documents, reducing the costs of handling paperwork.
- Government should be accessible to everyone, not just those who can pay the fees.

HB 606

YEA

OTP/A

SB 61-FN-A, relative to funding for the New Hampshire agricultural lands program.

Finance Committee Recommendation: ITL 4-1

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill taxes everyone for the benefit of select landholders.

- It is wrong to force all taxpayers to subsidize certain farmers and landholders
- This bill spends \$3M taxes per year largely on paying farmers to keep farming
- Conservation efforts are better done on the local level, closest to the people having their property and income directly affected.

SB 61

YEA

ITL

HB 216-FN, relative to recovery of certain investigatory costs by regulatory boards and commissions.

Finance Committee Recommendation: OTP 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill incentivizes excessive enforcement of minor licensing infractions

- Charging targets of investigations for the costs of the investigation could encourage numerous and expensive investigations.
- Passage of this provision would increase the likelihood of a board or commission to continue an investigation until they found some act of misconduct so that the licensee would have to pay the costs of the investigation.
- Charges for expensive investigations may vastly exceed what is reasonable for the severity of the misconduct, in violation of part one article 18 of the NH constitution.
- NH licensing and regulatory requirements are already far too arduous and complex. In order to improve the NH economy, and encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, legislators should be working to lessen licensing requirements and regulatory burdens.

HB 216

NAY

OTP

SB 576-FN-A, relative to the penalty for possession and use of fentanyl-class drugs, insurance coverage for substance use disorders, the acceptance of general funds by the controlled drug prescription health and safety program, the membership of the board of medicine and prescribers of controlled drugs and making an appropriation therefor.

Judiciary Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill perpetuates privacy rights violations and expands bureaucracy

- Opens the door to state funding of the prescriptions information database, with mandatory reporting of patients' private data, subject to hacking and other abuses.
- Increases burden of record-keeping on prescribers
- Mandates insurance coverage in accordance with recommendations of a private organization ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine), with interests not necessarily aligned with the state's interests.
- The fiscal note on this bill is inadequate and vague; not properly studied. This bill should not be rushed to pass without needed details.

SB 576

NAY

OTP/A