



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

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SB 431, relative to non-academic surveys required to be filed by school districts to maintain federal funding.

SB 431

Education: ITL 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill dramatically erodes parental influence in a child's participation in non-academic surveys.

YEA ITL

- Prior to SB 43, which passed in Feb. 2017, schools would routinely require students to complete non-academic surveys and questionnaires to assess their attitudes, values, decision making, and behaviors without the consent of parents — this bill undermines the important parental rights protected by current law.
- Parents should be fully informed on non-academic surveys being given to their children and should have the ability to have their children not participate. This bill undermines that ability by eliminating the existing opt-out provision for any "locally approved grants, initiatives, or contracts" which is such a broad exclusion that it seeks to eliminate the participation of the parent in the non-academic aspects of their children's lives.

SB 334-FN, relative to temporary licensure of allied health professionals from nearby states.

SB 334

Finance: OTP/A 5-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill reduces the harm caused by NH's excessive occupational license laws.

**YEA
OTP/A**

- This bill requires state licensing boards to adopt rules to allow a temporary license or permit to be issued to a person who is currently licensed in the US for 120 days while the person has a pending application for licensure with the board.

SB 516, prohibiting the use of motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints.

SB 516

Transportation: OTP 4-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill prohibits the state or a political subdivision of the state from conducting motorcycle-only checkpoints for the purpose of enforcing the existing RSA relative to noise prevention.

**YEA
OTP**

- There is a demonstrated need for this legislation, as during the committee hearing testimony was given that the town of Portsmouth is said to have been pursuing motorcycle-only checkpoints.
- Roadside checkpoints which stop vehicles without probable cause are an infringement upon the right to be free from unreasonable searches of possessions.

SB 404-FN-A, phasing out the tax on interest and dividends.

SB 404

Ways and Means: OTP 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill phases out the interest and dividends tax over a 5-year period and repeals the tax on January 1, 2024.

**YEA
OTP**

- This bill eliminates the New Hampshire tax on interest and dividend income by reducing the tax rate each year until the tax is eliminated in 2024.
- Taxes on interest and dividends tends to discourage investment and savings, penalizing economic activity that would otherwise spur economic growth and improve productivity.

SB 565-FN, relative to aircraft registration fees and airways tolls.

Ways and Means: OTP 4-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill partially addresses New Hampshire's non-competitive aircraft registration fees.

- New Hampshire aircraft registration fees are currently significantly higher than surrounding states, which disincentivizes corporations from locating headquarters and certain operations in the state. While this bill does not fully address this imbalance, it is a positive step that reduces the risk of companies leaving the state for lower-cost states.
- Registration fees are an inappropriate way to impose a fee for state aviation costs as they disproportionately impact New Hampshire aircraft owners while the state aviation services are provided to both in-state and out-of-state aircraft owners who use state infrastructure.

SB 565

YEA OTP

SB 586-FN-A-L, relative to casino gambling

Ways and Means: IS 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates government-granted monopoly privileges.

- Allowing two special interests to conduct gambling operations while prohibiting all others from competing is a clear example of regulatory capture and an unjust use of government power.
- This bill would violate article 83 of the NH Constitution, which states "Free and fair competition in the trades and industries is an inherent and essential right of the people and should be protected against all monopolies and conspiracies which tend to hinder or destroy it."
- This bill dramatically increases the size and scope of government. Once large bureaucracies and moneyed interests are created, they are very difficult to roll back.
- The NHLA would support a bill to more broadly legalize gambling, or allow for the creation of many independent casinos.

SB 586

YEA IS