



# GOLD STANDARD

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

Commerce Committee Recommendation: ITL 4-1

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

- 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.

# SB 131

# NAY ITL

## SB 309, relative to sulfur limits of certain liquid fuels.

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Recommendation: OTP 3-0

### ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill adds new and unnecessary regulations on fuels.

- Fuel choices are best handled individually, and pollution controls are better handled locally.
- For many NH residents in rural areas, air quality is not a pressing concern, but heating costs are. If these residents want to continue to use standard fuel they should have the option to do so, if it is available in the marketplace.
- The transition to low sulfur oil can be accomplished without additional regulations. Awareness of the benefits, including greater efficiency, less cleaning, and cleaner air will lead most customers to purchase low sulfur fuels, if the cost is comparable.

# SB 309

# NAY OTP

## SB 210, relative to regulation of septic system evaluators.

Finance Committee Recommendation: OTP 6-0

### ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates yet another hurdle for businesses and property owners.

- Certification programs for septic evaluators are already available in NH. It is the right of home buyers and sellers to decide whether or not to hire a certified septic evaluator, and not the business of government.
- Requiring a license to evaluate septic systems doesn't guarantee the licensee will do a good job. There are plenty of examples of incompetent licensed tradesmen.
- Licensing often creates more of the behavior it ostensibly intends to remedy. Making it more expensive to hire certified and licensed professionals incentivizes buyers to forgo evaluations, or hire amateurs.
- Licensing reduces options for septic evaluation while increasing expense.

# SB 210

# NAY OTP

## SB 412, establishing a minimum wage.

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Finance Committee Recommendation: ITL 4-2

### **ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill infringes on the freedom of workers and employers.**

- Minimum wage laws lower the number of entry-level jobs and make it harder for people of low skill to gain critical experience.
- Higher wages for everyone are better accomplished through job creation - more jobs means more competition to hire all workers.
- Workers and employers have a right to contract for whatever wage they wish. It is wrong for government to legally prohibit voluntary employment agreements.

## YEA ITL

## SB 263-FN, relative to placing tracking devices on motor vehicles.

# SB 263

Judiciary Committee Recommendation: ITL 4-0

### **PRO-LIBERTY: Protects privacy and private property**

- This bill prohibits the placement of a tracking device on a vehicle, without a warrant or the consent of the owner.
- Free citizens should not be tracked without their consent.
- Comports with part one article 19 of the NH constitution and the fourth amendment to the US constitution.
- Defends the privacy rights of NH residents, and clarifies that government agencies shall not track their movements without a warrant from a judge.

## NAY ITL