

### HB 77 — relative to continuing education requirements for licensed architects

Committee / Recommendation: **Executive Departments & Administration / OTPA (15 – 4)**

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation: **OPPOSE OTP**

*This bill, which would impose a continuing education requirement on architects, is anti-liberty:*

- *This expansion of architect licensure would simultaneously inhibit consumers' freedom to choose their own architects and impinge architects' freedom to pursue their chosen vocation.*
- *By further restricting the supply of architects and imposing additional costs on them, this bill will lead to higher costs for New Hampshire consumers. The additional burdens of licensure will also distort the market by handicapping small businesses.*

### HB 122 — relative to funding sources for the Commission on the Status of Women

Committee / Recommendation: **Finance / ITL (22 – 3)**

→ NHLA's Pro-Liberty Recommendation: **OPPOSE ITL**

*This bill, which would discontinue government funding of the Commission on the Status of Women, is pro-liberty:*

- *This commission's principal function is lobbying—funded by the state. Taxpayer-funded lobbying corrupts the democratic process and threatens separation of powers, contrary to Articles 1, 2, 10, and 37 of the New Hampshire Bill of Rights, which provide that the government is supposed to benefit all people equally.*
- *To the extent the Commission pursues worthy causes, it should be supported by voluntary, charitable means instead of taxpayer resources.*