



REGULAR CALENDAR

SB 353 – Relative to the procedure for administration of insolvent estates.

Committee report: Judiciary: OTP (12–6)

Our recommendation:

YEA on OTP

This bill, which simplifies the statutes dealing with insolvent estates, is **pro-liberty**:

- Under current law, insolvent estates face layers of cost and bureaucracy they can ill afford. This bill would simplify the statutes and streamline the process.
- With this bill, the state will now be able to make higher priority claims against estates for medical assistance provided at taxpayer expense.

SB 354 – Authorizing liens for unpaid building code violations and requiring landlord agents for restricted rental property.

Committee report: Judiciary: OTP (10–7)

Our recommendation:

NAY on OTP

This bill, which authorizes building code violation liens, and requires landlord agents for some properties, is **anti-liberty**:

- There is already a civil court mechanism for tenants to sue landlords over alleged violations or for providing uninhabitable living conditions.
- Building code violations can lead to fines, but they should not rise to the level of foreclosure-inducing liens. Towns should have to prove impropriety and collect in civil court.
- The times given for landlord/owner compliance are too short and onerous, especially for out of state or partnership owners. Such anti-business requirements could drive investors out of our state.

SB 431 – Relative to housing and tenancy protections for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Committee report: Judiciary: OTP/A (11–7)

Our recommendation:

NAY on OTP/A

This bill, which prohibits eviction based on a tenant having been a victim of domestic violence, is **anti-liberty**:

- While the intentions may be fine, this bill is not the correct solution to the perceived problem. Unintended consequences could include tenants abusing the statute to forestall termination for other reasons, inappropriately using a protective order as a defense.
- The amendments do not address the fact that the abusers in domestic violence often return to the home of the victim and become a nuisance (noise, screaming, threats) to other tenants in the building. Such nuisances could lead to neighboring tenants vacating and putting the building owner at financial risk.
- A landlord has every incentive to keep good tenants and would not evict somebody simply because of that tenant being a victim. Sufficient tenant protection provisions are already in place in statute; this narrowly targeted addition is unnecessary and problematic to enforce.

SB 503 – Relative to unique pupil identification.

Committee report: Education: OTP/A (14–6)

Our recommendation: **NAY on OTP/A (2010-1824h)**
YEA on 2010-2028h

This bill, which expands the Unique Pupil Identifier (UPI) database to include public and publicly-funded early childhood and postsecondary schools, is **anti-liberty**:

- Expansion of this database puts sensitive personal information at risk simply in order to chase federal money. This bill chooses information above liberty and privacy.
- New Hampshire overwhelmingly opposed the federal REAL-ID database, in part due to privacy concerns. New Hampshire's citizens clearly value their privacy, and that of their children, above bureaucratic expediences.
- The addition of preschool and postsecondary student information will not further the DOE's understanding of the public school system's performance. Preschool and college are not part of the compulsory attendance school years. Tracking people—the very young and returning adults—who are not students in the K–12 public school system will not help evaluate the performance of New Hampshire's public education.



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