



SB 73 – Requiring the state government to reduce energy consumption in state buildings, to develop an energy conservation plan, and to make an annual report on the state’s energy consumption.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report: **NAY**

The committee report, which requires the development of an energy conservation plan and an annual report on the state’s energy consumption, is **anti-liberty**:

- Reducing energy consumption is good, but instituting a new layer of bureaucratic planning and reporting requirements is not. With the state budget under intense pressure, departments should be reducing, not expanding, non-essential workloads.

SB 302 – Relative to notice of driver’s license expiration.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report: **YEA**

The committee report, which allows the Dept. of Safety to notify people of license expirations electronically, is **pro-liberty**:

- This could result in a potential cost savings of up to \$250,000 per year.

SB 319 – Relative to purchases by on-premises alcoholic beverages licensees and relative to liquor licenses.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report: **YEA**

The committee report, which makes minor changes to liquor license statutes, is **pro-liberty**:

- The minor improvements in the bill are pro-business and slightly reduce regulatory burdens on licensees.

SB 357 – Authorizing the judicial retirement plan to deduct a health insurance premium contribution from allowances.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report: **YEA**

The committee report, which deducts a modest payment from judicial retirees’ pensions towards the cost of their health insurance, is **pro-liberty**:

- Judicial retirees currently pay towards their health insurance, and having the payments automatically deducted from their pensions improves the efficiency of state government.

SB 358 – Relative to whistleblower protection and waste prevention in state government.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report: **YEA**

The committee report, which provides whistleblower protection for state employees, is **pro-liberty**:

- Good governance demands accountability and transparency, both of which are enhanced in this bill. State employees are in the best position to recognize misappropriation of funds and should be encouraged to report waste, mismanagement, and abuse.

SB 402 – Relative to state-owned vehicles.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report: **YEA**

The committee report, which clarifies the allowable usage of state-owned vehicles, is **pro-liberty**:

- Minimizing personal use of state vehicles not only saves the state money, it prevents the appearance of favoritism which is inevitable when some employees have benefits unavailable to most others.
- Establishing that accident records involving state-owned vehicles are public documents improves the openness of government, as required by **Part I, Art. 8** of the N.H. Constitution.

SB 503 – Relative to unique pupil identification.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report: **NAY**

The committee report, which requires the Department of Education to add data from early childhood programs and postsecondary institutions to its annual public reports, is **anti-liberty**:

- Although the privacy protections in this version of the bill are laudable, the new requirements for collection and reporting of vast amounts of student data beyond current levels will lead to larger, more costly bureaucracy and more potential for misuse of that data.

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HB 1267 – Relative to applications for hawkers and peddlers licenses.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report:

NAY

The committee report, which requires applicants for these licenses to submit to background checks, is **anti-liberty**:

- This bill is unnecessary. Applicants for hawker and peddlers licenses already must list their criminal record, if any. The Secretary of State currently has the authority to revoke or deny a license based on a criminal record. Adding a patchwork of local regulations will not change that.

HB 1364 – Relative to Medicare unfair trade practices.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report:

NAY

The committee report, which makes it a violation to sell Medicare products door to door, is **anti-liberty**:

- Declaring door-to-door sales of Medicare products as unfair and deceptive is a violation of our freedom of speech protected by **Part I, Art. 22** of the N.H. Constitution. The thousands of dollars in penalties for a violation should be reserved for sales which are actually unfair or deceptive—not merely unsolicited.

HB 1459 – Relative to the board of trust company incorporation.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report:

NAY

The committee report, which, among other things, mandates the filing of a statement with the Secretary of State before a corporation, LLC, or limited partnership engages in political or advocacy advertising, is **anti-liberty**:

- Except in cases where speech is fraudulent or would lead directly to harm, freedom and liberty demand that government should not restrict, regulate, or limit free speech in any way. Especially troubling is the threat of a private right of action, with all the associated legal expenses, even though the maximum fine for an organization's failure to jump through these hoops has been reduced to \$250.
- **Part I, Art. 22** of the N.H. Constitution states that: "Free speech and liberty of the press are essential to the security of freedom in a state: They ought, therefore, to be inviolably preserved."

HB 1461 – Relative to the municipal regulation of the sale of martial arts weapons.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report:

NAY

The committee report, which enables municipalities to regulate or prevent the displaying and accessibility of martial arts weapons, is **anti-liberty**:

- This bill violates the rights of businesses throughout the entire state to address a concern in one small area (Hampton Beach) and if interpreted literally, the phrase "or any other objects designed for use in the martial arts..." could place items such as martial arts belts and shoes, boxing gloves, etc. under this regulation, for they are "capable of being used as lethal or dangerous weapons."

HB 1486 – Prohibiting the mandating of fire sprinkler systems in certain dwellings and establishing a committee to study municipal residential fire sprinkler requirements.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report:

YEA

The committee report, which prohibits the mandating of fire sprinkler systems in certain dwellings and establishes a committee to study municipal residential fire sprinkler requirements, is **pro-liberty**:

- This bill reinforces property rights and limits regulatory overreach. Nothing in the bill prevents homeowners from installing sprinkler systems if they choose to do so.

HB 1607 – Relative to the reasonable compensation deduction under the business profits tax.

Our recommendation on the adoption of the Committee of Conference report:

YEA

The committee report, which increases the BPT safe harbor from \$6,000 to \$50,000, among other things, is **pro-liberty**:

- This will simply tax returns for small businesses, saving them time and money.