



GOLD STANDARD



SB 100, relative to home heating fuel deliveries in the winter.

SB 100

Commerce Committee Recommendation: OTP/A, 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill compels fuel providers to deliver when payment is guaranteed by municipal welfare officials.

- The state should not interfere in the right of NH business owners and residents to freely contract, or choose not to contract, for goods or services. To forcefully compel a service provider to do business with another private party is unjust.
- The bill as amended is poorly written, and unclear. The text of the amendment only references "current delivery", with no specification of the good or service to be delivered. RSA 358-A:2, into which SB100/A would add a new paragraph, covers many different types of commerce, not just heating fuel. It is also not clear if the mandate to provide service is contingent on the repayment plan, nor who determines whether a payment plan is "reasonable".
- This bill as amended provides no protection to fuel providers nor accountability to municipal welfare officials who provide the guarantee. The amended bill does not specify that a fuel provider has a legal claim to collect money from the municipality should the customer default.

NAY OTP/A

SB 158, relative to notice required prior to foreclosure.

SB 158

Commerce Committee Recommendation: OTP, 4-1

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases the notice requirement for out of state mortgagees foreclosing on certain owner occupied dwellings from 25 to 60 days.

- The law as amended by SB158 would treat NH based mortgagees unequally, by allowing them to foreclose far more quickly. It would also treat both owners of more than 5 units, and owners who live offsite unequally, by allowing them to be subject to foreclosure on shorter notice. In both cases, legitimate mortgagees and mortgagers would be put at an unfair competitive disadvantage.
- SB158 makes current law both more complicated and less consistent.
- NH Law should not interfere in private contracts by creating complicated mandates for foreclosure notice. Instead, notice requirements should be determined by the terms of the mortgage contract itself.

NAY OTP

SB 190-FN, relative to payment of costs for career & technical education center programs & administration by the DOE, & establishing a tax credit against business profits taxes for donations to such centers

SB 190

Finance Committee Recommendation: OTP/A, 6-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill expands the size and scope of career and technical education programs administered by the Department of Education.

- Regional education programs operating directly under the Department of Education undermine the well established NH principle that education is better controlled locally by parents and taxpayers.
- Instead of creating or expanding state level programs, the state should allow local districts to more freely work with each other, with private businesses and organizations, and with a range of education providers, to make the choices that best fit the needs of local students and taxpayers.

NAY OTP/A

SB 216-FN, relative to sales of alcoholic beverages by manufacturers.

Finance Committee Recommendation: OTP, 4-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows sales of samples onsite at distilleries, wineries & beverage manufacturers.

- Local artisan breweries, wineries, and distilleries have become an important growth industry for NH, creating jobs, increasing tourism, and enhancing overall quality of life for NH residents. This bill helps New Hampshire businesses.
- The provision of onsite samples is standard in these industries, and expected by customers. These businesses should not be expected to provide those samples for free, and the right of business owners to charge for a legitimate product should be respected.
- HB216 makes the law more consistent between breweries and other beverage manufacturers.

SB 216

YEA OTP

SB 7, adding duties to the joint health care reform oversight committee.

Health and Human Services Committee Recommendation: OTP/A, 5-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill improves legislative oversight of regulatory policy.

- It is important that the legislature provide robust oversight of executive department policies to ensure they do not create more arduous regulations than are specified by NH law, and to ensure that the rights and the freedoms of NH residents are respected.
- The amendment clarifies that the committee will take responsibility to approve regulatory policies, and not merely review them.

SB 7

YEA OTP/A

SB 169, relative to permissible uses of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards.

Health and Human Services Committee Recommendation: OTP, 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill prohibits gross misuse of taxpayer funds.

- It is wrong to force taxpayers to fund gambling, or purchases of non-essential goods like tobacco, alcohol, lottery tickets, or adult entertainment.
- SB169 is common sense. The recipients of taxpayer money, which is intended to help purchase basic necessities, should be prohibited from buying guns, porn, and tattoos with that money.
- While it is not currently, nor will it ever be possible to detect all types of fraud, it is still important for the legislature to clarify that these clear abuses of taxpayer money are unlawful.

SB 169

YEA OTP