



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

# GOLD STANDARD

HB 253 YEA IS  
SB 410 NAY OTP  
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SB 510 NAY OTP/A



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## SB 410, relative to the state minimum hourly rate.

Commerce: OTP 3-2

### ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill establishes a state-dictated minimum wage.

- Minimum wage laws decrease the number of entry-level jobs and make it harder for people of low skill to get their start in the workforce.
- Higher wages for everyone are better accomplished through job creation — more jobs mean more competition to hire all workers.
- Employers and employees should be free to negotiate the terms of employment without interference.
- The very idea of a minimum wage is patronizing and demeaning as it implies that individuals don't know how much they're worth and are incapable of negotiating with an employer.

SB 410

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## SB 449, permitting tastings by distilleries at farmers markets.

Commerce: OTP 3-2

### PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows liquor manufacturers to offer samples at farmers markets.

- This bill is a small improvement in that it reduces restriction of free trade and allows businesses to transact with customers in more locations.
- Allowing local businesses to showcase local products benefits NH residents and helps the NH economy.

SB 449

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OTP

## HB 253, relative to criminal records checks in the employee application process.

Commerce: IS 5-0

### ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill prohibits employers from asking a job applicant about his or her criminal history prior to an interview.

- The state should not be interfering in or dictating businesses' hiring practices.
- This bill contains an exemption from this restriction for state or local government agencies while denying this choice to private employers.
- The state should work to reduce the number of victimless crimes in order to reduce the number of people who are negatively impacted by their prior involvement in the criminal justice system.
- While this bill has a recommendation of Interim Study, which is acceptable, the appropriate path forward is to find this bill Inexpedient To Legislate.

HB 253

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## SB 510, crediting excess funds in the investor education fund to the FRM victim's fund.

Ways and Means: OTP/A 5-0

### ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill would require the taxpayers of the State of New Hampshire to take on additional responsibility for the losses of investors in the Financial Resources Mortgage debacle.

- In a free market, investors evaluate offers, take risks, win some, and lose some. This legislation would have the unintended consequence of future investors using less due diligence to evaluate offers before investing.
- This situation is a reminder that despite all the laws and criminal penalties and licensing and government agency oversight, malefactors will still behave badly and deceive people; government cannot protect everyone from bad things happening — investors should still look out for themselves and others they care about.

SB 510

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