



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

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HB 1468, relative to the legalization of cannabis.

Criminal Justice and Public Safety: ITL 16-1

HB 1468

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill removes cannabis as a controlled substance.

- This bill ends one of the most socially destructive components of the 'War on Drugs' by rescinding government control of cannabis.
- This pro-liberty bill will reduce costs to society by preventing loss of life, liberty, and treasure of the citizens.
- Passing of this bill will allow police to no longer be distracted by enforcement of cannabis-related infractions.

NAY ITL

HB 1516, relative to the source of funds for education freedom accounts.

Education: ITL 10-8

HB 1516

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill requires that the education trust funds used for funding education freedom account grants or transfers exclude any revenues collected and locally retained from the state education tax or local school taxes.

- This bill increases taxes by forcing additional funding above the present educational tax.
- Education freedom accounts are established to extract a portion of the funding from education taxes and give the parents control as to how and where it is spent.
- Parents should be the ultimate authority as to how and where their children are educated, not a government.

YEA ITL

HB 1657, establishing a New Hampshire farm to school reimbursement program.

Education: ITL 10-8

HB 1657

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill establishes a New Hampshire farm-to-school reimbursement program and makes an appropriation therefor.

- This bill increases costs of education unnecessarily.
- There is already a free school lunch program. Present funding should be used for the purchase of food served in schools.
- Schools may already choose to source some of their food from New Hampshire farms without increasing expenses.

YEA ITL

HB 1660, relative to school lunches and establishing the meals for students fund.

Education: ITL 10-8

HB 1660

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill requires schools to make free or reduced-cost breakfast and lunch available to children who meet federal eligibility guidelines and provides for reimbursement to schools for offering meals at no cost to eligible students.

- This bill increases costs of education unnecessarily.
- There is already a free school lunch program. Present funding should be used for the purchase of food served in schools.
- This bill would increase dependency on government institutions.

YEA ITL

HB 1684, limiting education freedom account funding to budgeted amounts.

HB 1684

Education: ITL 10-8

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill limits the amounts of funds appropriated from the education trust fund to the education freedom account program to budgeted sums.

YEA ITL

- This bill is another attempt to perpetuate the funding of public schools despite the possibility of parents not wanting to send their children to them.
- This bill would prevent almost all New Hampshire parents from choosing how and where to educate their children, which is directly contrary to the intent of educational freedom.

HB 1417, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.

HB 1417

Executive Departments and Administration: ITL 10-8

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill provides that the state shall pay 7.5% of contributions of retirement system employers other than the state for group I teachers and group II members.

YEA ITL

- This bill is a massive expansion of the New Hampshire state public retirement fund liability.
- This would further socialize the cost of public retirement, forcing all citizens of the state to pay for commitments made by localities.

HB 1587, relative to determination of average final compensation under the retirement system and making an appropriation therefor.

HB 1587

Executive Departments and Administration: OTP 12-6

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill modifies the calculation of compensation paid in excess of the full base rate of compensation under the definition of average final compensation in the retirement system for persons hired after July 1, 2011.

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OTP**

- This bill expands pension costs thereby perpetually increasing taxpayer burden.
- Instead of spending more, New Hampshire may return excess funds to the taxpayer who may then invest as they see fit.

HB 1207, requiring an employer to provide paid time off for an employee to vote.

HB 1207

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: ITL 14-7

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill mandates that an employer grant an employee who would be working during the time polls are open get at least 3 hours paid time off in order to vote.

YEA ITL

- The negotiation of terms of employment is between employee and employer, not employer and state.
- There is a finite amount of resources that employers (particularly small businesses) have access to. This change either will require that employers raise prices or cut pay/employees to compensate for this change.
- RSA 657:1 already provides for absentee ballot access for individuals who will be unable to appear live at the polls due to employment commitments.

HB 1538, requiring prevailing wages on state-funded public works projects.

HB 1538

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: ITL 11-10

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill mandates federally-determined prevailing minimum wages on state-funded public works projects.

YEA ITL

- This bill mirrors similar federal legislation (Davis Bacon Act) which was passed with the deliberate intent to prevent non-unionized, less established, minority laborers from competing with established, unionized, white workers during the Depression. While times have changed and the intent of this bill may be somewhat different, the effect will still be to dramatically increase the risk and/or cost of employing workers with potential for growth but with lower demonstrated skill level.
- This bill would impose significant additional recordkeeping and weekly reporting requirements for contractors supporting state projects. These increased overhead costs, which are not directly represented by the fiscal note, would ultimately be borne as additional costs to the taxpayer.
- Small firms may not have the personnel to absorb compliance overhead costs. This bill would have the effect of biasing state contracts toward larger/established firms.

HB 1419, relative to establishing a New Hampshire civilian climate corps advisory commission.

HB 1419

Science, Technology and Energy: ITL 12-9

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill establishes a civilian climate corps advisory commission. This is intended to be a constant voice to advocate for more government under the guise of environmental protection.

YEA ITL

- This bill attempts to install an unfunded organization to grow government and its control.
- As an example of the superfluous nature of this legislation: despite 84% of the state of New Hampshire being forested, this bill in part claims to seek "increasing reforestation".

HB 1506, establishing a revolving clean energy accelerator fund in the department of energy.

HB 1506

Science, Technology and Energy: ITL 12-9

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates a clean energy accelerator fund, administered by the NH Department of Energy, to finance goods and services producing low or zero greenhouse gas emissions and use other financial tools to mitigate climate change.

YEA ITL

- This bill creates potentially extremely large and unlimited fiscal liabilities to the state taxpayers with no realistic or obtainable goals.
- The free market will naturally, without state intervention, decide to use machinery without fossil fuels when it makes practical, economic, or personal sense to do so.

HB 1601, relative to funding of the NHsaves program

HB 1601

Science, Technology and Energy: ITL 13-8

ANTI-LIBERTY: By reducing the existing rebate to electricity ratepayers, this bill increases a stealthy tax on New Hampshire electricity consumers.

YEA ITL

- This bill reduces long-standing rebates to electricity rate payers thereby raising effective energy rates.
- Electric rates are already high in New Hampshire. Efficiency projects that are truly fiscally responsible can and will be funded by electricity consumers themselves. It is unfair to force all ratepayers to fund projects for specific consumers, whether private or governmental.
- Rather than putting more money into the hands of government in order to pick winners and losers, the money should remain with the ratepayers where it belongs.

HB 1621, relative to reducing the rebates distributed by the energy efficiency fund.

HB 1621

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PRO-LIBERTY: This bill authorizes a waiver of the driver education requirement if a father, mother, guardian, or other responsible adult provides equivalent classroom instruction and behind the wheel training.

- Parents are ultimately in charge of their children's education (including behind the wheel) and have the responsibility to ensure they are safe drivers. This bill does not eliminate driver education programs but allows for choice for parents on the best way to educate their children, and removes a barrier to entry for lower income families.
- This bill would remove a barrier to entry for lower-income families who may be unable to afford driver education.
- Mandating driving schools is a racket that benefits rent-seeking instructors and companies at the expense of parents.

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