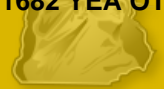




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Regular Calendar Part One

HB 1302, relative to the weighing of vehicles.

Transportation: OTP 10-9

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill limits law enforcement's authority to stop and weigh any vehicle to commercial vehicles only.

- This bill protects an individual's right to travel without interference from law enforcement for the purpose of verifying a vehicle's weight.
- This bill enforces one's Fourth Amendment right and the right in Article 19 of the New Hampshire Constitution to be secure from all unreasonable searches of one's possessions.

HB 1302

YEA OTP

HB 1401, prohibiting the disclosure of the number of miles driven by a specific driver licensed by the state or vehicle registered in the state.

Transportation: OTP/A 10-9

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill, with the proposed committee amendment, prohibits sharing vehicle mileage information with public authority not associated with the State of New Hampshire without the consent of the vehicle's owner.

- This bill protects our citizens' individually-identifiable vehicle mileage data from being sent to taxing authorities external to New Hampshire without their consent.
- How much we use our vehicles and how much we travel should be protected private information.
- With data breaches increasing every year, any information that is shared and stored is a liability to those storing it, and a potential risk to those whose information is stored.

HB 1401

YEA OTP/A

HB 1424, relative to the speed limit for watercraft on Lake Winnepesaukee.

Transportation: ITL 15-3

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill eliminates an arbitrary speed limit of 45 miles per hour for boats on Lake Winnepesaukee.

- Existing law limits speed at dawn and dusk and requires that operators manage their speed so that the operator will be able to avoid endangering or colliding with any person, vessel, object, or shore. In addition, existing law limits maximum speed to 45 miles per hour.
- This bill removes the 45 mph limit while retaining the requirement that the speed must be reasonable to avoid endangering or colliding with any person, vessel, object, or shore.
- The arbitrary limit is inappropriately low on open calm and uncrowded water that often exists.

HB 1424

NAY ITL

HB 1478, relative to the business profits tax applicable to certain large, low-wage employers.

Ways and Means: ITL 18-1

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill utilizes an increase in the business profits tax as a weapon to force businesses with 100 or more employees to impose a de facto minimum wage.

- By focusing only on wages, this bill would have unintended consequences, potentially causing employers to drop other benefits in lieu of direct salary to optimize their total costs — possibly resulting in lower total compensation for employees.
- A de facto state-set minimum wage prevents individuals from freely agreeing to a lower rate while they prove their productivity or learn on the job. People who are willing to work for less cash but higher benefits should be able to express this preference in the marketplace.
- The very idea of a minimum wage is patronizing and demeaning, as it implies that citizens don't know how much they're worth and are incapable of negotiating with an employer.

HB 1478

YEA ITL

HB 1524, establishing a national service alumni attraction and retention fund.

HB 1524

Ways and Means: ITL 12-11

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates a new taxpayer-funded handout designed to subsidize individuals who are considering pursuing postsecondary education or employment in New Hampshire after completion of AmeriCorps or Peace Corps service.

YEA ITL

- While the spending is initially small, this bill would require a new state position to administer the fund. Ultimately, this would become a state-funded lobbying group that would see to increase spending and outreach for distribution of taxpayer money.
- We can encourage people to move to the state by reducing spending and barriers to private property use that currently may make New Hampshire unaffordable for both returning volunteers and existing residents.

Regular Calendar Part Two

HB 1349, decriminalizing the possession and use of psilocybin mushrooms.

HB 1349

Criminal Justice and Public Safety: ITL 18-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill decriminalizes the possession or use of a certain amount of psilocybin mushrooms by a person 18 years of age or older.

NAY ITL

- Individuals own themselves; what they put in their bodies would not be dictated by the state in a free society.
- Drug laws create criminals where there are none, and waste state and law enforcement resources in doing so.
- For psilocybin specifically, it tends to be disproportionately utilized by college students and veterans, and is a substance that is neither chemically nor physically addictive to the user (areterecoverly.com/psilocybin/). Additionally, the reason why it is disproportionately used by veterans is because it has been demonstrated to be a potent treatment for PTSD (hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/blog/2013/07/15/low-doses-of-psychedelic-drug-erases-conditioned-fear-in-mice).
- Furthermore, it has been shown that the use of psilocybin has assisted cancer patients in reducing anxiety and depression, and has helped with end of life care (nyulangone.org/news/single-dose-hallucinogenic-drug-psilocybin-relieves-anxiety-depression-patients-advanced-cancer).
- Decriminalizing the act of using psilocybin will not harm anyone, and in some cases will improve the quality of life of those who use it. This bill protects the liberty, health, and autonomy of Granite Staters.

Regular Calendar Part Three

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

HB 1417

Finance: ITL 11-10

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 1462, relative to motorcycle learner's permits.

HB 1462

Finance: OTP 21-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires the Department of Safety to issue a 45-day extension to the expiration of a motorcycle learner's permit, upon application of the permit holder.

YEA OTP

- This bill creates an extended opportunity for those learning to ride a motorcycle to practice and prepare for passing their motorcycle licensing examination.
- While this extension is definitely a step in the right direction, it would be improved if there were no limits on the number of renewals.

HB 1642, relative to lead testing in children.

Finance: ITL 11-10

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill forces parents to have their children's blood lead-level tested before they are allowed to send them to any day care or public school.

- This bill adds an unnecessary expense and barrier for families trying to educate and care for their children.
- This bill intrudes on the privacy and autonomy of parents and their children.
- There is no communicable condition related to someone with high lead-levels in their system; therefore there is no reason for the state to be forcing the drawing of blood from small children.

HB 1642

YEA ITL

HB 1682, establishing the law enforcement conduct review committee in the New Hampshire police standards and training council and making an appropriation therefor.

Finance: OTP/A 21-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill establishes the law enforcement conduct review committee in the New Hampshire police standards and training council.

- Police accountability is paramount in a society that values rule of law, accountability, and preventing abuses of power. This bill seeks to create a review committee of police standards to ensure just that. Further, it is vital that police conform to high standards of moral character, integrity, knowledge, and trust if they wish to operate in NH communities.

HB 1682

YEA OTP/A