



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

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SB 145, relative to New Hampshire housing champion designation for municipalities and making appropriations therefor.

SB 145

Commerce: OTP 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates a new, expansive state government program to redistribute taxpayer dollars in an attempt to pick winners in the housing development market.

NAY OTP

- This bill grows government by spending more than \$28 million in taxpayer money in the next two years so that the state can pick housing development winners, which will likely be in the urban centers around the Seacoast, Manchester, and Nashua at the expense of all others in the state.
- The urban centers already have the financial wherewithal to grow their advanced and expansive housing infrastructure.
- This bill is unethical as it will also reduce the opportunities for rural communities to expand low-cost housing in their towns with their own money as their money is taxed away by the state.
- The non-coercive way to incentivize the thriving New Hampshire economy to build more workforce housing is to reduce state interference such that private investment costs and delays are significantly decreased.
- Once begun, this program will likely grow and become more expensive. Additionally, it will be quite difficult to end as the tyranny of the majority will likely overwhelm the smaller representation of the rural areas.

SB 132, prohibiting cities and towns from adopting sanctuary policies.

SB 132

Election Law and Municipal Affairs: OTP/A 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill requires cities and towns to comply with potentially unconstitutional detainer requests.

NAY OTP/A

- This bill would require police departments to enforce ICE detainers, which have been declared in the First Circuit to be a violation of the Fourth Amendment. As a result, this bill violates Article 19 of the NH Constitution as well as the US Fourth Amendment. See the case *Morales v. Chadbourne* (www.aclu.org/cases/immigrants-rights/morales-v-chadbourne).
- Officers and towns would be subject to 18 USC 1983 civil rights claims, which would result in towns having to pay monetary settlements, and thus increase town budgets.

SB 133, relative to changing the date of the state primary election and creates runoff election for federal primary election.

SB 133

Election Law and Municipal Affairs: OTP/A 4-1

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill changes the date of the state primary election to the second Tuesday in May (from September).

NAY OTP/A

- This bill will substantially restrict the ability of third parties to secure enough petitions in time to qualify. It further expands the use of taxpayer resources to enable entrenched private political parties to make use of election apparatus for free while reducing the time and thus increasing the costs for 3rd party candidates to qualify to be on the ballot.
- This can be made at least neutral if its amended to include an amendment to RSA 655:41 to untether the dates of independent filing with the primary to prevent inadvertently dramatically raising the bar for ballot access for these candidates.

SB 152, relative to New Hampshire workforce training programs.

SB 152

Finance: OTP 7-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill requires the Department of Education to establish a marine trades pathway at a regional career technology center, establishes a career and technical education workforce development and innovation fund, and establishes an offshore wind industry workforce training center committee in the Department of Business and Economic Affairs.

**NAY
OTP**

- While government-sponsored job training programs are effective at spending taxpayer money, there is little evidence that they have any lasting impacts. Taxpayers have been funding jobs programs since the 1960s, yet federal auditors can find little evidence that they are effective: Government Accountability Office, "Multiple Employment and Training Programs," GAO-11-92, January 2011, p. 11 (www.gao.gov/new.items/d1192.pdf).
- The state should not have a role in determining the training that businesses will require.

SB 202, relative to establishing a homeownership innovations fund in the New Hampshire housing finance authority.

SB 202

Finance: OTP 7-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill allocates \$5 million of taxpayer money to a fund that will be used for grants and loans where state bureaucrats will attempt to pick the next winning technology that will contribute to lowering housing costs.

**NAY
OTP**

- The state and its political subdivisions have created a 'housing crisis' through aggressive land use restrictions and incremental increases in regulations on housing. It now tries to mitigate this by attempting to replace market forces with the wisdom of government bureaucrats, who will redirect taxpayer money to politically-connected crony capitalists. While there is little evidence that such programs provide the values that they promise, they certainly do provide opportunities for photo opportunities for politicians and help to support the politically-connected class.

SB 233, re-establishing the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

SB 233

Finance: OTP 7-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill re-establishes the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

**NAY
OTP**

- This bill seeks to further cripple the taxpayer by instituting another social program that will increase taxes, incentivize poverty, and expand the power of the government, all the while reducing the quality of life of Granite Staters in the process.
- This also replaces private charitable work with government aid, which will always inevitably result in a decrease in the amount and care given to those that are genuinely disadvantaged.
- There is already a government safety net program available for this very purpose: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program>

SB 234, directing the department of health and human services to develop a public awareness campaign on brain health, Alzheimer's disease, and related dementias and making an appropriation therefor.

SB 234

Finance: OTP 7-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill allocates \$500,000 of taxpayer money to fund a campaign to educate health care providers and the public on the importance of early detection and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment including Alzheimer's disease.

**NAY
OTP**

- While the amount of money is small compared to the entire state budget, this is still not a wise way to spend taxpayer funds. We live in an information age in which nearly any topic can be researched from a computer or cell phone but now, nearly 250 years after the founding of the state of NH, supporters of this legislation believe that it is imperative to 'raise awareness' through state action and spending.

SB 237, relative to the child care scholarship program and making an appropriation therefor.

SB 237

Health and Human Services: OTP/A 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases state control of the private childcare industry.

- This bill will increase and accelerate the costs of daycare and create a vicious cycle of enhanced government supplementation and accelerating child-care costs in precisely the same way as college tuition has skyrocketed over the last forty years due to government support.
- The non-coercive manner for incentivizing child care is to allow the free market to arrive at the solution — businesses that desire enhanced access to employees who feel constrained by their choice to have children may offer their own benefits to supplement or provide daycare. This is already being done by some:
- <https://www.brighthorizons.com/benefits/JPMCFullService>,
<https://www.flexjobs.com/blog/post/flexible-companies-offering-childcare-assistance/>

**NAY
OTP/A**

SB 238, relative to the use of telemedicine to treat mental health conditions.

SB 238

Health and Human Services: OTP/A 5-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill permits doctors and APRNs to use telemedicine to prescribe medication to treat mental health conditions.

- This bill makes a modest improvement to New Hampshire's restrictive drug laws by allowing doctors and nurse practitioners who are working with a patient via telemedicine to prescribe controlled drugs classified in schedule II through IV for mental health conditions in addition to the existing permission granted for treating substance use disorder.
- Individuals should be free to decide on a course of treatment without interference from the state.

**YEA
OTP/A**

SB 58, relative to arrests without a warrant while in the care of a medical professional on the premises of a residential care or health care facility.

SB 58

Judiciary: ITL 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill lowers the threshold needed for a warrantless arrest in medical facilities.

- This bill would lower the threshold for a warrantless arrest without defining "threatened violence".
- The police already have the authority to arrest people if they view someone committing a crime or have probable cause to believe that the person will cause further personal injury or damage to property.

YEA ITL

SB 247, repealing limited liability for manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition.

SB 247

Judiciary: ITL 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill repeals limited liability for firearm and ammunition sellers and manufacturers.

- Firearms dealers and manufacturers are already required to meet numerous federal, state, and local regulations, regulations that exceed other industries. There is no need to have these regulations if the consumer can then sue them even if they are not party to the sale.
- This liability shield does not protect these companies from issues arising from defects in their products or by actions taken by the company, but only provides a shield from damages caused by criminal or unlawful use of a qualified product by a third party.
- New Hampshire has a significant number of firearms manufacturers (<http://www3.nssf.org/share/PDF/EconomicImpact/2018data/newhampshire.pdf>) and this bill would put those firms at financial risk or force them to consider moving those jobs elsewhere.
- According to the CNBC, the medical industry is the 3rd leading cause of death (<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/02/22/medical-errors-third-leading-cause-of-death-in-america.html>) yet has a similar protection: 508:18 Liability Limited; Health Care Facilities and Personnel.

YEA ITL

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill allows local government officials to officiate a meeting from out of town and out of state.

- A local official should be present in the community while officiating under oath. This would open the door for out of state influence into our local governments.
- This bill would also allow local officials to hide behind technology and not face their constituents face to face.
- Only one public official would need to be physically present in many towns with small boards, allowing the majority of the board to hide from their constituents.

YEA ITL