



# GOLD STANDARD

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**SB 105, relative to information collected by the division of vital records administration as part of the live birth worksheet.**

## SB 105

Finance: OTP/A 6-1

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill protects privacy by providing that only de-identified information shall be submitted on the facility worksheet for a live birth.**

## YEA OTP/A

- This bill promotes personal privacy as well as the freedom of choice by a mother for release or confidentiality of her personal information.
- It removes the possibility that omission of certain information on a live birth worksheet may result in a violation or criminal penalty.

**SB 175, relative to Medicaid coverage for mothers.**

## SB 175

Finance: OTP/A 7-0

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill significantly expands Medicaid costs.**

## NAY OTP/A

- In 2019, New Hampshire spent \$2.16 billion on Medicaid for its 1.361 million residents, of which 72,901 were Medicaid recipients. New Hampshire taxpayers delivered an incredibly generous \$29,629 per Medicaid recipient (<https://www.medicare.gov/state-overviews/scorecard/annual-medicare-chip-expenditures/index.html> , <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt476/files/documents/2021-11/adultmedicaidenrollment100119.pdf>).
- In 2023 and going forward, this bill would vastly increase the number of Medicaid recipients, the amount of money taken from taxpayers, and the amount spent per recipient.
- The amount spent on Medicaid should be restructured to include these services without increasing the total spent.
- In addition to supporting this handout, 94.6% of all residents in New Hampshire do not get Medicaid support for their own health care costs. This expenditure is grossly unfair to those who manage their health and expenses without this state handout.

**SB 231, establishing a historic housing tax credit and making appropriations for workforce housing and affordable housing.**

## SB 231

Finance: OTP/A 7-0

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill, with the proposed committee amendment, would allocate \$55 million for taxpayer-subsidized housing projects.**

## NAY OTP/A

- The projects that are funded by these programs needlessly encourage the creation of high density low-income housing, which crowds out other affordable housing options and raises artificial barriers that families must cross in order to distinguish themselves from those who do not strive for improved wages and living conditions.
- Concentrating poor or low-income people in a small area, whether in the projects or due to the fact that only certain housing providers are willing and able to accept payment through welfare programs, creates unintended negative side effects such as crime, lack of social cohesion, and poor examples for children, affecting their future income potential (<https://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/pdf/pa773.pdf> pages 9 & 10).
- The market will be better able to provide housing opportunities if New Hampshire's exclusionary zoning and ever-growing building codes are relaxed instead of distorting the marketplace and neighborhoods with government grants.

## SB 252, relative to release of a defendant pending trial.

Finance: OTP 7-0

# SB 252

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill presumes guilt of someone charged with a crime and allows the state to punish the accused before trial.**

- "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." — 14th Amendment, Section 1 of the United States Constitution
- "That it is better 100 guilty persons should escape than that one innocent person should suffer, is a maxim that has been long and generally approved." — Benjamin Franklin
- This bill would deny persons charged with a range of specific crimes the chance to make bail. It would provide that, for those crimes, the accused would need to be held in custody for 36 hours on the presumption that the person is dangerous to society. Due process requires the accused be presented immediately before a judge for a determination of bail.
- This change in existing law and procedure would incur large additional, although presently undetermined, costs to the judicial and corrections systems.
- This bill deprives an accused of his or her right to be released on bail pending arraignment.
- It presumes people accused of certain crimes are automatically a danger to society and should be held for 36 hours after arrest.

## NAY OTP

**SB 263, extending the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program and reestablishing the commission to evaluate the effectiveness and future of the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program.**

# SB 263

Finance: OTP 7-0

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill makes the temporary Medicaid Expansion program permanent.**

- This bill preserves Medicaid Expansion, which is currently set to sunset at the end of 2023. Medicaid Expansion provides able-bodied, childless adults in NH who are above the poverty line with free healthcare.
- Federal money always comes with strings attached, and it is not free. The national debt, which is more than \$31 trillion, is arguably the largest threat to national security.
- The federal government will not keep its promises. Federal money will dry up and the financial transfer mechanism will break because hospitals and insurance companies will be unable to transfer the entire cost onto paying customers. This will place the costs squarely on the state's General Fund, which will only be able to support it through a new broad-based tax, such as a sales or income tax, thereby destroying what remains of the New Hampshire Advantage. While there are protections in the existing law, one only need to look at the public hearing, where stakeholders showed up in support of this bill to recognize that the longer we run this 'temporary' program, the greater the constituency will be to keep it running even as it eventually grows to consume additional state funding.
- A free market approach to health care should be the main priority of the legislature. This is the only way to sustainably lower costs and increase access for the majority of Granite Staters.

## NAY OTP