



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

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HB 1178, relative to an employee's unused earned time.

HB 1178

Finance: IS 13-11

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill requires an employer to pay an employee for unused earned time.

YEA IS

- Individuals should be free to make whatever arrangements they see fit with a potential employer. They are more than capable of deciding if what an employer is offering is acceptable and choose to accept, negotiate, or turn down arrangements as they freely choose.
- This bill is an unforced error that will drive up the cost of employment in New Hampshire and cost potential jobs to people who are happy to accept the terms of employment with employers who don't conform to the mandates required in this bill.
- While a motion of ITL would be preferable, IS is acceptable.

HB 1202, relative to the issuance of permits for the alteration of driveways exiting onto public ways.

HB 1202

Finance: OTP/A 23-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill establishes certain deadlines for issuance of permits for the alteration of driveways exiting onto public ways.

YEA OTP/A

- This bill prevents permit requests for driveways from being soft-killed by the state by virtue of ignoring the request.
- This bill improves cost-effectiveness of projects enhancing access to dwellings by giving the project manager a known date for when they can proceed with a project regardless of whether or not the state has managed to approve it.

HB 1212, relative to eligibility for free school meals.

HB 1212

Finance: ITL 13-11

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill expands education spending by \$50 million annually to provide food for households making up to 3.5 times the federal poverty limit.

YEA ITL

- This bill significantly increases the cost burden of the public education system by over \$50,000,000 per year to the state of New Hampshire taxpayers.
- A parent's fundamental responsibility is to feed their children. This bill further and unnecessarily drives the state between the child and their families by inducing dependence.
- Lowering taxes by reducing the cost of the public school system and returning that money to the taxpayers is a far more effective way to allow parents to supply high-quality foods to their children. If the state would stop interfering in the private lives of families, families wouldn't need or want food from the state.

HB 1288, relative to establishing certain due process rights for students, student organizations, and faculty members facing disciplinary actions by state institutions of higher learning.**Finance: OTP 13-12****PRO-LIBERTY: This bill establishes certain due process rights for students, student organizations, and faculty members facing disciplinary actions by state institutions of higher learning.**

- This bill establishes a minimum floor for due process to be administered by the Community College System of NH (CCSNH) and University System of NH (USNH) regarding students, organizations, and faculty accused of wrongdoing.
- This bill enhances liberty by providing a floor of due process that may help alleviate abuse by some universities that in recent years have assigned guilt to students, whereas adhering to basic due process would have revealed the truth of their innocence.

**YEA
OTP****HB 1339, (New Title) relative to background checks during motions to return firearms and ammunition.****Finance: OTP 25-0****PRO-LIBERTY: This bill provides a procedure for conducting a discretionary background check prior to the return of firearms and/or ammunition in a court proceeding.**

- This bill provides for a reasonable path for those whose firearms were seized by authorities to have them returned after passing a standard NICS background check.
- This bill reinforces the rights of the innocent by safeguarding their Second Amendment rights once the court finds that their case is resolved and can return confiscated property.

**YEA
OTP****HB 1394, relative to licensure and regulation of music therapists and making an appropriation therefor.****Finance: OTP/A 15-10****ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill expands occupational licensing in New Hampshire.**

- Occupational licenses are permission slips from the government that routinely stand in the way of honest employment, and are designed to exclude entry into the marketplace. This bill creates a new license and prohibits individuals who do not have the license from the practice of music therapy.
- Consumers and employers, not the state, should decide who is qualified for which jobs.
- Music therapists already work in New Hampshire.

**NAY
OTP/A****HB 1577, relative to digital images of ballots.****Finance: OTP/A 13-12****PRO-LIBERTY: This bill, with the proposed committee amendment, allows independent audits of ballot images.**

- In the democratic process, it is important for people to be able to verify that the ballots cast actually match what the election results claim.
- Independent audits are common in many industries to ensure the quality of products and services. Open and honest elections should not run from audits, but welcome more transparency to provide voters confidence in NH elections.

**YEA
OTP/A****HB 1583, relative to the per pupil cost of an opportunity for an adequate education.****Finance: OTP 18-7****ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill expands education spending by \$130 million per year.**

- This bill significantly increases multiple funding mechanisms to government-run schools, including base aid and differentiated aid. The total estimated new spending responsibility assigned to the taxpayer from this bill is approximately \$130 million per year.
- The amount of money requested in this bill can be more readily sourced by harvesting efficiencies from reducing administrative costs, overhead, and waste and reducing the actual scope to that mandated in RSA 193-E:2.
- New Hampshire taxpayers already shoulder an incredibly high \$3.8 billion fiscal burden to educate children. There is no reasonable need to further increase this amount.

**NAY
OTP**

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill, with the proposed committee amendment, restricts the use of per and polyfluoroalkyl substances in certain consumer products sold in New Hampshire.

- Identified areas of groundwater PFAS contamination within New Hampshire are primarily the result of contamination linked primarily to industrial discharge from manufacturing facilities, fire stations, and military bases rather than the consumer products targeted for a ban under this legislation.
- This bill will lead to an unnecessary increase in the cost and lack of availability of common goods in New Hampshire as manufacturers will have to engage with the bureaucracy, decide whether or not to continue to provide the product, or update the product and generate custom processes to support this new law — all costs that will be passed on to the consumer.

**NAY
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