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HB 1233, relative to animal chiropractors.

Executive Departments and Administration: OTP 4-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill exempts individuals who have completed a nationally recognized animal chiropractic program, as determined by the executive director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, from veterinary licensure requirements.

- This bill allows those trained in animal chiropractic therapy to practice in New Hampshire without being required to become a licensed veterinarian.
- This bill will keep the cost of treatment low and availability high for animal chiropractic as the provider's costs will not be heavily inflated by excessive training requirements.

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YEA OTP

HB 1296, relative to insurance coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations.

Health and Human Services: OTP 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill forces insurance companies to charge their network members more to make care for a select few free.

- This bill seeks to make certain types of care for a privileged group free at the expense of everyone else who is in the insurance network.
- Other groups have health issues specific to their genetic background that this bill inequitably ignores to elevate the privilege of an already highly privileged group.
- The current system for payment of services is far more fair as those seeking the service are held accountable for the cost.
- There is no evidence that additional screening will save lives, and in fact there is evidence that excessive screening can result in harms to the individual as well as unnecessary costs to the premium payers. A 2021 paper (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8633447) indicates: *"However, the detection of greater numbers of early stage breast cancers can also lead to overdiagnosis, which refers to the detection of cancers that pose no threat to life and would never have been detected in the absence of screening. Indeed, the detection of greater numbers of early stage cancers in the absence of a subsequent decline in rates of metastatic cancers and cancer deaths is the hallmark of overdiagnosis.... The overtreatment of breast cancer, as a consequence of overdiagnosis, is costly and undoubtedly contributes to this waste. Moreover, for each patient who is overdiagnosed with breast cancer, there are substantial adverse consequences: unnecessary anxiety, financial hardships, and a small risk of morbidity and mortality from unnecessary treatments."*

HB 1296

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