



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

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HB 302, relative to enabling the state treasury to invest in precious metals and digital assets.

HB 302

Ways and Means: OTP 11-8

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows the state treasurer to invest state funds into precious metals and digital assets. The investment is limited to 5% of the funds and must be in an asset with a market capitalization of more than \$500 billion.

YEA OTP

- Inflation not only diminishes the wealth of individuals, but of states as well. New Hampshire should diversify its holding to protect its assets.
- Having more options on the table allows the state to further diversify.
- Appropriate guardrails are in place to ensure that the state limits its investment to 5 percent of assets and only to established digital assets.

HB 493, requiring education on child abuse and neglect for certain healthcare providers as a condition for licensure.

HB 493

Executive Departments and Administration: ITL 9-7

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill requires healthcare providers to take one hour of training on child abuse and neglect before they are licensed, and every two years after that.

YEA ITL

- While well intentioned, this is yet another hour of continuing education that medical providers will be required to take. This takes time away from their job duties and adds additional compliance costs to their operations.

HB 66, relative to material subject to disclosure under the right to know law.

HB 66

Finance: OTP/A 16-9

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill, with the proposed committee amendment, expands the "Right-To-Know" law.

YEA OTP/A

- Increasing access to public documents is a great step forward for transparency.
- This bill includes appropriate guardrails to mostly limit requests to New Hampshire residents, taxpayers, and the media.
- This bill allows for electronic requests for documents.
- Note: While we support the bill, we suggest an amendment to more narrowly define 'media'. As written, any self-described member of the media worldwide can make a Right-To-Know request electronically. This may prove to be a burden for some government bodies.

HB 115, relative to universal eligibility for the education freedom account program.

HB 115

Finance: OTP 14-11

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill increases the income requirement for Education Freedom Accounts from 350% to 400% of the poverty line and later eliminates it.

YEA OTP

- Universal EFAs allow parents to choose how their children are educated and backs that decision up with state tax dollars.
- This bill expands the number of families who are afforded the freedom to choose the education they want for their children. Education freedom should not have an income requirement.
- NHLA supports the original version of HB 115 without adding back in the means test; however, any bill to increase access to EFAs, including this bill as amended, will be considered pro-liberty.

HB 282, increasing the maximum benefits for first responders critically injured in the line of duty.

HB 282

Finance: OTP 25-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases the maximum workers' compensation benefit for first responders from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 per biennium.

**NAY
OTP**

- This bill increases the state's liability in paying out workers' compensation benefits for first responders, which come from the General Fund.
- The highest recent payout was \$350,000, well below the existing cap. This bill is unnecessary.

HB 639, relative to the use of and disputes over blockchain and digital currencies.

HB 639

Finance: OTP 15-10

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill seeks to encourage the growth of the digital asset industry in New Hampshire. It codifies the legal use of blockchain technology for commerce. It also codifies rules for digital currency mining.

**YEA
OTP**

- Most of the practices being written into law by this bill are already legal; this bill though protects blockchain businesses from being banned by local governments.
- The bill protects the privacy of private keys, a central tenet to allowing the free use of digital assets.

HB 723, repealing the multi-use energy data platform.

HB 723

Finance: OTP 14-11

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill repeals a 2019 law requiring the creation of the state energy data platform.

**YEA
OTP**

- The law to create this platform was passed in 2019. In the past 6 years, the Public Utilities Commission has not built it.
- Most, if not all energy providers already offer some or all of this information to their customers.