



# GOLD STANDARD



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## SB 295, (New Title) relative to education freedom accounts.

Education Funding: OTP/A 10-8

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill removes the income eligibility requirements for Education Freedom Accounts; however, the amendment caps the number of EFA recipients to 10,000 children in 2025-2026.

- Education Freedom Accounts allow parents to have a say in how their children are educated by directing tax dollars to the education of the parents' choosing.
- NHLA supports universal Education Freedom Accounts. However, we will consider any vote to expand EFAs, including supporting SB 295, to be pro-liberty.

# SB 295

# YEA OTP/A

## SB 141, extending the time to petition for a new trial in certain cases.

Judiciary: OTP/A 10-8

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill allows for new exceptions to the time limit for new trials. The amendment also allows extensions, but places additional restrictions to qualify for an extension.

- The proposed amendment adds significant restrictions upon the intent of the original bill.
- NHLA prefers the original bill without any amendment, but we will consider both OTP and OTP/A to be pro-liberty votes.
- If new evidence exists or an error occurred during the administration of justice in a civil or criminal matter, a citizen should have the right to a new trial.

# SB 141

# YEA OTP

## SB 105, enabling towns to adopt budget caps.

Municipal and County Government: OTP/A 10-8

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill allows towns to enact a budget cap by a 3/5 vote at a town's annual meeting. The cap is equivalent to the previous year's per capita spending adjusted for inflation.

- Spending by local governments and schools has exploded in recent years.
- Such reckless budget increases also compel increases in local property taxes.
- Lower property taxes are the result of lower spending by local governments.

# SB 105

# YEA OTP/A

## SB 153, (New Title) relative to expedited driveway permitting of major entrances for residential use of 20 units or greater.

Public Works and Highways: OTP 14-2

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill, with proposed amendment 2025-1876h, requires that permits for entrances to developments with 20 or more units be approved or denied within 60 days from the acceptance of a completed application.

- This bill, with the proposed amendment, should be a model for future housing bills. Development applications should be deemed approved unless expressly denied by a permit issuer within a set timeframe.
- One of the biggest challenges facing property developers is the time it takes to get a decision on an application for a development permit.
- This bill, with the proposed amendment, will provide certainty to permit applicants for major developments. Whether their permit application for a major entrance driveway is approved or denied, they will have an answer within 60 days and can plan from there.
- NHLA recommends OTP/A when amended by amendment 2025-1876h. OTP will also be considered a pro-liberty vote.

# SB 153

# YEA OTP/A