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Education: OTP/A 4-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill, with the proposed committee amendment, allows a part-time teacher who works up to 20 hours per week to teach without a Board of Education certificate if they are a full-time or adjunct faculty member at the University of NH or at a NH community college.

- By allowing part-time teachers to bypass traditional credentialing requirements, this bill fosters educational innovation and choice, aligning with the principle that families should control their educational options.
- This legislation reduces the regulatory burden on schools, enabling them to hire based on expertise rather than bureaucratic credentials, which is a step toward more market-driven educational solutions.
- The requirement for criminal history checks and adherence to a code of conduct ensures accountability while still promoting liberty by expanding opportunities for qualified individuals to

HB 557, relative to the information that appears on the school budget ballot.

Education Finance: OTP/A 4-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires that school district election ballots include specific information about the school district's financial and academic status, specifically the cost per pupil and proficiency in English, math, and science.

- The intent of this bill is to facilitate voters making informed decisions.
- School budget expenditures have continued to rise as enrollment has gone down and student performance has leveled off.
- It is unclear if voters know that they are wasting their money on schools that spend more than they ever have, on fewer students, while still achieving lackluster results.

HB 771, relative to funding for open enrollment schools.

Education Finance: OTP/A 4-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires school districts that lose students to an open enrollment school to have a line item in their budget to pay the open enrollment school for that student's tuition.

• If a student chooses to go to a different school than the one they are assigned, their education dollars should follow them to that school.

HB 217, relative to absentee ballots.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs: ITL 4-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires absentee ballot voters to submit information demonstrating citizenship, age, domicile, and identity in order to qualify to vote.

- This bill improves election integrity by requiring proof of citizenship and residence to vote in New Hampshire state and local elections by absentee ballot.
- This bill provides a responsible and objective means of protecting the quality of an election by requiring additional verification from the applicant for the privilege of voting in absentia.

HB 90

HB 557

YEA OTP/A

HB 771

OTP/A

HB 217

NAY ITL

HB 701, relative to a health care patient's right to try certain emergency health care treatment options.

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: OTP/A 5-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill expands on existing "Right To Try" legislation by allowing allopathic or osteopathic treatments for those diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

- Adults should be able to do whatever they want with their own bodies, even if what they want to do
 ends up causing themselves harm.
- People with terminal diagnoses should have the opportunity to save their own life without the government getting in the way. This bill increases their treatment options.
- A healthcare provider or doctor should be able to help a terminally-ill patient without the risk of liability for that patient's death.

HB 712, limiting breast surgeries for minors.

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: OTP/A 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill places limitations on permissible breast surgeries on people under the age of 18 to only those procedures needed to treat malignancy, injury, infection, or malformation and those needed to reconstruct the breasts after such procedures.

- Consenting adults should have the right to do whatever they want to their bodies, including elective breast surgery.
- This bill addresses minors, who are not fully capable of understanding the impact of big decisions they might make. It is an appropriate safeguard to require that they are a legal adult for allowing this type of elective procedure.

Mid-Week Addendum

HB 577, relative to modifying the definition of ADUs.

Commerce: OTP 5-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill adds detached accessory dwelling units to the definition of "by right" ADUs and allows for increased square footage for ADUs.

- This bill allows more flexibility for what a private property owner may do with their property.
- Allowing ADUs by right provides legislative clarity for property owners who seek a permit to build an ADU.
- We recommend OTP on the original unamended version of this bill.

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

Commerce: Without Recommendation

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.

- 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 649, removing the requirement for physical safety inspections and on-board diagnostic tests for passenger vehicles and eliminating funding for the motor vehicle air pollution abatement fund.

Commerce: Without Recommendation

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill removes the requirement for annual state inspections for passenger vehicles.

- We support HB 649 as presented to eliminate vehicle inspections completely. We recommend approval of an OTP motion without amendment.
- Amendments that reduce the impact of car inspections will be considered pro-liberty and we will consider them a pro-liberty vote.
- Amendments to delay implementation of the bill are considered anti-liberty and will be considered an anti-liberty vote.

YEA OTP/A

HB 701

HB 712

YEA OTP/A

HB 577

YEA OTP

HB 639

Support

HB 649

Support

HB 768, allowing public schools to contract with any approved private school.

Education: OTP/A 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill adds religious schools to types of private schools that a school district may contract with.

- This bill expands the range of options a school district has if they cannot offer specific grade levels from within their district.
- If proper schools do not exist in their district, a student should be able to tuition to another school, public or private, to fulfill their needs.

YEA OTP/A

HB 768

HB 613

YEA OTP

HB 613, relative to enabling local political subdivisions to vote and set a reduced default budget option.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs: OTP 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows for the choice of a reduced default budget on a ballot referendum for a local political subdivision.

- This bill allows more choices for the voters during the referendum for a budget.
- During a time when local budgets are ballooning significantly and as a result local property taxes
 are seeing massive increases, it is reasonable to think that an option for a reduced default budget
 might be the preferred choice in some communities.