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SB 418**SB 418, prohibiting municipalities from requiring licenses for the production and sale of homestead food products.****YEA
OTP****SB 101****YEA
OTP/A****SB 406****YEA ITL****SB 634****YEA ITL****Commerce: OTP 3-2****PRO-LIBERTY: This bill prohibits local governments from creating stricter regulations for homestead food operations than the state requirements.**

- This bill prevents additional government overreach of homestead food sales already deemed safe by NH state standards.
- This bill encourages small entrepreneurs to build their homestead food business out of their home safely, following already-existing laws and regulations without the threat of local municipalities deciding which small businesses to shut down.

SB 101, authorizing parents to enroll their children in any public school in the state.**Finance: OTP/A 6-1****PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows parents to send their children to public schools outside of their resident district.**

- This bill gives parents and students the flexibility to select schools that best match their needs, such as those with stronger academic programs, safer environments, or extracurricular activities, rather than being limited by geographic boundaries. This can lead to higher student engagement and satisfaction.
- By allowing students to "vote with their feet", open enrollment encourages underperforming schools to innovate and elevate their standards to attract and retain enrollment, creating a more dynamic public education system overall.
- This bill provides opportunities for students from low-income or under-resourced neighborhoods to access higher-quality schools in other districts, helping to level the playing field.

SB 406, making an appropriation to the city of Nashua for the purpose of purchasing the former Daniel Webster College property.**Finance: ITL 4-2****ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill allocates \$20 million to the City of Nashua for the purchase of the former Daniel Webster College property.**

- This bill allocates \$20 million to the city of Nashua to purchase property that has been held by a foreign owner for more than 7 years without incident.
- If there is market demand for private ownership of the tract, then the city should work to clear roadblocks to private development that would enable a market-based sale of the property directly to a private owner.

SB 634, enabling municipalities to adopt a municipal occupancy fee.**Ways and Means: ITL 3-2****ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill allows local governments to add a \$2/night surcharge to the rooms tax.**

- This bill increases the fees to overnight guests in NH by allowing towns to add an additional fee on top of the already-high Meals and Rooms tax.
- When NH is seeing fewer Canadian tourists due to political tensions, now is not the time to increase fees to tourists visiting NH.
- Taxing tourists for the purpose of advertising tourism is self-defeating. NH can take a lesson from what happens in other areas (such as Las Vegas) when fees become too high.

Ways and Means: ITL 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill creates a tax credit for businesses who have increased costs due to tariffs.

- This bill lowers the increase in tax burden imposed upon businesses by the federal government.
- While a broad-based reduction in business enterprise tax is a better solution, this bill is a step in the right direction.

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