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SB 582**YEA ITL****SB 584****YEA ITL****SB 463****YEA ITL****SB 479****NAY ITL****SB 555****YEA ITL****SB 582, modifying the base cost of an adequate education.****Education Finance: ITL 4-2****ANTI-LIBERTY:** This bill increases the per-pupil base cost of an "adequate education" from \$4,100 to \$7,356.01. It also requires this number to be adjusted every two years.

- This bill amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars in additional taxpayer money being spent. This is a dramatic tax increase for all New Hampshire taxpayers.
- The added criteria justifying the costs have almost nothing to do with education.

SB 584, increasing the amount of funding provided for students receiving special education services.**Education Finance: ITL 4-2****ANTI-LIBERTY:** This bill increases the amount of funding provided for students receiving special education services. It increases the current spending from \$8,500 to \$22,400 per SPED student.

- There is no fiscal note attached to the bill, but since there are an estimated 31,469 special education students (2023/24) in New Hampshire, the increase of \$13,900 per student results in a total taxpayer increase of \$437,419,100 per year.
- This additional spending is a 164% increase.

SB 463, relative to possession of firearms in safe school zones.**Judiciary: ITL 3-2****ANTI-LIBERTY:** This bill prohibits carrying a firearm in a "safe school" zone.

- Making a place a "gun-free" zone doesn't make it safer. 92% of all mass shootings occur in gun-free zones:
 - crimeresearch.org/2018/06/more-misleading-information-from-bloombergs-everytown-for-guns-safety-on-guns-analysis-of-recent-mass-shootings
- Instituting this law makes law-abiding parents, voters, and teachers less safe by requiring that they are unarmed while on school property.
- This measure embodies safety theater: it makes people feel "safe" while actually making situations more dangerous.

SB 479, allowing alternative treatment centers to operate for profit.**Judiciary: ITL 3-2****PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill allows nonprofit medical cannabis centers to convert to for-profit businesses.

- Capitalism is a good thing. It has allowed the United States economy to become the envy of the world. Capitalism creates competition, which encourages companies to provide higher-quality products at better prices. The consumers win when there is a competitive marketplace.
- This bill allows alternative treatment centers to operate either as nonprofits or as for-profit businesses. No one is forced to make any change if they like their current operation.

SB 555, relative to critical risk protection orders.**Judiciary: ITL 3-2****ANTI-LIBERTY:** This bill allows for orders to take away a person's firearms.

- This bill is a red flag law. It wants to take away a person's lawfully-owned firearms based upon the assumption they might be used in a crime in the future. No crime has been committed, but the government wants to take away this person's firearms anyway.

Judiciary: ITL 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill legalizes cannabis for recreational use for those 21 and older and regulates it similarly to alcohol.

- The private personal use of cannabis is a victimless crime and should be legal.
- This legalization would not only prevent innocent people from having their lives significantly impacted by minor possession arrests, but would also reduce the expense of the criminal justice system, allowing police and prosecutors to focus on serious crimes where innocent people have been victimized.
- President Trump just signed an executive order to reassign cannabis from a Schedule I to Schedule III controlled substance.

SB 559, reducing the minimum allowable speed limit on locally controlled roads.

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Transportation: OTP/A 5-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill changes the lowest speed limit that a local jurisdiction can mandate for a road. It changes it from 25 MPH to 20 MPH.

- In the name of safety, this bill reduces liberty by telling drivers on certain roads how fast they are allowed to drive.
- It's unclear whether or not this will have any real impact to make roads safer.
- In practice it will give law enforcement new reasons to pull a person over, who despite going 21 MPH is otherwise driving safely.

SB 627, relative to toll rate adjustments, E-Z Pass customer discounts, and the acquisition and improvement of portions of Interstate Route 93 to support the New Hampshire turnpike system and the 2027-2036 ten year transportation plan.

SB 559

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Transportation: OTP/A 4-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases the tolls on several toll roads for drivers not using a New Hampshire E-Z Pass. It also increases future tolls by the rate of inflation.

- Some will argue that tolls are a user fee to use the roads. In reality, people who have to commute to work probably have no other option than to travel through these tolls. It is a tax because commuters are forced to pay them.
- New Hampshire ranks #3 in the nation for State Tax Competitiveness in the Tax Foundation's 2026 Index (taxfoundation.org/statetaxindex/states/new-hampshire). Adding new taxes would hurt our reputation as a live free or die state and erode the New Hampshire Advantage.
- Governor Ayotte has already declared that she will 100% veto this bill.

SB 627

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