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**SB 498, relative to children's mental health services for persons 18 years of age and younger.**

## SB 498

**Commerce and Consumer Affairs: IS 14-4**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates the New Hampshire children's behavioral health association and allows it to collect assessments from insurance providers to fund itself.**

- NHLA would prefer an ITL motion, but we understand an IS motion kills the bill, at least for this year.
- There is some debate about whether this bill creates a tax or mandated healthcare coverage. We oppose both, so regardless of how this bill is defined, we believe it is anti-liberty.

## YEA IS

**SB 409, relative to the penalties for the offense of disobeying an officer.**

## SB 409

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety: OTP/A 13-0**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases the crime of disobeying a police officer from a misdemeanor to a felony.**

- This bill will not prevent high-speed chases. The people running from the police are most likely already guilty of felonies, which is why they run.
- The specific violations listed in the amendment (speeding, driving without headlights on, driving in the wrong direction) are already crimes. This bill is duplicating crimes that already exist.

## NAY OTP/A

**SB 624, (New Title) restricting access to certain hemp-derived products and establishing the offenses of criminal adulteration and distribution of adulterated controlled substances.**

## SB 624

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety: OTP/A 8-6**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill makes it illegal to sell THC derivatives like Delta-9. It punishes business who sell them with fines. As amended, this bill creates new crimes for adding additional substances deemed not fit for human consumption to controlled substances.**

- The amendment of this bill punishes those who secretly add unsafe substances to other controlled substances. While "unsafe" is a relative term, the liberty view of bodily autonomy requires a person to be aware of the risks they are taking and to consent; therefore, we are not opposing the amendment.
- NHLA does oppose the main bill. This bill moves cannabis policy in the wrong direction, by making THC alternatives illegal for adults 18-20.

## NAY OTP

**SB 667, relative to the assault of emergency room personnel.**

## SB 667

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety: OTP 10-3**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill makes it a felony to assault "emergency room personnel".**

- This bill is unnecessary, as assault of any person is already a crime. It is not any more of a crime if you assault emergency room personnel.
- Adding more protected classes is anti-liberty as all humans should be protected from assault equally. As stated in the NH Constitution in Part 1 Article 1, All men are born equally free and independent.

## NAY OTP

**SB 430, (New Title) relative to mandatory disclosure by school district employees to parents and legal guardians.**

**SB 430**

**Education Policy and Administration: OTP/A 10-8**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires that schools shall not keep secrets from parents unless there is a warranted safety-based need to do so.**

**YEA  
OTP/A**

- The government should not be an instrument of keeping secrets from the legal parents or guardians of minor children unless there is a direct threat to the safety and well-being of the child.
- Those contingencies exist in this bill and are well-defined with a process to do so. Outside of those extenuating circumstances, the parent or guardian should have full knowledge and disclosure from the school about any circumstances pertaining to their child.

**SB 431, relative to violations of the prohibition on teaching discrimination.**

**SB 431**

**Education Policy and Administration: OTP 10-8**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill protects teachers who accidentally teach discrimination.**

**YEA  
OTP**

- One main legal challenge to the recently passed ban of teaching discrimination is the issue of intent. By protecting teachers who had no intent to teach discrimination, this law makes legal challenges to the discrimination law baseless.

**SB 434, relative to regulation of public school materials.**

**SB 434**

**Education Policy and Administration: OTP/A 10-8**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill, as amended, requires school districts to make a policy curating access to materials that are innappropriate to children and have no bonafide educational value.**

**YEA  
OTP/A**

- This bill keeps objectively inappropriate materials out of public schools.
- If parents want their children to see these types of materials, they can procure them directly and let their child view them outside of school hours.

**SB 223, (New Title) prohibiting student identification cards from being used as photo identification for purposes of obtaining a ballot.**

**SB 223**

**Election Law: OTP/A 10-8**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill clarifies that only state-issued identification is allowed to be used to vote.**

**YEA  
OTP/A**

- This bill is cleanup legislation. The original bill to no longer allow non-government issued identification was already signed this year by Governor Ayotte.

**SB 405, relative to amounts reported by political committees.**

**SB 405**

**Election Law: OTP 10-8**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill increases the threshold that requires reporting the name of a political donor from \$50 to \$200. It also increases the threshold to report their occupation and employer from \$200 to \$1,000.**

**YEA  
OTP**

- Given the massive amounts of money needed to run for election, it is unlikely that a donor is secretly purchasing influence from a candidate for less than \$200.
- As the value of money is eroded by inflation, it is necessary to update these reporting standards.

**SB 557, (Third New Title) making it illegal for liquor commission licensees to sell, distribute, furnish, offer for sale, advertise, manufacture, possess, or allow the ingestion, inhalation, smoking, or vaping of certain kratom products.**

**SB 557**

**Finance: OTP/A 13-11**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill, as amended, classifies synthetic or semisynthetic kratom as a schedule II controlled drug.**

**NAY  
OTP/A**

- Individuals have an absolute right to control their own bodies and make personal choices about what substances they consume whether good or bad.
- Kratom is used responsibly by hundreds of thousands of Americans as a natural alternative to pharmaceutical opioids. Education, informed consent, and personal accountability should be promoted rather than a failed War on Drugs model that creates black markets, adulterated products, and unnecessary criminal records.

# SB 552

**YEA  
OTP**

# SB 88

**YEA  
OTP/A**

# SB 439

**YEA  
OTP/A**

# SB 508

**YEA  
OTP**

# SB 643

**YEA  
OTP/A**

**SB 552, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.**

**Judiciary: OTP 9-8**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows for bathrooms, sports teams, and prisons to be separated by biological sex.**

- A core pillar of liberty is the ability to do whatever you want, so long as what you are doing does not have an impact upon anyone else's liberty.
- The right to privacy and safety for those who present as their biological sex outweighs the interest of others who present differently from their biological sex to access the shared public spaces of their preference. As a result, it is a reasonable protection of liberty to allow for the use of shared public spaces to be separated on the basis of biological sex.

**SB 88, prohibiting state government entities from including specified terms related to labor organization agreements in construction related contracts and grants.**

**Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: OTP/A 11-9**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill prohibits government entities from requiring contractors to use, or not to use, union labor, or discriminating against or in favor of them on that basis.**

- This bill may reduce government spending because it prohibits government entities from discriminating in favor of contractors on the basis that they use union labor.
- It also prohibits them from discriminating against contractors on that basis, making the legislation even-handed.

**SB 439, relative to municipal data center zoning.**

**Municipal and County Government: OTP/A 11-9**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill, as amended, allows data centers by right in commercial or industrial zones.**

- Property owners, including those who build and operate data centers, should be allowed to use their property as they see fit, as long as their use does not infringe on others.
- Data centers will still be subject to planning and zoning rules. They cannot have specific rules that are more restrictive than other similar uses.

**SB 508, relative to the zoning board of adjustments appeal period.**

**Municipal and County Government: OTP 11-9**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires that all grounds for appeal must be stated in the initial notice of appeal.**

- This bill provides a clear framework allow applicants for zoning adjustments to appeal decisions related to their zoning. It also limits the amount of times a municipality can request modifications to an application.
- Local governments are often the bottleneck the the development process. By creating clearly defined rules and timelines for application review, this bill will streamline the development process.

**SB 643, (New Title) requiring municipalities, towns, and cities to submit documentation to the department of revenue administration proving they are in compliance with local budget and tax caps and requiring municipalities to hold a public hearing and conduct a roll call vote when seeking to override a tax or spending cap.**

**Municipal and County Government: OTP/A 11-9**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires a public meeting and a roll call vote when a local government intends to override a tax cap.**

- The public has a right to provide input in the process when governments decide they want to consider overriding a local tax cap.
- Requiring a roll call vote on this issue allows voters to know where their local elected officials stand on this issue and make informed decisions in the next election.

**CACR  
12**

**YEA  
OTP/A**

**SB 627**

**YEA IS**

**CACR 12, relating to voting on broad-based taxes. Providing that a supermajority vote of the general court shall be required to enact any broad-bases taxes.**

**Ways and Means: OTP/A 11-9**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill, as amended, would change to state constitution to make a personal income tax unconstitutional.**

- In recent years, the State has been regularly lowering state taxes. Most recently, the Interest & Dividends Tax was eliminated.
- New Hampshire ranked #3 on the 2026 State Tax Competitiveness Index:  
– [taxfoundation.org/statetaxindex](http://taxfoundation.org/statetaxindex)
- The New Hampshire Advantage is a direct result of efforts by elected officials to lower taxes.
- This bill ensures that New Hampshire will not easily slide backward into mediocrity and erode our economic advantage.
- A recent poll showed that 71% of voters oppose an income tax. Allowing the voters to have a voice on the matter promotes democracy.

**SB 627, (New Title) relative to toll rate adjustments and periodic inflation-based toll reviews for the New Hampshire turnpike system to support the 2027-2036 ten-year transportation plan.**

**Ways and Means: IS 11-9**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill doubles toll rates on drivers who do not have a New Hampshire E-Z Pass.**

- This bill represents a huge increase in tolls. In many cases a 100% increase in the cost to drivers.
- Just because a tax is targeted to non-New Hampshire residents doesn't make it any less of a tax.
- This bill doubles the tolls for cash customers who live in New Hampshire.