



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

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**HB 221, (New Title) enabling electric utilities to own, operate, and offer advanced nuclear resources, and relative to purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities and limitations on community customer generators.**

**HB 221**

**Governor: Vetoed**

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill allows the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to consider modifications to the Granite State Test in order to evaluate the cost effectiveness of the systems benefit charge (SBC). This charge is paid by all ratepayers and is used by the PUC to invest in energy efficiency programs.

**YEA  
Override**

- The purpose of the systems benefit charge is to save money for ratepayers in the long run. The Public Utilities Commission should have the flexibility to use what they believe is the best test to accurately measure the effectiveness of the systems benefits charge.
- If the systems benefits charge is not producing the desired outcome of financial savings for ratepayers, then the SBC should be modified or eliminated.

**HB 396, (Second New Title) relative to the processing of cattle, swine, sheep, and goats at facilities not certified by the United States Department of Agriculture.**

**HB 396**

**Governor: Vetoed**

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill allows for the local processing of cattle and other meat by the owner for direct sale to consumers. It has a limit of 3 cattle, 5 pigs and 10 sheep or goats per month.

**YEA  
Override**

- The bills gets the USDA out of the way and allows for the local processing of locally raised meat.
- It has a very small cap of only 3 cows per month. It will not be used to circumvent commercial operations and is intended for small producers.

**HB 1336, (New Title) relative to regulated conditional deposits.**

**HB 1336**

**Governor: Vetoed**

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill allows landlords and tenants to agree to a higher security deposit — up to two months' rent — when an applicant does not meet clearly disclosed, reasonable approval criteria.

**YEA  
Override**

- A rental agreement is a contract between two private parties. If the landlord is willing to take on additional risk by renting to tenants who don't meet the typical requirements, that is their choice.

**HB 1422, relative to the time to petition for a new trial.**

**HB 1422**

**Governor: Vetoed**

**PRO-LIBERTY:** This bill allows for a convicted person to apply for a new trial if they discover new evidence that may exonerate them. There would be no time limit in which new evidence may be uncovered.

**YEA  
Override**

- There are many cases of situations where new evidence exonerates an individual of a crime for which they were convicted. One prominent example is DNA evidence that simply was never tested.
- A 3-year limit on introducing new evidence is arbitrary. Its purpose is to save the courts time and money, not to ensure justice is properly served.

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| <div>HB 1442, (New Title) permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.</div> <div>Governor: Vetoes</div> <div> <div>PRO-LIBERTY: This bill as amended allows, but does not require, certain public institutions to be organized on the basis of biological sex. Bathrooms, sports teams and correctional facilities may choose to be organized on the basis of biological sex rather than gender.</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>The benefit to those who want privacy and security in shared spaces outweighs the interest of others who want to use the facility of their choosing.</li> </ul> </div> | <div>HB 1442</div> <div>YEA Override</div> |
| <div>HB 1565, (New Title) relative to the penalty for false reports of suspected abuse and neglect made to the division for children, youth, and families, relative to owner's project manager services for school building aid projects, and relative to long-term care eligibility and making an appropriation therefor.</div> <div>Governor: Vetoes</div> <div> <div>PRO-LIBERTY: This bill creates both civil and criminal penalties for those who knowingly file a false report of child abuse.</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This bill serves as a deterrent against false and spiteful complaints.</li> <li>It reaffirms the duty of professional mandatory reporters to make good faith reports of abuse or neglect; doing so absolves them from criminal and civil liability.</li> </ul> </div>                    | <div>HB 1565</div> <div>YEA Override</div> |
| <div>HB 1610, allowing school districts to annually retain year-end unassigned general funds.</div> <div>Governor: Vetoes</div> <div> <div>PRO-LIBERTY: This bill adds new safeguards to make sure that when school districts spend unassigned general funds the expenditure is approved by voters and only used for "unusual circumstances".</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is appropriate for school districts to routinely ask the voters to weigh in on how money in the budget is spent.</li> </ul> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <div>HB 1610</div> <div>YEA Override</div> |
| <div>SB 268, permitting classification of individuals based on biological sex under certain limited circumstances.</div> <div>Governor: Vetoes</div> <div> <div>PRO-LIBERTY: This bill permits classification of individuals based on biological sex in lavatory facilities and locker rooms, sporting competitions, and detention facilities.</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>The benefit to those who want privacy and security in shared spaces outweighs the interest of others who want to use the facility of their choosing.</li> </ul> </div>                                                                                                             | <div>SB 268</div> <div>YEA Override</div>  |
| <div>SB 468, relative to enabling alternative treatment centers to operate a greenhouse cultivation location.</div> <div>Governor: Vetoes</div> <div> <div>PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows alternative treatment centers to grow cannabis in greenhouses.</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The private personal use of cannabis should be legal for all adults.</li> <li>This bill allows operators who are already legally operating facilities that sell therapeutic cannabis to grow it in greenhouses for sale to their patients.</li> </ul> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <div>SB 468</div> <div>YEA Override</div>  |

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

Governor: Vetoed

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 benefit to those who want privacy and security in shared spaces outweighs the interest of others who want to use the facility of their choosing.

SB 552

YEA  
Override

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