



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

GOLD STANDARD

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Low taxes are a result of low spending - Mel Thomson

1191 Oppose
 1242 Neutral
 1249 Oppose
 1254 Oppose
 1282 Support
 1289 Support
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 1300 Support
 1301 Support
 HB 1 NAY OTP/A
 HB 2 NAY OTP/A

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HB 1-A, making appropriations for the expenses of certain departments of the state for fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

HB 1

Finance: OTP/A 16-9

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill dishonestly hides increases in state spending and unacceptably grows the size of state government.

NAY OTP/A

- This bill allows the growth of government to be 10.5% in the General Fund for this proposed budget.
- This bill adopts a cut in projected revenue for several funds, which senior members of the Finance committee believe will come in later and can be adopted by the Fiscal committee. This is a dishonest accounting trick to reduce the apparent size of the budget.
- The legislature should seek to return the additional tax revenues to the taxpayers during the prosperous times so that government does not become unaffordable during the lean times.

HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL, relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.

HB 2

Finance: OTP/A 16-9

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill continues the state's failed approach to the War on Drugs, promotes wealth transfer under the guise of property tax relief, and forces taxpayers to fund certain college tuition costs through a new state benefit that provides college scholarships.

NAY OTP/A

1191H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

1191

Rep. Eaton:

ANTI-LIBERTY: This amendment increases spending on the NH community college system by \$5.5 million over the biennium.

Oppose

- This amendment forces all taxpayers to pay for increased subsidies to students who choose to attend community college.

1289H, Floor Amendment to HB 25-FN-A

1289

Reps. Dyer and Hoell:

PRO-LIBERTY: This amendment eliminates \$2.5 million that was allocated for state police specialty vehicle storage.

Support

- This amendment strikes the allocation for the Police Specialty Vehicle Storage Facility — a facility that costs over \$300/sq ft and will be used to store 1 Lenco BearCat, 3 trucks, 4 trailers, and provide temporary storage of impounded vehicles. This is a poor use of taxpayer funds.
- The current lease cost is \$50,300 yearly; the return on investment is a very long time at \$2.5 million for the new facility.

1242H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

1242

Reps. Bates and Wallner:

NEUTRAL: This amendment restores integrity to the budget process by honestly representing federal funds that will be spent over the biennium.

Neutral

- While the NHLA is not taking a position that the spending of the federal funds is either pro-liberty or appropriate, the budget should accurately reflect planned spending so that the net growth in spending is visible to the citizens of the state.
- Open and honest accounting is an important component to building trust within a civil society.

1249H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

Rep. Eaton:

ANTI-LIBERTY: This amendment allocates an additional \$5.5 million over the biennium to subsidize students who choose to attend the NH community college system.

- This amendment forces all taxpayers to pay for increased subsidies to students who choose to attend community college.

1249

Oppose

1254H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

Reps. Rosenwald, Wallner and McMahon:

ANTI-LIBERTY: This amendment allocates an additional \$47 million of taxpayer money to developmental services.

- Though 50% of the taxpayer funding is from the federal government, the increase in spending will represent a new baseline upon which the budgets for future years will be measured. Thus the increase in state spending is likely to be permanent. Recovery of a portion of federal dollars is not a sufficient justification for additional state spending that will eventually lead to an increase in taxes.

1254

Oppose

1282H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

Reps. Ammon, Burt, Murphy and Hoell:

PRO-LIBERTY: This amendment proportionally reduces the total appropriation for all departments, as defined in RSA 9:1, by not less than \$200 million.

- This amendment directs the governor to reduce spending by at least \$200 million. While the legislature should play an active role in determining the funding level of each department, this amendment recognizes that total spending in the budget is currently too high and allows the governor to make responsible spending reductions across the departments to achieve a reduction in state spending.
- The proposed reductions will require the various departments to find a 1-2% increase in efficiency and a subsequent reduction in costs.

1282

Support

1297H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

Reps. Sanborn, Cordelli and Spillane:

PRO-LIBERTY: This amendment reduces general fund appropriations by \$25 million.

- This amendment directs the governor to reduce spending by at least \$25 million. While the legislature should play an active role in determining the funding level of each department, this amendment recognizes that total spending in the budget is currently too high and allows the governor to make modest spending reductions across the departments to achieve a reduction in state spending.

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Support

1298H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

Rep. Hoell:

PRO-LIBERTY: This amendment reduces general fund appropriations by \$24.7 million.

- This amendment directs the governor to reduce spending by at least \$24.7 million. While the legislature should play an active role in determining the funding level of each department, this amendment recognizes that total spending in the budget is currently too high and allows the governor to make modest spending reductions across the departments to achieve a reduction in state spending.

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Support

1299H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

Rep. Hoell:

PRO-LIBERTY: This amendment reduces general fund appropriations by \$6.6 million.

- This amendment directs the governor to reduce spending by at least \$6.6 million. While the legislature should play an active role in determining the funding level of each department, this amendment recognizes that total spending in the budget is currently too high and allows the governor to make modest spending reductions across the departments to achieve a reduction in state spending.

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Support

1300H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

Rep. Hoell:

PRO-LIBERTY: This amendment reduces general fund appropriations by \$15 million.

- This amendment directs the governor to reduce spending by at least \$15 million. While the legislature should play an active role in determining the funding level of each department, this amendment recognizes that total spending in the budget is currently too high and allows the governor to make modest spending reductions across the departments to achieve a reduction in state spending.

1300

Support

1294H, Floor Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

Rep. Horn:

ANTI-LIBERTY: This amendment increases spending by \$2 million over the biennium to increase state subsidy of post-secondary education.

- While concurrent enrollment allowing students to receive college and high school credit while in high school is an admirable program, the costs of these classes is currently partially paid for by parents and/or private scholarship, with the balance of the funding coming from state subsidy of the community college system. Families with students attending these classes are already receiving significant financial benefits from the taxpayers, and taxpayers should not be forced to pick up additional costs.

1294

Oppose

1301H, Floor Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

Rep. Bouldin:

PRO-LIBERTY: This amendment reduces spending on the failed approach to the War on Drugs by \$3.6 million.

- The War on Drugs has clearly failed; heroin was first federally regulated 103 years ago, yet is still beyond the control of governance even today. While it is tempting to look at the lists of arrests week after week in the paper and think we are just one more arrest from a solution, it is clear that the additional spending-and-enforcement approach is a failure.

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Support