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1191 Oppose	1282 Support	1299 Support	1328 Support	1334 Oppose
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1254 Oppose	1298 Support			

1333H, Floor Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

Reps. Wallner, Rosenwald, M. Smith, Leishman, Eaton and Shurtleff:

ANTI-LIBERTY: This amendment establishes keno, spends nearly \$14 million on public water and wastewater projects, and eliminates the requirement for certain retired state employees to pay a portion of their Medicare Parts A and B premiums.

- While the NHLA is generally supportive of broad relaxation of rules for gambling by adults, the additional spending in this amendment still increases state expenditures and funnels money from the state to selected cities and towns. Centralized collection and distribution of tax dollars reduces accountability as compared to local spending.
- The revenue raised by the keno operation is not allocated to the spending that this amendment authorizes.
- HB560 - establishing keno has already passed the House and is currently being considered by the Senate. As a result the small improvement in liberty represented by this amendment does not offset the negative impacts of additional state spending.

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Oppose

1329H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

Rep. Hoell:

PRO-LIBERTY: This amendment restores integrity to the budget process by honestly representing federal funds that will be spent over the biennium and reduces spending by 7.5%.

- 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.
- This amendment directs the governor to reduce state general fund appropriations for all departments by not less than 7.5 percent.

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Support

1334H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

Reps. Wallner, Rosenwald, M. Smith, Leishman, Eaton and Shurtleff:

ANTI-LIBERTY: This amendment authorizes future spending if revenue is higher than estimates without requiring a vote of the full legislature.

- If revenue is higher than estimates, funds should be returned to the taxpayers or at least require an "on-the-record" action of the full House and Senate.
- The legislature should not abdicate its responsibility to the citizens of New Hampshire.

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Oppose

1328H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

Reps. Costable, Ferreira, True, Avellani and L. Turcotte:

PRO-LIBERTY: This amendment restores integrity to the budget process by honestly representing federal funds that will be spent over the biennium and reduces spending by \$219 million over the biennium.

- This amendment adds back in the proposed committee cuts that totaled \$219 million. 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.
- The amendment instructs the Governor and the Fiscal Committee to work on ways to trim that same amount from the budgets of various departments.

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.

Finance: OTP/A 16-9

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

- 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.

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.

- While the committee floor amendment (2017-1163h) addresses the college tuition concern, the amendment does not change our recommendation on the bill.

1191H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

Rep. Eaton:

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

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

1242H, Floor Amendment to HB 1-A

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.

- 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.

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Support

HB 1

NAY OTP/A

HB 2

NAY OTP/A

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Oppose

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Neutral

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Support

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

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Rep. Horn:

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

Oppose

- 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.

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

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Rep. Bouldin:

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

Support

- 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.