



Gold Standard

LIBERTY WATCHLIST

SB40 – Relative to protecting workers and local governments with advance notice of impending plant closings and layoffs.

Committee report: Labor: OTP/A (13–2)

Our recommendation:

NAY on OTP/A

This bill, which requires a 60-day advance notice to employees of plant closings and layoffs, is **anti-liberty**:

- This bill interferes with the economic freedom of private businesses.
- It additionally places New Hampshire businesses at a disadvantage, as surrounding states set their threshold at 100 employees whereas this bill would set New Hampshire's at 80.

SB115 – Relative to eligibility for the healthy kids program.

Committee report: Commerce & Consumer Affairs: OTP/A (18–0)

Our recommendation:

NAY on OTP/A

This bill, which extends eligibility for the healthy kids program to anyone under 26 years old, is **anti-liberty**:

- This is a piece of “slippery slope” legislation that is slowly moving New Hampshire toward universal, state-provided healthcare.
- This particular change may not cost the state any money, but it increases the number of people who qualify for state-supported healthcare. This moves us closer to the point where everyone qualifies for some reason or another.

SB147 – Relative to the data collection practices of health care providers and relative to the development of an uninsured health care database.

Committee report: Commerce & Consumer Affairs: OTP/A (14–4)

Our recommendation:

NAY on OTP/A

This bill, which imposes a mandate on healthcare providers to report everything they do with uninsured patients, is **anti-liberty**:

- This bill is a violation of the privacy of uninsured patients.
- It creates a new state-run database, which could cost a significant amount of money. The bill's fiscal note compares it to the current database of insured patients, which costs \$148,000 per year to operate, and \$150,000 in startup costs.
- It increases administrative costs for healthcare providers which will increase the cost of healthcare.

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SB190 – Relative to race track cocktail lounge licenses.

Committee report: Commerce & Consumer Affairs: OTP (17–1)

Our recommendation:

NAY on OTP
YEA on OTP/A

This bill, which grants a special exemption from the liquor licensing laws to the N.H. Motor Speedway, is **anti-liberty**:

- It is an extremely blatant example of a piece of special-interest legislation, granting an exemption *only* to motor vehicle racetracks, in violation of **Part I, Art. 10** of the New Hampshire Constitution. The majority blurb actually states this bill is specifically to accommodate the N.H. Motor Speedway.
- Whereas the NHLA does not support liquor licensing itself, we cannot support granting special exemptions to certain license holders. The law must be uniform. As such, we support the minority amendment, which allows any licensee to request this exemption from the liquor commission.

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