



SB 88, relative to physical force in defense of a person and relative to the brandishing of a firearm or other means of self-defense

Committee recommendation: Criminal Justice and Public Safety : OTP/A 9 - 3

This bill, allowing people to possess tools of defense without permission or notice, is **pro-liberty**:

- This bill complies with Part 1 Art. 2a of the NH Constitution, protecting a person's right to keep and bear arms, while also recognizing law enforcement's interest in prohibiting certain persons from carrying.
- Statistically, people who lawfully carry guns have a crime rate that is vanishingly small when compared to the population in general. There is no valid reason to license them in the first place.
- The NHLA supports the language of amendment 2011-2235h over calendar amendment 2011-2156h, but both are pro-liberty additions.

SB 88
YEA
on
OTPA

SB 129-FN, relative to presenting photo identification to vote in person and relative to the election fund.

Committee recommendation: Finance : OTP 24 - 1

This bill, relative to presenting photo identification to vote in person, is **anti-liberty**:

- Part first, Article 11, of the NH Constitution states: All elections are to be free, and every inhabitant of the state of 18 years of age and upwards shall have an equal right to vote in any election.
- Fraudulent voting is already a crime. Existing laws should be enforced against anyone who breaks them, rather than creating new regulations that burden everyone.
- The number of people who register to vote at the polls and don't show a photo ID is vanishingly small. On November 2nd, 2010 only 49 people statewide cast ballots this way —1/88th of one percent— hardly a problem which justifies burdening the other 99.989% of voters at the polls.
- Implementing this will increase the cost of elections.
- This bill promotes a 'papers, please' agenda, where citizens are forbidden from exercising their constitutional right to vote unless they have a government-issued identification card.
- We recommend a YEA vote on floor amendment 2209h, then NAY on OTP/A motion.

SB 129
NAY
on
OTP

YEA on
am. 2209h

SB 151-FN, relative to contracts of the department of health and human services.

Committee recommendation: Finance : OTP 26 - 1

This bill, requiring consolidation of service contracts, is **pro-liberty**:

- Streamlines operations to save taxpayer dollars.

SB 151
YEA
on
OTP

SB 70-FN, relative to remedies in landlord-tenant actions.

Committee recommendation: Judiciary : OTP/A 10 - 5

This bill, repealing unnecessary restrictions on rental property owners, is **pro-liberty**:

- Improves an owner's control of his private property and reduces the burdensome regulation and costs of extended storage requirements.
- Rights to contract and property rights should be held sacrosanct by legislatures.
- Repealing last year's new requirement on owners to file an address for process service is a positive step towards reducing government regulation and deferring to personal responsibility.
- Regulations, reporting requirements, and fines all discourage investment in real property.

SB 70
YEA
on
OTPA

SB 2, relative to adoption of spending caps by municipalities.

Committee recommendation: Municipal and County Government OTP/A 12 - 4

This bill, which allows for municipalities to enact spending caps, is **pro-liberty**:

- Gives more control to local voters over spending, and thereby helps to rein in future tax increases.
- Allows municipalities to put provisions in their charters requiring supermajority votes before large spending increases can happen.
- Helps address several issues where a previous Supreme Court opinion found certain aspects of the spending caps to be unlawful.

SB2
YEA
on
OTPA