



HB 1375, relative to access to firearms by persons convicted of nonviolent felonies.

Committee recommendation: Criminal Justice and Public Safety : ITL : 13 - 2

This bill, which would allow non-violent felons access to firearms, is **pro-liberty**:

- Upholds Article 2 Part 1 of the NH Constitution "All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights among which are, the enjoying and defending life and liberty: acquiring , possessing and defending property..." "
- Upholds Article 18 Part 1 of the NH Constitution "All penalties ought to be proportional to the nature of the offense."
- So many things are now technically felonies some have estimated that an average person can commit three felonies a day without even knowing it.
- Prosecution falls disproportionately upon minorities, especially for non-violent consensual acts which have been classified as 'felonies'.

HB 1375
NAY
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HB 1413-FN, directing New Hampshire to withdraw from the No Child Left Behind Act

Committee recommendation: Education : OTP : 12 - 4

This bill, which would prohibit federal control of education, is **pro-liberty**:

- Upholds the 10th Amendment of the US Constitution "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."
- Removes several unfunded /partially funded federal mandates.

HB 1413
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HB 1517-FN-L, prohibiting the state and any political subdivision from entering any agreement implementing any provision of the No Child Left Behind Act without prior approval of the general court.

Committee recommendation: Education : OTP : 14 - 3

This bill, which reduces federal control of education, is **pro-liberty**:

- Upholds the 10th Amendment of the US Constitution "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."
- Requires future agreements regarding early through secondary education to be approved by the general court.

HB 1517
YEA
on
OTP

HB 1634, prohibiting the state, counties, towns, and cities from implementing programs of, expending money for, receiving funding from, or contracting with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives.

Committee recommendation: Executive Departments and Administration : OTP : 6 - 4

This bill, which would protect property rights, is **pro-liberty**:

- Upholds the United States Constitution Article I Section 10 "No state shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; ...".
- Upholds Article 2 Part 1 of the NH Constitution "All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights among which are, the enjoying and defending life and liberty: acquiring , possessing and defending property..." "

HB 1634
YEA
on
OTP

HB 593-FN-A-L, relative to video lottery and table gaming.

Committee recommendation: Ways and Means : OTP : 14- 7

This bill, laying the groundwork for up to two casinos in NH, is **anti-liberty**:

- If the authors really wanted to allow gambling, all they need to do is repeal RSA 647:2.
- The bill is bureaucracy layered upon bureaucracy. Some of the powers given to that bureaucracy are unprecedented – remote data collection and disabling of machines by the Lottery Commission.
- The bill suspends the constitutional requirement to procure a warrant prior to examining a licensee's correspondence, records, books, papers, as the Attorney General "deems advisable".
- The bill suspends the constitutional right to a jury trial for those subject to the Lottery Commission's authority, with no possibility for review or appeal.
- The bill vests an arbitrary authority in the Lottery Commission to punish any person subject to its rules, effectively in any way the Commission sees fit.
- The bill creates a state-enforced monopoly on who can buy or sell "gambling equipment" in this state.
- It will still be a crime for 8 friends to sit around and play a game of poker.

HB 593
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OTP