



New Hampshire Liberty Alliance Gold Standard

HB 251 NAY OTP
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CACR 1 NAY ITL
HB 168 YEA ITL

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HB 251, relative to the legislative members of the home education advisory council.

Committee recommendation: Education, OTP 10–9

This bill, which would allow for two legislators and one senator to be appointed to the home education advisory council, is **anti-liberty**:

- HEAC has six representatives from the home education community, and six from other state-level education agencies, creating a stable and balanced board. Restoring voting rights to the three legislative members gives them a “second bite at the apple” by having another opportunity to impact home education rules and policy. It also makes HEAC vulnerable to political shifts as the legislative HEAC members can sway policy.
- HEAC is part of the executive branch of government. Giving the legislative members of HEAC voting rights muddies the separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches.
- The original intent of SB 337 (2008) which added legislators to HEAC was to give the representatives and senator a better understanding of home education issues and law. This is not compromised by not having voting rights. Their voting rights were removed only last year via HB 545 (2012).
- This bill is flip-flop legislation, which is also counter to the role of HEAC, which is to create stability in home education rules and policy.

**HB
251
NAY**
on
OTP

HB 144, 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: Municipal & County Government, ITL 14–3

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

- It upholds the United States Constitution, Article I, Section 10, which states: “No state shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation;”
- It upholds Part I, Article 2 of the New Hampshire Constitution, which states: “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
144
NAY**
on
ITL

CACR 1, relating to taxation. Providing that a 3/5 vote is required to pass legislation imposing new or increased taxes or license fees, or to authorize the issuance of state bonds and providing that the general court shall appropriate funds for payment of interest and installments or principal of all state bonds.

Committee recommendation: Ways & Means, ITL 14–3

This bill, which would require a 3/5 vote to impose new or increased taxes or fees, is **pro-liberty**:

- This would make it more difficult for future legislators to increase taxes and fees, or create new ones.

**CACR
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NAY
on
ITL**

HB 168-FN, increasing the beer tax.

Committee recommendation: Ways & Means, ITL 14–2

This bill, which would increase the tax on beer, is **anti-liberty**:

- This bill would give New Hampshire the highest beer tax in New England—almost four times the rate of Massachusetts, which is 11 cents per gallon. Increasing our beer tax would hurt sales in the cities and towns along the Massachusetts border.

**HB
168
YEA
on
ITL**

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HB 136-L, relative to compensation for attendance at meetings of the county convention.

Committee recommendation: Municipal & County Government, OTP 16–0

This bill, which would increase the compensation for attending county delegation meetings, is **anti-liberty**:

- The stated reason for this 100% increase in the *per diem* for state representatives attending the county delegation meeting is to increase attendance for county convention work—a responsibility every representative already agreed to when choosing to run for office.
- This legislation takes effect sixty days after passage—this is very much a case of a legislature voting itself a raise.

**HB
136
NAY
on
OTP**