



GOLD STANDARD



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SB 101, prohibiting the state from requiring implementation of common core standards.

SB 101

Education Committee Recommendation: OTP, 11-9

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill protects local control over educational standards.

YEA OTP

- SB 101 prohibits the state from mandating Common Core standards thereby protecting local control.
- Federally funded "regional liaisons" recruited by the NH DoE have worked to implement Common Core in school districts without approval of parents or school boards.
- This bill protects local control in the face of on-going efforts to eliminate local decision making authority, including a No Child Left Behind waiver renewal that would require Common Core to be implemented in every school district.

SB 125-FN, relative to certification & licensure for mold assessment/remediation services

SB 125

Executive Departments and Administration Committee Recommendation: OTP/A, 11-3

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill infringes on the rights of homeowners and service providers.

NAY OTP/A

- Licensing often exacerbates problems it ostensibly intends to remedy - in this case, use of amateur work. As hiring a certified and licensed professional becomes more expensive, more homeowners might attempt to do the work themselves to save money.
- Requiring a license to remove mold doesn't mean the licensee will do a good job; there are both licensed service providers who do poor work, and unlicensed service providers who do good work.
- Licensing reduces competition and raises costs, limiting the ability of homeowners to choose a better alternative based on more relevant qualifications, like reputation and experience.
- The government should not be imposing restrictions on homeowners regarding who they may hire to provide services for their own property.

SB 149, relative to nonpublic sessions under the right-to-know law.

SB 149

Judiciary Committee Recommendation: ITL, 13-4

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates an unnecessary exemption to the right-to-know law.

YEA ITL

- Contract negotiations are already covered under RSA 91-A. Adding legislation for every possible contract situation is unnecessary.
- This bill is attempting to solve a problem that doesn't currently exist. School districts have gone into non-public session for student or pupil tuition contracts in the past without it being an issue.

SB 16, relative to the requirement for observers of water skiers.

SB 16

Resources Recreation and Development Committee Recommendation: OTP, 14-5

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill reduces regulations on competitive water skiing in certain circumstances.

YEA OTP

- This bill is very limited, applying only to skiers on an officially permitted slalom course, using approved equipment.
- 13 other states already allow a mirror of appropriate size to be used in lieu of an observer, for both competitive and recreational skiing.
- NHLA would support an amendment to extend SB16 to also apply to recreational water skiing.