



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

GOLD STANDARD

SB 14 NAY OTP/A
 SB 15 NAY OTP/A
 SB 19 YEA OTP
 SB 20 NAY OTP
 SB 25 YEA OTP
 SB 35 NAY OTP
 SB 64 NAY OTP
 SB 113 NAY OTP



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SB 19, relative to hotel and motel operations.

Commerce: OTP 5-0

PRO-LIBERTY: Eliminates a requirement forcing hotel and motel operators to display their room rates.

- If a hotel wishes to advertise their prices, then it is their prerogative.
- Compelled speech is an affront to the First Amendment and the principle of freedom of speech.

SB 19

YEA OTP

SB 25, allowing credit union members to pay members of the board of directors for their services as a board member.

Commerce: OTP 5-0

PRO-LIBERTY: Allows credit unions to compensate their board members.

- If any business entity, even a not for profit one, wants to compensate their board members, they should have the discretion to do so.
- The members of the credit union will vote on the compensation of their board members. They should make this decision, not the government.

SB 25

YEA OTP

SB 20, relative to payment by the state of a portion of retirement system contributions of political subdivision employers.

Finance: OTP 7-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: Puts the state on the hook for towns that want to offer lush retirement benefits to their employees.

- This bill requires state taxpayers to fund a portion of the retirement system for city/town teachers, police, and fire department members. These costs are currently paid locally. While net government spending by the state and its political subdivisions under a static evaluation of the bill is neutral, funding is best managed locally to avoid increases in spending that naturally result when politicians are spending "other people's money". There is little evidence that sending additional funding to municipalities will result in net reduction in property taxes as the new money is often spent on expanded spending. In 2021, the state increased meals and rooms tax transfers to municipalities by 45% and yet local taxes continued to increase. www.governor.sununu.nh.gov/news-and-media/governor-sununu-statement-regarding-revenue-increase-municipalities-meals-and-rental
- Towns have the authority to choose how many employees to hire. That authority must be balanced by the responsibility for paying the costs of hiring those employees, including retirement benefits.
- If towns cannot afford to pay these benefits to their employees, they should cut costs, rather than ask the state for a bailout.

SB 20

NAY OTP

SB 35, making an appropriation for rail trail project matching funds.

Finance: OTP 7-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: "Pork Barrel" spending on a pet project in the town of Warner, NH.

- As a general rule, expenditures of state funds should be made as part of the development of the state budget, not via piecemeal bills.
- This looks like a pet project for the town of Warner. There don't appear to be any exigent circumstances that would require this to not go through the normal budget process.

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SB 64, relative to an appropriation to the department of justice for the purpose of funding the New Hampshire child advocacy centers.

Finance: OTP 6-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: Appropriates \$3 million to the department of justice for the purpose of funding the New Hampshire child advocacy centers.

- As a general rule, expenditures of state funds should be made as part of the development of the state budget, not via piecemeal bills.
- The bill proposes spending the funds in fiscal years 2026-2027, so there is no rush. This appropriation should go through the normal budget process.

SB 113, making appropriations to the department of health and human services for homeless services and homeless prevention.

Finance: OTP 6-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: Appropriates \$30 million to the department of health and human services for homeless services and homeless prevention.

- As a general rule, expenditures of state funds should be made as part of the development of the state budget, not via piecemeal bills.
- The bill proposes spending the funds in fiscal years 2026-2027, so there is no rush. This appropriation should go through the normal budget process.

SB 14, relative to the penalty for certain fentanyl-related offenses.

Judiciary: OTP/A 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: Adds mandatory minimum sentences for certain fentanyl-related offenses.

- Mandatory minimum sentences do not allow judicial discretion which may be warranted on a case-by-case basis.

SB 15, relative to establishing a mandatory minimum sentence for the crime of distribution of a controlled drug with death resulting.

Judiciary: OTP/A 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: Sets a mandatory minimum sentence for the crime of distribution of a controlled drug with death resulting.

- Mandatory minimum sentences do not allow judicial discretion which may be warranted on a case-by-case basis.