



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

# GOLD STANDARD

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**HB 238, prohibiting collective bargaining agreements from requiring employees join or contribute to a labor union.**

## HB 238

**Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services: OTP 10-9**

**PRO-LIBERTY: his bill allows employees to opt out of paying union dues, also known as 'Right-To-Work' legislation.**

## YEA OTP

- The federal National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) contains several coercive mechanisms that infringe upon the rights of workers and business owners. Among these are section 9(a), which mandates exclusive representation by a single union and mandates that the union representative is given opportunity to be present at grievance adjustment between employers and employees even if the employee does not wish that the representative is present. In addition, it forces employers to recognize and bargain collectively with unions following a majority vote of their workforces.
- Right-to-work is the only way currently permitted under federal law to restore some of the freedom of dissenting workers and their employers to withhold support from unions with whom they disagree. While this bill interferes with freedom of contract, it does so in a way intended to remedy current, more egregious constraints on freedom of contract.
- "...when it came to earning more than nonunion workers, union members in right-to-work states actually out-performed those in non-right-to-work states." ([news.bloomberglaw.com/bloomberg-law-analysis/analysis-are-unions-really-weaker-in-right-to-work-states](https://news.bloomberglaw.com/bloomberg-law-analysis/analysis-are-unions-really-weaker-in-right-to-work-states)). This is potentially due to the incentive for unions to be more responsive to their members' needs when they are not compelled to join.

**HB 203, relative to coast guard approved personal flotation devices while on New Hampshire state waters.**

## HB 203

**Resources, Recreation and Development: ITL 11-5**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill requires people to wear a life vest when using state waters.**

## YEA ITL

- Adults should make their own decision about whether a life vest is needed when they are using state waters.
- Parents can make this decision for their children without the state mandating it.

**HB 332, allowing for the establishment of a village district to protect and remediate surface waters.**

## HB 332

**Resources, Recreation and Development: ITL 9-7**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill establishes a new local district for protection and remediation of surface water quality.**

## YEA ITL

- Creates a new, unnecessary layer of local government.
- The purpose of this new layer of local government would likely mean the taking of rights from private landowners whose property touches the body of water.

**HB 334, relative to the comprehensive state development plan.**

## HB 334

**Resources, Recreation and Development: ITL 9-7**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill adds provisions to the comprehensive state development plan concerning protecting natural resources and identifying environmental threats.**

## YEA ITL

- Existing regulatory authority is more than adequate to protect our state's natural resources.
- The state already has the capacity to identify environmental threats.
- The inclusion of vague objectives such as, "to anticipate possible future threats", promotes wasteful expenditures and further unnecessary regulatory expansion.

**HB 422, increasing penalties for violations of the shoreland and water quality protection act.**

**HB 422**

**Resources, Recreation and Development: ITL 9-7**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill triples the base penalty for violations from \$5,000 to \$15,000.**

**YEA ITL**

- The existing statute already contains a provision for multiplying the penalty "by a factor of 2 for every previous violation committed by the person or entity".

**HB 55, repealing the Selective Service Compliance Act.**

**HB 55**

**State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: OTP/A 18-0**

**PRO-LIBERTY: This bill removes the state university's requirement to enforce selective service registration.**

**YEA  
OTP/A**

- The State University is a state agency. It should not be required to enforce a federal law unrelated to education.

**HB 64, relative to extending hiring preferences for military members and their spouses to the state and private businesses, and establishing purchase preferences for disabled veterans and military spouses regarding state supply purchases.**

**HB 64**

**State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs: OTP 18-0**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill expands hiring and purchasing preferences to include military spouses and disabled veterans.**

**NAY  
OTP**

- This bill imposes hiring and purchasing preferences. The government should choose the best business from which to source a product or service without any intervention based on the business owner's membership in a specific group or class.
- By mandating that the state give preference to veterans and military spouses, the bill undermines the principle of free market competition.

**HB 201, prohibiting the removal of claws from cats.**

**HB 201**

**Environment and Agriculture: ITL 9-7**

**ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates a substantial fines for declawing a cat.**

**YEA ITL**

- Interferes with a cat owner's ability to make choices appropriate for their cats and their particular familial situation.