

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE**

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SB 76, relative to the office of the child advocate.

Children and Family Law: ITL 2-1

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill redefines a child as up to age 21, among other changes.

 An 18 year-old person is an adult, not a child. They should no longer be getting benefits offered to "children" or "youth".

SB 37, relative to residential care and health facility licensing.

**Health and Human Services: OTP/A 5-0** 

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates new mandates for medical providers. It also broadens the scope of impacted providers by changing "hospital" to "facility".

- Medical care is already highly regulated, competitive and expensive. Even without these new
  mandates there are huge incentives for facilities to provide excellent care for the best price.
- This bill merely adds another report that needs to be completed by the hospital's compliance department, but probably will not improve care.

SB 159, establishing a marine habitat fee.

Ways and Means: ITL 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: The proposed legislation introduces a new marine habitat fee for individuals 16 years and older engaging in marine activities in New Hampshire's waters.

- The marine habitat fee represents yet another instance of government overreach by imposing additional costs on individuals who wish to engage in marine activities. This fee, even if voluntary, expands the state's regulatory power over personal choices.
- The requirement for annual reporting on the use of the marine habitat account, while promoting transparency, also signifies an increase in bureaucratic oversight and control over how funds are used.

**SB 76** 

YEA ITL

**SB 37** 

NAY OTP/A

**SB 159** 

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