



NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBERTY ALLIANCE

GOLD STANDARD

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SB 267	NAY	OTP

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SB 84, relative to zoning procedures concerning residential housing.

Commerce: OTP/A 5-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill prevents towns from requiring large lot size minimums for single family homes.

- Property owners should be able to build homes at whatever density they believe the housing market will support.
- This bill moves existing law in a pro-liberty direction by allowing a builder to construct more homes on their land.

SB 84

**YEA
OTP/A**

SB 34, relative to parental consent for student participation in Medicaid to schools program.

Education: OTP 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill requires parental consent before a student in a school may receive medical or dental treatment from Medicaid.

- Parents should make healthcare decisions for their children, not educators or administrators.

SB 34

**YEA
OTP**

SB 219, requiring the secretary of state to enter into a membership agreement with the Electronic Registration Information Center.

Election Law and Municipal Affairs: ITL 3-2

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill shares a large amount of information about private citizens with agencies in other states.

- This bill collects and shares a treasure trove of information about New Hampshire voters with out-of-state entities and presents a privacy risk.

SB 219

YEA ITL

SB 188, allowing independent permitting and inspections, and allowing local governments to authorize licensed engineers and architects to perform building code inspections.

Executive Departments and Administration: OTP/A 5-0

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows cities to use private inspectors for building code inspections.

- This bill should significantly reduce the time spent waiting for an inspection to be completed on developments.
- It requires that towns pass on the cost savings to the fee payers of the inspections, saving money in the development process.

SB 188

**YEA
OTP/A**

SB 158, raising the funding cap for the New Hampshire community development finance authority.

SB 158

Finance: OTP 6-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases the annual funding of grants for the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) from \$5 million to \$10 million.

**NAY
OTP**

- During a budget crisis, the substantial amount being given to the CDFA is fiscally irresponsible.
- Many of the CDFA projects fall into 3 categories: low income housing, downtown revitalization, or nonprofit program support.
- The solution to the New Hampshire housing crisis is to significantly reduce local planning and zoning regulations that limit where and how landowners can build homes in order to facilitate the construction of more market rate housing, not to subsidize low-income housing.
- Downtown revitalization projects should be funded by the local town, not the state.
- Nonprofits should be able to operate their programs through private donations or user fees, not through government subsidies.

SB 239, requiring the general fund to cover the costs of the fish and game department retirement contributions and technology services.

SB 239

Finance: OTP/A 6-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill bails out the Fish and Game Department because they went over their budget, specifically for healthcare for retirees and for technology.

**NAY
OTP**

- The solution to a state agency going over budget is not to bail them out with additional state spending.
- The solution is to ask the agency to fix their budget and live within their means.

SB 242, relative to the cost of living adjustments for certain group II retirees in the New Hampshire retirement system.

SB 242

Finance: OTP 7-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill provides a cost of living adjustment of \$100 million to certain retired state employees.

**NAY
OTP**

- The governor has proposed a budget that cuts \$150 million dollars in this biennium. It is fiscally irresponsible for the Senate to simultaneously propose a spending bill for \$100 million.

SB 54, relative to refusal of consent to testing to determine alcohol concentration and penalties for aggravated driving while intoxicated.

SB 54

Judiciary: OTP 3-1

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases the penalty for refusing to submit to an alcohol concentration test during a traffic stop.

**NAY
OTP**

- Police officers should be required to have probable cause prior to testing a person's alcohol level. Merely being in violation of a minor traffic law should not constitute justification for what normally amounts to an illegal search.
- This bill goes in the wrong direction. Instead of rolling back this illegal search, it increases the penalty for non-compliance.

SB 141, extending the time to petition for a new trial in certain cases.

SB 141

Judiciary: OTP 3-1

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill allows for new exceptions to the time limit for new trials.

**YEA
OTP**

- If new evidence exists in a criminal conviction, there should always be the option to request a new trial.

SB 267, relative to the penalty for engaging in prostitution as a patron.

Judiciary: OTP 4-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill creates a \$500 fine for being a patron of a prostitute.

- The sale of sex acts between consenting adults should be legal.

SB 267

**NAY
OTP**

SB 168, regulating online gambling and directing net proceeds to the education trust fund, the general fund, and to reimburse municipalities for elderly, disabled, blind, and deaf tax exemptions.

SB 168

Ways and Means: OTP/A 3-2

PRO-LIBERTY: This bill legalizes online gambling.

- Adults should be allowed to gamble online.

**YEA
OTP/A**