## ACTION ALERTS FOR NH SENATE Week of June 2, 2025

### **Senate Advocacy Tools**

- Navigate Senate website
- Sign in to <a href="mailto:support/oppose Senate legislation">support/oppose Senate legislation</a>
- Submit written testimony by emailing committee chair
- Find Senate Committee members
- Contact your State Senator
- View Senate pdf calendar or digital weekly schedule
- Find a Senate bill
- Stream Senate committee hearings
- Review member voting records

### **SENATE FLOOR SESSION**

The Senate will meet in session on June 5 at 1 pm/

## Please take action before Thursday, June 5!

# **OPPPOSE the Senate version of the State Budget. Contact your State Senator NOW.**

Though somewhat better than the horrific budget passed out of the House, the Senate version embraces the same, cruel Project 2025, Free Stater driven agenda. This is best illustrated by the fact that both budgets would impose a \$280 a month Medicaid income tax on working families while

## giving \$5k tax-payer voucher handouts to NH's wealthiest families.

## **LIKELY BUDGET OUTCOMES (NO MATTER WHAT)**

These are the most harmful proposals that are likely to survive final negotiations:

- Imposes new \$280~/month Medicaid Income Tax on working families.
- Zero new investment in housing despite 52% increase in homelessness and record high home buying and rental prices and makes it harder to build new housing to meet existing demand which could drive housing costs up even further (extends lapsing funds to Housing Champions program Housing Champions Program and weakens Housing Appeals Board)
- No new funding for mental health and disability services
- Draining our public school resources while allowing millionaires to spend millions of your tax dollars on private/religious schools and on .
- Tuition hikes due to 30% in USNH cuts
- Bathroom ban LGBTQ discrimination protection rollbacks

#### FROM NH CAMPAIGN FOR VOTING RIGHTS

Please contact your Senator and urge them to *OPPOSE* the following bills at Thursday's session. You can <u>find their</u> contact information here.

SB287 would require voters to verify their identity before they can even receive an absentee ballot by either including a photocopy of a photo ID, getting their application notarized, or appearing in person to show ID. These options are burdensome, especially for older folks and people with disabilities, and could result in people being denied access to the ballot.

- SB287 Requires proof of ID for all absentee voters and extensive documentation for first-time absentee registrants
  - o House Floor Vote: Thursday, June 5, 2025
  - Contact your Representative to vote NO on the OTP motion on SB287.
  - Check out the <u>SB287 Talking Points</u>

### How You Can Help

- Call or email your Representative before Thursday's vote.
- Share this alert with your networks.

#### FROM AFSC NH

Please contact your Senator and urge them to *OPPOSE* the following bills at Thursday's session. You can <u>find their</u> contact information here.

*OPPOSE* HB 60, relative to the termination of tenancy at the expiration of the tenancy or lease term. This pro-eviction bill would harm tenants and increase homelessness in a state already experiencing high housing costs and low housing availability. Although it has been amended to be less harmful, we agree with housing advocates that enabling state law to make it easier in any way for tenants to be evicted without just cause is unconscionable.

**OPPOSE** HB 10-FN, establishing the parental bill of rights. **Added from Planned Parenthood:** This bill has an amendment that would ban confidential access to birth control for teenagers

**OPPOSE** HB 115-FN, relative to universal eligibility for the education freedom account program.

*OPPOSE* HB 71-FN, prohibiting the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States and relative to department of health and human services contracts.

OPPOSE HB 377-FN, relative to health care professionals administering hormone treatments and puberty blockers. This bill prohibits the performance of a medical procedure or the prescription or issuance of medication, upon or to a minor child, that is intended to alter the minor child's gender or delay puberty. This bill also provides for a limited period in which a health care provider may systematically reduce or taper puberty-blocking or cross-sex hormone medications or drugs to avoid harm to a minor already receiving treatment.

**OPPOSE** HB 712-FN, limiting breast surgeries for minors.

OPPOSE SB 221, relative to the verification of the checklist. From the minority report: "This bill, as amended, requires an annual purging of voter registration records using a five-year look-back period, replacing the current 10-year purge using a look-back period of four years. Put another way, if you have not voted in the past five years, you will be purged from the voting records. While the minority supports record verification more than once every 10 years, purging annually will be expensive for each municipality and will result in many voters being wrongly disenfranchised. A less expensive and more reliable alternative would be for New Hampshire to join the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), which is

## a bipartisan group of state election officials that responsibly share their data for these purposes."

Key to Senate Committee Recommendations/Votes from our friends at AFSC NH: OTP – "Ought to Pass," the recommendation for approving a bill or an amendment OTP/A – Ought to Pass with Amendment

ITL – "Inexpedient to Legislate," the recommendation for defeating a bill or an amendment.

ITL" can also be used as a verb.

"Without Recommendation" - This indicates that the committee vote was a tie for both ITL and OTP. During the House session, these bills will be considered first as Ought to Pass.

Re-refer – When a Senate committee wishes to hold onto a bill for further consideration. The recommendation to re-refer must be approved in the full Senate. The committee will have until the end of the calendar year to meet about the bill and make a recommendation for further action.