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REGULAR CALENDAR

COMMERCE & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

HB 230, relative to penalties for failure to timely discharge a mortgage. (pg. 244)

- This bill establishes a fine for the failure to discharge a mortgage in a timely manner.

Committee Recommendation: OTP 12-7

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OTP 7-4 WITH 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

HB 686-FN-A, establishing a single payer health care system and making an appropriation therefor. (pg. 244)

- This bill establishes a single payer health care system to provide health care for the citizens of New Hampshire.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 12-7

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL WITH 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT ITL

CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 585-FN-A, relative to fines for violation of alcohol beverage laws. (pg. 244)

- This bill establishes a penalty assessment for violation of alcoholic beverage laws.
- The amendment requires the proceeds of fines imposed by courts for violation of liquor laws to be deposited into the treasury of the county, city, or town that originated the prosecution, and requires the approval of the legislative body to spend the funds. (pg. 268)

Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 11-2

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OTP/A 6-2 WITH 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

EDUCATION

HB 215-FN, relative to school building aid grant payments. (pg. 245)

- This bill provides that beginning July 1, 2015, the amount of school building aid grants shall not be less than \$50,000,000 per fiscal year.
- The amendment changes “shall not be less than \$50,000,000” to “shall be established at \$50,000,000” (pg. 263)

Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 19-0

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OTP/A

HB 537-FN-L, relative to the calculation of the school administrative unit budget. (pg. 245)

- This bill changes the basis for calculating the school administrative unit budget from average daily membership in attendance to average daily membership in residence for a district or unincorporated place that has no schools.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 21-0

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL.

HB 562-FN-L, repealing the limitation on the total education grant distributed to a municipality in a fiscal year and reducing the stabilization grants to certain municipalities. (pg. 245)

- This bill changes the amount of a municipality's stabilization grant and the circumstances under which a municipality would receive a stabilization grant. The also bill repeals the provision limiting the amount of the total education grant distributed to a municipality.

Committee Recommendation: OTP 14-6

REPUBLICANS SPLIT ON THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OTP 6-6.

HB 575-FN-A, establishing the position of school nurse coordinator in the department of education and making an appropriation therefor. (pg. 245)

- This bill establishes the position of school nurse consultant in the department of education, division of educational improvement and makes an appropriation for the position.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 12-6

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL WITH 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT ITL

HB 635-FN, relative to aid to school districts for costs of special education. (pg. 245)

- This bill removes the requirement that catastrophic special education funds be prorated among the school districts entitled to such aid.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 11-10

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 11-1

HB 675-FN, relative to eligibility for in-state tuition rates at the university system of New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire. (pg. 245)

- This bill establishes eligibility requirements for in-state tuition status for students in the university system of New Hampshire and the community college system of New Hampshire.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 11-7

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL WITH 1 MEMBER ABSENT

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT ITL

ELECTION LAW

HB 530-FN-A, authorizing a trial program for electronic voter check-in. (pg. 246)

- This bill authorizes a trial program for electronic voter check-in.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 12-4

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 7-2.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

HB 216-FN, relative to recovery of certain investigatory costs by regulatory boards and commissions. (pg. 246)

- This bill provides for a procedure for the recovery of an occupational board or commission's investigatory costs from persons subject to disciplinary orders.

Committee Recommendation: OTP 15-0

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OTP WITH 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

HB 401-FN, requiring the use of cloud computing technology by state agencies. (pg. 246)

- This bill requires state agencies to use cloud computing technology where appropriate.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 14-1

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL WITH 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

HB 457-FN-A, establishing a nurse practitioner position at the veterans' home and making an appropriation therefor. (pg. 246)

- This bill establishes an additional nurse practitioner position at the veterans' home and makes an appropriation to the veterans' home for salary and benefits for the position.
- This bill was requested by the committee to study the laws relating to the New Hampshire veterans' home which was established by 2014, 88 (HB 1136).

Committee Recommendation: WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR WILL BE OUGHT TO PASS.

HB 674-FN, relative to the salaries of certain unclassified positions. (pg. 246)

- This bill codifies the salaries of certain unclassified positions.
- Amends the title of a position in the department of administrative services.
- Amends 2013, 205 to repeal references to the financial examinations supervisor position in the insurance department.

Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 12-3

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OTP/A 6-3 WITH 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

HB 682-FN, granting group II retirement system status to certain positions in the department of corrections. (pg. 246)

- This bill grants group II status to certain positions in the department of corrections. Persons employed in those positions with service prior to the effective date shall be eligible for split benefits.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 13-2

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 7-1 WITH 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT ITL

FINANCE

HB 261, relative to disbursements of school building aid grant payments. (pg. 247)

- This bill allows school building aid grant payments to be disbursed in installments over a period not to exceed 20 years.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 14-9

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL WITH 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

FISH AND GAME & MARINE RESOURCES

HB 663-FN, requiring the implementation of a plan for the transfer of the fish and game department to the department of safety on or before July 1, 2017. (pg. 247)

- This bill requires the transfer of the fish and game department to the department of safety on or before July 1, 2017.
- The agencies shall develop a plan for the implementation of the transfer, subject to the approval of a legislative oversight commission, and for necessary legislation required to implement the transfer.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 13-0

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL WITH 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT ITL

JUDICIARY

HB 616-FN, increasing eligibility of claimants under the victims' assistance fund. (pg. 247)

- This bill increases maximum eligibility for compensation from the victims' assistance fund.

- The amended analysis prohibits a debt collector from collecting or attempting to collect a debt from a claimant resulting from a crime-related expense during the pendency of the claim.
- It also authorizes the attorney general to request additional funds as necessary to pay victims' compensation claims. (pg. 268)

Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 15-1

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OTP/A 7-1 WITH 4 MEMBERS ABSENT.

HB 677-FN, prohibiting the use of public funds for abortion services. (pg. 247)

- This bill clarifies public funding of abortions.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 14-3

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 6-3 WITH 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

HJR 1-FN, making restitution to Jeffrey Frost for inappropriate prosecution. (pg. 247)

- This house joint resolution requests that full restitution be made to Jeffrey Frost, Chrétien/Tillinghast LLC and/or Frost Family LLC for expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred in their defense against the wrongful application of RSA 397-A against them by the New Hampshire banking department and the office of the attorney general; raises and appropriates the sum of \$176,448.50 for that purpose; and directs that a warrant be issued to the treasurer of the state of New Hampshire pursuant to NH Const., Pt 2, Art 56 to pay said sum to Jeffrey Frost, Chrétien/ Tillinghast LLC and/or Frost Family LLC.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 8-0

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL WITH 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

MUNICIPAL & COUNTY GOVERNMENT

HB 125-FN-L, relative to county audits and competitive bidding for county services. (pg. 248)

- This bill clarifies the requirement for annual audits of the accounts of county officers.
- The bill also provides for the competitive bidding for the purchase of services by a county.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 10-7

REPUBLICANS OPPOSED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 6-4 WITH 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

HB 189, relative to the authorization of payments by the treasurer from the Rockingham county delegation budget. (pg. 248)

- This bill provides that in Rockingham county the designated county convention official may approve payments to be made by the county treasurer from the budget for the county delegation and not the county commissioners.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 10-8

REPUBLICANS OPPOSED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 8-3 WITH 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

HB 205-L, relative to lending practices of energy efficiency and clean energy districts. (pg. 248)

- This bill redefines "property owner" for the purpose of limiting financing by energy efficiency and clean energy districts to individuals and nonprofit organizations.
- The bill requires any outstanding loans by such districts to property owners who are not individuals or nonprofit organizations to be disposed of by December 31, 2016.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 12-4

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 5-4 WITH 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

HB 407, prohibiting state and political subdivisions from acquiring military-equipped vehicles or equipment which are not readily available in an open national commercial market. (pg. 248)

- This bill prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions of the state except for the state guard from acquiring military-equipped vehicles or equipment which are not readily available in an open national commercial market.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 8-5

REPUBLICANS OPPOSED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 4-3 WITH 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT ITL

PUBLIC WORKS & HIGHWAYS

HB 591-FN-A-L, relative to the road toll rate and eliminating a capital appropriation for highway projects. (pg. 249)

- This bill repeals the requirement that the road toll rate on motor fuels be adjusted according to changes in the Consumer Price Index and eliminates the funding of certain highway project bonds from revenues from such adjustments.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 18-0

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL WITH 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENERGY

HB 208-FN, repealing the New Hampshire regional greenhouse gas initiative program. (pg. 249)

- As amended, this bill requires all amounts from allowance sales under the New Hampshire regional greenhouse gas initiative program to be rebated to retain electric ratepayers in this state. (pg. 263)
- The amended bill simply increases the amount rebated to ratepayers from 80% to 100%.

Committee Recommendation: OTP/A 12-8

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OTP/A.

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT OTP/A

HB 615-FN-A, relative to funding for state energy efficiency programs. (pg. 250)

- This bill extends the dates for agencies to file certain reports concerning energy consumption.
- Deletes a reference to a committee that is no longer in existence.
- Changes the name of the energy efficiency fund.
- Requires certain cost savings to revert to the energy fund.
- Authorizes the department of administrative services, division of public works design and construction, to oversee construction of state projects.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 11-9

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 11-1.

STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS & VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 273, relative to the rights of inhabitants and their political choice. (pg. 250)

- This bill addresses the rights of inhabitants and their political choice.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 8-5

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 5-4 WITH 2 MEMBERS ABSENT.

HB 433, relative to the state guard. (pg. 250)

- This bill makes changes to the authority, composition, administration, and privileges and immunities of the state guard.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 8-5

REPUBLICANS OPPOSED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 5-4 WITH 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 241-FN, prohibiting driving while holding an animal in the driver's seat. (pg. 250)

- This bill prohibits a driver from holding an animal in his or her lap while he or she is operating a motor vehicle.

Committee Recommendation: OTP 10-8

REPUBLICANS OPPOSED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OTP 7-4 WITH 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT MOTION TO TABLE

HB 387-FN, relative to motor vehicle inspections. (pg. 251)

- This bill changes the annual motor vehicle inspection requirement to a biennial requirement. This bill also raises the fee for inspection stickers from \$3.25 to \$6.50.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 19-1

REPUBLICANS SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL 11-1

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT ITL

WAYS & MEANS

HB 258-FN-L, relative to fees for preparing motor vehicle registration documents. (pg. 251)

- This bill increases the fee that the town clerk receives for preparing motor vehicle registration forms.

Committee Recommendation: OTP 13-5

REPUBLICANS SPLIT ON THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF OTP 5-5 WITH 3 MEMBERS ABSENT.

HB 576-FN-A, repealing the provision for allowing operators to retain 3 percent of meals and rooms taxes collected and continually appropriating 3 percent of meals and rooms tax revenues to school building aid. (pg. 251)

- This bill repeals the provision allowing operators to retain 3 percent of meals and rooms taxes collected. The bill continually appropriates 3 percent of meals and rooms tax revenues to school building aid.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 19-1

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL WITH 1 MEMBER ABSENT.

LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION: SUPPORT ITL

HB 623-FN, providing property tax relief for taxpayers for the property tax year beginning April 1, 2016. (pg. 251)

- This bill provides property tax relief for the property tax year beginning April 1 2016 by reducing the amount of statewide education property taxes assessed to taxpayers for the year.
- The source of funds for the property tax reduction is tobacco tax and tobacco settlement funds.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 18-0

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL.

BILLS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

JUDICIARY

Removed by Rep. Marple

HB 352, relative to violations of constitutional rights. (pg. 240)

- This bill creates a cause of action for certain violations of constitutional rights.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 15-0

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL.

MUNICIPAL & COUNTY

Removed by Rep. Marple

HB 397, relative to the duties of public servants. (pg. 240)

- This bill prohibits public servants from delegating their duties and obligations.

Committee Recommendation: ITL 17-0

REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF ITL.