

Republicans Stand Up For New Hampshire Tax Payers

Budget Comparison

Gov. Hassan and House Democrat Proposed Budgets

The Governor and House Democrats both proposed budgets that would have been devastating to the families and small businesses of New Hampshire. Their recipe: Higher Taxes and More Government.

- 10.2% in increased spending.
 - Would have grown government at a rate of 5% per year, when economy is barely growing at 2% per year.
- \$1 Billion in new spending.
- \$100 million (Hassan) and \$31 million (House Democrats) of inflated revenues.
- Hassan's irresponsible budget was based on \$80 million from casino legislation that the House later killed.
- \$263 million in increased taxes.
 - Increased gas and tobacco tax and suspension of small business tax reforms.
 - \$43 million in new aggressive business tax audits.
- Allowed the Governor to raid over 300 dedicated funds.
- Downshifted \$7 million in increased costs to the counties.
- Expanded Medicaid without any study on the matter, leaving NH taxpayers to foot millions in long term costs.
- Placed a moratorium on charter schools, hurting state education.
- Killed School Choice Scholarship which helps students and families of need find the right school for them.
- Added new government funded programs.
- Allows for EBT misuse and abuse to continue.

Republican Inspired Final Budget

Republicans in the Senate worked off of recommendations from House Republicans in order to craft an honest and reasonable budget that did not raise taxes or fees. This budget served as the foundation of the State Budget and is nearly identical to the final budget signed by the Governor.

- The final budget reflects a 3% growth in spending from the previous budget.
- The Senate Republican budget used realistic revenues and lowered projections for the Medicaid Enhancement Tax by over \$100 million, which are reflected in the final approved budget.
- No Casino was included in the final budget.
- No new taxes or fees.
- Business tax reforms and incentives previously enacted were continued.
- Additional increase of 20 cents in tobacco tax was eliminated.
- Proposed gas tax eliminated.
- Governor not allowed to raid dedicated funds.
- Much of the downshifting cost to the counties was eliminated.
- Does not expand Medicaid and instead creates a commission to adequately study the matter.
- Eliminated moratorium on new charter schools.
- Allows School Choice Scholarship to continue.
- Adds no new government funded programs.
- Restricts EBT card use at liquor stores, adult entertainment establishments and gambling facilities.