

## House Democrat Contrast Votes 2018 - Descriptions

### **HB1104 - relative to dredge and fill permit time limits; relative to time limits under the administrative procedure act; and relative to online filing with the secretary of state's office.**

*House Roll Call Vote 166, Motion: Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*97.3% of House Democrats voted against Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*A vote against Ought to Pass with Amendment is a vote against making some government permitting procedures quicker more responsive, and against making business document filing easier. HB1104 was mostly the product of the Governor's Steering Committee on Regulation Reform, who held several meetings and hearings in 2017 to hear from the business community how government processes and response times impeded their ability to run efficiently. The bill addressed several key areas involving the Department of Environmental Services, requiring them to act quicker to approve some permits and applications, and enabled the Secretary of State to move more of their business document filings to an online system.*

### **HB1264 - relative to construction of the terms "resident," "inhabitant," "residence," and "residency."**

*House Roll Call Vote 97, Motion: Ought to Pass*

*99.3% of House Democrats voted against Ought to Pass*

*A vote the Ought to Pass recommendation on HB1264 indicates opposition to reasonable and necessary efforts to clarify residency definitions within state law, which would improve election integrity. By modifying statutory definitions of "resident or inhabitant" and "residence or residency," with HB1264, these terms would no longer be construed to apply to temporary, non-permanent status.*

### **HB1550 - requiring electric bills to include the cost of compliance with renewable energy standards.**

*House Roll Call Vote 153, Motion: Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*98% of House Democrats voted against Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*A vote against the Ought to Pass with Amendment recommendation on HB1550 is a vote against transparency. This bill requires electric companies to provide the cost of compliance with renewable energy standards on every ratepayers' December bill. We believe consumers should know what exactly what fees they are paying and how much of it is supporting renewable energy.*

### **HB1686 - relative to applications for and the use of education tax credits.**

*House Roll Call Vote 135, Motion: Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*98.57% of House Democrats voted against Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*A vote against the Ought to Pass with Amendment recommendation on HB1686 indicates a vote against allowing individual NH citizens to donate to education tax credit scholarships and receive a credit on their interests and dividends tax.*

### **HB1609 - establishing a local option for an additional surcharge on occupancy under the meals and rooms tax.**

*House Roll Call Vote 155, Motion: Inexpedient to Legislate*

*93.84% of House Democrats voted against the Inexpedient to Legislate*

*A vote against the Inexpedient to Legislate recommendation on HB1609 indicates support for towns to create a new local tax. HB1609 would allow a \$2 surcharge per night on rooms, in addition to the current rooms and meals tax.*

**HB1772- permitting online voter registration.**

*House Roll Call Vote 137, Motion: Inexpedient to Legislate*

*91.24% of House Democrats voted against the Inexpedient to Legislate*

*A vote against the Inexpedient to Legislate recommendation on HB1772 is a vote to weaken our state's election laws and election process. HB1772 would have allowed online voter registration at the expense of the Secretary of State's Office, without a funding source, nor does it address security and the potential for the hacking of an online system.*

**HB628 - relative to a family and medical leave insurance program.**

*House Roll Call Vote 27, Motion: Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*98.69% of House Democrats supported the bill as it came out of the Labor Committee.*

*A vote for Ought to Pass with Amendment (specifically in House Roll Call Vote 27), is a vote in support of a poorly written bill that would have established an unsustainable leave program, that would require an additional 45 employees and an estimated annual cost of \$4.1 million and essentially created a 0.5% income tax on private sector workers by requiring a notarized form to be able to 'opt-out' of the program. The plan design in this version of HB628 would have not brought in enough money to pay estimated claims and expenses, and lead the state down the path of having taxpayers bail it out.*

**SB193 - establishing education freedom savings accounts for students.**

*House Roll Call Vote 12, Motion: Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*96.69% of House Democrats voted against Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*A vote against Ought to Pass with Amendment is a vote against school choice and a vote against enabling low income families to explore education options that better suit the needs of their children. SB193 would have established a program that applied education adequacy aid money towards education at an alternative school for qualified, low income students. This would have been a groundbreaking achievement in school choice and would have given hundreds of children across the state the opportunity to choose the right school for their needs and abilities.*

**HB592 - repealing the regional greenhouse gas initiative.**

*House Roll Call Vote 22, Motion: Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*100% of House Democrats voted against Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*A vote against Ought to Pass with amendment is a vote against refunding electric ratepayers, and lowering the net cost of energy. Most of the revenue from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a regional cap-and-trade energy program, is currently used to fund energy efficiency projects, rather than being sent back to the ratepayers who are already paying some of the highest electricity rates in the nation.*