

## 2019 Post Crossover Report Vote Descriptions

### **SB 10 - establishing the state minimum hourly rate based on whether an employer offers paid sick days to an employee.**

*House Roll Call Vote 218, Motion: Ought to Pass with Amendment  
100% of House Democrats voted to Ought to Pass with Amendment  
97.9% of House Republicans opposed Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*A vote in favor of Ought to Pass with Amendment is a vote in favor of mandating a 65% increase in the state minimum wage. Forcing our state's businesses to pay an unsustainable wage will have a profound negative impact on New Hampshire's small and medium sized business community. We currently have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country and a shortage of workers. This bill will encourage employers to cut jobs, cut hours, or pass the extra cost onto the consumer.*

### **SB67 - relative to the definitions of resident and residency.**

*House Roll Call Vote 205, Motion: Ought to Pass  
99.5% of House Democrats voted for Ought to Pass  
100% of House Republicans opposed Ought to Pass*

*A vote in favor of Ought to Pass is a vote in favor of weakening New Hampshire's voter laws. SB67 seeks to repeal HB1264, which was signed in to law in 2018. Just this past July, the NH Supreme Court issued an advisory opinion on HB1264 stating there is nothing unconstitutional about requiring individuals to make a choice as to where they are residents. It is not unreasonable for us to require that those who participate in our elections be residents of our state. What is unreasonable is that we have had two classifications of voters in our state: those who abide by our statutes and laws as residents, and those who don't.*

### **SB 74 - relative to register of deeds fees used to support the land and community heritage investment program (LCHIP), and establishing a committee to study the economic impact of land conservation and to review the LCHIP surcharge.**

*House Roll Call Vote 174, Motion: Ought to Pass  
97.6% of House Democrats voted for Ought to Pass  
95.2% of House Republicans opposed Ought to Pass*

*A vote in favor of Ought to Pass is a vote in favor of nickel and diming Granite State homebuyers by levying a 40% increase in the surcharge paid on real estate documents, including deeds, plans, mortgages, and mortgage discharges. This increase would go towards funding LCHIP. The surcharge was instituted in 2009, in the midst of the Great Recession. It's been argued that the funding from this has been inadequate and warrants this increase. However, the funds for the program have steadily increased and recently jumped to \$3.9 million as the housing market continues to improve. Rather than prematurely forcing homebuyers to pay more, we should see if the funding continues to increase.*

### **SB 100 - relative to discrimination in employment based on criminal background checks.**

*House Roll Call Vote 208, Motion: Ought to Pass with Amendment  
98.1% of House Democrats voted for Ought to Pass with Amendment  
95.4% of House Republicans opposed Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*A vote in favor of Ought to Pass with amendment is a vote in favor of making it more difficult for people with criminal records to obtain employment. While the intent of the bill is to make it easier, studies have shown that is not the case. Studies have also concluded that when anti-discrimination language is included, there is a negative impact on minority employment, as is evidenced by outcomes in other states.*

**SB 146 - relative to eliminating the waiting period before eligibility to receive unemployment benefits.**

*House Roll Call Vote 196, Motion: Ought to Pass*

*97.1% of House Democrats voted for Ought to Pass*

*99.2% of House Republicans opposed Ought to Pass*

*A vote for Ought To Pass is a vote in favor of jeopardizing the health of the unemployment trust fund if there happens to be a downturn in our state's economy. 44 other States and Territories have a one week waiting period for unemployment compensation and this bill puts New Hampshire at odds with most of the country.*

**SB 196 - relative to non-academic surveys administered by a public school to its students**

*House Roll Call Vote 204, Motion: Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*97.4% of House Democrats voted for Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*99.3% of House Republicans opposed Ought to Pass with Amendment*

*A vote in favor of ought to pass with amendment is a vote in favor of eliminating the opt-in requirement for non-academic surveys administered by public schools. The current law clearly states that no student shall be required to submit a survey without the written consent of a parent or legal guardian. Parents have a right to know what schools are administering to their children, and this bill removes that right.*

**SB 263 - relative to anti-discrimination protection for students in public schools.**

*House Roll Call Vote 217, Motion: Ought to Pass*

*99.5% of House Democrats voted for Ought to Pass*

*97.9% of House Republicans opposed Ought to Pass*

*A vote in favor of ought to pass is a vote in favor of opening pathway for anyone, not just students, who feels they've been discriminated against by a school, to go to the Human Rights Council, or directly to the courts. This bill lacks a legal standard, as well as sufficient definitions. There is nothing in this that will give adequate support to the courts. This will open schools up to a myriad of lawsuits due to that lack of legal standard, by which schools will be judged for alleged failures in protecting students from discrimination.*

**SB271- relative to requiring prevailing wages on state-funded public works projects.**

*House Roll Call Vote 182, Motion: Ought to Pass*

*99.1% of House Democrats voted for Ought to Pass*

*98.6% of House Republicans opposed Ought to Pass*

*A vote in favor of Ought to pass is a vote in favor of increasing the cost of state funded public works projects by mandating that companies pay "prevailing wages" calculated in Washington D.C. This bill will put small New Hampshire construction companies at a major disadvantage when competing for state contracts with large Massachusetts-based companies.*

**SB 275-FN- requiring that all of the state's motor vehicles will be zero emissions vehicles by the year 2039.**

*House Roll Call Vote 185, Motion: Ought to Pass  
94.9% of House Democrats voted for Ought to Pass  
99.3% of House Republicans opposed Ought to Pass*

*A vote for Ought to Pass is a vote in favor of requiring the entire state vehicle fleet to transition to zero emissions vehicles by 2041. There is an estimated \$28 million impact to state agency budgets. State agencies will be forced to replace charging equipment more frequently than the fueling stations because Zero Emission Vehicle technology is evolving at such a rapid pace. State Agencies are always working to improve energy efficiency and setting arbitrary deadlines will needlessly drive up costs and stick taxpayers with the bill. The transition to ZEVs should occur naturally if their cost is competitive with internal combustion engines, not forced by legislation.*

**SB290 - relative to the New Hampshire granite advantage health care program\*.**

*House Roll Call Vote 171, Motion: Ought to Pass  
99.1% of House Democrats voted for Ought to Pass  
100% of House Republicans opposed Ought to Pass*

*A vote for Ought to Pass is a vote in favor of breaking a 1-year old bipartisan agreement on New Hampshire's Medicaid Expansion program. This bill broke with two key provisions included last year, a common sense work requirement, and the prohibition of the use of general funds for the program. The prohibition of general funds was included so that our state's taxpayers would not be on the hook for potentially tens of million in new costs, this bill threatened that protection. The bill also would have resulted in less incentives for enrollees to participate in our economy in a way that may help them get off the program in the future.*

*\*Vote 171 was on the original version of the bill, which was significantly different than the version that became law.*

**HB1 Committee of Conference Report**

*House Roll Call Vote 242, Motion: Adopt CofC Report  
100% of House Democrats voted for Adopt CofC Report  
100% of House Republicans opposed Adopt CofC Report*

*A vote in favor of the committee of conference report is a vote in favor of an unprecedented increase in spending of taxpayer dollars at the tune of 13.3% more in total funds and 12.8% more in General and Education Trust Fund dollars. HB1 is based on inflated revenue estimates that were not evaluated by the House Ways & Means committee before they were adopted by the committee of conference and were based on padded projections that we can't reasonably expect to come in. HB1 lays the groundwork for a sales or income tax in the future.*

**HB2 Committee of Conference Report**

*House Roll Call Vote 243, Motion: Adopt CofC Report  
99.5% of House Democrats voted for Adopt CofC Report  
100% of House Republicans opposed Adopt CofC Report*

*A vote in favor of the committee of conference report is a vote in favor of an unsustainable budget and a structural deficit. HB2 contained a variety of policy changes not otherwise vetted by the legislature, including a change in the tobacco age, an unsustainable increase in school funding, raising the Business Profits Tax and the Business Enterprise Tax, repealing the prohibition on state funds used for abortion services, and establishing a housing appeals board. Democrats call this "tax relief." This isn't tax relief, and this is not the way to maintain, grow, and spread good economic conditions.*