

# New Hampshire Governor

## THE ISSUES

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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	Legal. <a href="#">“The New Hampshire I believe in protects a woman’s right to make medical decisions with her doctor.”</a> Criticizes New Hampshire’s abortion ban, with <a href="#">“no exceptions for rape, incest, or fatal fetal anomalies.”</a> Supports Planned Parenthood, and says <a href="#">“I will fight to codify into NH law the right to a safe and legal abortion.”</a>	Mostly ban. <a href="#">“I’ve done more on the pro-life issue... than anyone.”</a> Before the Supreme Court overturned <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , signed a later-amended <a href="#">ban on abortions after 24 weeks without exception for rape, incest, with criminal and civil penalties</a> for doctors. <a href="#">Rejected a special session</a> to protect abortion rights in state law.
<b>CLIMATE</b> Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit the output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?	Yes. Formed a commission <a href="#">to reduce emissions and tackle climate change</a> . Would <a href="#">“move forward to expand our renewable energy sources and lower costs.”</a> Voted for a bill to <a href="#">increase solar energy use</a> .	Mixed. Has <a href="#">questioned role of carbon emissions in climate change</a> . Vetoed expanding a <a href="#">state solar minimum requirement in 2020</a> ; raised <a href="#">the limit on towns and cities’ renewable production</a> . Opposes <a href="#">law with renewable energy subsidies</a> . Supports <a href="#">off-shore wind power</a> .
<b>EDUCATION</b> Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No. Opposes <a href="#">“diverting taxpayer dollars to private schools.”</a> Disagrees with <a href="#">public education funding going to private and religious schools</a> .	Yes. Signed a bill to fund <a href="#">vouchers that parents can use at private and religious schools</a> . Opposes <a href="#">Biden push to tighten requirements for federal funding for charter schools</a> .
<b>EDUCATION</b> How to address the teaching of issues around racism and gender identity?	Let educators <a href="#">“teach basic history without fear.”</a> Sponsored a bill to <a href="#">repeal bans on teaching “divisive concepts” related to racism and gender</a> .	Signed budget <a href="#">prohibiting teaching so-called “divisive concepts” related to race and gender by public schools, state agencies, and contractors</a> .
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Tighten. Sponsored a bill to <a href="#">set maximum contaminant levels for dangerous PFAS, called “forever chemicals.”</a> Voted <a href="#">for a bill</a> requiring separation of <a href="#">landfills from bodies of water</a> .	Likely loosen. Vetoed bills on <a href="#">mandatory testing for PFAS</a> and separating <a href="#">landfills from bodies of water to prevent contamination</a> . Said <a href="#">state’s regulations are already “rigorous and robust.”</a>
<b>GUN RULES</b> Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?	More. Supports <a href="#">“closing background-check loopholes, implementing waiting periods, and making sure guns stay out of the hands of domestic abusers.”</a> Sponsored a <a href="#">“red flag” bill</a> to temporarily remove guns from people deemed a danger.	Less. After bipartisan federal gun law passed, signed bill <a href="#">barring state enforcement of federal firearms laws—and state police from cooperating in FBI investigations to enforce bans on “bumpstocks” and rules against “ghost guns.”</a> Vetoed a <a href="#">“red-flag” bill</a> .
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid or limiting drug prices?	Yes. Has supported <a href="#">increasing Medicaid reimbursements for mental health and addiction services</a> and <a href="#">including dental care in Medicaid</a> . <a href="#">Introduced bills to regulate and lower prescription drug prices</a> .	Mixed. Kept expanded Medicaid but <a href="#">supported adding a work requirement</a> . <a href="#">Sees as temporary, until enrollees move to private coverage</a> . <a href="#">Opposes the Inflation Reduction Act</a> , which includes <a href="#">letting Medicare negotiate drug prices and capping out-of-pocket costs</a> .

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<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	No position found.	Supported <a href="#">flying migrants from Texas to Martha’s Vineyard</a> , but not New Hampshire. Joined <a href="#">Governors’ Border Strike Force</a> to “keep our citizens safe.” In 2017 <a href="#">supported finding a “real solution” for DACA youth</a> .
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Easier. <a href="#">Voted against</a> a “right-to-work” bill that allowed <a href="#">employees in a unionized workplace to not pay union dues</a> . <a href="#">Voted for</a> a bill to provide a <a href="#">death benefit for public employees &amp; strengthen public employee collective bargaining</a> .	Harder. Has supported “right-to-work” laws, <a href="#">allowing employees in a unionized workplace to not pay union dues</a> .
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. Sponsored a bill to <a href="#">ban discrimination in schools based on factors including sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation</a> . <a href="#">Voted against</a> the <a href="#">Parental Bill of Rights</a> bill.	Mostly expand. Signed <a href="#">bill to ban discrimination in schools</a> . Opposed <a href="#">Parental Bill of Rights</a> bill. Signed bill <a href="#">banning gay conversion therapy</a> . Signed budget <a href="#">prohibiting teaching so-called “divisive concepts” related to gender</a> .
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Should recreational marijuana be banned or legal?	Legal. <a href="#">“It’s time to legalize marijuana across NH.”</a> <a href="#">Voted for</a> a bill to <a href="#">allow adult possession of up to three-quarters of an ounce of marijuana and growing up to six plants at home</a> .	Mixed. In 2022 signaled <a href="#">openness to reviewing a marijuana legalization law</a> . Has credited <a href="#">the state’s prohibition of marijuana with its decrease in opioid deaths</a> . In 2019 <a href="#">vetoed a bill to let people home-grow their own</a> .
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Keep or raise state minimum from \$7.25/hour?	Raise. Cosponsored a bill to <a href="#">raise the current state minimum from \$7.25 to \$10 per hour in 2022, to \$12 in 2023, and to \$15 in 2024</a> .	Keep. <a href="#">Vetoed 2019 and 2020 bills to raise minimum from \$7.25/hour</a> .
<b>POLICE AND COMMUNITY</b> How to address police use of force?	Will make sure the police <a href="#">“have all the tools they need,” “possibly broadening...to include social services,” to connect with communities</a> . Supports <a href="#">“requiring body cameras or limiting the ability of police to acquire military equipment.”</a>	Signed a 2022 bill to <a href="#">fund crisis intervention training</a> . In 2020, set up a <a href="#">commission including community activists and endorsed its 2020 recommendations, including body cameras and improving training on diversity</a> .
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans or forgiving them?	Likely yes. Defended <a href="#">Biden’s loan forgiveness program</a> .	Mixed. In 2022, <a href="#">proposed paying off up to \$20,000 of student loan debt</a> for 1,000 people who would work in-state for four years. <a href="#">Opposes Biden’s debt-forgiveness plan</a> .
<b>TAXES</b> Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay more or less taxes?	Likely more. <a href="#">Opposes a bill that cuts business profits tax rate from 7.6% to 7.5%.</a> <a href="#">“I support property tax relief for the people &amp; small businesses here,”</a> not <a href="#">“tax cuts to the wealthy &amp; out-of-state corporations.”</a>	Less. Signed a bill <a href="#">cutting the business profits tax rate from 7.6% to 7.5% to “provide economic relief for businesses.”</a> Started phasing out taxes on <a href="#">interest and dividends</a> .
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?	No. <a href="#">“We need leaders who will veto measures meant to restrict or limit the right to vote.”</a> <a href="#">Voted against</a> a <a href="#">bill requiring first-time voters to mail in proof of ID</a> . Has supported <a href="#">absentee voting for safety during the pandemic</a> .	Yes. Signed a <a href="#">bill directing NH election officials to ignore a proposed federal bill to expand voting access</a> . Enhanced <a href="#">voter ID requirements</a> . Stopped letting <a href="#">temporary-resident college students vote</a> . <a href="#">Vetoed a bill allowing no-excuse vote-by-mail and allow online registration</a> .

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