

# New Hampshire Senate

## THE ISSUES

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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	Mostly ban. Supports <a href="#">overturn of Roe v. Wade</a> . <a href="#">“Why don't we just rejoice?”</a> Before Sept 2022 supported <a href="#">protecting “lives from beginning to end.”</a> Then <a href="#">opposed a federal ban, saying states should decide</a> .	Legal. <a href="#">“I will fight and never back down.”</a> <a href="#">“We have to hold the line against any efforts to enact a nationwide abortion ban.”</a> <a href="#">Cosponsored Women’s Health Protection Act</a> , which would codify abortion rights.
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit the output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?	No. Says climate change <a href="#">“is not a priority”</a> and <a href="#">opposes the Inflation Reduction Act, which included \$369 billion in renewable energy incentives</a> . Says <a href="#">other countries should do their part to reduce pollution</a> .	Yes. <a href="#">“We must... address the existential threat posed by climate change and transition to a clean energy economy.”</a> <a href="#">Wrote parts of a bill to combat climate change, provide incentives for clean energy and lower carbon emissions</a> .
<b>ECONOMY</b> Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Decrease. <a href="#">“We must reverse the growth of federal spending to reduce inflation. No more bailouts, no more government handouts, no more spending packages without corresponding cuts.”</a>	Increase. <a href="#">Wrote parts of American Rescue Plan to support small businesses</a> . Voted for <a href="#">research and development tax credits</a> . Supported <a href="#">\$25 million for low-income home energy</a> .
<b>EDUCATION</b> How to address the teaching of issues around racism and gender identity?	<a href="#">Supports</a> legislation that <a href="#">“prohibits the dissemination of certain divisive concepts related to sex and race”</a> in schools. Says critical race theory (CRT) <a href="#">“teaches Americans to hate one another for no other reason than the color of their skin. It is incredibly dangerous and represents a step backwards.”</a>	<a href="#">Voted against</a> an amendment <a href="#">prohibiting federal funds from being used to teach CRT in grade school</a> . Introduced a bill <a href="#">requiring colleges to set policies prohibiting harassment based on sexual orientation and gender identity</a> .
<b>ELECTIONS</b> Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?	Mostly no. In Aug 2022: <a href="#">“I signed a letter... saying Donald Trump won the election and damn it I stand by my oath.”</a> In Sept 2022: <a href="#">“I have come to the conclusion... the election was not stolen” — but still alleges fraud</a> .	Yes. <a href="#">Congratulated Biden</a> after the final 2020 results were announced.
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Loosen. Would <a href="#">“get rid of” the Environmental Protection Agency</a> . Supports <a href="#">more oil and gas production and restarting the Keystone XL pipeline project: “We need to start” fracking and drilling offshore</a> . <a href="#">“We need to deregulate the energy industry.”</a>	Tighten. <a href="#">Supports EPA’s proposal to regulate forever chemicals: Polluters should be “held accountable.”</a> Wrote amendment to <a href="#">“remove toxic contaminants from...drinking water.”</a> <a href="#">Cosponsored a bill to ban gas and oil drilling off New England coasts</a> .
<b>GUN RULES</b> Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?	Less. <a href="#">Won’t “let anybody do anything to the Second Amendment.”</a> Opposes <a href="#">“any more regulation,” such as red-flag laws</a> .	More. Supports <a href="#">universal background checks</a> and <a href="#">enacting red-flag laws</a> that temporarily remove guns from people deemed a threat. Supports <a href="#">banning high-capacity magazines</a> .

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<b>HEALTH CARE</b> Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, and promoting COVID safety?	No. Supports <a href="#">a private market approach</a> . In Aug 2022 opposed <a href="#">the Inflation Reduction Act authorizing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices</a> . In August 2022 <a href="#">supported privatizing Medicare—but later reversed that</a> . Opposed <a href="#">COVID mask mandates</a> .	Yes. Voted for Inflation Reduction Act, which <a href="#">lowers Medicare prescription drug prices and health insurance premiums</a> . In 2021 supported mandating <a href="#">large companies’ employees to “have regular COVID tests or get vaccinated.”</a>
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	Supports <a href="#">expanded border wall</a> between the U.S. and Mexico. <a href="#">“We must secure America’s borders and reduce crime. No excuses. No compromises.”</a> Opposes a <a href="#">path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants</a> .	Supported <a href="#">more agents at border to stop fentanyl trafficking</a> . Criticized <a href="#">a plan to end a pandemic policy that allows US to turn away migrants at the southern border</a> . Supports <a href="#">a path to citizenship for DACA participants</a> .
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	No position found.	Easier. Supports PRO Act, to <a href="#">“strengthen the ability of unions to fight for workers’ rights and better benefits.”</a> Says <a href="#">“the right to organize is at the heart of our country.”</a>
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Limit. <a href="#">Opposed the Equality Act</a> ; the <a href="#">“details in the bill will not support equality or improve equity. It will lead to unprecedented divisiveness.”</a> Says <a href="#">same-sex marriage isn’t under threat</a> .	Expand. Supports <a href="#">the Equality Act to provide LGBTQ people protection from discrimination</a> . Signed executive order <a href="#">banning discrimination against transgender people in state government</a> . Opposes <a href="#">conversion therapy</a> .
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Ban or legal?	Mixed. Supports legal medical marijuana but is wary of legalizing recreational marijuana. <a href="#">It “can be an entry drug... for our children.”</a> Is concerned <a href="#">about people driving under the influence</a> .	No recent position found. In 2013 <a href="#">signed medical marijuana into law, but opposed decriminalizing marijuana “any further.”</a> In 2014 said <a href="#">“Legalizing marijuana won’t help us address our substance use challenge.”</a>
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Keep or raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour? If raise, how much?	Keep. <a href="#">“I will never support raising the minimum wage,”</a> which... <a href="#">“will hurt small businesses and pass costs onto the consumer. This is an attempt to control you.”</a> The free market and job performance <a href="#">“automatically” set proper wages</a> .	Raise with conditions. In 2021 <a href="#">opposed raising the minimum wage to \$15 by 2025 as part of the COVID-19 relief bill</a> . But said, <a href="#">“I’m open to \$15 an hour. We need a path forward that is appropriate for workers and small businesses and could actually pass.”</a>
<b>POLICE AND COMMUNITY</b> How to address police use of force?	Says will <a href="#">“defend not defund the police.”</a> <a href="#">“I do not believe we have a police problem.”</a> <a href="#">“Police make mistakes, and the accountability lies in the leadership.”</a>	Cosponsored a <a href="#">bill to improve de-escalation training</a> for officers interacting with people having mental or behavioral health issues. Has also called for <a href="#">more federal funding for state and local law enforcement</a> .
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans or forgiving them?	No. Opposes forgiving student loans. <a href="#">“You take out a loan, you use it, you pay it back.”</a> <a href="#">No one else should have to pay it back.</a> <a href="#">“There is no replacement for this other than responsibility.”</a>	Mostly yes. Opposes <a href="#">“canceling all student debt,”</a> but supports <a href="#">the Biden administration plan as a “balanced compromise.”</a> Introduced a bill <a href="#">to provide student loan relief to young entrepreneurs starting innovative businesses</a> .
<b>TAXES</b> Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?	Less. Supports <a href="#">cutting federal taxes overall</a> , and that <a href="#">includes</a> renewing the <a href="#">2017 tax cuts, which, among other items, decreased taxes on wealthy individuals</a> .	More. <a href="#">Voted against</a> the <a href="#">2017 tax cuts</a> . In 2022 voted for <a href="#">the Inflation Reduction Act, which established a minimum corporate tax rate</a> .
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?	Yes. <a href="#">“This state has some election integrity issues.”</a> Supports <a href="#">stricter voter ID laws, tightened voting rules</a> for college students, <a href="#">elimination of same-day registration, and more restrictions on mail-in voting</a> .	No. <a href="#">Voted for</a> a <a href="#">bill that would expand voting access with automatic and same-day registration, along with early voting and mail-in voting</a> . It would also limit removing voters from rolls.

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