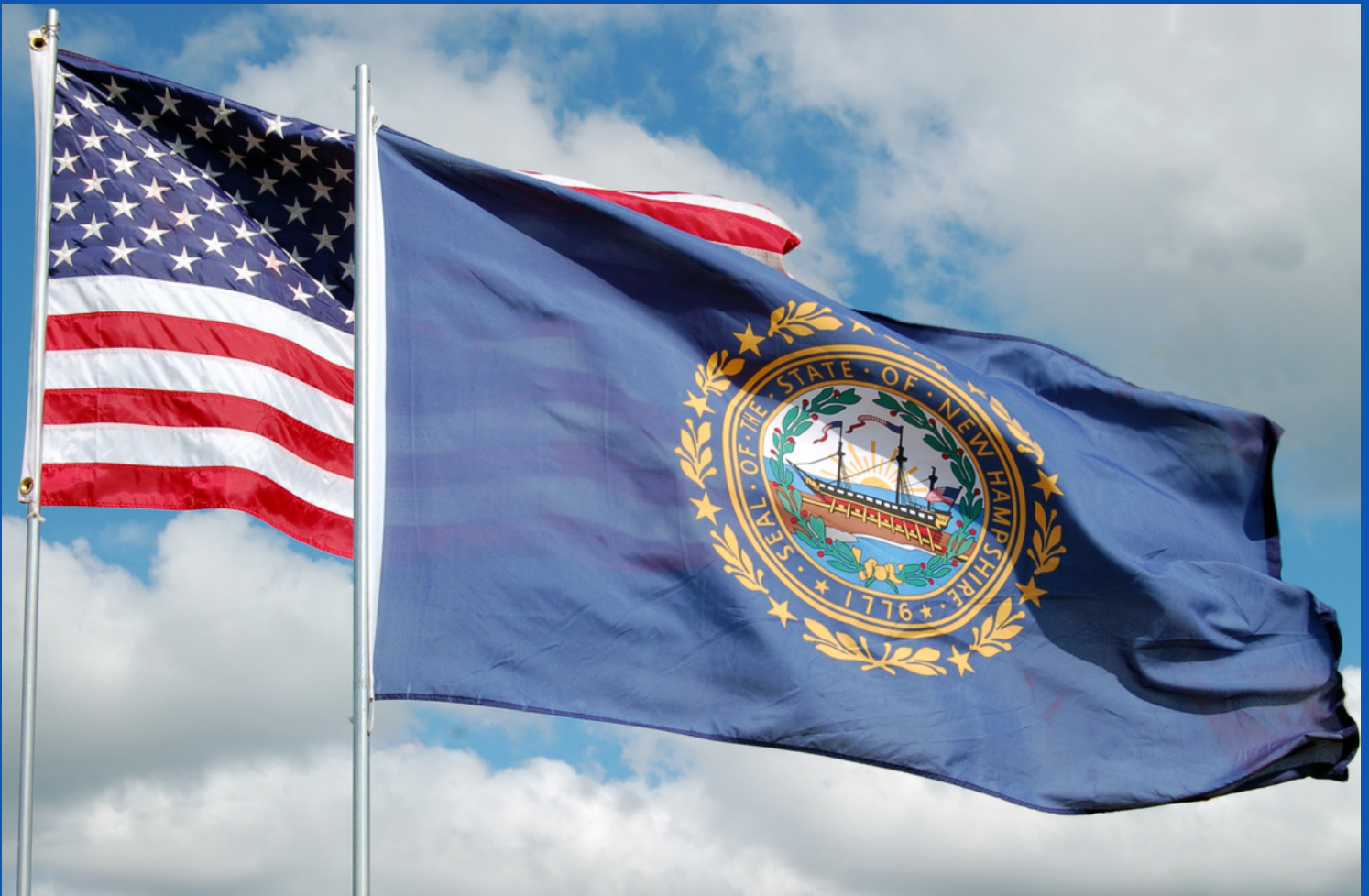




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2024 Policy Priorities



In an effort to positively affect the attraction and retention of young people in New Hampshire, Stay Work Play engages in nonpartisan, issues-based advocacy within the following 2024 policy priority areas:



COST OF LIVING

Many young people in New Hampshire simply cannot afford to live here. Stay Work Play supports measures to increase the types and affordability of **housing** suitable for young people and young families; measures to increase the availability and affordability of **child care**; measures to lower the **cost of higher education** and address **student debt**; and measures to increase **public transportation** options.

HOUSING

- ✓ • **HB 1291** - Bi-partisan bill increases the number of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) allowed by right from one to two, adds definitions, and increases the maximum square footage. It also gives municipalities the right to require ADUs meet the definition for workforce housing. - **SUPPORT**
- ✓ • **SB 538** - Bi-partisan "HOMEnibus" bill establishes a tax relief program for office conversion to residences; enables municipalities to allow its governing body to adopt certain zoning ordinance changes; and adds additional authority in zoning powers for parking requirements and lot size requirements related to sewer infrastructure. - **SUPPORT**
- ✓ • **SB 364** - Bi-partisan bill establishes a historic housing preservation tax credit administered by the housing finance authority.- **SUPPORT**
- ✓ • **HB 1602** - Bi-partisan bill expands the authority of the Housing Appeals Board to include state agencies, not just local land use boards. - **SUPPORT**
- ✓ • **SB 454** - Bi-partisan bill increasing the annual real estate transfer tax revenue contribution to the affordable housing fund. - **SUPPORT**

COST OF LIVING

HOUSING, CONT.

- ✓ • **SB 384** - Bill directs NH Department of Business & Economic Affairs to establish a median income rental housing program and makes an appropriation to the InvestNH fund for this purpose. - **SUPPORT**
- ✓ • **HB 283** - Bill limits the rental application fee and other fees charged by a landlord as part of the rental application process for a residential property. - **SUPPORT**
- ✓ • **HB 1361** - Bi-partisan bill requires municipalities to provide reasonable and realistic opportunities for the siting of manufactured housing parks and subdivisions. - **SUPPORT**
- ✓ • **HB 1399** - Bi-partisan bill allows the expansion of a single family residence within a residential zone in an urban area to no more than two residential units without discretionary review or a hearing, if the proposed development meets certain requirements. - **SUPPORT**



COST OF LIVING

CHILDCARE

- ✓ • **HB 1611** - Bi-partisan bill establishes a child care workforce fund to finance recruitment and retention grants for eligible New Hampshire child care employees. - **SUPPORT**
- ✓ • **SB 404** - Bi-partisan bill bill establishes eligibility criteria for child care professionals to receive child care scholarships. - **SUPPORT**
- ✓ • **SB 596** - Bi-partisan bill directs the NH Department of Health & Human Services to adopt rules relative to the definition of disability or special needs for purposes of the child care scholarship program and establishes certain criteria for such rules. - **SUPPORT**

STUDENT DEBT

- ✓ • **SB 456** - Bi-partisan bill establishes a nurse retention school loan debt relief program in NH Department of Health & Human Services. The bill also establishes a dedicated fund and makes an appropriation to the fund for this purpose. - **SUPPORT**



THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Thriving communities attract and retain young people. Stay Work Play supports measures that advance **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice**; measures that promote **community and belonging**; measures that support **physical and mental health**; and measures that support an active **social life**.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, & JUSTICE

- **HB 1546** -Bill prohibits any state, county, or local government entity from contracting with or purchasing goods or services from companies that discriminate in hiring, promotion, or job assignment on the basis of sex, race, sexuality, national origin, ethnicity, or ideology, including but not limited to permitting DEI statements. - **OPPOSE**



ENVIRONMENT

The state's natural environment and outdoor recreational amenities are magnets for young people. Stay Work Play supports measures that promote **environmental sustainability** and **environmental justice**; and measures that protect and strengthen New Hampshire's **outdoor recreation** amenities.



- Encourage public participation via NH Department of Environmental Services public input opportunities to inform the updating of the New Hampshire Climate Action Plan.

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- **HB 1479** - Bill prohibits the use of federal, state, or local funds for "lobbying activities." This could prevent nonprofits like Stay Work Play that might receive public funds from being able to advocate in Concord. - **OPPOSE**

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