Title/Introduction: CACR 1: Relating to Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention. Providing that a portion of the Liquor Commission Revenue be used for alcohol and drug abuse prevention. This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that a portion of the Liquor Commission Revenue shall be used for alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

History/Context: At the present time, there is no constitutional provision for the appropriation of profits from the sale of liquor. This CR calls for five percent of the previous fiscal year gross profits derived by the state liquor commission from the sale of liquor to be appropriated and used exclusively for alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services. If the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

Pros:

- Alcohol and Drug misuse continue to be a serious problem in the State of New Hampshire.
- Long term funding is vital to programs that address the needs of this vulnerable population. This CACR will provide funding that can continue to be appropriated year after year to ensure program sustainability.

Cons:

- CACR1 does not specify how this money will be disbursed, who will be eligible to receive the funds, or how programs will be held accountable once funding is established.

Sponsor(s): Rep. Katerine Rogers

Committee: House Finance

Position of the CGA: Supports CACR1

Click here to access HB 237 on the NH General Court website.

A hearing on CACR1 was held by the House Finance Committee was held on 01-17-19. NHNA attended this hearing and signed-in in support of the constitutional amendment. An executive session of the Finance Committee is scheduled for 03-13-19 at 10:00 am LOB 210-211. Bill Retained in Committee on 03-14-19.