

To Members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

Capital Punishment laws are a low priority for police chiefs in a national poll

“The death penalty does little to prevent violent crimes because perpetrators rarely consider the consequences when engaged in violence.” Majority of police agree.

<https://studylib.net/doc/14551897/smart-on-crime---reconsidering-the-death-penalty>

Financial Fact: the death penalty imposes a net cost on the taxpayers compared to life without parole.

See reports from many states

<https://files.deathpenaltyinfo.org/documents/pdf/CostsRptFinal.f1560295688.pdf>

NH will be tough on crime when we are smart on crime.

With millions in our budget deficit, we must focus finances on our police force, our front-line public defenders, not on a few big publicity cases.

All four bills, HB 1749, 1413, 1737 and 1730 will waste money on costly capital punishment trials.*

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*Records show capital punishment trials take more time and fail much more than life imprisonment trials; this costs even more money while victims & families suffer with delayed or failed verdicts.