



Senator Ralph Hise

Ralph Hise, a Mitchell County native, is serving his third term representing District 47 in the N.C. Senate. Hise has earned a reputation as an important lieutenant of Senate Rules chairman Tom Apodaca of Hendersonville and one of the General Assembly's experts on health care.

Sen. Hise rose through the ranks quickly and is co-chair of Appropriations on Health and Human Services, as well as the Health Care and Information Technology Committees.

Many of Hise's colleagues turn to him for guidance on issues related to health care, and many follow his lead. With Medicaid reform continuing to play a starring role in the General Assembly's work, his expertise is in demand. Hise is a long-time advocate of moving Medicaid to a managed care model and away from North Carolina's patient-centered medical home model. Medicaid is the federal health program for low-income women, children and the disabled. It provides health care to 1.8 million North Carolinians and totals more than \$12 billion annually, with approximately one-third of the costs paid by the state and two-thirds by the federal government.

Hise has also gained attention for several pieces of legislation he authored targeting public employee associations. He sponsored legislation, which was ultimately struck down by the courts, banning the N.C. Association of Educators (NCAE) from deducting dues from its members' paychecks. After being a target of the State Employees Association (SEANC) in a primary, Hise retaliated with similar legislation to prevent payroll deductions for public employee associations.

A statistician, Hise is a member of the faculty at Mayland Community College. He is a graduate of Appalachian State University (B.S. – Statistics) and North Carolina State University (M.Ed. – Higher Education Administration). Senator Hise lives in Spruce Pine with his wife Linn and twin sons, Thomas and Deren, and attends Abundant Life Outreach Church.

Previously, Senator Hise served two terms as mayor of Spruce Pine, and he has been active in both the state and local Republican Party.

Historically, Sen. Hise has received low marks on important environmental votes as compiled by the NC League of Conservation Voters. His lifetime score as a legislator is 5. In 2014, he scored 0. For more information about the NCLCV scorecard and West's votes, visit:

<http://nclcv.org/what/scoring/>

For information about Hise's voting record on a range of issues, visit:

www.wncvotetracker.org

<http://votesmart.org/candidate/key-votes/117794/ralph-hise-jr#.Vbryu5NViko>

Sen. Hise has raised more than \$1.1 million during his three races for the N.C. Senate. Hise's top contributors include the N.C. Republican Party, Eli Lilly and the Asheville Anesthesia Associates. For more information about Hise's political fundraising, visit:

<http://followthemoney.org/entity-details?eid=13012763&default=lawmaker>

<http://votesmart.org/candidate/campaign-finance/117794/ralph-hise-jr#.Vbry3JNViko>

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