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**CENTER FOR
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RATINGS of CALIFORNIA 2020



The nation's gold standard to hold nearly 8,000 lawmakers accountable for their voting records.



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of California* for 2020. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU Foundation's *Ratings of the States* are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.



Matt Schlapp
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ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area. In addition to ACUF's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the largest gathering of conservatives in the world, the CLA develops conservative policy solutions and educates everyday citizens and activists on the proper role of government. In 1971, ACUF launched its *Ratings of Congress* to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress.

The Ratings quickly became considered the “gold standard” and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles. In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, *Ratings of the States* grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers.

Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America’s federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

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METHODOLOGY

The CLA's Ratings of Congress and the States illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. When determining a position on a particular issue, the CLA begins by defining conservatism: the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. Then, we apply the founders' belief that the proper role of government is to protect Life, Liberty and Property.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

Each lawmaker is evaluated on a zero to 100 scale, with a score of 100 representing a voting record that is perfectly aligned with conservative principles. Officials who earn a score of 90% or higher are presented with the CLA's highest honor, the Award for Conservative Excellence, while those who earn a score of 80% or higher, but less than 90%, are presented with the Award for Conservative Achievement. Additionally, any lawmaker who earns a score of 10% or lower qualifies for the ACUF's Coalition of the Radical Left.

ANNUAL METRICS


ANALYZE
105,000
BILLS


SELECT
2,000
BILLS


RATE
8,000
ELECTED
OFFICIALS

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31. Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected. The CLA provides a score for each legislative chamber, which is based upon the average scores of all members within that respective chamber. A legislature's overall score is calculated by averaging each state's two legislative chambers together in order to better reflect the differences in political power between the chambers. (The exception being Nebraska, the nation's only unicameral legislature comprising a single legislative chamber, on which the state's overall score is based.)



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2020 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

6 since last year*

SENATE

GROVE, SHANNON

MELENDEZ, MELISSA

MORRELL, MIKE

7 since last year*

ASSEMBLY

BIGELOW, FRANK

FONG, VINCE

KILEY, KEVIN

OBERNOLTE, JAY

PATTERSON, JIM

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

5 since last year*

SENATE

BATES, PATRICIA

BORGEAS, ANDREAS

DAHLE, BRIAN

MOORLACH, JOHN

NIELSEN, JIM

3 since last year*

ASSEMBLY

BROUGH, WILLIAM

CHOI, STEVEN

DAHLE, MEGAN

GALLAGHER, JAMES

MATHIS, DEVON

≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

3 since last year*

SENATE

Allen, Benjamin

Archuleta, Bob

Atkins, Toni

Bradford, Steven

Durazo, Maria Elena

Gonzalez, Lena

Hertzberg, Robert

Hill, Gerald

Hueso, Ben

Jackson, Hannah-Beth

Leyva, Connie

McGuire, Mike

Mitchell, Holly

Monning, Bill

Pan, Richard

Portantino, Anthony

Roth, Richard

Rubio, Susan

Skinner, Nancy

Stern, Henry

Umberg, Thomas

Wieckowski, Bob

Wiener, Scott

3 since last year*

ASSEMBLY

Aguiar-Curry, Cecilia

Arambula, Joaquin

Bauer-Kahan, Rebecca

Berman, Marc

Bloom, Richard

Boerner Horvath, Tasha

Bonta, Rob

Burke, Autumn

Calderon, Ian

Carrillo, Wendy

Cervantes, Sabrina

Chau, Edwin

Chiu, David

Chu, Kansen

Friedman, Laura

Gabriel, Jesse

Garcia, Cristina

Garcia, Eduardo

Gipson, Mike

Gloria, Todd

Gonzalez, Lorena

Grayson, Timothy

Holden, Chris

Irwin, Jacqui

Jones-Sawyer, Reginald

Kalra, Ash

Kamlager, Sydney

Levine, Marc

Limón, Monique

Low, Evan

Maienschein, Brian

McCarty, Kevin

Medina, Jose

Mullin, Kevin

Muratsuchi, Al

Nazarian, Adrin

O'Donnell, Patrick

Quirk, Bill

Rendon, Anthony

Reyes, Eloise

Rivas, Luz

Rivas, Robert

Rodriguez, Freddie

Rubio, Blanca

Santiago, Miguel

Smith, Christy

Stone, Mark

Ting, Philip

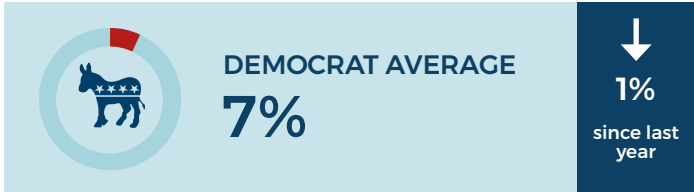
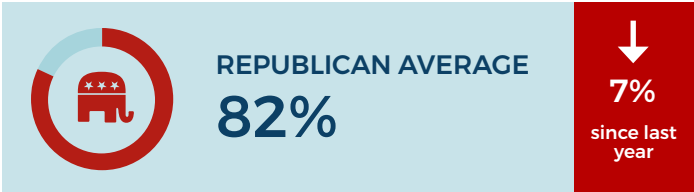
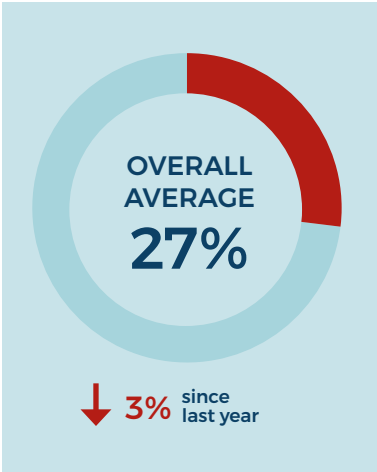
Weber, Shirley

Wood, Jim

*Compared to number of qualifying lawmakers in the previous session
 Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial caps, asterisk indicates Independents/Libertarians/other



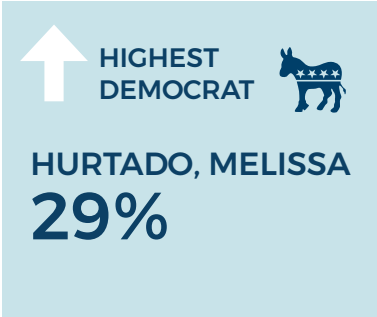
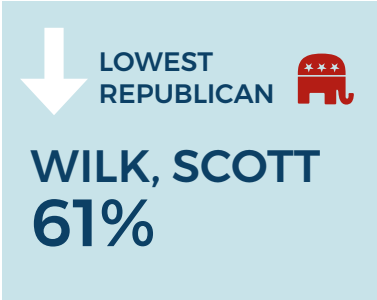
CALIFORNIA SENATE STATISTICS



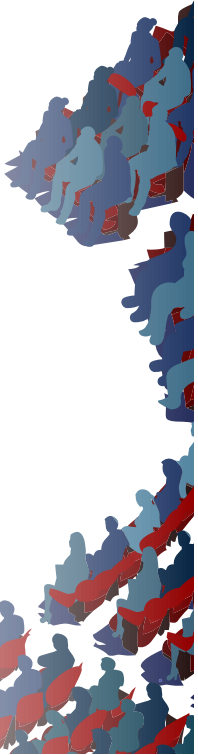
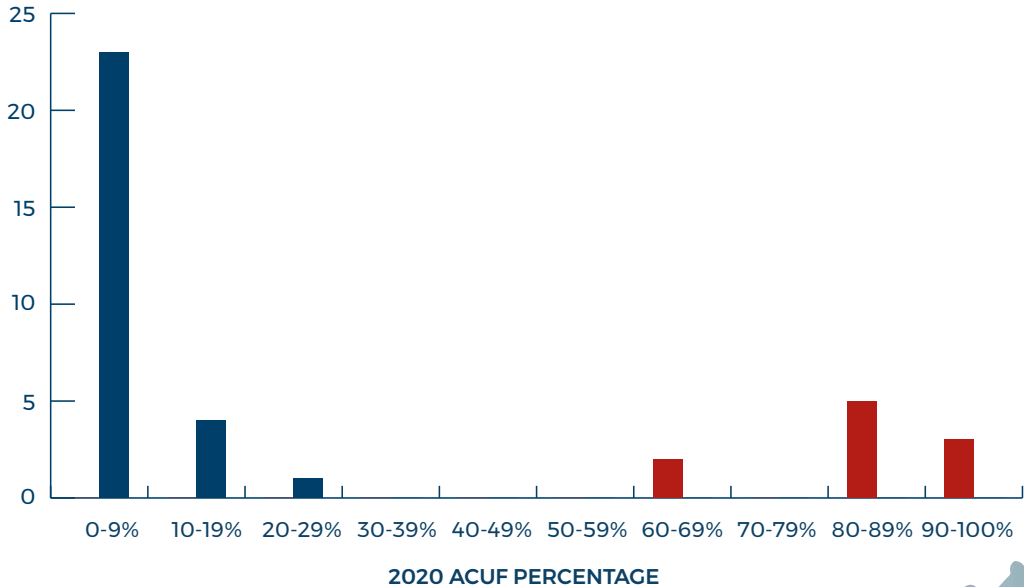
CALIFORNIA SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
11 TOTAL IN SENATE

BLUE = DEMOCRATS
29 TOTAL IN SENATE



OF STATE SENATORS





CALIFORNIA SENATE SCORES

CALIFORNIA SENATE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	2020 %	2019 %	LIFETIME AVG	ACA 5	AB 78	AB 85	AB 93	SB 118	SB 132	AB 376	SB 653	AB 685	SB 793	AB 793	AB 841	SB 852	AB 860	SB 908	SB 973	SB 977	AB 1080	SB 1159	SB 1196	AB 1286	SB 1383	SB 1399	AB 1864	AB 1947	AB 2061	AB 2118	AB 2149	AB 2218	AB 2345	AB 2405	AB 2542	AB 2847	AB 3012	AB 3088	AB 3214	AB 3216			
Allen, Benjamin	D	26	5%	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Archuleta, Bob	D	32	6%	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Atkins, Toni	D	39	5%	7%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BATES, PATRICIA	R	36	84%	92%	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	-	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	
Beall Jr., James	D	15	n/a†	5%	3%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BORGEAS, ANDREAS	R	8	83%	92%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	X	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	
Bradford, Steven	D	35	6%	8%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	
Caballero, Anna	D	12	14%	13%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CHANG, LING LING	R	29	66%	68%	72%	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	+	X	-	-	+	-	-	X	X	+	X	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	-	+	+	X	-	+	+
DAHLE, BRIAN	R	1	88%	91%	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dodd, Bill	D	3	11%	10%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Durazo, Maria Elena	D	24	5%	7%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Galgiani, Cathleen	D	5	14%	14%	12%	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	+	X	

+ = Member voted with ACU's position † = Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result did not receive a rating for the 2020 session. Two-thirds of the selected bills must be voted on to receive a score.
 - = Member voted against ACU's position R = Republican D = Democrat I = Independent
 x = Member was absent for vote

- ACA 5 Legalizing Racial and Sexual Discrimination by the California Government.
- AB 78 Placing \$1 Billion in Taxpayer Funds at Risk by Creating a "Climate Catalyst" Loan Fund.
- AB 85 Increasing Tax Burdens on Businesses Struggling from COVID-19 to Further Fuel Out-of-Control Spending.
- AB 93 Making Illegal Immigrants Eligible for Additional Welfare Programs.
- SB 118 Further Infringing 2nd Amendment Rights through the Expansion of the "Assault Weapons Control Act".
- SB 132 Mandating Inmates be Housed Based on the Gender in Which They Wish to "Identify".
- AB 376 Subjecting Student Loan Servicers to Unreasonable New Legal Liabilities and Lawsuit Abuse.
- SB 653 Increasing Access to Dental Care by Expanding Dental Hygienists' Scope of Practice.
- AB 685 Providing OSHA Bureaucrats Overreaching New Powers During the Pandemic.
- SB 793 Advancing the State's War on Individual Liberties Through a Ban on the Sale of All Flavored Nicotine Vapor Products.
- AB 793 Driving up Consumer Beverage Costs through New Recyclable Content Mandates for Plastic Containers.
- AB 841 Socializing the Costs of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.
- SB 852 Advancing the Socialization of Healthcare Through Greater Interference in the Pharmaceutical Industry.
- AB 860 Weakening Election Integrity Through a "Mail-In Voting" Scheme.
- SB 908 Imposing Costly Duplicative Licensing Mandates on Debt Collectors.
- SB 973 Forcing Companies to Disclose Pay Data to Perpetuate the Wage Gap Myth.
- SB 977 Holding Mergers in the Healthcare Industry Hostage to the State Attorney General.
- AB 1080 Advancing a Politicized Environmental Agenda through Draconian Product Recycling Mandates.
- SB 1159 Raising Employment Costs by Abusing Worker's Compensation.
- SB 1196 Increasing Scarcity by Worsening Price Controls During Disaster Declarations.
- AB 1286 Imposing Excessive Insurance Mandates on Shared Scooter and Bike Companies.
- SB 1383 Imposing New Employee Leave Mandates on Small Businesses.
- SB 1399 Expanding Lawsuit Abuse Through New Labor Mandates in the Garment Industry.
- AB 1864 Expanding Overreaching Government Regulations in the Financial Industry.
- AB 1947 Further Exposing Businesses to Frivolous Litigation by Doubling the Statute of Limitations for Private-Sector "Whistleblower Retaliation Claims."
- AB 2061 Providing the State DOJ Greater Powers to Enforce Draconian Firearm Regulations.
- AB 2118 Imposing Additional Insurance Reporting Mandates to Advance Further Government Takeover of Healthcare.
- AB 2149 Invoking Unnecessary Government Interference in the Private Operations of Food Delivery Platforms and Restaurants.
- AB 2218 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Sex-Change Operations Through the Creation of a New Fund.
- AB 2345 Expanding Development by Combatting Restrictive Zoning Ordinances.
- AB 2405 Establishing a New "Right" to Housing at a Cost of \$10 Billion Annually.
- AB 2542 Providing Unequal Justice Under the Law Through the "Racial Justice Act."
- AB 2847 Advancing Gun Control by Reducing the Types of Handguns Available for Purchase.
- AB 3012 Driving Up Homeowner's Insurance Premiums Through New Coverage Mandates.
- AB 3088 Advancing the Left's Mission to "Cancel Rent" by Imposing a Moratorium on Evictions during COVID-19.
- AB 3214 Further Attacking the State Oil Industry Through Outrageous Penalties for Spills.
- AB 3216 Forcing Businesses to Rehire Laid-Off Workers Following the Government-Imposed COVID-19 Shutdown.



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Gonzalez, Lena	D	33	5%	8%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GROVE, SHANNON	R	16	90%	93%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	X	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	X	X	+	+		
Hertzberg, Robert	D	18	5%	8%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Jackson, Hannah-Beth	D	19	6%	7%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JONES, BRIAN	R	38	n/a†	98%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	+	X	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	+	+	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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MELENDEZ, MELISSA	R	28	91%	93%	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	
Mitchell, Holly	D	30	5%	7%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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MOORLACH, JOHN	R	37	84%	97%	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	
MORRELL, MIKE	R	23	91%	97%	97%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+
NIELSEN, JIM	R	4	83%	90%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
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+ = Member voted with ACU's position † = Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result did not receive a rating for the 2020 session. Two-thirds of the selected bills must be voted on to receive a score.
 - = Member voted against ACU's position R = Republican D = Democrat I = Independent
 x = Member was absent for vote



CALIFORNIA SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. ACA 5 Legalizing Racial and Sexual Discrimination by the California Government.** This constitutional amendment permits the California government to discriminate on the basis of characteristics such as race, sex, color, ethnicity and national origin in public employment, education, and contracting. This amendment overturns Proposition 209 in 1996 which banned discrimination by the government. ACU supports equal rights and opportunities under the law for all, and believes it is the role of government to apply all laws equally. ACU believes government employment and contracting should be based on merit, opposes discrimination on the basis of characteristics such as race and sex and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the measure on June 24, 2020 by a vote of 30-10. (The amendment ultimately failed as Proposition 16 was rejected by 57% of voters on the November 2020 ballot.)
 - 2. AB 78 Placing \$1 Billion in Taxpayer Funds at Risk by Creating a "Climate Catalyst" Loan Fund.** This bill distorts the marketplace and places \$1 billion in taxpayer funds at risk by creating the Climate Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund. This program provides below market-rate loans to businesses and organizations that advance Leftist projects that combat "climate change." ACU believes the free marketplace is the best mechanism to direct investment, opposes placing taxpayer funds at unnecessary risk, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 28-12 and the bill was signed into law.
 - 3. AB 85 Increasing Tax Burdens on Businesses Struggling from COVID-19 to Further Fuel Out-of-Control Spending.** This bill suspends the ability of taxpayers to deduct net operating losses (NOL's), placing even greater tax burdens on small businesses struggling from the COVID-19 government shutdowns. This deduction is suspended for tax years 2020, 2021, and 2022 and is an attempt to raise money to fund the states out of control spending during the pandemic. ACU opposes imposing even greater tax burdens on individuals and businesses that were harmed by the government-imposed shutdowns and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 15, 2020 by a vote of 27-11 and the bill was signed into law.
 - 4. AB 93 Making Illegal Immigrants Eligible for Additional Welfare Programs.** This bill makes noncitizens and illegal immigrants eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC) welfare programs. ACU opposes further expanding government dependency, believes taxpayer-funded welfare programs should be reserved for U.S. citizens and not directed towards those residing in the country unlawfully and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 29-10 and the bill was signed into law.
 - 5. SB 118 Further Infringing 2nd Amendment Rights through the Expansion of the "Assault Weapons Control Act".** This bill, which enacts public-safety-related provisions to the budget, contains two key provisions which further infringe Second Amendment rights. Firstly, the bill expands the "Assault Weapons Control Act" to ban additional firearms and worsen the measure's gun-control provisions. Secondly, the bill quickens the enactment by two years of draconian regulations concerning firearm precursor parts. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes restricting the ability for law-abiding citizens to exercise their constitutional rights and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 3, 2020 by a vote of 26-12 and the bill was signed into law.
 - 6. SB 132 Mandating Inmates be Housed Based on the Gender in Which They Wish to "Identify".** This bill weakens the safety and integrity of state correctional facilities by imposing a series of new mandates concerning "gender identity". For example, determination on whether an inmate is placed in either a male or female housing facility is now to be based on the gender in which the inmate wishes to identify. The bill is also expected to result in hundreds of thousands in additional costs to provide staff with training on how to conduct searches based on gender identity, and to comply with the bill's mandates for addressing inmates by their preferred gender pronouns. ACU believes all inmates should be treated with respect and dignity and protected from harm and abuse. ACU opposes these new mandates which expose taxpayers to frivolous litigation and pose serious concerns to the safety and well-being of correctional officers and other inmates and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 29-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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7. **AB 376 Subjecting Student Loan Servicers to Unreasonable New Legal Liabilities and Lawsuit Abuse.** This bill will subject student loan servicers to new avenues of lawsuit abuse by imposing numerous new mandates on the industry. While the bill does provide servicers the right to cure alleged violations, the bill is largely designed to enrich plaintiffs' attorneys by awarding punitive damages and mandating courts award treble (three times) actual damages. Additionally, the bill further grows government bureaucracy through the creation of the Office of the Student Loan Ombudsman. ACU opposes driving up lending costs by subjecting servicers to new avenues of lawsuit abuse through this measure largely designed to enrich plaintiffs' attorneys and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 28, 2020 by a vote of 29-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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8. **SB 653 Increasing Access to Dental Care by Expanding Dental Hygienists' Scope of Practice.** This bill increases access to preventative dental care by slightly expanding the scope of practice of registered dental hygienists. For example, the list of settings in which a hygienists can work is expanded and hygienists can now provide a greater range of services at nonprofit events. ACU supports expanding access to dental care by reforming excessive licensing barriers and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 29, 2020 by a vote of 38-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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9. **AB 685 Providing OSHA Bureaucrats Overreaching New Powers During the Pandemic.** This bill serves as a power grab for unelected bureaucrats within the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA). Specifically, the bill provides OSHA with new powers to enter private businesses and shut them down if they believe the place of employment exposes workers to risk of COVID-19 infection. The bill also imposes numerous new mandates on businesses pertaining to the pandemic and subjects businesses to new fines for noncompliance. ACU opposes further empowering unelected bureaucrats to shutdown businesses, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 26-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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10. **SB 793 Advancing the State's War on Individual Liberties Through a Ban on the Sale of All Flavored Nicotine Vapor Products.** This bill infringes on individual liberties by imposing a ban on all flavored nicotine products which are delivered through e-cigarette or vaping devices such as JUUL. This bill would prohibit a tobacco retailer from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale, a flavored tobacco product or a tobacco product flavor enhancer. Violation of this prohibition is an infraction punishable by a fine of \$250 for each violation. ACU believes the usage of tobacco and nicotine products is a personal liberty issue and government regulation is only appropriate when the products substantially impact others and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 28, 2020 by a vote of 34-0 and the bill was signed into law. (Law suspended until the referendum vote in November 2022 General Election.)
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11. **AB 793 Driving up Consumer Beverage Costs through New Recyclable Content Mandates for Plastic Containers.** This bill would unnecessarily drive-up consumer costs by imposing new mandates on manufacturers of plastic beverage containers. Under the bill, the annual average of post-consumer recycled plastic content would be required to reach at least 50% for all plastic beverage containers by 2030. Additionally, the bill will impose annual administrative penalties for failing to meet these requirements. ACU opposes this mandate which would unnecessarily drive-up consumer beverage costs and is designed to enrich select manufacturers of recycled plastic and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 39-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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12. **AB 841 Socializing the Costs of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.** This bill is designed to enrich electric utility companies, labor unions, and other special interests through the deployment of additional electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Under the bill, oversight within the permitting process is greatly diminished for the deployment of public EV charging stations, allowing utility companies to haphazardly deploy stations with no regards to cost. Utility companies are then able to cover the costs of the deployment (and also a profit) by raising the cost of electricity paid by all ratepayers. The bill also enriches stakeholders of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVIP) by requiring anyone who installs a charging station to pay a \$275 certification fee to the organization. Finally, the bill implements a similar scheme that drives up utility ratepayer costs for HVAC and plumbing upgrades at local education agencies. ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up electricity costs for struggling families and businesses in order to enrich and benefit special interests and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 25-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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13. **SB 852 Advancing the Socialization of Healthcare Through Greater Interference in the Pharmaceutical Industry.** This bill represents another step towards socialized healthcare by permitting the state to start manufacturing prescription drugs. Specifically, the bill requires the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) to enter into partnerships or contracts to produce or distribute generic prescriptions drugs and at least one form of insulin, prioritizing drugs for chronic and high-cost conditions and those that can be delivered through mail order. Additionally, the bill requires the CHHSA to assess the feasibility of directly manufacturing and selling generic drugs in the future, with the goal of potentially establishing a state prescription drug label. ACU opposes the catastrophic consequences of socialized health care, which inevitably results in lower quality of care, shortages, and dwindling innovation and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 31-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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14. **AB 860 Weakening Election Integrity Through a “Mail-In Voting” Scheme.** This bill weakens election integrity by mandating county officials mail ballots to every registered voter in the state – even if voters do not request them – for the November 3, 2020 election. Additionally, the bill permits a ballot to be received by mail and counted even if the ballot was received 17 days after an election (previously 3 days). ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 11, 2020 by a vote of 31-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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15. **SB 908 Imposing Costly Duplicative Licensing Mandates on Debt Collectors.** This bill makes it even more costly for debt collectors to collect lawful obligations by imposing new licensing mandates, surety bond requirements, and fees. Debt collection is already heavily regulated under existing federal and state law and this bill subjects lawyers and other professionals to duplicative licensing. ACU opposes weakening property rights by devaluing financial obligations, which ultimately comes at the expense of consumers and businesses and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 31-4 and the bill was signed into law.
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16. **SB 973 Forcing Companies to Disclose Pay Data to Perpetuate the Wage Gap Myth.** This bill is designed to perpetuate the Left’s “wage gap” myth by forcing all private companies with 100 or more employees to submit detailed wage data to government. Under the bill, employers must submit a pay data report that is searchable and sortable and broken down by race, ethnicity, and sex. The bill is expected to cost taxpayers up to \$5 million a year to implement and will serve as another tool for the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) to harass private businesses. ACU believes employment discrimination is wrong and businesses that discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace, but we oppose costly mandates on private businesses which would result in more frivolous litigation and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 29-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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17. **SB 977 Holding Mergers in the Healthcare Industry Hostage to the State Attorney General.** This bill holds business mergers and acquisitions in the healthcare sector hostage to the political whims of the State Attorney General (AG). Under this bill, the AG is provided new powers to block healthcare systems (as well as private equity groups and hedge funds) from acquiring or merging with other healthcare facilities or providers. Furthermore, the AG will be able to set arbitrary standards and further harass hospitals and medical practices. ACU opposes providing the AG new power to reduce competition and protect government-favored companies at the expense of patients and consumers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 21-11. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly.)
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18. **AB 1080 Advancing a Politicized Environmental Agenda through Draconian Product Recycling Mandates.** This bill would unnecessarily drive-up consumer costs by imposing new mandates on producers and wholesalers of single-use plastic packaging and products. Specifically, the bill enacts the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, which would impose excessive regulations on thousands of packaging types and products, mandating the products be made recyclable, and ultimately forcing producers to achieve a 75% recycling or composting rate by 2032. ACU opposes these mandates which would unnecessarily drive-up consumer costs and is designed to enrich select manufacturers and recycling entities, believes government should enforce anti-littering ordinances instead of burdening law-abiding consumers with draconian mandates and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 23-12. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly.)
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19. **SB 1159 Raising Employment Costs by Abusing Worker's Compensation.** This bill drives up employment costs by creating a "rebuttable presumption" that an employee contracted COVID-19 during the course of their employment. As a result, employers would be required to compensate such employees through workers compensation benefits. ACU opposes driving up employment costs by holding employers liable for the unintentional COVID-19, especially if the contraction did not occur during work time and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 30-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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20. **SB 1196 Increasing Scarcity by Worsening Price Controls During Disaster Declarations.** This bill exacerbates state disaster situations by worsening the state's price controls, which hinder the market from alleviating scarcity. Specifically, the bill expands the state's price gouging law to prevent a seller from selling an item for more than 50% above its costs if the seller did not sell the item prior to the declared state of emergency. Furthermore, the bill expands price controls to cover epidemic emergencies and to online sales as well as traditional brick-and-mortar retail sales. ACU opposes anti-price gouging controls that worsen disasters by preventing the market from allocating scarce resources and incentivizing the flow of additional goods and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 39-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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21. **AB 1286 Imposing Excessive Insurance Mandates on Shared Scooter and Bike Companies.** This bill imposes a series of new mandates on providers of shared bikes and scooters which restricts competition and ultimately drives up consumer mobility costs. Most notably, the bill mandates that providers enter into agreements and obtain permits from localities and maintain commercial liability coverages of \$1 million for each occurrence of bodily injury or property damage, and not less than \$5 million for all occurrences. ACU opposes this measure which restricts competition and ultimately makes it more costly for consumers to utilize these mobility options and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 32-4 and the bill was signed into law.
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22. **SB 1383 Imposing New Employee Leave Mandates on Small Businesses.** This bill further interferes in the contracting rights of private employers and employees by expanding mandates under the California Family Rights Act. Specifically, the bill mandates that employees may now use unpaid job protected leave to assist an even larger group of individuals including, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, and parent-in laws. ACU believes employers and employees should be free to negotiate their own benefits, opposes this infringement of the right to contract, which may limit the ability of employees to receive other benefits or job perks and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 2, 2020 by a vote of 21-12 and the bill was signed into law.
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23. **SB 1399 Expanding Lawsuit Abuse Through New Labor Mandates in the Garment Industry.** This bill imposes a series of new labor mandates in the garment manufacturing industry which will expand lawsuit abuse and reduce employment opportunities. Under the bill, the practice of piece-rate compensation for garment manufacturing is now prohibited, and manufacturers who contract with others for garment manufacturing are now jointly liable for any violations. Furthermore, the bill provides a special carve-out that exempts unionized businesses from the measure's mandates. ACU supports the right of employers and employees to freely contract and opposes these mandates which will reduce employment opportunities and lead to lawsuit abuse and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 25-11. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly.)
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24. **AB 1864 Expanding Overreaching Government Regulations in the Financial Industry.** This bill provides government bureaucrats even more power to smother the financial industry with overreaching regulations that drive up business and consumer costs. Specifically, the bill overhauls the Department of Business Oversight to create a new Department of Financial Protection and Innovation, which operations are designed off the draconian federal Dodd-Frank Act. ACU opposes this further government intrusion into the financial sector, especially as the industry continues to reel from the fallout of Dodd-Frank and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 28-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 25. AB 1947 Further Exposing Businesses to Frivolous Litigation by Doubling the Statute of Limitations for Private-Sector “Whistleblower Retaliation Claims.”** This bill would subject businesses to frivolous litigation by doubling the statute of limitations for private-sector whistleblower retaliation claims. Under the bill, a worker would be provided one year (previously six months) to file a claim against their employer for allegedly retaliating against the worker for reporting alleged noncompliance with any one of a litany of the state’s labor mandates. Additionally, the bill would create a new financial incentive for whistleblowers and greedy plaintiff’s attorneys to file such legal claims by authorizing courts to award claimants “reasonable attorney’s fees” if their claims are successful. ACU supports providing just legal outcomes for harmed individuals, but we oppose subjecting businesses to frivolous litigation through this measure which is primarily designed to enrich greedy plaintiff attorneys and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 24, 2020 by a vote of 28-12 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 26. AB 2061 Providing the State DOJ Greater Powers to Enforce Draconian Firearm Regulations.** This bill results in the further harassment of lawful firearm dealers, purchasers, and event organizers by granting the state Department of Justice (DOJ) new powers to regulate and conduct inspections at gun shows. Under existing law, firearm dealers and organizers of gun shows must abide by countless overreaching regulations pertaining to insurance mandates, event planning, and participant tracking and recording. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment, opposes the numerous California firearm mandates which infringe Second Amendment rights and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on August 28, 2020 by a vote of 28-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 27. AB 2118 Imposing Additional Insurance Reporting Mandates to Advance Further Government Takeover of Healthcare.** This bill subjects health insurers to a litany of burdensome new reporting requirements in an attempt to justify even further government interference in the marketplace. The bill applies to insurers offering individual and small group plans and mandates the reporting of premiums, cost sharing, benefits, enrollment and trend factors to the Department of Managed Health Care and Department of Insurance. ACU recognizes the Left has already driven health insurance premiums to sky-high levels through Obamacare and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 29-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 28. AB 2149 Invoking Unnecessary Government Interference in the Private Operations of Food Delivery Platforms and Restaurants.** This bill interferes in the private operations of food delivery platforms (such as Grubhub, DoorDash and Uber Eats) and restaurants who offer delivery. Under the bill, a delivery platform is now forced to obtain an agreement with a restaurant before engaging in delivery. ACU recognizes this measure is largely designed to use government to provide restaurants greater leverage in their negotiations with delivery platforms, as restaurants already have the freedom to refuse to provide their products to a delivery platform. ACU further recognizes that any specific issue, such as use of a restaurant logo by a delivery platform, should be addressed through targeted legislation. ACU opposes invoking government interference in the free marketplace to provide more favorable outcomes to one party over another in their negotiations and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 28, 2020 by a vote of 34-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 29. AB 2218 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Sex-Change Operations Through the Creation of a New Fund.** This bill forces taxpayers to fund sex-change operations by creating a new Transgender Wellness and Equity (TWE) fund. Under the bill, organizations are to be provided grants through the TWE for gender reassignment surgeries, as well as to provide housing and therapeutic arts such as dancing, painting, or writing to select individuals who identify as Transgender, Gender nonconforming, or Intersex (TGI). ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all, and that it is the duty of government to ensure that all laws are applied equally. ACU opposes this measure which utilizes taxpayer funds to unequally provide benefits to a select class of people and also serves as a mechanism to enrich government favored organizations who heavily lobbied for the bill and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 29, 2020 by a vote of 28-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 30. AB 2345 Expanding Development by Combatting Restrictive Zoning Ordinances.** This bill helps spur development and reduce housing costs by increasing density bonuses provided to developers. Specifically, the bill amends the density bonus provided under the State Density Bonus Law from 35% to 50%, thus permitting developers to construct a greater amount of housing on their properties. The density bonus is provided to developers who include a certain amount of “affordable” housing in their development projects. Additionally, the bill makes it easier for developers to obtain development “concessions and incentives,” or a reduction in regulatory burdens. While ACU believes developers should not be bound by “affordable” housing restrictions, we recognize this measure serves as a step in the right direction to increase development. ACU supports strengthening property rights by combatting excessive zoning ordinances which drive up housing costs and infringe the rights of developers and property owners to utilize their property and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 26-5 and the bill was signed into law.
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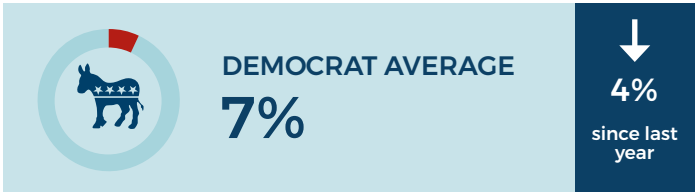
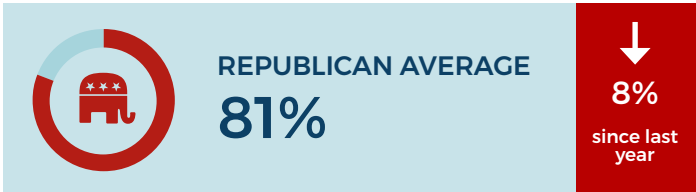
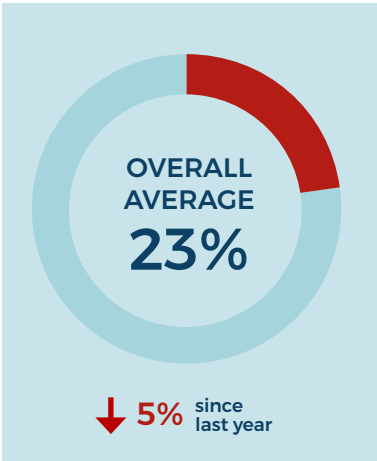
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31. **AB 2405 Establishing a New “Right” to Housing at a Cost of \$10 Billion Annually.** This bill socializes housing by declaring that every resident of California has the “right” to “safe, decent, and affordable housing.” As a result, taxpayers would be on the hook for countless new liabilities such as late rent and utility payments, legal support for eviction, and permanent housing for anyone without it. ACU opposes this and other Leftist fantasies to transform the nation into a socialist state and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 29, 2020 by a vote of 30-8 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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32. **AB 2542 Providing Unequal Justice Under the Law Through the “Racial Justice Act.”** This bill, while disguised as a measure to ensure everyone – regardless of their race – is treated equally under the law, directly repudiates this laudable goal. Under the so-called “Racial Justice Act,” individuals are able to challenge their conviction not on the basis of the trial or crime but merely on statistical evidence that people of one race are disproportionately charged or convicted of a specific crime or enhancement. The bill also applies this same challenge to sentencing, which directly violates the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in *McCleskey v. Kemp* that to challenge a sentence based on racial discrimination a defendant would have to show specific evidence of racist motivation or intent in the prosecution of his individual case. The bill also contains other provisions that can make nearly any trivial or unintentional action taken by an attorney, judge, law enforcement officer, witness, or juror to be deemed as “racially biased” thus allowing a conviction or sentence to be vacated. ACU vehemently opposes racism and believes everyone should be treated unequivocally equally under the law, and that it is the duty of government to ensure that all laws are applied equally regardless of any defining characteristic such as gender, race, ethnicity, etc. ACU opposes this unconstitutional measure which directly contradicts the notion of equal justice under the law and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 26-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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33. **AB 2847 Advancing Gun Control by Reducing the Types of Handguns Available for Purchase.** This bill further infringes Second Amendment rights through a gun control scheme that reduces the types of firearms that individuals may lawfully purchase in the state. Currently, the state lists 496 handguns on its roster that are deemed “not unsafe” and able to be sold. Since 2013, for a manufacturer to sell a new model of handgun and be placed on a roster which allows it to be lawfully sold, the handgun must have 2 microstamp markings on its interior parts. This technology will supposedly imprint tiny marking on cartridges that have been fired, however, manufacturers have been unable to reliably deploy the technology, resulting in no new models of handguns being sold in California. While this bill now only requires a new handgun model to include a single microstamp marking, the bill enacts a gun control measure which mandates that for every new handgun placed on the roster, three existing handguns must be taken off and banned from being sold. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment, opposes the state’s microstamping and gun control measures which infringe the rights of law abiding citizens and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 28, 2020 by a vote of 25-12 and the bill was signed into law.
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34. **AB 3012 Driving Up Homeowner’s Insurance Premiums Through New Coverage Mandates.** This bill imposes multiple new mandates on homeowners insurance policies which will drive up insurance premiums for everyone. For example, in cases where a state of emergency has been declared, the bill mandates that all residential policies automatically payout at least 30% of the dwelling structure coverage (up to \$250,000) for personal property regardless of actual replacement costs and without the policyholder making any itemized list of lost property. Furthermore, the bill mandates policy holders be able to take an insurance payout and use the funds to rebuild or purchase a home (and land) at a location elsewhere, among other provisions. ACU supports the ability of homeowners to select the coverages that best suit their needs and opposes these mandates which infringe that ability and ultimately drive up premiums for everyone due to the new risk imposed on insurers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 30-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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35. **AB 3088 Advancing the Left’s Mission to “Cancel Rent” by Imposing a Moratorium on Evictions during COVID-19.** This bill infringes property rights by imposing a moratorium on most evictions due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). Specifically, the bill would impose the moratorium due to vaguely defined “financial hardships” related to COVID-19 and would delay rental recovery by landlords until March 2021. ACU opposes this attack on property rights, opposes exploiting government-imposed shutdowns to foist the costs of socialized housing onto landlords and lenders and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 33-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 36. AB 3214 Further Attacking the State Oil Industry Through Outrageous Penalties for Spills.** This bill significantly drives up the cost to transport oil in California by imposing outrageous penalties that are designed to punish and attack the industry rather than serve as a deterrence. Under the bill, existing base fines are doubled and now amount to up to \$1 million for each day a spill occurs. Furthermore, the bill permits courts to impose a new additional fine of up to \$1,000 for each each gallon of oil spilled. These fines are on top of federal penalties and the costs companies must incur for clean ups, etc. ACU recognizes that oil spills have disastrous consequences on the environment and communities and believes those responsible for spills should be held fully accountable for their actions and cleanup. ACU opposes this measure which almost exclusively serves as an attack by the Left on the oil industry and will result in skyrocketing insurance costs which will ultimately be passed onto consumers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 28, 2020 by a vote of 26-12 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 37. AB 3216 Forcing Businesses to Rehire Laid-Off Workers Following the Government-Imposed COVID-19 Shutdown.** This bill imposes yet another onerous mandate on businesses trying to recover from the government-imposed shutdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill forces private businesses in many service industries to rehire their employees through the bill's "right of recall and retention" mandate. The bill also applies to any future state of emergencies and forces employees to be rehired for their same or similar job and be based on seniority. Furthermore, the bill mandates that if an employer hires an individual other than a laid-off employee they must provide the laid-off employee the name of the new hire and all reasons for the hiring decision. ACU opposes this additional attack on the private operations of the private sector which will lead to lawsuit abuse and prevent employers from hiring the most talented and productive employees and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 26-12 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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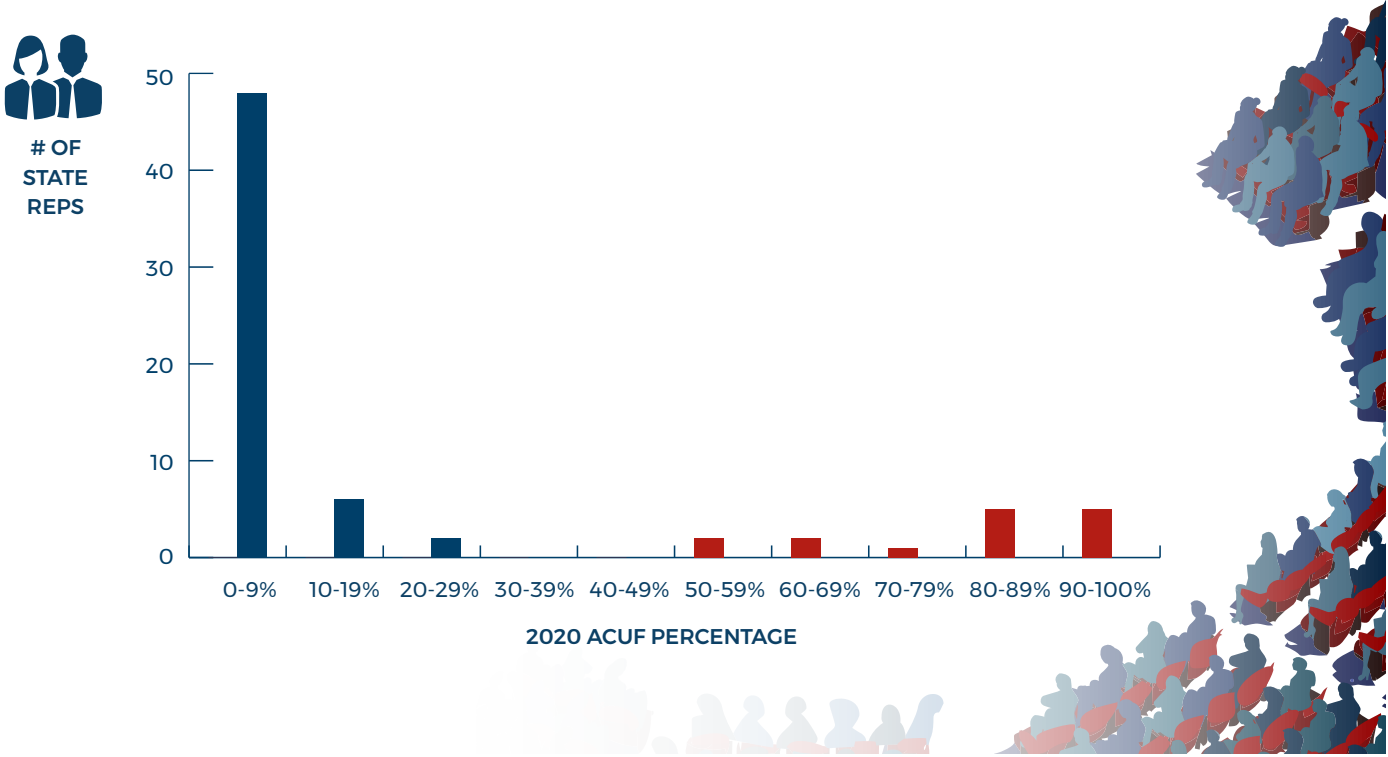
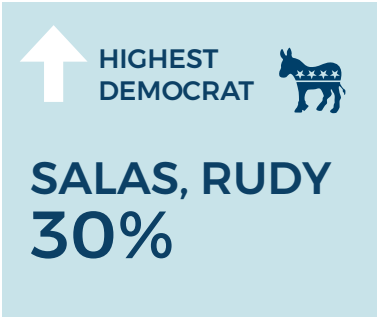
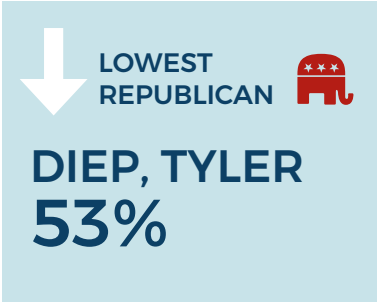
CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY STATISTICS



CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
18 TOTAL IN ASSEMBLY

BLUE = DEMOCRATS
61 TOTAL IN ASSEMBLY





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Aguiar-Curry, Cecilia	D	4	3%	10%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	
Arambula, Joaquin	D	31	9%	11%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	
Bauer-Kahan, Rebecca	D	16	3%	7%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	
Berman, Marc	D	24	5%	8%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BIGELOW, FRANK	R	5	91%	97%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X
Bloom, Richard	D	50	5%	7%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boerner Horvath, Tasha	D	76	3%	8%	5%	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	
Bonta, Rob	D	18	5%	8%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BROUGH, WILLIAM	R	73	89%	93%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Burke, Autumn	D	62	8%	6%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calderon, Ian	D	57	5%	8%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Jones-Sawyer, Reginald	D	59	5%	7%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Kalra, Ash	D	27	5%	7%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kamlager, Sydney	D	54	5%	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KILEY, KEVIN	R	6	94%	95%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	-	+	+	+	+	+			
LACKEY, TOM	R	36	68%	88%	75%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	X	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-		
Levine, Marc	D	10	5%	15%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Limón, Monique	D	37	5%	5%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Low, Evan	D	28	5%	10%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Maienschein, Brian	D	77	3%	3%	52%	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MATHIS, DEVON	R	26	86%	95%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X
Mayes, Chad	I	42	60%	n/a	79%	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	X	-	-	+	+	-	X	-	+	+	X	X	X	X	+	X	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	-	+	-	+	+	+	X	
McCarty, Kevin	D	7	5%	8%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Medina, Jose	D	61	5%	8%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MELENDEZ, MELISSA	R	67	n/a†	93%	91%	X	X	X	X	X	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mullin, Kevin	D	22	5%	7%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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Muratsuchi, Al	D	66	3%	3%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Nazarian, Adrin	D	46	3%	5%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
O'Donnell, Patrick	D	70	10%	3%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
OBERNOLTE, JAY	R	33	97%	98%	95%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X					
PATTERSON, JIM	R	23	91%	94%	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	X					
Petrie-Norris, Cottie	D	74	13%	18%	15%	-	-	+	-	X	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	X	-							
Quirk-Silva, Sharon	D	65	18%	18%	35%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	-						
Quirk, Bill	D	20	6%	8%	5%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-						
Ramos, James	D	40	n/a†	24%	24%	-	X	-	X	-	-	X	-	+	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	X	+	-	+	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-						
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Reyes, Eloise	D	47	5%	7%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Rivas, Luz	D	39	5%	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Rivas, Robert	D	30	5%	8%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Rodriguez, Freddie	D	52	6%	6%	5%	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Rubio, Blanca	D	48	9%	12%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Salas, Rudy	D	32	30%	46%	37%	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Santiago, Miguel	D	53	5%	7%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Smith, Christy	D	38	9%	8%	8%	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Stone, Mark	D	29	5%	5%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ting, Philip	D	19	5%	8%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
VOEPEL, RANDY	R	71	n/a†	93%	90%	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
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+ = Member voted with ACU's position † = Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result did not receive a rating for the 2020 session. Two-thirds of the selected bills must be voted on to receive a score.
 - = Member voted against ACU's position R = Republican D = Democrat I = Independent
 x = Member was absent for vote



CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. ACA 5 Legalizing Racial and Sexual Discrimination by the California Government.** This constitutional amendment permits the California government to discriminate on the basis of characteristics such as race, sex, color, ethnicity and national origin in public employment, education, and contracting. This amendment overturns Proposition 209 in 1996 which banned discrimination by the government. ACU supports equal rights and opportunities under the law for all, and believes it is the role of government to apply all laws equally. ACU believes government employment and contracting should be based on merit, opposes discrimination on the basis of characteristics such as race and sex and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the measure on June 10, 2020 by a vote of 60-14. (The amendment ultimately failed as Proposition 16 was rejected by 57% of voters on the November 2020 ballot.)
- 2. AB 78 Placing \$1 Billion in Taxpayer Funds at Risk by Creating a "Climate Catalyst" Loan Fund.** This bill distorts the marketplace and places \$1 billion in taxpayer funds at risk by creating the Climate Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund. This program provides below market-rate loans to businesses and organizations that advance Leftist projects that combat "climate change." ACU believes the free marketplace is the best mechanism to direct investment, opposes placing taxpayer funds at unnecessary risk, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 59-13 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. AB 85 Increasing Tax Burdens on Businesses Struggling from COVID-19 to Further Fuel Out-of-Control Spending.** This bill suspends the ability of taxpayers to deduct net operating losses (NOL's), placing even greater tax burdens on small businesses struggling from the COVID-19 government shutdowns. This deduction is suspended for tax years 2020, 2021, and 2022 and is an attempt to raise money to fund the states out of control spending during the pandemic. ACU opposes imposing even greater tax burdens on individuals and businesses that were harmed by the government-imposed shutdowns and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 15, 2020 by a vote of 56-20 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. AB 93 Making Illegal Immigrants Eligible for Additional Welfare Programs.** This bill makes noncitizens and illegal immigrants eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC) welfare programs. ACU opposes further expanding government dependency, believes taxpayer-funded welfare programs should be reserved for U.S. citizens and not directed towards those residing in the country unlawfully and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 58-16 and the bill was signed into law.
- 5. SB 118 Further Infringing 2nd Amendment Rights through the Expansion of the "Assault Weapons Control Act".** This bill, which enacts public-safety-related provisions to the budget, contains two key provisions which further infringe Second Amendment rights. Firstly, the bill expands the "Assault Weapons Control Act" to ban additional firearms and worsen the measure's gun-control provisions. Secondly, the bill quickens the enactment by two years of draconian regulations concerning firearm precursor parts. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes restricting the ability for law-abiding citizens to exercise their constitutional rights and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 3, 2020 by a vote of 53-16 and the bill was signed into law.
- 6. SB 132 Mandating Inmates be Housed Based on the Gender in Which They Wish to "Identify".** This bill weakens the safety and integrity of state correctional facilities by imposing a series of new mandates concerning "gender identity". For example, determination on whether an inmate is placed in either a male or female housing facility is now to be based on the gender in which the inmate wishes to identify. The bill is also expected to result in hundreds of thousands in additional costs to provide staff with training on how to conduct searches based on gender identity, and to comply with the bill's mandates for addressing inmates by their preferred gender pronouns. ACU believes all inmates should be treated with respect and dignity and protected from harm and abuse. ACU opposes these new mandates which expose taxpayers to frivolous litigation and pose serious concerns to the safety and well-being of correctional officers and other inmates and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 52-15 and the bill was signed into law.



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7. **AB 345 Worsening Draconian Mandates on the Oil and Gas Industries and Creating an “Environmental Justice” Program.** This bill threatens to eliminate thousands of California jobs and further drive-up consumer energy costs by imposing a series of new mandates on the oil and gas industries. Most notably, the bill establishes new minimum setback requirements from residences and countless public places for the states 100,000 plus oil and gas extraction sites. Additionally, the bill creates an environmental justice program to further advance Leftist initiatives. ACU supports all sources of energy and opposes measures which infringe property rights and drive up consumer energy costs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on January 27, 2020 by a vote of 42-30. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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8. **AB 376 Subjecting Student Loan Servicers to Unreasonable New Legal Liabilities and Lawsuit Abuse.** This bill will subject student loan servicers to new avenues of lawsuit abuse by imposing numerous new mandates on the industry. While the bill does provide servicers the right to cure alleged violations, the bill is largely designed to enrich plaintiffs’ attorneys by awarding punitive damages and mandating courts award treble (three times) actual damages. Additionally, the bill further grows government bureaucracy through the creation of the Office of the Student Loan Ombudsman. ACU opposes driving up lending costs by subjecting servicers to new avenues of lawsuit abuse through this measure largely designed to enrich plaintiffs’ attorneys and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 57-15 and the bill was signed into law.
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9. **SB 653 Increasing Access to Dental Care by Expanding Dental Hygienists’ Scope of Practice.** This bill increases access to preventative dental care by slightly expanding the scope of practice of registered dental hygienists. For example, the list of settings in which a hygienists can work is expanded and hygienists can now provide a greater range of services at nonprofit events. ACU supports expanding access to dental care by reforming excessive licensing barriers and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 75-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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10. **AB 685 Providing OSHA Bureaucrats Overreaching New Powers During the Pandemic.** This bill serves as a power grab for unelected bureaucrats within the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA). Specifically, the bill provides OSHA with new powers to enter private businesses and shut them down if they believe the place of employment exposes workers to risk of COVID-19 infection. The bill also imposes numerous new mandates on businesses pertaining to the pandemic and subjects businesses to new fines for noncompliance. ACU opposes further empowering unelected bureaucrats to shutdown businesses, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 52-17 and the bill was signed into law.
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11. **SB 793 Advancing the State’s War on Individual Liberties Through a Ban on the Sale of All Flavored Nicotine Vapor Products.** This bill infringes on individual liberties by imposing a ban on all flavored nicotine products which are delivered through e-cigarette or vaping devices such as JUUL. This bill would prohibit a tobacco retailer from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale, a flavored tobacco product or a tobacco product flavor enhancer. Violation of this prohibition is an infraction punishable by a fine of \$250 for each violation. ACU believes the usage of tobacco and nicotine products is a personal liberty issue and government regulation is only appropriate when the products substantially impact others and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 24, 2020 by a vote of 58-1 and the bill was signed into law. (Law suspended until the referendum vote in November 2022 General Election.)
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12. **AB 793 Driving up Consumer Beverage Costs through New Recyclable Content Mandates for Plastic Containers.** This bill would unnecessarily drive-up consumer costs by imposing new mandates on manufacturers of plastic beverage containers. Under the bill, the annual average of post-consumer recycled plastic content would be required to reach at least 50% for all plastic beverage containers by 2030. Additionally, the bill will impose annual administrative penalties for failing to meet these requirements. ACU opposes this mandate which would unnecessarily drive-up consumer beverage costs and is designed to enrich select manufacturers of recycled plastic and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 65-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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13. **AB 841 Socializing the Costs of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.** This bill is designed to enrich electric utility companies, labor unions, and other special interests through the deployment of additional electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Under the bill, oversight within the permitting process is greatly diminished for the deployment of public EV charging stations, allowing utility companies to haphazardly deploy stations with no regards to cost. Utility companies are then able to cover the costs of the deployment (and also a profit) by raising the cost of electricity paid by all ratepayers. The bill also enriches stakeholders of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVIP) by requiring anyone who installs a charging station to pay a \$275 certification fee to the organization. Finally, the bill implements a similar scheme that drives up utility ratepayer costs for HVAC and plumbing upgrades at local education agencies. ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up electricity costs for struggling families and businesses in order to enrich and benefit special interests and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 55-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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14. **SB 852 Advancing the Socialization of Healthcare Through Greater Interference in the Pharmaceutical Industry.** This bill represents another step towards socialized healthcare by permitting the state to start manufacturing prescription drugs. Specifically, the bill requires the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) to enter into partnerships or contracts to produce or distribute generic prescriptions drugs and at least one form of insulin, prioritizing drugs for chronic and high-cost conditions and those that can be delivered through mail order. Additionally, the bill requires the CHHSA to assess the feasibility of directly manufacturing and selling generic drugs in the future, with the goal of potentially establishing a state prescription drug label. ACU opposes the catastrophic consequences of socialized health care, which inevitably results in lower quality of care, shortages, and dwindling innovation and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 66-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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15. **AB 860 Weakening Election Integrity Through a “Mail-In Voting” Scheme.** This bill weakens election integrity by mandating county officials mail ballots to every registered voter in the state – even if voters do not request them – for the November 3, 2020 election. Additionally, the bill permits a ballot to be received by mail and counted even if the ballot was received 17 days after an election (previously 3 days). ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 18, 2020 by a vote of 68-5 and the bill was signed into law.
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16. **SB 908 Imposing Costly Duplicative Licensing Mandates on Debt Collectors.** This bill makes it even more costly for debt collectors to collect lawful obligations by imposing new licensing mandates, surety bond requirements, and fees. Debt collection is already heavily regulated under existing federal and state law and this bill subjects lawyers and other professionals to duplicative licensing. ACU opposes weakening property rights by devaluing financial obligations, which ultimately comes at the expense of consumers and businesses and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 53-19 and the bill was signed into law.
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17. **SB 973 Forcing Companies to Disclose Pay Data to Perpetuate the Wage Gap Myth.** This bill is designed to perpetuate the Left’s “wage gap” myth by forcing all private companies with 100 or more employees to submit detailed wage data to government. Under the bill, employers must submit a pay data report that is searchable and sortable and broken down by race, ethnicity, and sex. The bill is expected to cost taxpayers up to \$5 million a year to implement and will serve as another tool for the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) to harass private businesses. ACU believes employment discrimination is wrong and businesses that discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace, but we oppose costly mandates on private businesses which would result in more frivolous litigation and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 26, 2020 by a vote of 50-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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18. **SB 1159 Raising Employment Costs by Abusing Worker’s Compensation.** This bill drives up employment costs by creating a “rebuttable presumption” that an employee contracted COVID-19 during the course of their employment. As a result, employers would be required to compensate such employees through workers compensation benefits. ACU opposes driving up employment costs by holding employers liable for the unintentional COVID-19, especially if the contraction did not occur during work time and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 69-4 and the bill was signed into law.
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19. **SB 1175 Fueling a Black Market through a Ban on the Possession of Certain Animal Products.** This bill, known as the Iconic African Species Act, harms conservation efforts and fuels a black market by prohibiting anyone from importing or possessing certain animal products that were taken into possession after January 1, 2021. The bill imposes fines of up to \$40,000 and pertains to African elephants, lions, leopards, giraffes, and numerous other animals. ACU recognizes that trophy hunting provides considerable funding for conservation and anti-poaching efforts in Africa and this measure will merely fuel a black market and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 49-16. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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20. **SB 1196 Increasing Scarcity by Worsening Price Controls During Disaster Declarations.** This bill exacerbates state disaster situations by worsening the state's price controls, which hinder the market from alleviating scarcity. Specifically, the bill expands the state's price gouging law to prevent a seller from selling an item for more than 50% above its costs if the seller did not sell the item prior to the declared state of emergency. Furthermore, the bill expands price controls to cover epidemic emergencies and to online sales as well as traditional brick-and-mortar retail sales. ACU opposes anti-price gouging controls that worsen disasters by preventing the market from allocating scarce resources and incentivizing the flow of additional goods and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 71-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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21. **AB 1286 Imposing Excessive Insurance Mandates on Shared Scooter and Bike Companies.** This bill imposes a series of new mandates on providers of shared bikes and scooters which restricts competition and ultimately drives up consumer mobility costs. Most notably, the bill mandates that providers enter into agreements and obtain permits from localities and maintain commercial liability coverages of \$1 million for each occurrence of bodily injury or property damage, and not less than \$5 million for all occurrences. ACU opposes this measure which restricts competition and ultimately makes it more costly for consumers to utilize these mobility options and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 57-15 and the bill was signed into law.
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22. **SB 1383 Imposing New Employee Leave Mandates on Small Businesses.** This bill further interferes in the contracting rights of private employers and employees by expanding mandates under the California Family Rights Act. Specifically, the bill mandates that employees may now use unpaid job protected leave to assist an even larger group of individuals including, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, and parent-in laws. ACU believes employers and employees should be free to negotiate their own benefits, opposes this infringement of the right to contract, which may limit the ability of employees to receive other benefits or job perks and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 46-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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23. **AB 1864 Expanding Overreaching Government Regulations in the Financial Industry.** This bill provides government bureaucrats even more power to smother the financial industry with overreaching regulations that drive up business and consumer costs. Specifically, the bill overhauls the Department of Business Oversight to create a new Department of Financial Protection and Innovation, which operations are designed off the draconian federal Dodd-Frank Act. ACU opposes this further government intrusion into the financial sector, especially as the industry continues to reel from the fallout of Dodd-Frank and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 58-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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24. **AB 1947 Further Exposing Businesses to Frivolous Litigation by Doubling the Statute of Limitations for Private-Sector "Whistleblower Retaliation Claims."** This bill would subject businesses to frivolous litigation by doubling the statute of limitations for private-sector whistleblower retaliation claims. Under the bill, a worker would be provided one year (previously six months) to file a claim against their employer for allegedly retaliating against the worker for reporting alleged noncompliance with any one of a litany of the state's labor mandates. Additionally, the bill would create a new financial incentive for whistleblowers and greedy plaintiff's attorneys to file such legal claims by authorizing courts to award claimants "reasonable attorney's fees" if their claims are successful. ACU supports providing just legal outcomes for harmed individuals, but we oppose subjecting businesses to frivolous litigation through this measure which is primarily designed to enrich greedy plaintiff attorneys and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 10, 2020 by a vote of 46-23 and the bill was signed into law.
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25. **AB 2061 Providing the State DOJ Greater Powers to Enforce Draconian Firearm Regulations.** This bill results in the further harassment of lawful firearm dealers, purchasers, and event organizers by granting the state Department of Justice (DOJ) new powers to regulate and conduct inspections at gun shows. Under existing law, firearm dealers and organizers of gun shows must abide by countless overreaching regulations pertaining to insurance mandates, event planning, and participant tracking and recording. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes the numerous California firearm mandates which infringe Second Amendment rights and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on June 8, 2020 by a vote of 60-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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26. **AB 2118 Imposing Additional Insurance Reporting Mandates to Advance Further Government Takeover of Healthcare.** This bill subjects health insurers to a litany of burdensome new reporting requirements in an attempt to justify even further government interference in the marketplace. The bill applies to insurers offering individual and small group plans and mandates the reporting of premiums, cost sharing, benefits, enrollment and trend factors to the Department of Managed Health Care and Department of Insurance. ACU recognizes the Left has already driven health insurance premiums to sky-high levels through Obamacare and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 60-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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27. **AB 2149 Invoking Unnecessary Government Interference in the Private Operations of Food Delivery Platforms and Restaurants.** This bill interferes in the private operations of food delivery platforms (such as Grubhub, DoorDash and Uber Eats) and restaurants who offer delivery. Under the bill, a delivery platform is now forced to obtain an agreement with a restaurant before engaging in delivery. ACU recognizes this measure is largely designed to use government to provide restaurants greater leverage in their negotiations with delivery platforms, as restaurants already have the freedom to refuse to provide their products to a delivery platform. ACU further recognizes that any specific issue, such as use of a restaurant logo by a delivery platform, should be addressed through targeted legislation. ACU opposes invoking government interference in the free marketplace to provide more favorable outcomes to one party over another in their negotiations and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 65-6 and the bill was signed into law.
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28. **AB 2218 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Sex-Change Operations Through the Creation of a New Fund.** This bill forces taxpayers to fund sex-change operations by creating a new Transgender Wellness and Equity (TWE) fund. Under the bill, organizations are to be provided grants through the TWE for gender reassignment surgeries, as well as to provide housing and therapeutic arts such as dancing, painting, or writing to select individuals who identify as Transgender, Gender nonconforming, or Intersex (TGI). ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all, and that it is the duty of government to ensure that all laws are applied equally. ACU opposes this measure which utilizes taxpayer funds to unequally provide benefits to a select class of people and also serves as a mechanism to enrich government favored organizations who heavily lobbied for the bill and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 54-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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29. **AB 2345 Expanding Development by Combatting Restrictive Zoning Ordinances.** This bill helps spur development and reduce housing costs by increasing density bonuses provided to developers. Specifically, the bill amends the density bonus provided under the State Density Bonus Law from 35% to 50%, thus permitting developers to construct a greater amount of housing on their properties. The density bonus is provided to developers who include a certain amount of "affordable" housing in their development projects. Additionally, the bill makes it easier for developers to obtain development "concessions and incentives," or a reduction in regulatory burdens. While ACU believes developers should not be bound by "affordable" housing restrictions, we recognize this measure serves as a step in the right direction to increase development. ACU supports strengthening property rights by combatting excessive zoning ordinances which drive up housing costs and infringe the rights of developers and property owners to utilize their property and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 70-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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30. **AB 2405 Establishing a New "Right" to Housing at a Cost of \$10 Billion Annually.** This bill socializes housing by declaring that every resident of California has the "right" to "safe, decent, and affordable housing." As a result, taxpayers would be on the hook for countless new liabilities such as late rent and utility payments, legal support for eviction, and permanent housing for anyone without it. ACU opposes this and other Leftist fantasies to transform the nation into a socialist state and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 64-8 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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31. **AB 2501 Devastating the Financial Industry by Allowing Borrowers to Cease Loan Repayments.** This bill would decimate the financial industry through a loan forbearance which forces lenders to go for months, and in some cases years, without receiving payments from borrowers. The bill largely applies to automotive and home loans and prevents the assessment of any fines or penalties. For example, mortgage lenders would be required to carry the burden of unpaid mortgages for more than two years due to the bill's 12-month forbearance, which is followed by a broad foreclosure moratorium for all of 2021. ACU opposes weakening property rights by devaluing financial obligations, which ultimately comes at the expense of consumers and businesses and opposed this bill. The Assembly defeated the bill on June 15, 2020 by a vote of 28-25. (25 Democrats did not vote on the bill.)
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32. **AB 2542 Providing Unequal Justice Under the Law Through the "Racial Justice Act."** This bill, while guised as a measure to ensure everyone – regardless of their race – is treated equally under the law, directly repudiates this laudable goal. Under the so-called "Racial Justice Act," individuals are able to challenge their conviction not on the basis of the trial or crime but merely on statistical evidence that people of one race are disproportionately charged or convicted of a specific crime or enhancement. The bill also applies this same challenge to sentencing, which directly violates the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *McCleskey v. Kemp* that to challenge a sentence based on racial discrimination a defendant would have to show specific evidence of racist motivation or intent in the prosecution of his individual case. The bill also contains other provisions that can make nearly any trivial or unintentional action taken by an attorney, judge, law enforcement officer, witness, or juror to be deemed as "racially biased" thus allowing a conviction or sentence to be vacated. ACU vehemently opposes racism and believes everyone should be treated unequivocally equally under the law, and that it is the duty of government to ensure that all laws are applied equally regardless of any defining characteristic such as gender, race, ethnicity, etc. ACU opposes this unconstitutional measure which directly contradicts the notion of equal justice under the law and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 49-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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33. **AB 2847 Advancing Gun Control by Reducing the Types of Handguns Available for Purchase.** This bill further infringes Second Amendment rights through a gun control scheme that reduces the types of firearms that individuals may lawfully purchase in the state. Currently, the state lists 496 handguns on its roster that are deemed "not unsafe" and able to be sold. Since 2013, for a manufacturer to sell a new model of handgun and be placed on a roster which allows it to be lawfully sold, the handgun must have 2 microstamp markings on its interior parts. This technology will supposedly imprint tiny marking on cartridges that have been fired, however, manufactures have been unable to reliably deploy the technology, resulting in no new models of handguns being sold in California. While this bill now only requires a new handgun model to include a single microstamp marking, the bill enacts a gun control measure which mandates that for every new handgun placed on the roster, three existing handguns must be taken off and banned from being sold. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes the state's microstamping and gun control measures which infringe the rights of law abiding citizens and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 52-19 and the bill was signed into law.
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34. **AB 2895 Further Weakening Property Rights by Imposing Rent Control on Mobile Home Parks.** This bill further exacerbates California's government-created housing crisis by further expanding the provisions passed in AB 1482 (which ACU scored last year) to impose rent controls on mobile home parks. As a result, mobile home parks are prohibited from increasing rents by more than 5% plus the rate of inflation, or a max of 10%. The bill also prevents mobile home parks from ending or not renewing a lease agreement without "just cause" such as failure to pay rent or vandalism. ACU's Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the property rights of both landlords and tenants from government overreach. ACU recognizes rent controls, like all other price controls, will only reduce the supply of quality housing and further exacerbate the state's government-created housing crisis. ACU opposes the continued expansion of an absurd measure which decimates property rights, believes the state should reverse its draconian building regulations and further reform zoning and land use ordinances to encourage development and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 10, 2020 by a vote of 50-18. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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35. **AB 2999 Imposing New Bereavement Leave Mandates on Private Employers.** This bill further interferes in the contracting rights of private employers and employees by imposing new bereavement leave mandates. Under the bill, every employer is mandated to provide their employees with up to 10 days of unpaid bereavement leave for the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, or domestic partner. Furthermore, the bill mandates that this new benefit is in addition to all other existing benefits and employers cannot reduce any other form of employee compensation to offset the mandated benefits. ACU believes employers and employees should be free to negotiate their own benefits, and opposes this infringement of the right to contract, which may limit the ability of employees to receive other benefits or job perks and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 10, 2020 by a vote of 45-13. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)



- 36. AB 3012 Driving Up Homeowner's Insurance Premiums Through New Coverage Mandates.** This bill imposes multiple new mandates on homeowners insurance policies which will drive up insurance premiums for everyone. For example, in cases where a state of emergency has been declared, the bill mandates that all residential policies automatically payout at least 30% of the dwelling structure coverage (up to \$250,000) for personal property regardless of actual replacement costs and without the policyholder making any itemized list of lost property. Furthermore, the bill mandates policy holders be able to take an insurance payout and use the funds to rebuild or purchase a home (and land) at a location elsewhere, among other provisions. ACU supports the ability of homeowners to select the coverages that best suit their needs and opposes these mandates which infringe that ability and ultimately drive up premiums for everyone due to the new risk imposed on insurers and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed this bill on August 30, 2020 by a vote of 71-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 37. AB 3088 Advancing the Left's Mission to "Cancel Rent" by Imposing a Moratorium on Evictions during COVID-19.** This bill infringes property rights by imposing a moratorium on most evictions due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). Specifically, the bill would impose the moratorium due to vaguely defined "financial hardships" related to COVID-19 and would delay rental recovery by landlords until March 2021. ACU opposes this attack on property rights, opposes exploiting government-imposed shutdowns to foist the costs of socialized housing onto landlords and lenders and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 61-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 38. AB 3134 Doubling the Duration of Welfare Cash Payments to Refugees.** This bill disincentivizes self-sufficiency by forcing taxpayers to annually spend tens of millions of additional funds to double the amount of time refugees are eligible for refugee cash assistance (RCA). Under existing law, the federal government provides refugees with 8 months of RCA. This bill now mandates state taxpayers provide the benefits for an additional 8 months (16 months total). ACU supports efforts to help individuals live happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives and opposes this measure which disincentivizes refugees from attempting to promptly find employment and become self-sufficient and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 10, 2020 by a vote of 72-0. (The bill failed to advance in Senate.)
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- 39. AB 3214 Further Attacking the State Oil Industry Through Outrageous Penalties for Spills.** This bill significantly drives up the cost to transport oil in California by imposing outrageous penalties that are designed to punish and attack the industry rather than serve as a deterrence. Under the bill, existing base fines are doubled and now amount to up to \$1 million for each day a spill occurs. Furthermore, the bill permits courts to impose a new additional fine of up to \$1,000 for each gallon of oil spilled. These fines are on top of federal penalties and the costs companies must incur for clean ups, etc. ACU recognizes that oil spills have disastrous consequences on the environment and communities and believes those responsible for spills should be held fully accountable for their actions and cleanup. ACU opposes this measure which almost exclusively serves as an attack by the Left on the oil industry and will result in skyrocketing insurance costs which will ultimately be passed onto consumers and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 48-18 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 40. AB 3216 Forcing Businesses to Rehire Laid-Off Workers Following the Government-Imposed COVID-19 Shutdown.** This bill imposes yet another onerous mandate on businesses trying to recover from the government-imposed shutdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill forces private businesses in many service industries to rehire their employees through the bill's "right of recall and retention" mandate. The bill also applies to any future state of emergencies and forces employees to be rehired for their same or similar job and be based on seniority. Furthermore, the bill mandates that if an employer hires an individual other than a laid-off employee they must provide the laid-off employee the name of the new hire and all reasons for the hiring decision. ACU opposes this additional attack on the private operations of the private sector which will lead to lawsuit abuse and prevent employers from hiring the most talented and productive employees and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 31, 2020 by a vote of 46-16 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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- 41. AB 3300 Forcing Taxpayers to Annually Spend \$2 Billion to "Solve" the Government-Created Homelessness Crisis.** This bill further expands cronyism and government interference in the private sector through the creation of the California Access to Housing Fund. Under the bill, \$2 billion is annually channeled to the fund for a range of initiatives that will supposedly help the homeless but in reality, will enrich special interests and likely only make the state's housing and homelessness crisis worse. ACU believes the best way to making housing truly affordable is by unleashing the free market through the removal of unnecessary zoning, land use, and other regulatory barriers, opposes this further government interference and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 15, 2020 by a vote of 62-2. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)