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# RATINGS of CALIFORNIA 2021



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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 2021. 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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## 2021 WINNERS & LOSERS

### 90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

No change since last year\*

#### SENATE

BORGEAS, ANDREAS  
JONES, BRIAN  
MELENDEZ, MELISSA

1 since last year\*

#### ASSEMBLY

BIGELOW, FRANK      SEYARTO, KELLY  
KILEY, KEVIN      SMITH, THURSTON

### 80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

No change since last year\*

#### SENATE

BATES, PATRICIA  
DAHLE, BRIAN  
GROVE, SHANNON  
NIELSEN, JIM  
WILK, SCOTT

No change since last year\*

#### ASSEMBLY

CHOI, STEVEN      GALLAGHER, JAMES  
DAHLE, MEGAN      VOEPEL, RANDY  
DAVIES, LAURIE

### ≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

3 since last year\*

#### SENATE

Allen, Benjamin	Hertzberg, Robert	Pan, Richard
Archuleta, Bob	Hueso, Ben	Portantino, Anthony
Atkins, Toni	Kamlager, Sydney	Roth, Richard
Becker, Josh	Laird, John	Rubio, Susan
Bradford, Steven	Leyva, Connie	Skinner, Nancy
Caballero, Anna	Limón, Monique	Umberg, Thomas
Cortese, Dave	McGuire, Mike	Wieckowski, Bob
Durazo, María Elena	Min, Dave	Wiener, Scott
Gonzalez, Lena	Newman, Josh	

4 since last year\*

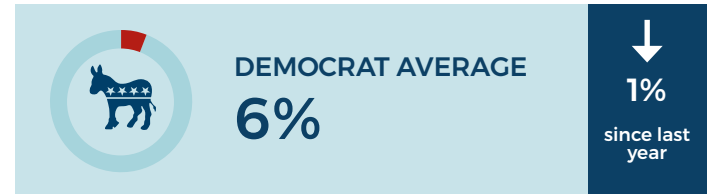
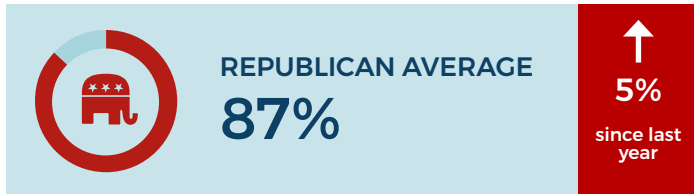
#### ASSEMBLY

Aguiar-Curry, Cecilia	Chiu, David	Levine, Marc	Rivas, Luz
Bauer-Kahan, Rebecca	Friedman, Laura	Low, Evan	Rivas, Robert
Bennett, Steve	Gabriel, Jesse	Maienschein, Brian	Rodriguez, Freddie
Berman, Marc	Garcia, Cristina	McCarty, Kevin	Santiago, Miguel
Bloom, Richard	Garcia, Eduardo	Medina, Jose	Stone, Mark
Boerner Horvath, Tasha	Gipson, Mike	Mullin, Kevin	Ting, Philip
Bryan, Isaac	Gonzalez, Lorena	Muratsuchi, Al	Ward, Christopher
Burke, Autumn	Holden, Chris	Nazarian, Adrin	Weber, Akilah
Calderon, Lisa	Irwin, Jacqui	Quirk, Bill	Wicks, Buffy
Carrillo, Wendy	Jones-Sawyer, Reginald	Ramos, James	Wood, Jim
Cervantes, Sabrina	Kalra, Ash	Rendon, Anthony	
Chau, Ed	Lee, Alex	Reyes, Eloise	

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



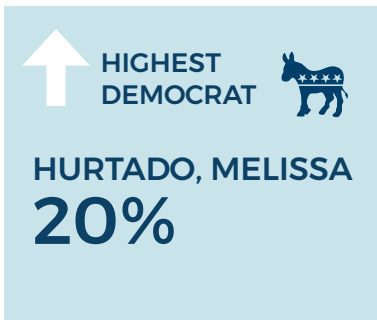
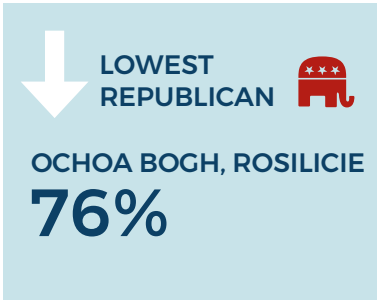
# CALIFORNIA SENATE STATISTICS



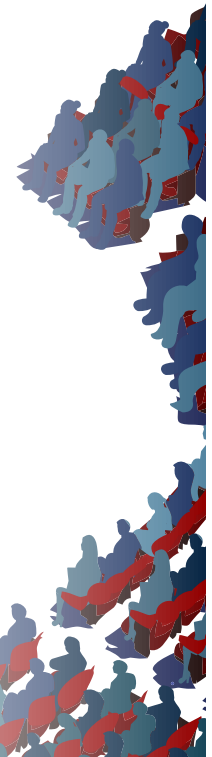
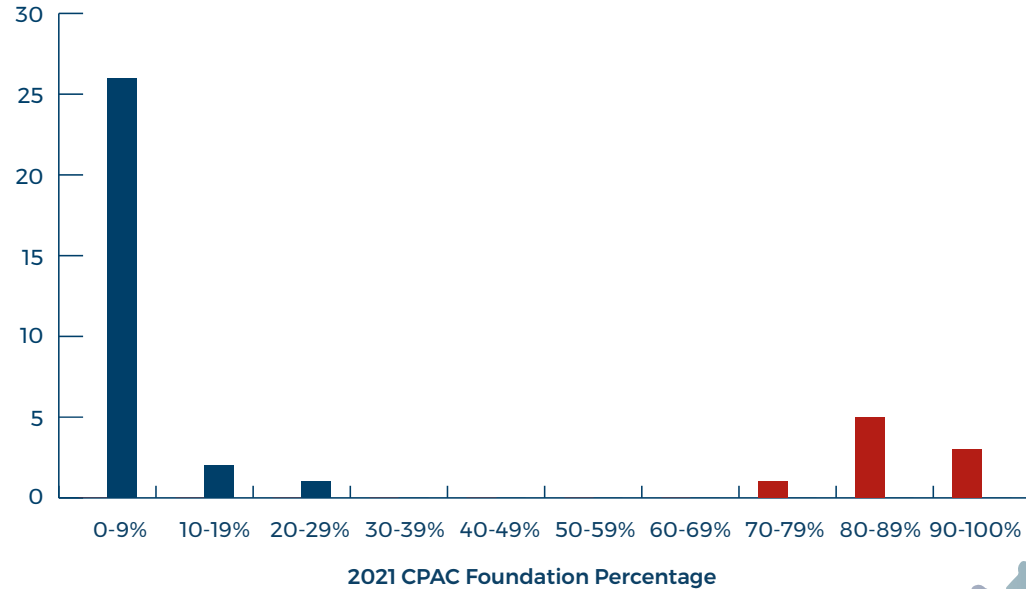
## CALIFORNIA SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

**RED = REPUBLICANS**  
**9 TOTAL IN SENATE**

**BLUE = DEMOCRATS**  
**31 TOTAL IN SENATE**



**# OF STATE SENATORS**















## CALIFORNIA SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **SB 2 Advancing the Left's All-Out Attack on the Police Through a New Commission and Excessive New Mandates.** ACU supports strong government accountability and believes all police misconduct should be investigated and bad actors held accountable under the law. ACU opposes the Left's efforts to attack and "defund the police" and this measure, which promotes lawlessness by preventing and intimidating peace officers from enforcing the law and protecting communities and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 28-9 and the bill was signed into law.
2. **SR 6 Urging the President and Congress to Support Taking the Lives of the Unborn Through Abortion.** ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and opposed this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on April 19, 2021 by a vote of 29-8.
3. **SB 10 Strengthening Property Rights by Increasing Zoning Density in Urban Areas and Bypassing the Environmental Quality Act (EQA).** ACU recognizes that numerous zoning boards across the state have abused their powers, with their central planning practices driving up housing costs and expanding cronyism in development. ACU supports strengthening property rights and empowering the free market by allowing individuals to choose their own community standards through private homeowners' associations and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2021 by a vote of 28-6 and the bill was signed into law.
4. **SB 17 Expanding Government Bureaucracy and Unnecessary Spending Through the Creation of a "Racial Equity Commission".** ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all and believes it is the duty of government to ensure all law are applied equally. ACU opposes the Left's quest to stoke division and grow the size and scope of government while also unnecessarily driving up taxpayer costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 2, 2021 by a vote of 31-6 but the bill carried over to the 2022 session.
5. **AB 26 Advancing the Left's All-Out Attack on the Police by Placing Unreasonable Liabilities on Officers Who Fail to Intervene in Alleged Misconduct by Another Officer.** ACU supports strong government accountability and believes all police misconduct should be investigated and bad actors held accountable under the law. ACU opposes the Left's efforts to attack and "defund the police" and this measure which promotes lawlessness by preventing and intimidating peace officers from enforcing the law and protecting communities and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2021 by a vote of 26-9 and the bill was signed into law.
6. **AB 37 Decimating Election Integrity Through a Permanent Vote-By-Mail Scheme.** ACU recognizes that mail-in voting schemes create numerous avenues for vote fraud. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that 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 September 2, 2021 by a vote of 30-7 and the bill was signed into law.
7. **SB 56 Providing Medicaid Welfare Benefits to Illegal Immigrants Above 60.** 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 2, 2021 by a vote of 29-7. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly, but a similar provision was included in a much larger bill, AB 133, which was signed into law.)
8. **SB 62 Reducing Employment Opportunities in the Garment Industry by Eliminating the "Piece Rate" Exemption to the Minimum Wage.** ACU opposes pricing individuals out of the labor force by further expanding the reach of the state's lofty \$15 dollar and continually rising minimum wage and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 10, 2021 by a vote of 26-10 and the bill was signed into law.
9. **AB 101 Advancing Critical Race Theory by Imposing "Ethnic Studies" Curriculum Mandates on Local High Schools.** ACU opposes state-wide educational mandates that do not pertain to core subject areas and recognizes that this measure is designed to advance critical race theory (CRT), a tool used by the radical Left to advance division amongst Americans and expand the role of government. ACU believes it is abhorrent to advance CRT indoctrination on students and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 29-8 and the bill was signed into law.



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10. **AB 123 Reducing Employee Pay and Further Socializing Paid Leave by Hiking Wage Replacement Rates to 90%.** ACU opposes increasing taxes on employees through the expansion of the state's paid leave program and instead supports the right for employees to select and purchase their own paid leave insurance through the private sector and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 32-0 but the governor vetoed the bill citing the significant costs on employees and taxpayers.
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11. **SB 129 Enacting a \$100 Billion Wealth Redistribution Budget Including Socialized Housing and Pre-K.** ACU opposes the state's never-ending quest to redistribute wealth and tax job creators and investors to oblivion and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 28, 2021 by a vote of 31-5 and the governor later signed the bill into law absent some line-item vetoes.
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12. **SB 139 Expanding Wealth Redistribution by Providing \$600 Stimulus Checks to Individuals Earning Under \$75k.** ACU opposes the state's never-ending quest to redistribute wealth and tax job creators and investors to oblivion and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 28, 2021 by a vote of 32-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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13. **SB 144 Enriching the Woke Hollywood Elite Through an Expansion of Film and TV Tax Credits.** ACU believes the market is the best mechanism to direct investment in entertainment, opposes enriching the woke Hollywood elite by socializing the costs of film and tv production onto taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 15, 2021 by a vote of 37-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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14. **SB 155 Forcing Taxpayers to Expend Billions of Dollars on Countless Leftist "Climate Change" Initiatives.** ACU opposes placing even greater burdens on taxpayers in order to advance a radical Leftist environmental agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 28-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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15. **SB 222 Increasing Government Dependency by Socializing the Costs of Water and Wastewater Services Through a New "Water Rate Assistance Program".** ACU supports efforts that help individuals live happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives, opposes the creation of new programs which further trap individuals into government dependency and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 31-7 but the bill was carried over into 2022.
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16. **AB 237 Further Holding Businesses Hostage to Union Boss Demands by Mandating Continued Payment for Healthcare of Striking Employees.** ACU opposes further empowering greedy union bosses in the collective bargaining process by placing an additional financial burden on companies attempting to weather a strike and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2021 by a vote of 30-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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17. **SB 245 Increasing Health Insurance Premiums by Banning All Co-Pays and Limits on Abortion Services.** ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and opposes health insurance mandates that ultimately drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 31-8 but the bill was carried over to 2022.
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18. **SB 264 Infringing Second Amendment Rights by Banning Gun Shows at the Orange County Fair and Event Center.** ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes unnecessary gun control measures that do not improve public safety and infringe the right of law-abiding individuals to manufacturer, keep and bear arms and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 3, 2021 by a vote of 28-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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19. **AB 286 Imposing New Mandates on Food Delivery Platforms and Restaurants Concerning Pricing and Tip Retention.** ACU supports the freedom to contract, opposes this unnecessary government interference in the private marketplace which provides more favorable outcomes to certain parties in contract negotiations and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 23, 2021 by a vote of 27-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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20. **SB 389 Legalizing To-Go Sales of Cocktails and Other Alcoholic Beverages by Restaurants.** ACU supports expanding individual liberties and consumer choice through a freer market in the alcoholic beverage industry and eliminating unnecessary and anti-competitive regulations and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 38-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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21. **SB 395 Attacking Individual Liberties by Imposing an Additional 12.5% Excise Tax on E-Cigarette and Vaping Products.** ACU opposes the state's war on individual liberties and the imposition of "sin taxes" which disproportionately harm certain groups of the population, especially individuals earning low incomes, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 2, 2021 by a vote of 29-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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22. **AB 412 Growing Government Bureaucracy and Wasteful Spending Through the Establishment of a "Human Rights" Commission and Fund.** ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up taxpayer costs through the creation of this new bureaucracy primarily designed to advance radical Leftist social justice initiatives and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 1, 2021 by a vote of 31-7 but the governor vetoed the bill citing the costs and duplication of existing government initiatives.
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23. **SB 419 Hiking Energy Costs by Mandating Union Workers and Wages Within the Oil and Gas Industry.** ACU opposes placing thousands of existing workers out of jobs in order to enrich union bosses and drive-up consumer energy costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 23-7 but the bill carried over to the 2022 session.
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24. **SB 464 Providing Illegal Immigrants Food Stamps Under the California Food Assistance Welfare Program.** 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 1, 2021 by a vote of 31-9. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly.)
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25. **AB 465 Mandating Professional Fiduciaries Undergo 2 Hours of LGBTQ Cultural Competency Annually for Licensure.** ACU believes fiduciaries should treat their customers with dignity and respect their backgrounds and believes those who fail to do so will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes further worsening the state's draconian licensing regime and this measure is primarily designed to enrich providers of cultural competency and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 30, 2021 by a vote of 31-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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26. **SB 500 Infringing Consumer Choice by Mandating All Autonomous Cars be Electric by 2030.** ACU opposes the Left's quest to eliminate consumer choice and dictate the offerings of automotive manufacturers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 2, 2021 by a vote of 30-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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27. **SB 503 Further Weakening Election Integrity by Eliminating Signature Matching Requirements on Mail-In Ballots.** ACU opposes weakening election integrity by removing safeguards protecting against voter fraud which disenfranchises legal voters and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 3, 2021 by a vote of 29-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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28. **SB 523 Increasing Health Insurance Premiums Through a \$0 Price Control on Contraceptive Copayments.** ACU opposes health insurance mandates that ultimately drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone by preventing individuals from obtaining policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 32-5 but the bill carried over to the 2022 session.
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29. **SB 524 Restricting Competition and Driving-Up Pharmaceutical Costs Through New Mandates Within the Pharmacy Industry.** ACU recognizes this new ban on so-called "patient steering" is designed to protect select pharmacies against competition from mail order and other retail pharmacies. ACU opposes driving up consumer pharmaceutical costs by further expanding government intrusion into the pharmaceutical industry and infringing private contracting rights to provide competitive advantages to select businesses and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 3, 2021 by a vote of 35-0 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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30. **SB 551 Hiking Taxpayer Costs Through a New Bureaucracy to Advance Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure.** ACU supports all vehicle propulsion systems and believes the free market is the best mechanism to expand electrification. ACU opposes socializing the cost of electric vehicles and infrastructure onto taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 28, 2021 by a vote of 31-6. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly.)
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31. **AB 570 Driving-Up Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating Coverage of the Adult Dependents of a Policy Holder.** ACU opposes health insurance mandates that ultimately drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone by preventing individuals from obtaining policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 1, 2021 by a vote of 30-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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32. **SB 596 Reducing Economic Growth by Mandating Cement Production Achieve Zero GHG Emissions by 2045.** ACU opposes restricting economic growth and increasing consumer costs through draconian mandates designed to advance a radical Leftist environmental agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 29-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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33. **AB 600 Advancing Unequal Justice Under the Law by Expanding the State's "Hate Crime" Statute to Include "Immigration Status".** ACU recognizes this bill further violates the "double-jeopardy" clause of the U.S. Constitution and that all crimes are disrespectful of individual rights and reflect an animus toward others. ACU opposes providing judges with inappropriate authority to enhance sentences, opposes increasing penalties for crimes committed against select individuals which runs afoul of the whole concept of equal application of justice and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 1, 2021 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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34. **AB 616 Empowering Union Bosses to Harass Agricultural Workers by Implementing a "Card Check" Process to Unionize.** ACU recognizes this bill is designed to force the unionization of agricultural workers by no longer allowing workers to privately vote through secret ballot. ACU opposes subjecting agricultural workers to intimidation and harassment by greedy union bosses and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 26, 2021 by a vote of 24-11 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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35. **SB 628 Enriching Government-Favored Non-Profits in the "Creative Arts" Through a New Grant Program.** ACU opposes this cronyism and believes the private sector is best equipped to evaluate and fund the most impactful initiatives within the arts and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 10, 2021 by a vote of 35-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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36. **SB 639 Harming Employment and Training Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities by Phasing-Out the Minimum Wage Exemption.** ACU supports empowering the private sector to improve the lives and dignity of individuals with disabilities by providing valuable work, training and development opportunities. ACU opposes this measure which will harm the ability of organizations to provide these opportunities by prohibiting work from being performed unless it is compensated at the state's lofty minimum wage rate and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 29-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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37. **SB 664 Driving Up Hospice Care Costs by Imposing a Moratorium on New Facilities.** ACU opposes this and other certificate of need (CON) laws which restrict competition and unnecessarily drive-up consumer costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 31-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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38. **AB 701 Attacking Private Business Operations Through New Mandates on "Job Performance Quotas" at Warehouse Facilities.** ACU recognizes this measure is designed to target Amazon and other large companies by creating new avenues for greedy plaintiffs' attorneys to advance frivolous litigation. ACU opposes driving up consumer costs in order to enrich greedy plaintiffs' attorneys and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 26-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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39. **SB 727 Hiking Construction Costs by Holding General Contractors Liable for Subcontractors Compliance with Wage and Labor Regulations.** ACU opposes this scheme to enrich greedy plaintiffs' attorneys while driving up consumer construction costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 10, 2021 by a vote of 27-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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40. **SB 739 Advancing Wealth Redistribution Through a Universal Basic Income Pilot Project for Individuals Over 21 Exiting Foster Care.** ACU opposes the Left's quest to centrally plan the economy and implement a universal basic income and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 31-4. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly.)
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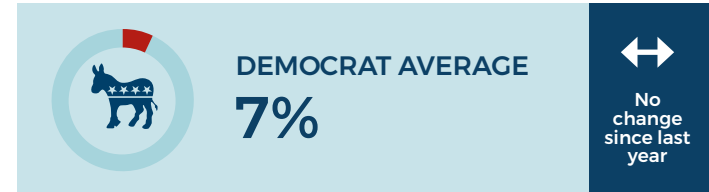
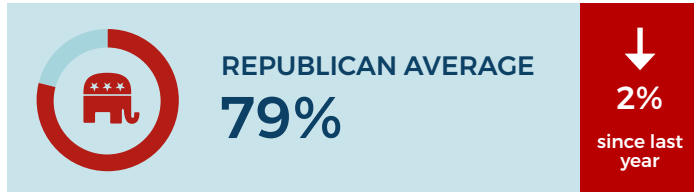
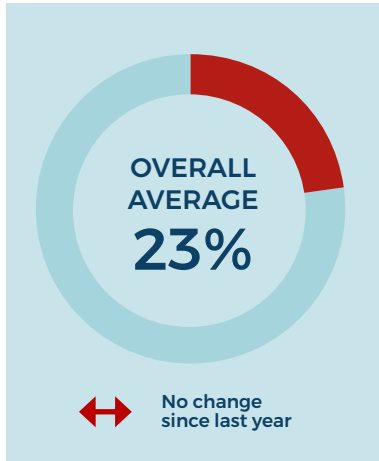


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41. **AB 838 Subjecting Landlords to Harassment by Mandating Localities Inspect Tenant-Alleged Code Violations at Landlord Expense.** ACU opposes driving-up rental housing costs by subjecting landlords to harassment for alleged violations of any one of the state's litany of housing regulations and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 1, 2021 by a vote of 26-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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42. **AB 890 Advancing Racial Discrimination Through New Reporting Requirements on Managers of the State's Pension System (CalPERS).** ACU believes decisions regarding public assets should be based on providing the greatest value to taxpayers, regardless of the identity of the person, believes in equal rights and opportunities under the law for all, vehemently opposes racial discrimination and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 26, 2021 by a vote of 27-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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43. **AB 1074 Waging War Against the Hospitality Industry by Imposing New Worker Rehiring Mandates.** ACU opposes this further attack on the hospitality industry following the draconian government COVID-19 lockdowns, supports the ability of businesses to hire the most productive and qualified employees and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 10, 2021 by a vote of 23-12 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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44. **AB 1084 Forcing Department Stores to Maintain "Gender-Neutral" Sections for Toys and Childcare Items.** ACU believes the market is the best mechanism to guide the offerings of retailers, opposes limiting consumer choice and foisting unnecessary costs onto department stores in order to advance a Leftist agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 1, 2021 by a vote of 29-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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45. **AB 1177 Advancing a Government-Takeover of the Financial System through a "Public Banking Option".** ACU recognizes the banking and financial industries serve as the bedrock of society, opposes the quest by the left to weaponize the financial system and advance a centrally planned economy and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 29-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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46. **AB 1204 Placing Additional Costly Regulatory Burdens on Hospitals by Mandating "Equity Reporting".** ACU opposes driving up healthcare costs by smothering hospitals with unnecessary regulations designed to advance a Leftist political agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 29-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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47. **AB 1276 Banning Fast Foods and Restaurants from Providing Plastic Straws, Single-use Foodware or Condiments Unless Requested.** ACU opposes this government overreach in the private sector which places unnecessary burdens on consumers and businesses in order to advance a politicized Leftist environmental agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 28-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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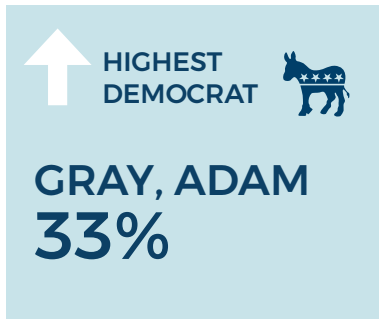
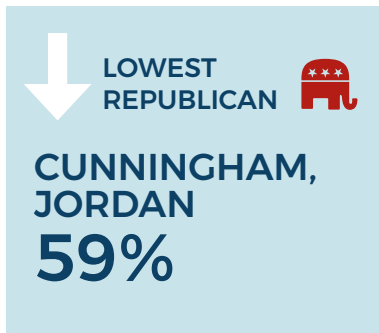
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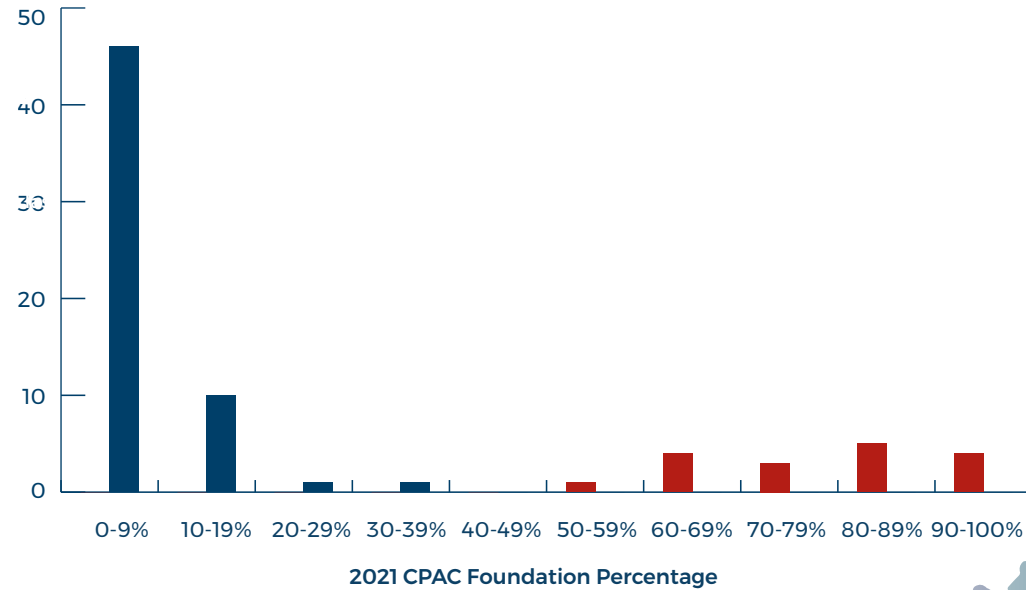
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**RED = REPUBLICANS**  
**19 TOTAL IN ASSEMBLY**

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**60 TOTAL IN ASSEMBLY**



# OF STATE REPS













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  - 2. AB 4 Providing Full Medicaid Welfare Benefits to Illegal Immigrants of All Ages.** 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 1, 2021 by a vote of 58-18. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate, but a similar provision was included in a much larger bill, AB 133, which was signed into law.)
  - 3. SB 10 Strengthening Property Rights by Increasing Zoning Density in Urban Areas and Bypassing the Environmental Quality Act (EQA).** ACU recognizes that numerous zoning boards across the state have abused their powers, with their central planning practices driving up housing costs and expanding cronyism in development. ACU supports strengthening property rights and empowering the free market by allowing individuals to choose their own community standards through private homeowners' associations and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 23, 2021 by a vote of 44-12 and the bill was signed into law.
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  - 5. AB 37 Decimating Election Integrity Through a Permanent Vote-By-Mail Scheme.** ACU recognizes that mail-in voting schemes create numerous avenues for vote fraud. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that 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 September 3, 2021 by a vote of 60-17 and the bill was signed into law.
  - 6. SB 62 Reducing Employment Opportunities in the Garment Industry by Eliminating the "Piece Rate" Exemption to the Minimum Wage.** ACU opposes pricing individuals out of the labor force by further expanding the reach of the state's lofty \$15 dollar and continually rising minimum wage and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 50-19 and the bill was signed into law.
  - 7. AB 97 Increasing Health Insurance Premiums Through a \$0 Price Control on Insulin Copayments.** ACU opposes health insurance mandates that ultimately drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone by preventing individuals from obtaining policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 27, 2021 by a vote of 70-0. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
  - 8. AB 101 Advancing Critical Race Theory by Imposing "Ethnic Studies" Curriculum Mandates on Local High Schools.** ACU opposes state-wide educational mandates that do not pertain to core subject areas and recognizes that this measure is designed to advance critical race theory (CRT), a tool used by the radical Left to advance division amongst Americans and expand the role of government. ACU believes it is abhorrent to advance CRT indoctrination on students and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 59-12 and the bill was signed into law.
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9. **AB 123 Reducing Employee Pay and Further Socializing Paid Leave by Hiking Wage Replacement Rates to 90%.** ACU opposes increasing taxes on employees through the expansion of the state's paid leave program and instead supports the right for employees to select and purchase their own paid leave insurance through the private sector and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 68-0 but the governor vetoed the bill citing the significant costs on employees and taxpayers.
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10. **SB 129 Enacting a \$100 Billion Wealth Redistribution Budget Including Socialized Housing and Pre-K.** ACU opposes the state's never-ending quest to redistribute wealth and tax job creators and investors to oblivion and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 28, 2021 by a vote of 61-13 and the governor later signed the bill into law absent some line-item vetoes.
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11. **SB 139 Expanding Wealth Redistribution by Providing \$600 Stimulus Checks to Individuals Earning Under \$75k.** ACU opposes the state's never-ending quest to redistribute wealth and tax job creators and investors to oblivion and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 28, 2021 by a vote of 69-6 and the bill was signed into law.
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12. **SB 144 Enriching the Woke Hollywood Elite Through an Expansion of Film and TV Tax Credits.** ACU believes the market is the best mechanism to direct investment in entertainment, opposes enriching the woke Hollywood elite by socializing the costs of film and tv production onto taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 15, 2021 by a vote of 66-4 and the bill was signed into law.
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13. **SB 155 Forcing Taxpayers to Expend Billions of Dollars on Countless Leftist "Climate Change" Initiatives.** ACU opposes placing even greater burdens on taxpayers in order to advance a radical Leftist environmental agenda and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 68-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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14. **AB 221 Expanding Government Dependency Through Hundreds of Millions in Additional Food Assistance - Including Illegal Immigrants.** ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes efforts that expand dependence on government and encourage illegal immigration and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 71-0. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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15. **AB 237 Further Holding Businesses Hostage to Union Boss Demands by Mandating Continued Payment for Healthcare of Striking Employees.** ACU opposes further empowering greedy union bosses in the collective bargaining process by placing an additional financial burden on companies attempting to weather a strike and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 17, 2021 by a vote of 62-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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16. **AB 257 Attacking the Fast-Food Industry Through a New Bureaucrat Panel Empowered to Dictate Wage and Labor Standards.** ACU opposes reducing employment and hiking consumer costs by embracing the sectoral collective bargaining practices of other socialist nations and opposed this bill. The House defeated the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 38-27 (41 votes were required) and the bill carried over to the 2022 session.
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17. **SB 264 Infringing Second Amendment Rights by Banning Gun Shows at the Orange County Fair and Event Center.** ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes unnecessary gun control measures that do not improve public safety and infringe the right of law-abiding individuals to manufacturer, keep and bear arms and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 2, 2021 by a vote of 51-21 and the bill was signed into law.
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18. **AB 286 Imposing New Mandates on Food Delivery Platforms and Restaurants Concerning Pricing and Tip Retention.** ACU supports the freedom to contract, opposes this unnecessary government interference in the private marketplace which provides more favorable outcomes to certain parties in contract negotiations and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 1, 2021 by a vote of 58-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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19. **SB 389 Legalizing To-Go Sales of Cocktails and Other Alcoholic Beverages by Restaurants.** ACU supports expanding individual liberties and consumer choice through a freer market in the alcoholic beverage industry and eliminating unnecessary and anti-competitive regulations and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 80-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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20. **SB 395 Attacking Individual Liberties by Imposing an Additional 12.5% Excise Tax on E-Cigarette and Vaping Products.** ACU opposes the state's war on individual liberties and the imposition of "sin taxes" which disproportionately harm certain groups of the population, especially individuals earning low incomes, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 1, 2021 by a vote of 61-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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21. **AB 412 Growing Government Bureaucracy and Wasteful Spending Through the Establishment of a "Human Rights" Commission and Fund.** ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up taxpayer costs through the creation of this new bureaucracy primarily designed to advance radical Leftist social justice initiatives and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 2, 2021 by a vote of 68-0 but the governor vetoed the bill citing the costs and duplication of existing government initiatives.
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22. **AB 465 Mandating Professional Fiduciaries Undergo 2 Hours of LGBTQ Cultural Competency Annually for Licensure.** ACU believes fiduciaries should treat their customers with dignity and respect their backgrounds and believes those who fail to do so will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes further worsening the state's draconian licensing regime and this measure is primarily designed to enrich providers of cultural competency and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 1, 2021 by a vote of 72-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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23. **SB 500 Infringing Consumer Choice by Mandating All Autonomous Cars be Electric by 2030.** ACU opposes the Left's quest to eliminate consumer choice and dictate the offerings of automotive manufacturers and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 1, 2021 by a vote of 53-20 and the bill was signed into law.
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24. **SB 503 Further Weakening Election Integrity by Eliminating Signature Matching Requirements on Mail-In Ballots.** ACU opposes weakening election integrity by removing safeguards protecting against voter fraud which disenfranchises legal voters and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 2, 2021 by a vote of 59-18 and the bill was signed into law.
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25. **SB 524 Restricting Competition and Driving-Up Pharmaceutical Costs Through New Mandates Within the Pharmacy Industry.** ACU recognizes this new ban on so-called "patient steering" is designed to protect select pharmacies against competition from mail order and other retail pharmacies. ACU opposes driving up consumer pharmaceutical costs by further expanding government intrusion into the pharmaceutical industry and infringing private contracting rights to provide competitive advantages to select businesses and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 2, 2021 by a vote of 57-7 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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26. **AB 570 Driving-Up Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating Coverage of the Adult Dependents of a Policy Holder.** ACU opposes health insurance mandates that ultimately drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone by preventing individuals from obtaining policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 2, 2021 by a vote of 54-15 and the bill was signed into law.
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27. **SB 596 Reducing Economic Growth by Mandating Cement Production Achieve Zero GHG Emissions by 2045.** ACU opposes restricting economic growth and increasing consumer costs through draconian mandates designed to advance a radical Leftist environmental agenda and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 74-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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28. **AB 600 Advancing Unequal Justice Under the Law by Expanding the State's "Hate Crime" Statute to Include "Immigration Status".** ACU recognizes this bill further violates the "double-jeopardy" clause of the U.S. Constitution and that all crimes are disrespectful of individual rights and reflect an animus toward others. ACU opposes providing judges with inappropriate authority to enhance sentences, opposes increasing penalties for crimes committed against select individuals which runs afoul of the whole concept of equal application of justice and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 2, 2021 by a vote of 70-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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29. **AB 616 Empowering Union Bosses to Harass Agricultural Workers by Implementing a “Card Check” Process to Unionize.** ACU recognizes this bill is designed to force the unionization of agricultural workers by no longer allowing workers to privately vote through secret ballot. ACU opposes subjecting agricultural workers to intimidation and harassment by greedy union bosses and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 1, 2021 by a vote of 52-19 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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30. **SB 628 Enriching Government-Favored Non-Profits in the “Creative Arts” Through a New Grant Program.** ACU opposes this cronyism and believes the private sector is best equipped to evaluate and fund the most impactful initiatives within the arts and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 69-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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31. **SB 639 Harming Employment and Training Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities by Phasing-Out the Minimum Wage Exemption.** ACU supports empowering the private sector to improve the lives and dignity of individuals with disabilities by providing valuable work, training and development opportunities. ACU opposes this measure which will harm the ability of organizations to provide these opportunities by prohibiting work from being performed unless it is compensated at the state’s lofty minimum wage rate and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 45-13 and the bill was signed into law.
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32. **AB 641 Socializing Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Costs by Requiring Utilities to Meet the Needs of 5 Million Electric Vehicles by 2030.** ACU supports all forms of vehicle propulsion and opposes further driving up the costs of electricity for everyone in order to subsidize the amenities of individuals who choose to purchase electric vehicles and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 64-11. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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33. **SB 664 Driving Up Hospice Care Costs by Imposing a Moratorium on New Facilities.** ACU opposes this and other certificate of need (CON) laws which restrict competition and unnecessarily drive-up consumer costs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 8, 2021 by a vote of 66-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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34. **AB 701 Attacking Private Business Operations Through New Mandates on “Job Performance Quotas” at Warehouse Facilities.** ACU recognizes this measure is designed to target Amazon and other large companies by creating new avenues for greedy plaintiffs’ attorneys to advance frivolous litigation. ACU opposes driving up consumer costs in order to enrich greedy plaintiffs’ attorneys and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 52-19 and the bill was signed into law.
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35. **AB 710 Imposing New Regulatory Burdens on Agricultural Producers Concerning Compliance with Draconian State Environmental and Labor Laws.** ACU opposes this additional government attack on the agricultural sector which unnecessarily drives up consumer food costs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 28, 2021 by a vote of 50-16. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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36. **SB 727 Hiking Construction Costs by Holding General Contractors Liable for Subcontractors Compliance with Wage and Labor Regulations.** ACU opposes this scheme to enrich greedy plaintiffs’ attorneys while driving up consumer construction costs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 60-18 and the bill was signed into law.
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37. **AB 838 Subjecting Landlords to Harassment by Mandating Localities Inspect Tenant-Alleged Code Violations at Landlord Expense.** ACU opposes driving-up rental housing costs by subjecting landlords to harassment for alleged violations of any one of the state’s litany of housing regulations and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 2, 2021 by a vote of 51-20 and the bill was signed into law.
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38. **AB 889 Infringing Property Rights by Mandating Grocery Stores Provide a 6 Month Notice Before Closure.** ACU opposes this mandate which is designed to further empower unions while driving up business costs and infringing property rights and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 24, 2021 by a vote of 47-18. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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39. **AB 890 Advancing Racial Discrimination Through New Reporting Requirements on Managers of the State's Pension System (CalPERS).** ACU believes decisions regarding public assets should be based on providing the greatest value to taxpayers, regardless of the identity of the person, believes in equal rights and opportunities under the law for all, vehemently opposes racial discrimination and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 65-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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40. **AB 937 Further Weakening National Security by Prohibiting State and Local Cooperation with ICE Concerning Illegal Immigrants Convicted of Serious Crimes.** ACU recognizes existing law already makes California a "sanctuary state," but an exception exists for illegal immigrants convicted of serious crimes. ACU finds it absurd lawmakers would further jeopardize public safety by preventing cooperation with federal ICE authorities concerning instances of heinous crime and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 42-21. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.) (Lawmakers who abstained from voting were also recorded as supporting the ACU position as 41 votes were required to pass the bill.)
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41. **AB 1074 Waging War Against the Hospitality Industry by Imposing New Worker Rehiring Mandates.** ACU opposes this further attack on the hospitality industry following the draconian government COVID-19 lockdowns, supports the ability of businesses to hire the most productive and qualified employees and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 10, 2021 by a vote of 51-19 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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42. **AB 1084 Forcing Department Stores to Maintain "Gender-Neutral" Sections for Toys and Childcare Items.** ACU believes the market is the best mechanism to guide the offerings of retailers, opposes limiting consumer choice and foisting unnecessary costs onto department stores in order to advance a Leftist agenda and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 2, 2021 by a vote of 49-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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43. **AB 1177 Advancing a Government-Takeover of the Financial System Through a "Public Banking Option".** ACU recognizes the banking and financial industries serve as the bedrock of society, opposes the quest by the left to weaponize the financial system and advance a centrally planned economy and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 51-24 and the bill was signed into law.
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44. **AB 1204 Placing Additional Costly Regulatory Burdens on Hospitals by Mandating "Equity Reporting".** ACU opposes driving up healthcare costs by smothering hospitals with unnecessary regulations designed to advance a Leftist political agenda and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 54-19 and the bill was signed into law.
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45. **AB 1223 Profiting Off Second Amendment Rights by Imposing a 11% Sales Tax on Firearms and Ammunition.** ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes this attempt to profit off individuals who wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights and defend themselves against the rampant crime caused by radical Leftist policies and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 10, 2021 by a vote of 50-17. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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