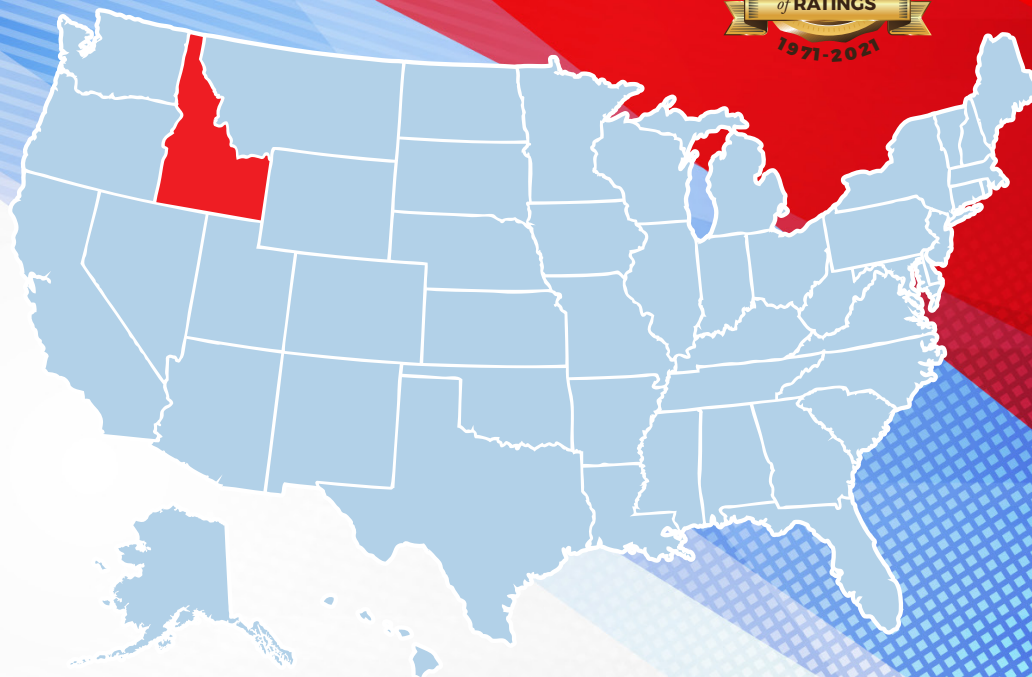




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RATINGS of Idaho 2022



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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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2022 WINNERS & LOSERS



AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE 90-100%

↔ No change since last year*

SENATE

BAYER, REGINA

VICK, STEVE

ZITO, CHRISTY

↓ 10 since last year*

HOUSE

BARBIERI, VITO

BOYLE, JUDY

CHRISTENSEN, CHAD

CRANE, BRENT

DEMORDAUNT, GAYANN

DIXON, SAGE

EHARDT, BARBARA

FERCH, GREG

GIDDINGS, PRISCILLA

HANKS, KAREY

HARRIS, STEVEN

KINGSLEY, MIKE

MENDIVE, RON

MOON, DOROTHY

NATE, RON

NICHOLS, TAMMY

OKUNIEWICZ, DOUG

PALMER, JOE

SCOTT, HEATHER

WISNIEWSKI, TONY

YOUNG, JULIANNE



AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT 80-89%

↓ 4 since last year*

SENATE

RICE, JIM

↑ 2 since last year*

HOUSE

ADAMS, BEN

ANDRUS, KEVIN

ARMSTRONG, RANDY

GALLOWAY, CODI

GESTRIN, TERRY

MITCHELL, BRANDON

MONKS, JASON

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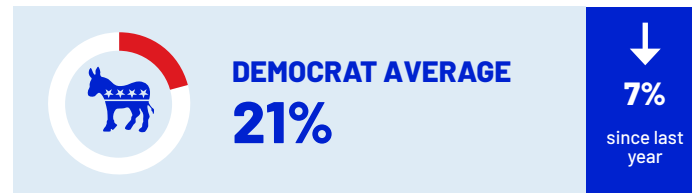
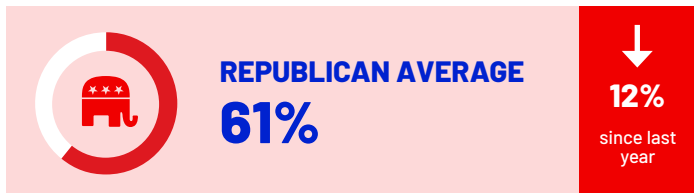
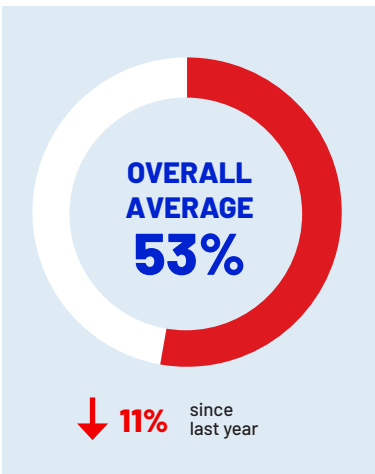
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 Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial caps, asterisk indicates Independent



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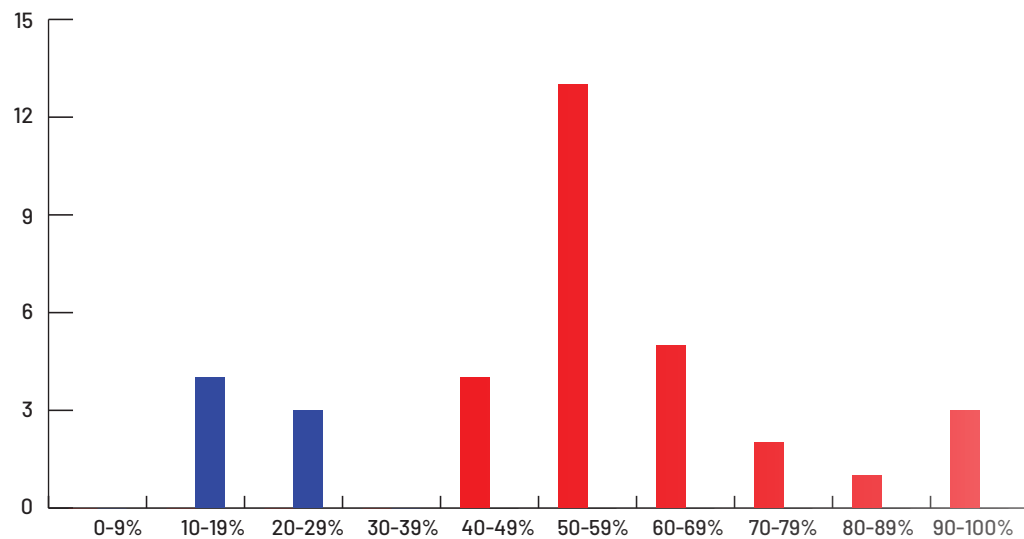
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RED = REPUBLICANS
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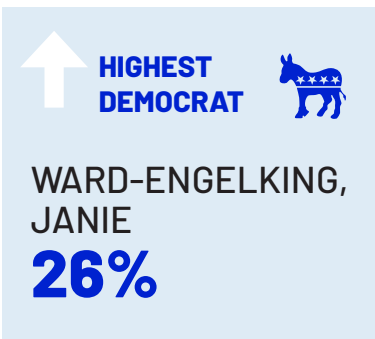
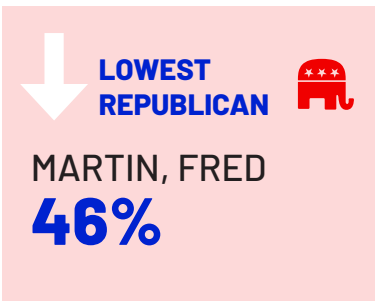
BLUE = DEMOCRATS
7 TOTAL IN SENATE



OF STATE SENATORS



2022 CPAC FOUNDATION PERCENTAGE





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AGENBROAD, JEFF	R	13	48%	57%	54%	-	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	
ANTHON, KELLY	R	27	53%	68%	66%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	X	X	+	-		
BAIR, STEVE	R	31	50%	73%	72%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-		
BAYER, REGINA	R	21	97%	100%	88%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Burgoyne, Grant	D	16	19%	29%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-		
BURTENSHAW, VAN	R	35	50%	71%	58%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-		
COOK, KEVIN	R	30	61%	74%	68%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	
CRABTREE, CARL	R	7	65%	74%	72%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	
DEN HARTOG, LORI	R	22	74%	83%	81%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+

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GROW, C. SCOTT	R	14	56%	71%	57%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+				
GUTHRIE, JIM	R	28	47%	65%	65%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-			
HARRIS, MARK	R	32	54%	81%	68%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-			
HEIDER, LEE	R	24	47%	73%	60%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-			
JOHNSON, DANIEL	R	6	61%	61%	59%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	X	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	-		
LAKEY, TODD	R	12	64%	74%	68%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-		
LEE, ABBY	R	9	50%	61%	56%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-		
LENT, DAVE	R	33	57%	74%	62%	-	X	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+		
LODGE, PATTI	R	11	53%	61%	60%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	X	-	+	-	X	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-		
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PATRICK, JIM	R	25	50%	61%	65%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+		
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WOODWARD, JIM	R	1	50%	60%	56%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	X	+	-	-	+	-	-		
ZITO, CHRISTY	R	23	100%	100%	97%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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- 1. HB 1 (Special Session) Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a \$410 Million Hike in Education Funding While Delivering a Mere \$150 Million Ongoing Income Tax Cut.** ACU recognizes Idaho squandered an opportunity to advance long-term economic growth by utilizing its budget surplus to provide significant income and property tax relief, and instead caved to teachers' unions and channeled even more funds to an ineffective education system without any reforms. ACU opposes this one-time tax refund gimmick instead of providing greater ongoing cuts, opposes placing taxpayers on the hook for this significant hike in spending for years to come and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 1, 2022 by a vote of 34-1 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. HB 436 Providing Broad-Based Tax Relief by Consolidating Income Tax Brackets and Reducing the Top Individual and Corporate Rate to 6%.** ACU supports fostering economic growth through broadly-based tax reductions and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 1, 2022 by a vote of 27-7 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. HB 443 Socializing the Costs of Healthcare Coverage for the Employees of Local School Districts onto Taxpayers Statewide through Local Enrollment onto the State Insurance Plan.** ACU recognizes this measure not only places hundreds of millions of additional costs onto taxpayers statewide, but also removes an incentive for localities to be fiscally responsible in their hiring and benefit practices and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 3, 2022 by a vote of 32-3 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. HB 507 Expanding Responsible Hunting Opportunities by Permitting the Usage of Lighted Arrow Nocks and Mechanical Broad Heads when Archery Hunting.** ACU supports expanding individual liberties and the right to hunt responsibly and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on February 28, 2022 by a vote of 30-3 and the bill was signed into law.
- 5. HB 521 Protecting Life by Removing Roe V. Wade Language from State Law.** ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 15, 2022 by a vote of 27-7 and the bill was signed into law.
- 6. HB 527 Strengthening Election Integrity by Authorizing the Notation of Citizenship Status on Driver's Licenses.** ACU supports strengthening government and election integrity by making it easier to verify citizenship status and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 21, 2022 by a vote of 25-10 and the bill was signed into law.
- 7. HB 559 Expanding Wasteful Spending Through New Grants for Renewable and Energy-Efficiency Projects at Concentrated Animal Feed Operations (CAFOs).** ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up taxpayer costs in order to enrich select private businesses and promote a politicized Leftist environmental agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 7, 2022 by a vote of 30-4 and the bill was signed into law.
- 8. HB 575 Strengthening Government Accountability by Reducing the Duration of Leases and Debt that Must be Approved by Voters for Courthouses and Jails.** ACU supports this effort to promote government accountability and reduce public debt and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 22, 2022 by a vote of 24-11 and the bill was signed into law.
- 9. HB 582 Reducing Barriers to the Construction of Charitable Housing by Providing Non-Profits and their Volunteers with Exemptions from Certain Licensing Mandates.** ACU empowering the private sector to combat homelessness and housing instability by reducing unnecessary government regulatory barriers and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 23, 2022 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.



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10. **HB 616 Protecting Free Speech and Donors of Private Foundations from Harassment by Prohibiting Government Agencies from Imposing Additional Reporting Requirements.** ACU supports efforts to protect private foundations from stringent requirements and intimidation and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 25, 2022 by a vote of 24-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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11. **HB 646 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Allowing Personal Production of Mead, Cider and Other Fermented Alcoholic Beverages.** ACU supports strengthening individual liberties by reforming antiquated and unnecessary regulations and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 15, 2022 by a vote of 28-6 and the bill was signed into law.
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12. **HB 660 Strengthening Property Rights by Preventing Localities from Imposing More Stringent Energy Conservation Building Codes.** ACU supports strengthening property rights by allowing property owners to determine the level of energy efficiency they wish their homes or other structures should meet and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on March 25, 2022 by a vote of 23-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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13. **HB 664 Weakening Privacy Rights and Employment for Reformed Individuals with Criminal Records Through Fingerprint Background Checks for Audiologists and Speech Therapists.** ACUF's Nolan Center for Justice heavily engages on this issue and works to improve public safety and reduce recidivism by eliminating excessive licensing barriers pertaining to criminal history. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements, which are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 17, 2022 by a vote of 23-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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14. **HB 678 Expanding Cronyism and Enriching Woke Corporations Through a Tax Exemption for Semiconductor Companies.** ACU supports a tax code this is broadly applied with as low of rates as possible for everyone. ACU opposes this cronyism which provides competitive advantages to select companies (oftentimes woke corporations) while shifting tax burdens to other industries and companies not favored by government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 17, 2022 by a vote of 30-5 and the bill was signed into law.
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15. **HB 694 Strengthening Election Integrity by Making a List of the Deceased a Public Record to Improve Removal from Voter Rolls.** ACU supports maintaining and updating voter registration databases to help prevent the disenfranchisement of eligible voters due to voter fraud and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 23, 2022 by a vote of 33-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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16. **HB 701 Socializing "Affordable" Housing Costs and Enriching Government-Favored Developers Through a New \$50 Million Workforce Housing Fund.** ACU believes the free market is the best mechanism to direct housing investment and supports a tax code that is broadly applied and free of special interest carve-outs. ACU further believes the best way to make housing truly "affordable" is by eliminating excessive zoning and building regulations. ACU opposes this cronyism which enriches government-favored developers and property owners while shifting property tax burdens onto other homeowners and businesses not favored by government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 22, 2022 by a vote of 26-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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17. **HB 705 Strengthening Second Amendments Rights by Classifying Firearm-related Businesses as "Essential" and Ensuring Individuals can Posses Firearms During a State of Emergency.** ACU supports the Founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 22, 2022 by a vote of 31-4 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 18. HB 711 Advancing Unnecessary Spending and Competition with the Private Sector Through Funding of Idaho Public Television (IPTV).** ACU recognizes this bill contains a provision which further weakens government integrity by masking over 70% of IPTV's budget and staffing from legislative oversight through a "continuous appropriation". ACU opposes the use of taxpayer funds for non-essential programming which competes with the private sector and unnecessarily drives up costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 14, 2022 by a vote of 26-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 19. HB 758 Advancing Unnecessary Spending Through Funding of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs.** ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all, that it is the duty of government to ensure all laws are applied equally, and that those who discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes this commission which unequally provides benefits to a select class of people and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 21, 2022 by a vote of 29-6 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 20. HB 762 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Exempting Natural Hair Braiding from the State's Draconian Cosmetology Licensing Regime.** ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements that reduce available goods and services, raise consumer costs, and are primarily designed to restrict competition and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on March 23, 2022 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 21. H 776 Fueling Leftist Political Indoctrination and Further Socializing College Costs through a \$338 Million Higher Education Budget.** ACU believes higher education subsidies represent one of the largest transfers of wealth by government, especially at the expense of individuals who chose to persuade the trades or start small businesses. ACU opposes this enormous socialization of higher education costs, which ultimately enriches university departments that serve to advance radical leftist and Marxist ideologies and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 21, 2022 by a vote of 30-5 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 22. HB 777 Proliferating Government Dependency Through Out-of-Control Medicaid Spending.** ACU recognizes that in just 8 years spending within the state's Medicaid program has doubled to over \$4 billion annually. ACU opposes the state's expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare which has trapped more than 1 in 5 Idahoans into government dependency and placed enormous burdens on both state and federal taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 24, 2022 by a vote of 30-4 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 23. HB 780 Driving Up Mental Health Care Costs by Imposing New Licensing Mandates on "Psychological Service Extenders".** ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements that reduce available services, raise consumer costs, and are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 24, 2022 by a vote of 28-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 24. SB 1254 Reducing Regulatory Burdens by Ending Mandatory Vehicle Emissions Testing in Treasure Valley.** ACU supports protecting motorists from burdensome and costly vehicle emissions testing and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 2, 2022 by a vote of 29-6 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 25. SB 1260 Driving Up Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating Policies Provide Six-Month Supplies of Contraceptive Coverage.** ACU opposes health insurance mandates that ultimately make health insurance unaffordable and unobtainable for many individuals by prohibiting them from selecting the policies and coverages that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 22, 2022 by a vote of 20-14. (The bill was defeated in the House.)
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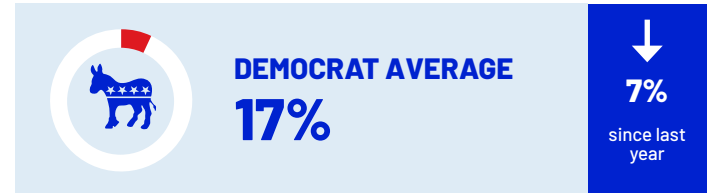
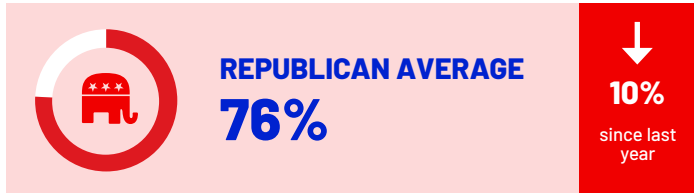
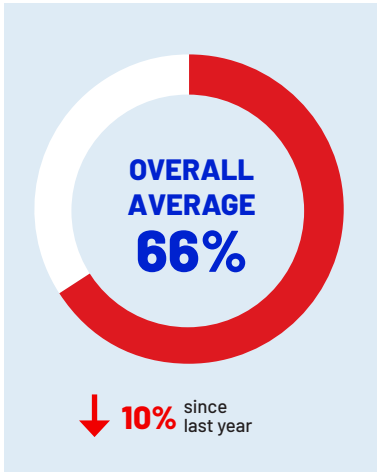
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- 26. SB 1284 Advancing the War on Individual Liberties by Raising the Nicotine Age to 21.** ACU believes tobacco and nicotine usage is a personal liberty issue, believes those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to use these products and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 1, 2022 by a vote of 19-15 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 27. SB 1285 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Prohibiting Local Governments from Imposing Additional Taxes or Regulations on Tobacco and Vaping Products.** ACU believes the use of tobacco and nicotine is a personal liberty issue, believes that government regulations on products are only appropriate when their use substantially impacts others and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 7, 2022 by a vote of 25-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 28. SB 1287 Socializing Student Loan Debt onto Taxpayers Through a New Rural Nurse Loan Repayment Program.** ACU believes the free market and private medical institutions are best equipped to determine the need for nurses and set compensation levels. ACU opposes this measure which socializes these costs onto all taxpayers – including those who live in urban regions – and opposed this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on February 23, 2022 by a vote of 14-17.
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- 29. SB 1291 Providing Charter Schools to Hire the Most Qualified and Effective Teachers Through a New Certificate that Provides Greater Hiring Flexibility.** ACU supports improving educational outcomes by permitting schools to hire the most qualified teacher applicants by reforming “one-size-fits-all” licensing regimes and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 2, 2022 by a vote of 28-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 30. SB 1309 Protecting Life by Permitting Civil Lawsuits to be Filed Against Medical Professionals Who Perform Abortions After a Fetal Heartbeat is Detected.** ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 3, 2022 by a vote of 28-6 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 31. SB 1321 Further Increasing Unequal Justice Under the Law by Adding “Utility Workers” to the Group Whom an Assault Against Carries an Enhanced Penalty.** ACU recognizes that all crimes are disrespectful of individual rights and reflect an animus toward others. ACU 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 March 1, 2022 by a vote of 31-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 32. SB 1367 Infringing Free Speech by Imposing Onerous Reporting Requirements onto Political Campaigns.** ACU recognizes that the Federalist Papers that helped ratify the Constitution were written under a pseudonym because the authors feared political opponents would exploit the authors’ identities and exact violence against them. ACU supports free speech guaranteed under the First Amendment which includes those who wish to speak anonymously, opposes these excessive requirements imposed on political committees and campaigns and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 18, 2022 by a vote of 25-4. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
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- 33. SB 1368 Expanding Employment and Combatting Overzealous Licensing Boards Through the Removal of “Moral Turpitude” as Basis for Licensure Denial.** ACU’s Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice policy and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and safely reduce incarceration rates. The Nolan Center supports efforts to increase employment for ex-offenders because it has been proven to lower recidivism whereas license denials for vaguely defined offenses involving “moral turpitude” have the opposite effect. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements which are primarily designed to restrict competition and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 15, 2022 by a vote of 33-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 34. SB 1391 Advancing Unnecessary Spending Through Funding of the Idaho Commission on the Arts.** ACU believes it is not an essential role of government to promote the arts and provide grants to government favored artists and organizations, opposes the use of taxpayer funds for non-essential government functions and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 15, 2022 by a vote of 27-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 35. SB 1405 Protecting Taxpayers by Requiring State Investments to Prioritize Monetary Returns Over Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Characteristics.** ACU believes all taxpayer investments should be selected and managed to provide taxpayers with the greatest financial returns, and not hijacked to advance Leftist political narratives or enrich woke corporations and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 18, 2022 by a vote of 28-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 36. SB 1408 Socializing Childcare Costs Through a \$15 Million Appropriation to the Workforce Development Council.** ACU supports efforts that help individuals live happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives, opposes further increasing dependency and the size and scope of government by socializing childcare costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 23, 2022 by a vote of 24-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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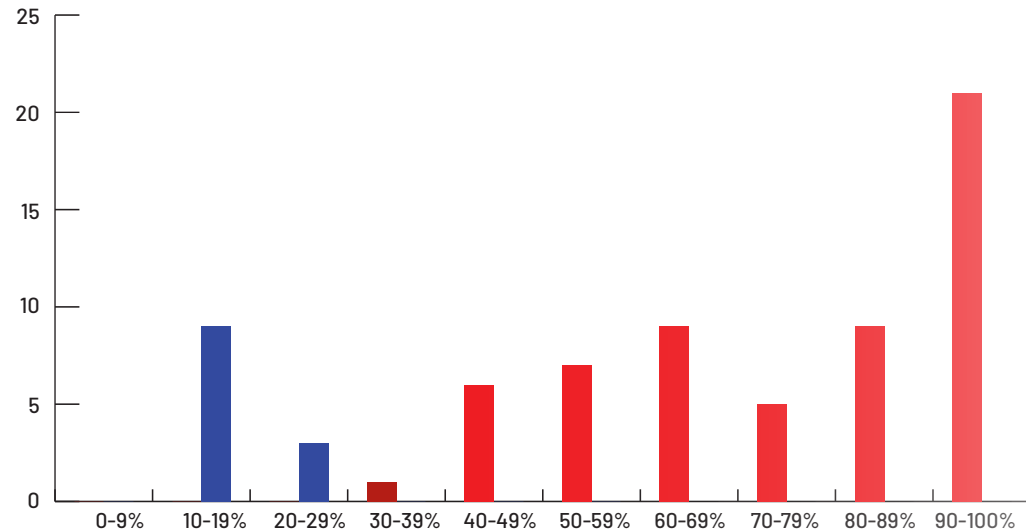
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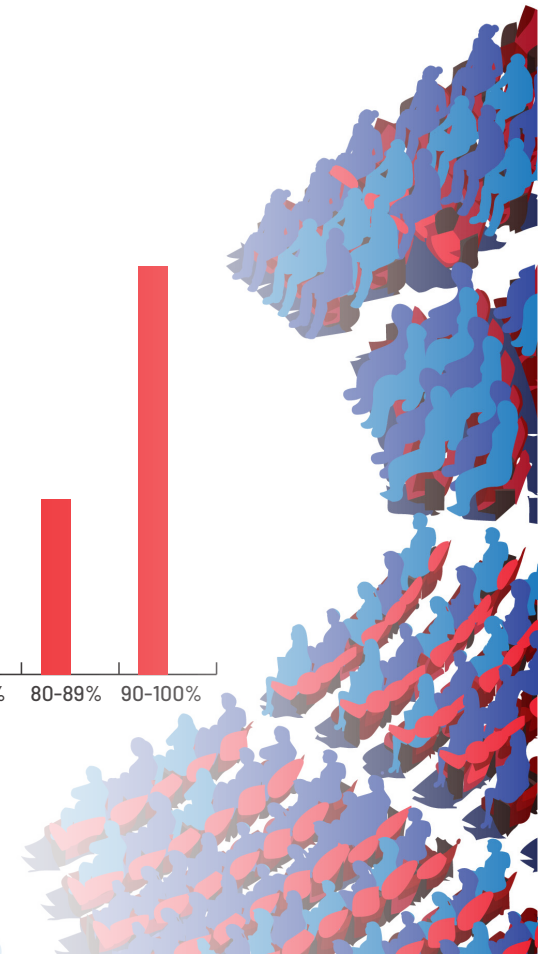
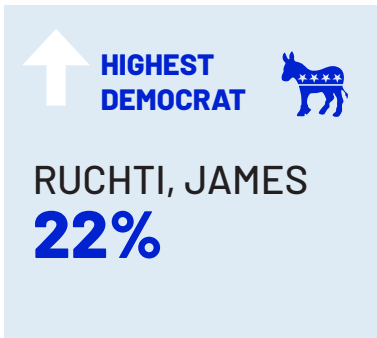
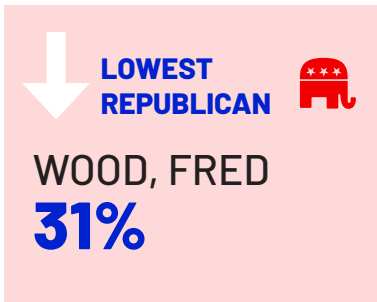
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2022 CPAC FOUNDATION PERCENTAGE





IDAHO HOUSE SCORES

IDAHO HOUSE VOTE DETAIL

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- HB 557 Subjecting Payday Lenders and Others in the Financial Industry to Unnecessary New Licensing and Regulatory Mandates.

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- 1. HB 1 (Special Session) Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a \$410 Million Hike in Education Funding While Delivering a Mere \$150 Million Ongoing Income Tax Cut.** ACU recognizes Idaho squandered an opportunity to advance long-term economic growth by utilizing its budget surplus to provide significant income and property tax relief, and instead caved to teachers' unions and channeled even more funds to an ineffective education system without any reforms. ACU opposes this one-time tax refund gimmick instead of providing greater ongoing cuts, opposes placing taxpayers on the hook for this significant hike in spending for years to come and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on September 1, 2022 by a vote of 55-15 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. HCR 40 Ending the Overreaching COVID-19 Emergency Powers of the Executive Branch.** ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, 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 supported this resolution. The House passed the resolution on March 7, 2022 by a vote of 42-25. (The resolution failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 3. SCR 118 Condemning the Teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT) in Idaho Schools.** ACU opposes the Left's quest to advance CRT and other ideals designed to advance division and grow the role of government and supported this resolution. The House adopted the resolution on March 15, 2022 by a vote of 54-10.
- 4. HB 436 Providing Broad-Based Tax Relief by Consolidating Income Tax Brackets and Reducing the Top Individual and Corporate Rate to 6%.** ACU supports fostering economic growth through broadly-based tax reductions and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on January 20, 2022 by a vote of 57-13 and the bill was signed into law.
- 5. HB 442 Strengthening Property Rights by Preventing Localities from Imposing Additional Regulations on Landlords Concerning Fees or Deposits for Residential Property.** ACU supports combatting overreaching regulations at all levels of government and recognizes that the person is the fundamental unit of government, and that the two other levels of government recognized in the U.S. Constitution are the states and federal government, and that cities and municipalities have no constitutional role. ACU supports the freedom to contract and maintaining low housing costs by preventing additional housing and rent regulations and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 7, 2022 by a vote of 54-14. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 6. HB 443 Socializing the Costs of Healthcare Coverage for the Employees of Local School Districts onto Taxpayers Statewide Through Local Enrollment onto the State Insurance Plan.** ACU recognizes this measure not only places hundreds of millions of additional costs onto taxpayers statewide, but also removes an incentive for localities to be fiscally responsible in their hiring and benefit practices and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on January 24, 2022 by a vote of 55-14 and the bill was signed into law.
- 7. HB 475 Strengthening First and Second Amendment Rights by Repealing the Ban on Individuals Parading in Public with a Firearm.** ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, supports the freedom of speech and assembly as protected under the First Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 23, 2022 by a vote of 57-13. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 8. HB 507 Expanding Responsible Hunting Opportunities by Permitting the Usage of Lighted Arrow Nocks and Mechanical Broad Heads when Archery Hunting.** ACU supports expanding individual liberties and the right to hunt responsibly and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on February 11, 2022 by a vote of 63-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 9. HB 521 Protecting Life by Removing Roe V. Wade Language from State Law.** ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 10, 2022 by a vote of 56-12 and the bill was signed into law.



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10. **HB 522 Helping Protect the State from Runaway Inflation by Allowing the Treasurer to Hold a Portion of Idle State Funds in Gold and Silver.** ACU recognizes the Federal Reserve has created a ticking time bomb through its enormous expansion of the money supply and corresponding scheme to pay banks on their excess reserves. ACU supports helping protect the state from the catastrophic consequences of runaway inflation through the diversification of funds into gold and silver and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 17, 2022 by a vote of 55-14. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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11. **HB 527 Strengthening Election Integrity by Authorizing the Notation of Citizenship Status on Driver's Licenses.** ACU supports strengthening government and election integrity by making it easier to verify citizenship status and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 21, 2022 by a vote of 55-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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12. **HB 547 Strengthening Election Integrity by Combatting "Ballot Harvesting".** ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and protect against "ballot harvesting" or the practice of political operatives collecting voters' ballots and turning them in en masse to polling stations and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 21, 2022 by a vote of 53-15. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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13. **HB 557 Subjecting Payday Lenders and Others in the Financial Industry to Unnecessary New Licensing and Regulatory Mandates.** ACU opposes further growing the regulatory state and providing unaccountable bureaucrats even greater power to scrutinize the "financial responsibility, character and fitness" of licensing applicants and opposed this bill. The House defeated the bill on February 23, 2022 by a vote of 31-38.
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14. **HB 559 Expanding Wasteful Spending Through New Grants for Renewable and Energy-Efficiency Projects at Concentrated Animal Feed Operations (CAFOs).** ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up taxpayer costs in order to enrich select private businesses and promote a politicized Leftist environmental agenda and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 15, 2022 by a vote of 48-20 and the bill was signed into law.
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15. **HB 575 Strengthening Government Accountability by Reducing the Duration of Leases and Debt that Must be Approved by Voters for Courthouses and Jails.** ACU supports this effort to promote government accountability and reduce public debt and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 23, 2022 by a vote of 53-15 and the bill was signed into law.
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16. **HB 582 Reducing Barriers to the Construction of Charitable Housing by Providing Non-Profits and their Volunteers with Exemptions from Certain Licensing Mandates.** ACU empowering the private sector to combat homelessness and housing instability by reducing unnecessary government regulatory barriers and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 24, 2022 by a vote of 57-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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17. **HB 616 Protecting Free Speech and Donors of Private Foundations from Harassment by Prohibiting Government Agencies from Imposing Additional Reporting Requirements.** ACU supports efforts to protect private foundations from stringent requirements and intimidation and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 25, 2022 by a vote of 64-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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18. **HB 631 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Banning Government-Imposed Mask Mandates.** ACU recognizes this measure is designed to end the abuse of power by unaccountable bureaucrats during COVID-19 while ensuring the legislature is the sole authority to impose mask mandates in the event of a future pandemic. ACU supports strengthening individual liberties and placing a legislative check on the powers of the executive branch and localities and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 21, 2022 by a vote of 46-24. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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- 19. HB 646 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Allowing Personal Production of Mead, Cider and Other Fermented Alcoholic Beverages.** ACU supports strengthening individual liberties by reforming antiquated and unnecessary regulations and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 25, 2022 by a vote of 64-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 20. HB 648 Restraining Government Growth by Dedicating Year-Over-Year Increases in Local Sales Tax Revenue to Property Tax Relief.** ACU supports restraining government growth and making housing more affordable by providing broad property tax relief and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2022 by a vote of 43-24. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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- 21. HB 660 Strengthening Property Rights by Preventing Localities from Imposing More Stringent Energy Conservation Building Codes.** ACU supports strengthening property rights by allowing property owners to determine the level of energy efficiency they wish their homes or other structures should meet and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on March 25, 2022 by a vote of 50-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 22. HB 663 Socializing "Affordable" Housing Costs and Enriching Government-Favored Developers by Expanding a Property Tax Exemption Scheme.** ACU believes the free market is the best mechanism to direct housing investment and supports a tax code that is broadly applied and free of special interest carve-outs. ACU further believes the best way to make housing truly "affordable" is by eliminating excessive zoning and building regulations. ACU opposes this cronyism which enriches government-favored developers and property owners while shifting property tax burdens onto other homeowners and businesses not favored by government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 28, 2022 by a vote of 37-32. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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- 23. HB 664 Weakening Privacy Rights and Employment for Reformed Individuals with Criminal Records Through Fingerprint Background Checks for Audiologists and Speech Therapists.** ACUF's Nolan Center for Justice heavily engages on this issue and works to improve public safety and reduce recidivism by eliminating excessive licensing barriers pertaining to criminal history. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements, which are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 1, 2022 by a vote of 43-24 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 24. HB 675 Protecting Vulnerable Children by Placing Reasonable Restrictions on Sex Change Procedures on Minors.** Typically, ACU defends the rights of parents to make decisions for their children (e.g., school choice, vaccinations, disciplinary measures). However, those are matters that are not so likely to result in substantial, irreversible harm if a parent makes a suboptimal decision. Because ACU also recognizes that when a child is no longer a minor, they can make their own decisions, it is appropriate for government to play a role in intervening in such matters as this is for the well-being of a child. While ACU strongly supports parental rights, we also support this measure to protect children from abuse and recognize that these procedures result in permanent physiological changes to which a minor child cannot consent and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 55-13. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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- 25. HB 678 Expanding Cronyism and Enriching Woke Corporations Through a Tax Exemption for Semiconductor Companies.** ACU supports a tax code this is broadly applied with as low of rates as possible for everyone. ACU opposes this cronyism which provides competitive advantages to select companies (oftentimes woke corporations) while shifting tax burdens to other industries and companies not favored by government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2022 by a vote of 39-22 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 26. HB 693 Strengthening Election Integrity by Prohibiting the Use of Drop-Off Boxes for Absentee Ballots.** ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards such as in-person voting are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports strengthening election integrity by bolstering safeguards that prevent voter fraud and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 7, 2022 by a vote of 37-33. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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- 27. HB 694 Strengthening Election Integrity by Making a List of the Deceased a Public Record to Improve Removal from Voter Rolls.** ACU supports maintaining and updating voter registration databases to help prevent the disenfranchisement of eligible voters due to voter fraud and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 2, 2022 by a vote of 66-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 28. HB 701 Socializing “Affordable” Housing Costs and Enriching Government-Favored Developers Through a New \$50 Million Workforce Housing Fund.** ACU believes the free market is the best mechanism to direct housing investment and supports a tax code that is broadly applied and free of special interest carve-outs. ACU further believes the best way to make housing truly “affordable” is by eliminating excessive zoning and building regulations. ACU opposes this cronyism which enriches government-favored developers and property owners while shifting property tax burdens onto other homeowners and businesses not favored by government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2022 by a vote of 37-31 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 29. HB 705 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights by Classifying Firearm-related Businesses as “Essential” and Ensuring Individuals can Posses Firearms During a State of Emergency.** ACU supports the Founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 66-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 30. HB 711 Advancing Unnecessary Spending and Competition with the Private Sector Through Funding of Idaho Public Television (IPTV).** ACU recognizes this bill contains a provision which further weakens government integrity by masking over 70% of IPTV’s budget and staffing from legislative oversight through a “continuous appropriation”. ACU opposes the use of taxpayer funds for non-essential programming which competes with the private sector and unnecessarily drives up costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2022 by a vote of 44-26 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 31. HB 730 Imposing Price Controls and Overreaching New Mandates on Landlords Concerning Residential Application Fees.** ACU opposes price controls and this government overreach into the housing rental market and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 7, 2022 by a vote of 28-38. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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- 32. HB 754 Advancing Out-of-Control Spending for Tourism Promotion, Broadband and Community Development at the Dept. of Commerce.** ACU opposes socializing the cost of initiatives that are best performed by the private sector, as well as creating additional permanent bureaucratic positions at the Department of Commerce through one-time federal funds and opposed this bill. The House defeated the bill on March 11, 2022 by a vote of 25-41.
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- 33. HB 758 Advancing Unnecessary Spending Through Funding of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs.** ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all, that it is the duty of government to ensure all laws are applied equally, and that those who discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes this commission which unequally provides benefits to a select class of people and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 15, 2022 by a vote of 38-31 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 34. HB 761 Strengthening Election Integrity by Improving Voter-ID Requirements for Registering and Casting a Ballot.** ACU’s Center to Protect Voters and their Voices is a leader in rebuilding the safeguards of our election systems and ensuring that every legal vote counts. ACU supports strengthening election integrity and preventing the disenfranchisement of eligible voters due to voter fraud and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 14, 2022 by a vote of 47-21. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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- 35. HB 762 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Exempting Natural Hair Braiding from the State’s Draconian Cosmetology Licensing Regime.** ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements that reduce available goods and services, raise consumer costs, and are primarily designed to restrict competition and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on March 11, 2022 by a vote of 65-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 36. HB 776 Fueling Leftist Political Indoctrination and Further Socializing College Costs Through a \$338 Million Higher Education Budget.** ACU believes higher education subsidies represent one of the largest transfers of wealth by government, especially at the expense of individuals who chose to persuade the trades or start small businesses. ACU opposes this enormous socialization of higher education costs, which ultimately enriches university departments that serve to advance radical leftist and Marxist ideologies and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 16, 2022 by a vote of 46-22 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 37. HB 777 Proliferating Government Dependency Through Out-of-Control Medicaid Spending.** ACU recognizes that in just 8 years spending within the state's Medicaid program has doubled to over \$4 billion annually. ACU opposes the state's expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare which has trapped more than 1 in 5 Idahoans into government dependency and placed enormous burdens on both state and federal taxpayers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 22, 2022 by a vote of 43-27 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 38. HB 780 Driving Up Mental Health Care Costs by Imposing New Licensing Mandates on "Psychological Service Extenders".** ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements that reduce available services, raise consumer costs, and are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 18, 2022 by a vote of 47-20 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 39. HB 782 Strengthening Government Transparency by Improving Public Visibility of the Judicial Appointment Process.** ACU supports strengthening government transparency and accountability while also lessening the stacking of judge nominees by the Judicial Council and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 18, 2022 by a vote of 44-24 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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- 40. SB 1254 Reducing Regulatory Burdens by Ending Mandatory Vehicle Emissions Testing in Treasure Valley.** ACU supports protecting motorists from burdensome and costly vehicle emissions testing and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 14, 2022 by a vote of 62-5 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 41. SB 1260 Driving Up Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating Policies Provide Six-Month Supplies of Contraceptive Coverage.** ACU opposes health insurance mandates that ultimately make health insurance unaffordable and unobtainable for many individuals by prohibiting them from selecting the policies and coverages that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The House defeated the bill on March 14, 2022 by a vote of 24-44.
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- 42. SB 1284 Advancing the War on Individual Liberties by Raising the Nicotine Age to 21.** ACU believes tobacco and nicotine usage is a personal liberty issue, believes those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to use these products and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 14, 2022 by a vote of 39-26 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 43. SB 1285 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Prohibiting Local Governments from Imposing Additional Taxes or Regulations on Tobacco and Vaping Products.** ACU believes the use of tobacco and nicotine is a personal liberty issue, believes that government regulations on products are only appropriate when their use substantially impacts others and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 17, 2022 by a vote of 64-5 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 44. SB 1291 Providing Charter Schools to Hire the Most Qualified and Effective Teachers Through a New Certificate that Provides Greater Hiring Flexibility.** ACU supports improving educational outcomes by permitting schools to hire the most qualified teacher applicants by reforming "one-size-fits-all" licensing regimes and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 16, 2022 by a vote of 55-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 45. SB 1309 Protecting Life by Permitting Civil Lawsuits to be Filed Against Medical Professionals Who Perform Abortions After a Fetal Heartbeat is Detected.** ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 14, 2022 by a vote of 51-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 46. SB 1321 Further Increasing Unequal Justice Under the Law by Adding “Utility Workers” to the Group Whom an Assault Against Carries an Enhanced Penalty.** ACU recognizes that all crimes are disrespectful of individual rights and reflect an animus toward others. ACU 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 House passed the bill on March 17, 2022 by a vote of 41-29 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 47. SB 1368 Expanding Employment and Combatting Overzealous Licensing Boards Through the Removal of “Moral Turpitude” as Basis for Licensure Denial.** ACU’s Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice policy and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and safely reduce incarceration rates. The Nolan Center supports efforts to increase employment for ex-offenders because it has been proven to lower recidivism whereas license denials for vaguely defined offenses involving “moral turpitude” have the opposite effect. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements which are primarily designed to restrict competition and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 23, 2022 by a vote of 68-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 48. SB 1391 Advancing Unnecessary Spending Through Funding of the Idaho Commission on the Arts.** ACU believes it is not an essential role of government to promote the arts and provide grants to government favored artists and organizations, opposes the use of taxpayer funds for non-essential government functions and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 18, 2022 by a vote of 39-30 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 49. SB 1405 Protecting Taxpayers by Requiring State Investments to Prioritize Monetary Returns Over Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Characteristics.** ACU believes all taxpayer investments should be selected and managed to provide taxpayers with the greatest financial returns, and not hijacked to advance Leftist political narratives or enrich woke corporations and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 23, 2022 by a vote of 57-12 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 50. SB 1408 Socializing Childcare Costs Through a \$15 Million Appropriation to the Workforce Development Council.** ACU supports efforts that help individuals live happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives, opposes further increasing dependency and the size and scope of government by socializing childcare costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 23, 2022 by a vote of 38-32 and the bill was signed into law.
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