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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 Washington* 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
Chairman
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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

ERIKSEN, DOUG
PADDEN, MIKE
SCHOESLER, MARK

7 since last year*

HOUSE

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| CHASE, ROB | MCCASLIN, BOB |
| DUFAULT, JEREMIE | MCENTIRE, JOEL |
| KLICKEK, MARK | SCHMICK, JOE |
| KLIPPERT, BRAD | SUTHERLAND, ROBERT |
| KRAFT, VICKI | |

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

5 since last year*

SENATE

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| BRAUN, JOHN | SHORT, SHELLY |
| BROWN, SHARON | WAGONER, KEITH |
| DOZIER, PERRY | WARNICK, JUDY |
| FORTUNATO, PHIL | WILSON, JEFF |
| HONEYFORD, JIM | WILSON, LYNDA |
| MCCUNE, JIM | |
| MUZZALL, RON | |

5 since last year*

HOUSE

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| BOEHNKE, MATT | JACOBSEN, CYNDY | WALSH, JIM |
| CHANDLER, BRUCE | KRETZ, JOEL | WILCOX, J.T. |
| CORRY, CHRIS | MOSBRUCKER, GINA | YBARRA, ALEX |
| DENT, TOM | ORCUTT, ED | YOUNG, JESSE |
| DYE, MARY | STOKESBARY, DREW | |
| HOFF, LARRY | VICK, BRANDON | |

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



 **≤ 10%** **COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT**

↓ 2 since last year*

SENATE

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Billig, Andy | Lovelett, Liz |
| Carlyle, Reuven | Nguyen, Joe |
| Cleveland, Annette | Nobles, Twina |
| Conway, Steve | Pedersen, Jamie |
| Darneille, Jeannie | Randall, Emily |
| Das, Mona | Robinson, June |
| Dhingra, Manka | Rolfes, Christine |
| Frockt, David | Saldaña, Rebecca |
| Hasegawa, Bob | Salomon, Jesse |
| Hunt, Sam | Stanford, Derek |
| Keiser, Karen | Wellman, Lisa |
| Kuderer, Patty | Wilson, Claire |
| Liias, Marko | |

↓ 3 since last year*

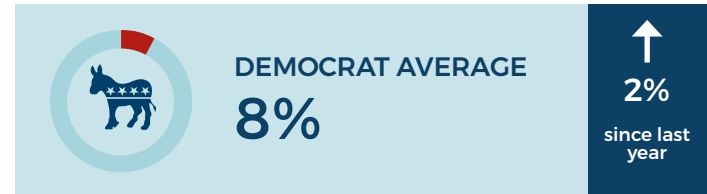
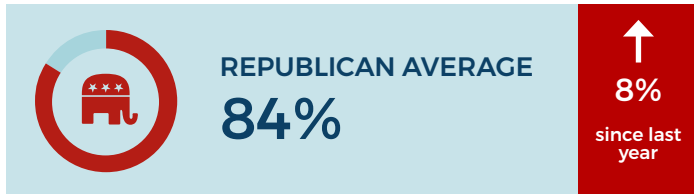
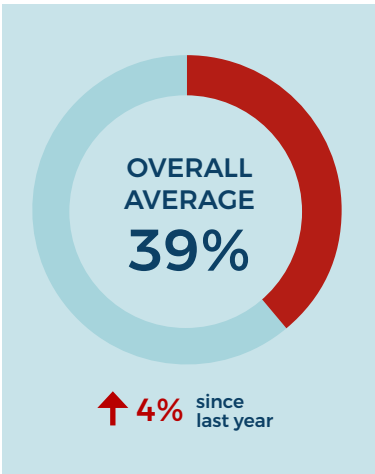
HOUSE

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| Bateman, Jessica | Frame, Noel | Morgan, Melanie | Simmons, Tarra |
| Berg, April | Goodman, Roger | Ormsby, Timm | Slatter, Vandana |
| Bergquist, Steve | Gregerson, Mia | Ortiz-Self, Lillian | Stonier, Monica |
| Berry, Liz | Hackney, David | Orwall, Tina | Sullivan, Pat |
| Callan, Lisa | Hansen, Drew | Peterson, Strom | Taylor, Jamila |
| Chopp, Frank | Harris-Talley, Kirsten | Pollet, Gerry | Thai, My-Linh |
| Cody, Eileen | Jinkins, Laurie | Ramel, Alex | Tharinger, Steve |
| Davis, Lauren | Johnson, Jesse | Ramos, Bill | Valdez, Javier |
| Dolan, Laurie | Kirby, Steve | Riccelli, Marcus | Wicks, Emily |
| Duerr, Davina | Kloba, Shelley | Ryu, Cindy | Wylie, Sharon |
| Entenman, Debra | Lekanoff, Debra | Santos, Sharon | |
| Fey, Jake | Lovick, John | Sells, Mike | |
| Fitzgibbon, Joe | Macri, Nicole | Senn, Tana | |

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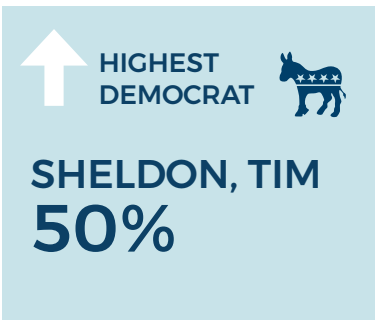
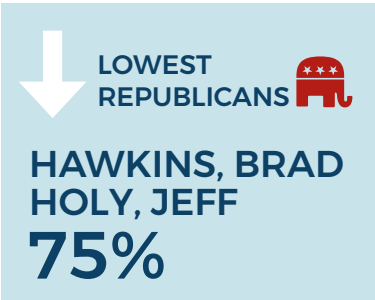
WASHINGTON SENATE STATISTICS



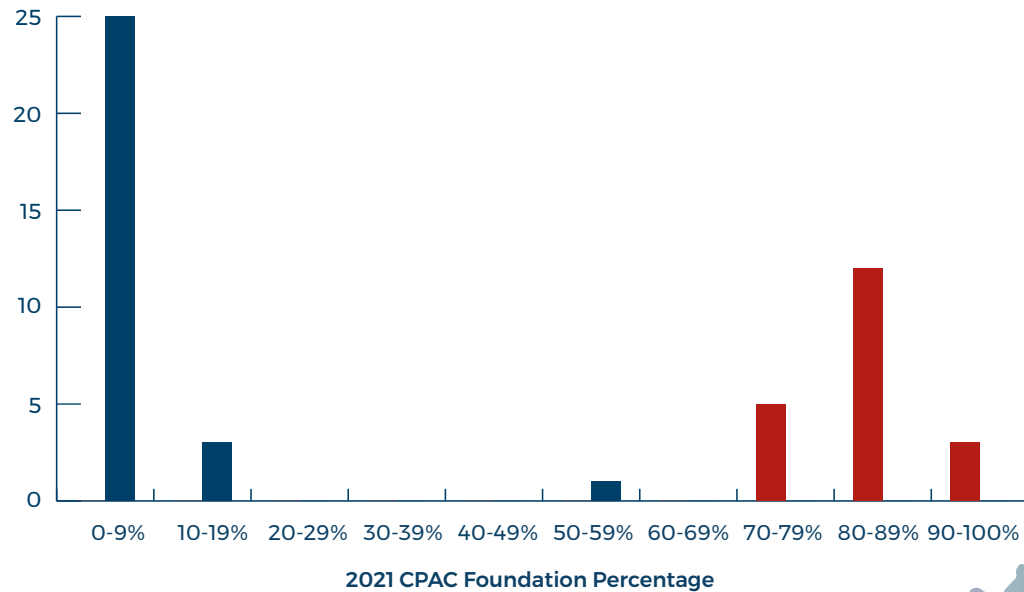
WASHINGTON SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
20 TOTAL IN SENATE

BLUE = DEMOCRATS
29 TOTAL IN SENATE



OF STATE SENATORS





- HB 1009 Mandating College Student Health Plans Cover Abortion.
- HB 1050 Increasing Refrigeration and A/C Costs Through Draconian Mandates on Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).
- HB 1070 Channeling State Sales Tax Revenue to Wasteful Leftist "Affordable" Housing Initiatives.
- HB 1072 Providing Illegal Immigrants Taxpayer-Funded Legal Aid.
- HB 1073 Further Socializing "Paid Leave" Benefits Through a New COVID-19 Grant Program.
- HB 1090 Reducing Government Efficiency through a Ban on Private Prisons and Correctional Facilities.
- HB 1091 Advancing the War on Gas-Powered Vehicles by Enacting a "Clean Fuels Standard."
- HB 1151 Increasing Government Dependency by Increasing Eligibility and Hiking Payouts Under the State's Welfare System.
- HB 1189 Expanding Cronyism and Government Central Planning by Authorizing Local Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Schemes.
- HB 1206 Reducing Employment Opportunities by Imposing Excessive New Mandates on Staffing Agencies of Temporary Workers.
- HB 1277 Socializing the Costs of a New Rental Assistance Program by Imposing a \$100 Surcharge on Gov't Recorded Documents.
- HB 1287 Banning the Sale of Gas-Powered Vehicles by 2030 and Further Socializing Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Costs.
- HB 1316 Extending Taxes on Hospitals in Order to Game the Federal Medicaid System for More Funds.
- HB 1323 Further Worsening the State's Long-Term Services Trust Program by Locking in the Self-Employed and Expanding Benefit Eligibility.
- HB 1336 Advancing Government Competition with the Private Sector by Authorizing Localities to Provide Retail Telecommunication Services.
- HB 1426 Mandating 15% of Teacher Continuing Education Focus on Leftist "Equity-Based Practices" such as Critical Race Theory.
- HB 1480 Extending "To-Go" Alcoholic Beverage Sales and Exemptions from Anti-Competitive Prohibition Era Laws.
- HB 1504 Expanding the Socialization of Higher Education Costs Under the WSOS Advanced Degrees Pathways Program.
- SB 5022 Increasing Consumer Costs by Banning Styrofoam and Mandating Recycled Content.
- SB 5038 Infringing Second Amendment Rights by Prohibiting Open Carry at the State Capitol and at Protests.
- SB 5052 Advancing Wasteful Spending Through the Creation of Leftist "Health Equity" Zones.
- SB 5065 Infringing Private Contracting Agreements Through New Paid Leave Mandates on the Railroad Industry.
- SB 5068 Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding Post-Partum Medicaid Coverage from 60 Days to 12 Months.
- SB 5096 Enacting an Unconstitutional 7% Tax on Capital Gains Exceeding \$250,000.
- SB 5097 Advancing Higher Payroll Taxes by Expanding Eligibility and Benefits Under the State's Paid Family Leave Program.
- SB 5115 Abusing Workers Compensation to COVID-19 and Other Pandemic-related Illnesses.
- SB 5126 Implementing a Draconian "Cap and Trade" Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Program.
- HB 5135 Permitting Lawsuits Based on 911 Calls Believed to be Motivated by Race.
- SB 5140 Infringing Religious Liberties of Hospitals Concerning Miscarriages and Abortion.
- SB 5141 Allowing Environmental Activists to Hijack State Agencies and Implement "Environmental Justice" Agendas.
- SB 5160 Infringing Property Rights by Extending the COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium and Imposing Additional Mandates on Landlords.
- SB 5191 Increasing Scarcity by Imposing Price Controls During Declared States of Emergency.
- SB 5203 Growing Government-Run Healthcare by Expanding Generic Drug Purchases by the State's Health Care Authority.
- SB 5227 Furthering Leftist Radicalization of Universities by Mandating All Staff Undergo "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Antiracism Training."
- SB 5227 (Ericksen Amd.) Prohibiting Reverse Racism in University "Diversity and Antiracism" Training.
- SB 5237 Further Socializing Childcare Costs Through Multiple New and Expanded State Programs.
- SB 5262 Expanding Cronyism Through the Extension and Expansion of Subsidies to Data Centers.
- SB 5271 Protecting Healthcare Providers from Frivolous COVID-19 Lawsuits.
- SB 5284 Harming Job Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities by Hiking Minimum Wage Mandates.
- SB 5313 Driving Up Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating All Policies Provide Coverage of Transgender Surgery Procedures.
- SB 5377 Further Socializing Health Insurance Costs Through Additional Mandates and Subsidies Under the State's Obamacare Exchange.
- SB 5399 Establishing a Commission to Implement "Universal Healthcare" by 2026.
- SB 5425 Discouraging Employment by Extending Unemployment Insurance.
- SCR 8402 Extending Gov. Insee's Draconian COVID-19 Proclamations.
- SR 8601 Obstructing Democracy by Preventing Public Access to the Senate and Adopting Overreaching COVID-19 Rules.



WASHINGTON SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 1009 Mandating College Student Health Plans Cover Abortion.** ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 6, 2021 by a vote of 29-19 and the bill was signed into law.
2. **HB 1050 Increasing Refrigeration and A/C Costs Through Draconian Mandates on Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).** ACU opposes placing enormous new regulatory costs on consumers and businesses in order to advance a Leftist politicized climate agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 30-19 and the bill was signed into law.
3. **HB 1070 Channeling State Sales Tax Revenue to Wasteful Leftist "Affordable" Housing Initiatives.** ACU opposes enriching government favored developers and other entities by socializing "affordable" housing costs, believes the best way to truly make housing "affordable" is by reducing excessive zoning and building regulations and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 36-13 and the bill was signed into law.
4. **HB 1072 Providing Illegal Immigrants Taxpayer-Funded Legal Aid.** 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 April 5, 2021 by a vote of 28-21 and the bill was signed into law.
5. **HB 1073 Further Socializing "Paid Leave" Benefits Through a New COVID-19 Grant Program.** ACU opposes the state's paid leave program and believes employers and employees should be free to negotiate their own benefits, opposes socializing paid leave benefits through a new grant program and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 29-20 and the bill was signed into law.
6. **HB 1090 Reducing Government Efficiency through a Ban on Private Prisons and Correctional Facilities.** ACU Foundation's Nolan Center for Justice is a leading voice on this issue and works to reduce taxpayer costs and improve inmate rehabilitation and safety, regardless of whether facilities are publicly or privately managed. ACU recognizes this measure violates our Seven Principles of Privatization, opposes efforts which expand government inefficiency and reduces the flexibility to innovate and reduce recidivism and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 28-21 and the bill was signed into law.
7. **HB 1091 Advancing the War on Gas-Powered Vehicles by Enacting a "Clean Fuels Standard."** ACU opposes substantially raising gasoline prices and driving up transportation costs in order to advance a Leftist politicized climate agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 25, 2021 and the bill later became law although the governor vetoed the section that required another bill to pass before this one took effect.
8. **HB 1151 Increasing Government Dependency by Increasing Eligibility and Hiking Payouts Under the State's Welfare System.** ACU supports efforts that help individuals live happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives, opposes measures such as this which furthers government dependency and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 24, 2021 by a vote of 34-13 and the bill was signed into law.
9. **HB 1189 Expanding Cronyism and Government Central Planning by Authorizing Local Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Schemes.** ACU supports a broadly applied tax code with as low of rates as possible for everyone. ACU opposes central planning schemes and instead supports unleashing the free market by eliminating unnecessary zoning and land use regulations and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 5, 2021 by a vote of 45-2 and the bill was signed into law.
10. **HB 1206 Reducing Employment Opportunities by Imposing Excessive New Mandates on Staffing Agencies of Temporary Workers.** ACU opposes this additional layer of regulation (that is on top of federal) which unnecessarily drives up costs and reduces employment opportunities and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 29, 2021 by a vote of 38-11 and the bill was signed into law.



11. **HB 1277 Socializing the Costs of a New Rental Assistance Program by Imposing a \$100 Surcharge on Gov't Recorded Documents.** ACU opposes driving up business and property costs in order to socialize programs which oftentimes infringe property rights and bail out irresponsible tenants and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 24, 2021 by a vote of 26-23 and the bill was signed into law.
12. **HB 1287 Banning the Sale of Gas-Powered Vehicles by 2030 and Further Socializing Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Costs.** ACU opposes this direct attack on consumer choice and automotive freedom as well as driving up electricity costs through the socialization of EV infrastructure and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 10, 2021 by a vote of 25-23 but a provision making the bill contingent on creation of a road user fee was vetoed by the governor.
13. **HB 1316 Extending Taxes on Hospitals in Order to Game the Federal Medicaid System for More Funds.** ACU recognizes this scheme provides competitive advantages to certain hospitals while harming others, opposes driving up costs for both federal taxpayers and the health care system by gaming Medicaid and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 19, 2021 by a vote of 47-2 and the bill was signed into law.
14. **HB 1323 Further Worsening the State's Long-Term Services Trust Program by Locking in the Self-Employed and Expanding Benefit Eligibility.** ACU opposed the 2019 enactment of the long-term services and support (LTSS) program, which serves as a social security-like Ponzi scheme. ACU opposes this measure which traps self-employed individuals into the program and creates new liabilities and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 10, 2021 by a vote of 26-22 and the bill was signed into law.
15. **HB 1336 Advancing Government Competition with the Private Sector by Authorizing Localities to Provide Retail Telecommunication Services.** ACU opposes this government competition with the private sector in telecom and broadband which creates inefficiencies and places taxpayer funds at risk and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 11, 2021 by a vote of 27-22 and the bill was signed into law.
16. **HB 1426 Mandating 15% of Teacher Continuing Education Focus on Leftist "Equity-Based Practices" such as Critical Race Theory.** ACU believes all government work and school environments should be safe, respectful and managed to ensure maximum productivity. ACU opposes enriching Leftist providers of CRT and other services which sow division, opposes limiting the ability of teachers to receive training in core educational areas and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 5, 2021 by a vote of 28-20 and the bill was signed into law.
17. **HB 1480 Extending "To-Go" Alcoholic Beverage Sales and Exemptions from Anti-Competitive Prohibition Era Laws.** ACU supports a freer market in the alcoholic beverage industry, supports extending relief from anti-competitive regulations and protecting individual liberties and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on March 29, 2021 by a vote of 46-3 and the bill was signed into law.
18. **HB 1504 Expanding the Socialization of Higher Education Costs Under the WSOS Advanced Degrees Pathways Program.** ACU believes subsidizing higher education represents the largest transfer of wealth from lower-income individuals to higher-income individuals, believes instead society should reduce the exorbitant cost of higher education by eliminating wasteful programs and useless administrative positions and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 10, 2021 by a vote of 31-18 and the bill was later signed into law.
19. **SB 5022 Increasing Consumer Costs by Banning Styrofoam and Mandating Recycled Content.** ACU believes government should not limit an individual's choice in how to bring home their groceries or meals, opposes this government intrusion in the private sector which needlessly drives up business costs in order to advance a politicized environmental agenda and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 73-24 and the bill was signed into law.
20. **SB 5038 Infringing Second Amendment Rights by Prohibiting Open Carry at the State Capitol and at Protests.** ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and self-defense and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 20, 2021 by a vote of 28-21 and the bill was later signed into law.



21. **SB 5052 Advancing Wasteful Spending Through the Creation of Leftist “Health Equity” Zones.** ACU supports the elimination of all unnecessary initiatives that do not pertain to the core limited functions of government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 20, 2021 by a vote of 29-20 and the bill was signed into law.
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22. **SB 5065 Infringing Private Contracting Agreements Through New Paid Leave Mandates on the Railroad Industry.** ACU believes employers and employees should be able to negotiate their own benefits and opposes this infringement of the right to contract, which may limit the ability of employees to receive other benefits or job perks and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 9, 2021 by a vote of 28-21. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
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23. **SB 5068 Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding Post-Partum Medicaid Coverage from 60 Days to 12 Months.** ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes efforts that expand dependence on government, which leads to intergenerational poverty, opposes further expanding a program rife with fraud and waste and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 25, 2021 by a vote of 46-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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24. **SB 5096 Enacting an Unconstitutional 7% Tax on Capital Gains Exceeding \$250,000.** ACU recognizes this bill violates the uniformity provision within the state’s constitution, opposes reducing investment and economic growth and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 25, 2021 by a vote of 25-24 and the bill was signed into law.
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25. **SB 5097 Advancing Higher Payroll Taxes by Expanding Eligibility and Benefits Under the State’s Paid Family Leave Program.** ACU opposed the creation of the state’s family leave program and socializing its costs onto all workers, including those who will not utilize the program. ACU opposes this measure which will lead to higher payroll takes and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 20, 2021 by a vote of 29-19 and the bill was signed into law.
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26. **SB 5115 Abusing Workers Compensation to COVID-19 and Other Pandemic-related Illnesses.** ACU opposes abusing the workers compensation system and driving up employment costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 14, 2021 by a vote of 32-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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27. **SB 5126 Implementing a Draconian “Cap and Trade” Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Program.** ACU opposes this measure which destroys economic growth and is designed to enrich Leftist entities pursuing a radical climate change agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 24, 2021 by a vote of 27-22 and the bill later became law after the governor vetoed provisions making the bill contingent on a transportation package.
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28. **HB 5135 Permitting Lawsuits Based on 911 Calls Believed to be Motivated by Race.** ACU recognizes this bill serves as a new tool by the Left to intimidate individuals from summoning law enforcement. ACU believes anyone who abuses public safety resources should face penalties under the law, as is currently the case. ACU further believes in equal rights under the law for all and that it is the duty of government to ensure all laws are applied equally. ACU opposes the Left’s “defund the police” movement and this measure which runs afoul of the whole concept of equal application of justice and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2021 by a vote of 28-21 and the bill was signed into law.
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29. **SB 5140 Infringing Religious Liberties of Hospitals Concerning Miscarriages and Abortion.** ACU opposes this attack on religious hospitals and religious liberties and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 20, 2021 by a vote of 29-20 and the bill was signed into law.
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30. **SB 5141 Allowing Environmental Activists to Hijack State Agencies and Implement “Environmental Justice” Agendas.** ACU opposes driving up taxpayer costs and imposing even greater regulatory burdens by allowing radical environmental activists to hijack state agencies by implementing the agenda of the environmental justice task force and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 20, 2021 by a vote of 27-22 and the bill was signed into law.
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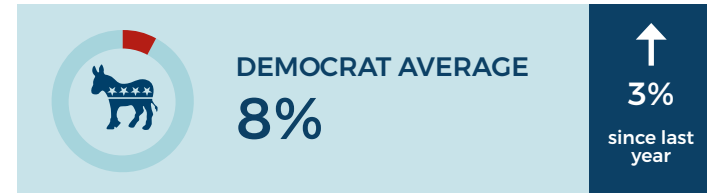
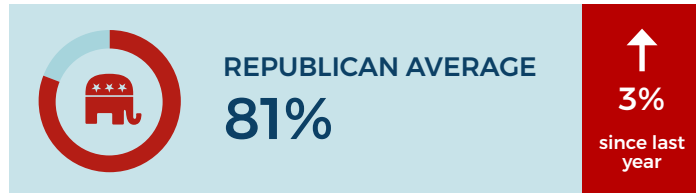
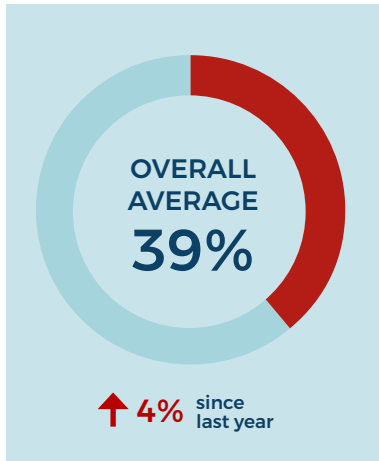
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31. **SB 5160 Infringing Property Rights by Extending the COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium and Imposing Additional Mandates on Landlords.** ACU recognizes this measure exposes landlords to significant new risks which ultimately drives-up rental costs for everyone. ACU opposes this measure which weakens property rights and will further drive-up housing costs and reduce housing availability by starving landlords of revenue needed for mortgages and property upkeep and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 19, 2021 by a vote of 27-22 and later became law after the governor vetoed two sections of the bill that offered landlords some relief.
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32. **SB 5191 Increasing Scarcity by Imposing Price Controls During Declared States of Emergency.** ACU opposes all anti-price gouging controls that worsen disasters by preventing the market from allocating scarce resources and incentivizing the flow of additional goods and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 3, 2021 by a vote of 29-20 but the bill was never given final approval.
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33. **SB 5203 Growing Government-Run Healthcare by Expanding Generic Drug Purchases by the State's Health Care Authority.** ACU opposes government-run healthcare and the state's prescription drug purchasing consortium scheme which further distorts the market, creates shortages and ultimately harms innovation and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 21, 2021 by a vote of 28-21 and the bill was signed into law.
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34. **SB 5227 Furthering Leftist Radicalization of Universities by Mandating All Staff Undergo "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Antiracism Training."** ACU supports equal rights under the law for all, believes all individuals should be treated with dignity and respect. ACU opposes enriching radical leftist activists and placing millions of dollars of unnecessary additional costs onto the state's higher education system and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 19, 2021 by a vote of 32-17 and the bill was signed into law.
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35. **SB 5227 (Ericksen Amd.) Prohibiting Reverse Racism in University "Diversity and Antiracism" Training.** The Ericksen (ACUF Lifetime 90%) amendment #252 to the university diversity training bill. 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 the Left's quest to stoke division through critical race theory and diversity training and supported this amendment. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on March 3, 2021 by a vote of 20-28 and the underlying bill was signed into law.
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36. **SB 5237 Further Socializing Childcare Costs Through Multiple New and Expanded State Programs.** ACU supports efforts that help individuals live happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives, opposes further increasing government dependency by socializing childcare costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 22, 2021 by a vote of 27-22 and the bill was signed into law.
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37. **SB 5262 Expanding Cronyism Through the Extension and Expansion of Subsidies to Data Centers.** ACU supports free markets and a broadly applied tax code with the lowest possible rates for all individuals and companies. ACU opposes this cronyism which provides competitive advantages to select companies and individuals while shifting tax burdens to other individuals and industries not favored by government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 6, 2021 by a vote of 43-6. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
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38. **SB 5271 Protecting Healthcare Providers from Frivolous COVID-19 Lawsuits.** ACU supports efforts to reopen the country and allow individuals to reclaim responsibility for their own wellbeing, supports protecting individuals and healthcare providers from frivolous lawsuits related to COVID-19 and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 23, 2021 by a vote of 49-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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39. **SB 5284 Harming Job Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities by Hiking Minimum Wage Mandates.** ACU opposes narrowing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities by dismantling the very policies which have empowered them to participate in the workforce and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 18, 2021 by a vote of 42-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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40. **SB 5313 Driving Up Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating All Policies Provide Coverage of Transgender Surgery Procedures.** ACU opposes health insurance mandates which prevent individuals from selecting the coverages that best suit their needs, thus driving up insurance premiums and making health insurance unaffordable and unobtainable for many individuals and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 19, 2021 by a vote of 30-19 and the bill was signed into law.
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41. **SB 5377 Further Socializing Health Insurance Costs Through Additional Mandates and Subsidies Under the State's Obamacare Exchange.** ACU has long opposed the government's takeover of the healthcare system and this measure which further socializes healthcare costs and advances the "public option" and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 19, 2021 by a vote of 28-21 and the bill was signed into law.
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42. **SB 5399 Establishing a Commission to Implement "Universal Healthcare" by 2026.** ACU has long opposed Obamacare and the socialization of healthcare which leads to skyrocketing insurance premiums and ultimately prevents individuals from obtaining quality, truly affordable care, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 19, 2021 by a vote of 28-21 and the bill was signed into law.
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43. **SB 5425 Discouraging Employment by Extending Unemployment Insurance.** ACU recognizes that coupled with federal unemployment benefits, a number of individuals on unemployment may actually earn more than they would on the job. ACU opposes this abuse of the unemployment system which ultimately increases employer hiring costs and discourage individuals from reentering the workforce and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2021 by a vote of 46-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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44. **SCR 8402 Extending Gov. Inslee's Draconian COVID-19 Proclamations.** ACU supports strengthening crucial checks and balances between the coequal branches of government, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and opposed this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on January 13, 2021 by a vote of 28-19.
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45. **SR 8601 Obstructing Democracy by Preventing Public Access to the Senate and Adopting Overreaching COVID-19 Rules.** ACU opposes this measure which obstructs the ability of citizens to engage in the democratic process, believes many of government's reactions to COVID-19 did more harm than good and opposed this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on January 11, 2021 by a vote of 28-18.
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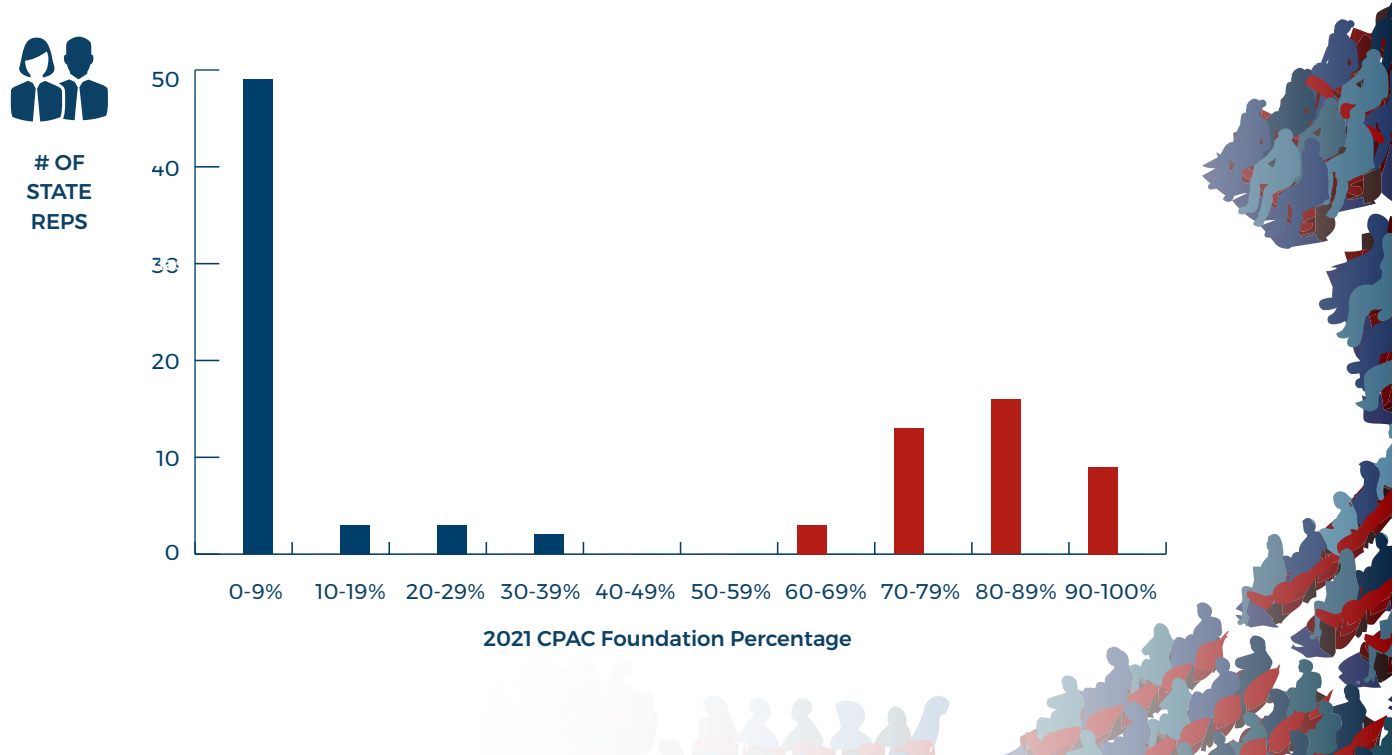
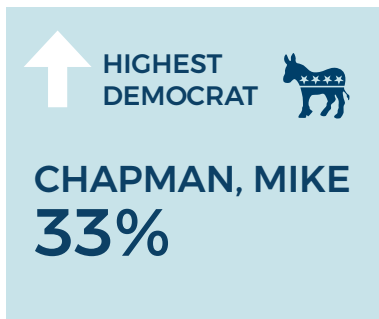
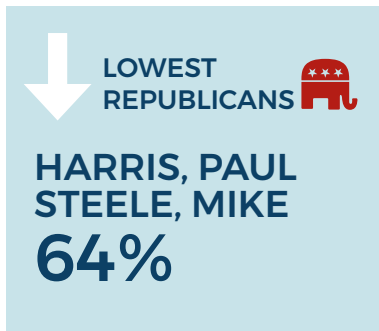
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WASHINGTON HOUSE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
41 TOTAL IN HOUSE

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57 TOTAL IN HOUSE





WASHINGTON HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 1009 Mandating College Student Health Plans Cover Abortion.** ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 23, 2021 by a vote of 57-40 and the bill was signed into law.
2. **HB 1050 Increasing Refrigeration and A/C Costs Through Draconian Mandates on Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).** ACU opposes placing enormous new regulatory costs on consumers and businesses in order to advance a Leftist politicized climate agenda and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 12, 2021 by a vote of 56-42 and the bill was signed into law.
3. **HB 1070 Channeling State Sales Tax Revenue to Wasteful Leftist "Affordable" Housing Initiatives.** ACU opposes enriching government favored developers and other entities by socializing "affordable" housing costs, believes the best way to truly make housing "affordable" is by reducing excessive zoning and building regulations and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 25, 2021 by a vote of 56-42 and the bill was signed into law.
4. **HB 1072 Providing Illegal Immigrants Taxpayer-Funded Legal Aid.** 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 House passed the bill on February 12, 2021 by a vote of 56-40 and the bill was signed into law.
5. **HB 1073 Further Socializing "Paid Leave" Benefits Through a New COVID-19 Grant Program.** ACU opposes the state's paid leave program and believes employers and employees should be free to negotiate their own benefits, opposes socializing paid leave benefits through a new grant program and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 13, 2021 by a vote of 56-42 and the bill was signed into law.
6. **HB 1076 Expanding Lawsuit Abuse Through the So-called "Worker Protection Act."** ACU opposes expanding lawsuit abuse and enriching greedy plaintiffs' attorneys through this measure which bypasses state investigations and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 5, 2021 by a vote of 53-44. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
7. **HB 1090 Reducing Government Efficiency Through a Ban on Private Prisons and Correctional Facilities.** ACU Foundation's Nolan Center for Justice is a leading voice on this issue and works to reduce taxpayer costs and improve inmate rehabilitation and safety, regardless of whether facilities are publicly or privately managed. ACU recognizes this measure violates our Seven Principles of Privatization, opposes efforts which expand government inefficiency and reduces the flexibility to innovate and reduce recidivism and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 23, 2021 by a vote of 76-21 and the bill was signed into law.
8. **HB 1091 Advancing the War on Gas-Powered Vehicles by Enacting a "Clean Fuels Standard."** ACU opposes substantially raising gasoline prices and driving up transportation costs in order to advance a Leftist politicized climate agenda and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 25, 2020 by a vote of 54-43 and the bill later became law although the governor vetoed the section that required another bill to pass before this one took effect.
9. **HB 1151 Increasing Government Dependency by Increasing Eligibility and Hiking Payouts Under the State's Welfare System.** ACU supports efforts that help individuals live happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives, opposes measures such as this which furthers government dependency and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 25, 2021 by a vote of 82-16 and the bill was signed into law.
10. **HB 1160 Imposing Excessive New Regulations on Hospital and Insurer Contracting Agreements.** ACU recognizes the healthcare industry is already inundated with regulations, many of which have resulted in unintended consequences. ACU opposes this further government interference in the marketplace which ultimately restricts competition and drives up consumer costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 26, 2021 by a vote of 60-35. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)



11. **HB 1189 Expanding Cronyism and Government Central Planning by Authorizing Local Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Schemes.** ACU supports a broadly applied tax code with as low of rates as possible for everyone. ACU opposes central planning schemes and instead supports unleashing the free market by eliminating unnecessary zoning and land use regulations and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 20, 2021 by a vote of 68-30 and the bill was signed into law.
12. **HB 1206 Reducing Employment Opportunities by Imposing Excessive New Mandates on Staffing Agencies of Temporary Workers.** ACU opposes this additional layer of regulation (that is on top of federal) which unnecessarily drives up costs and reduces employment opportunities and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 23, 2021 by a vote of 67-30 and the bill was signed into law.
13. **HB 1232 Strengthening Property Rights by Combatting Excessive Local Zoning Ordinances.** ACU recognizes that the person is the fundamental unit of government, that the two other levels of government recognized in the U.S. Constitution are the states and federal government, and that cities and municipalities merely derive their authority from the other levels of government. ACU supports protecting property rights from being infringed at all levels of government, supports this measure to expand development, reduce housing costs and combat government overreach and supported this version of the bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2021 by a vote of 77-21. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
14. **HB 1277 Socializing the Costs of a New Rental Assistance Program by Imposing a \$100 Surcharge on Gov't Recorded Documents.** ACU opposes driving up business and property costs in order to socialize programs which oftentimes infringe property rights and bail out irresponsible tenants and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 24, 2021 by a vote of 57-39 and the bill was signed into law.
15. **HB 1287 Banning the Sale of Gas-Powered Vehicles by 2030 and Further Socializing Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Costs.** ACU opposes this direct attack on consumer choice and automotive freedom as well as driving up electricity costs through the socialization of EV infrastructure and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 14, 2021 by a vote of 54-43 but a provision making the bill contingent on creation of a road user fee was vetoed by the governor.
16. **HB 1316 Extending Taxes on Hospitals in Order to Game the Federal Medicaid System for More Funds.** ACU recognizes this scheme provides competitive advantages to certain hospitals while harming others, opposes driving up costs for both federal taxpayers and the health care system by gaming Medicaid and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 22, 2021 by a vote of 90-7 and the bill was signed into law.
17. **HB 1323 Further Worsening the State's Long-Term Services Trust Program by Locking in the Self-Employed and Expanding Benefit Eligibility.** ACU opposed the 2019 enactment of the long-term services and support (LTSS) program, which serves as a social security-like Ponzi scheme. ACU opposes this measure which traps self-employed individuals into the program and creates new liabilities and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 14, 2021 by a vote of 58-39 and the bill was signed into law.
18. **HB 1330 Expanding Cronyism Through a Special Sales Tax Exemption for Electric Bicycles.** ACU supports a broadly applied tax code with as low of rates as possible for everyone. ACU opposes this cronyism which provides a competitive advantage to a select industry and products while shifting tax burdens onto others not favored by government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 9, 2021 by a vote of 57-39. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
19. **HB 1336 Advancing Government Competition with the Private Sector by Authorizing Localities to Provide Retail Telecommunication Services.** ACU opposes this government competition with the private sector in telecom and broadband which creates inefficiencies and places taxpayer funds at risk and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 23, 2021 by a vote of 65-32 and the bill was signed into law.



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20. **HB 1426 Mandating 15% of Teacher Continuing Education Focus on Leftist “Equity-Based Practices” such as Critical Race Theory.** ACU believes all government work and school environments should be safe, respectful and managed to ensure maximum productivity. ACU opposes enriching Leftist providers of CRT and other services which sow division, opposes limiting the ability of teachers to receive training in core educational areas and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 1, 2021 by a vote of 74-24 and the bill was signed into law.
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21. **HB 1480 Extending “To-Go” Alcoholic Beverage Sales and Exemptions from Anti-Competitive Prohibition Era Laws.** ACU supports a freer market in the alcoholic beverage industry, supports extending relief from anti-competitive regulations and protecting individual liberties and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on February 25, 2021 by a vote of 86-12 and the bill was signed into law.
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22. **HB 1504 Expanding the Socialization of Higher Education Costs Under the WSOS Advanced Degrees Pathways Program.** ACU believes subsidizing higher education represents the largest transfer of wealth from lower-income individuals to higher-income individuals, believes instead society should reduce the exorbitant cost of higher education by eliminating wasteful programs and useless administrative positions and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 14, 2021 by a vote of 60-37 and the bill was signed into law.
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23. **SB 5022 Increasing Consumer Costs by Banning Styrofoam and Mandating Recycled Content.** ACU believes government should not limit an individual’s choice in how to bring home their groceries or meals, opposes this government intrusion in the private sector which needlessly drives up business costs in order to advance a politicized environmental agenda and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 73-24 and the bill was signed into law.
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24. **SB 5038 Infringing Second Amendment Rights by Prohibiting Open Carry at the State Capitol and at Protests.** ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and self-defense and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 28, 2021 by a vote of 57-40 and the bill was signed into law.
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25. **SB 5052 Advancing Wasteful Spending Through the Creation of Leftist “Health Equity” Zones.** ACU supports the elimination of all unnecessary initiatives that do not pertain to the core limited functions of government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 57-40 and the bill was signed into law.
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26. **SB 5068 Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding Post-Partum Medicaid Coverage from 60 Days to 12 Months.** ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes efforts that expand dependence on government, which leads to intergenerational poverty, opposes further expanding a program rife with fraud and waste and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 5, 2021 by a vote of 96-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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27. **SB 5096 Enacting an Unconstitutional 7% Tax on Capital Gains Exceeding \$250,000.** ACU recognizes this bill violates the uniformity provision within the state’s constitution, opposes reducing investment and economic growth and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 24, 2021 by a vote of 52-44 and the bill was signed into law.
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28. **SB 5097 Advancing Higher Payroll Taxes by Expanding Eligibility and Benefits Under the State’s Paid Family Leave Program.** ACU opposed the creation of the state’s family leave program and socializing its costs onto all workers, including those who will not utilize the program. ACU opposes this measure which will lead to higher payroll takes and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 6, 2021 by a vote of 55-42 and the bill was signed into law.
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29. **SB 5115 Abusing Workers Compensation to COVID-19 and Other Pandemic-related Illnesses.** ACU opposes abusing the workers compensation system and driving up employment costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 5, 2021 by a vote of 68-30 and the bill was signed into law.
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30. **SB 5126 Implementing a Draconian “Cap and Trade” Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Program.** ACU opposes this measure which destroys economic growth and is designed to enrich Leftist entities pursuing a radical climate change agenda and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 23, 2021 by a vote of 54-43 and the bill later became law after the governor vetoed provisions making the bill contingent on a transportation package.
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31. **HB 5135 Permitting Lawsuits Based on 911 Calls Believed to be Motivated by Race.** ACU recognizes this bill serves as a new tool by the Left to intimidate individuals from summoning law enforcement. ACU believes anyone who abuses public safety resources should face penalties under the law, as is currently the case. ACU further believes in equal rights under the law for all and that it is the duty of government to ensure all laws are applied equally. ACU opposes the Left's "defund the police" movement and this measure which runs afoul of the whole concept of equal application of justice and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 9, 2021 by a vote of 58-40 and the bill was signed into law.
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32. **SB 5140 Infringing Religious Liberties of Hospitals Concerning Miscarriages and Abortion.** ACU opposes this attack on religious hospitals and religious liberties and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 24, 2021 by a vote of 57-41 and the bill was signed into law.
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33. **SB 5141 Allowing Environmental Activists to Hijack State Agencies and Implement "Environmental Justice" Agendas.** ACU opposes driving up taxpayer costs and imposing even greater regulatory burdens by allowing radical environmental activists to hijack state agencies by implementing the agenda of the environmental justice task force and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 10, 2021 by a vote of 56-41 and the bill was signed into law.
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34. **SB 5160 Infringing Property Rights by Extending the COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium and Imposing Additional Mandates on Landlords.** ACU recognizes this measure exposes landlords to significant new risks which ultimately drives-up rental costs for everyone. ACU opposes this measure which weakens property rights and will further drive-up housing costs and reduce housing availability by starving landlords of revenue needed for mortgages and property upkeep and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 8, 2021 by a vote of 72-26 and later became law after the governor vetoed two sections of the bill that offered landlords some relief.
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35. **SB 5191 Increasing Scarcity by Imposing Price Controls During Declared States of Emergency.** ACU opposes all anti-price gouging controls that worsen disasters by preventing the market from allocating scarce resources and incentivizing the flow of additional goods and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 10 by a vote of 52-45 but the Senate and House failed to concur with each chambers amendments.
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36. **SB 5203 Growing Government-Run Healthcare by Expanding Generic Drug Purchases by the State's Health Care Authority.** ACU opposes government-run healthcare and the state's prescription drug purchasing consortium scheme which further distorts the market, creates shortages and ultimately harms innovation and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 66-31 and the bill was signed into law.
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45. **SCR 8402 Extending Gov. Inslee's Draconian COVID-19 Proclamations.** ACU supports strengthening crucial checks and balances between the coequal branches of government, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and opposed this resolution. The House passed the resolution on January 15, 2021 by a vote of 54-44.
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