



Legislature Scorecard

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SC Arizona lobbied against 10 bills in 2013; 5 of those went to a full floor vote. Each legislator's Secular Rating is based on the number of bills on which that legislator voted (NV and absences are excluded), divided by the number of votes made in line with Secular Coalition for Arizona's position. The 5 bills on which SC Arizona based the legislator's Secular Rating are as follows:

HB 2446 "Property tax; Religious Institution; Exemption"

This bill would have exempted churches from filing for recognition with the IRS and eliminated the requirement for these churches to present a letter of determination to the county assessor in order to qualify for a property tax exemption. Granting this kind of special tax privilege for religious groups is an example of establishing governmental systems of support for churches, and is an endorsement of religion over nonreligion—a breach of our Constitution's establishment clause.

HB 2617 "School tuition organizations; Preapproval; Entities"

This bill would have increased the categories of taxpayers who could divert money owed on their state tax bill into Student Tuition Organizations (STOs)—many of which are explicitly religious. STOs shift revenues from secular public schools, which must accept students regardless of religious belief or nonbelief, into private religious schools that are exempt from many anti-discrimination laws (including laws related to religion and disability) and that can teach theology and creationism in lieu science, history, math and other critical subjects.

HB 2645 "Unemployment; Employment definition; Exception"

This bill excludes from the definition of "employment" individuals who work for religious organizations that provide any religious instruction; the bill specifies that such organizations are exempt from unemployment insurance requirements. This is an example of establishing governmental systems of support for religious groups, endorsing religion over nonreligion, and depriving workers at religious organizations of important employment protection.





























SB 1178 "Exercise of religion; Definition"

This bill would have dramatically expanded the ability of individuals in our state to discriminate against people they do not agree with in the name of religious belief—resulting in increased vulnerability for nonbelievers, the LGBT community, and others on the target list of religionists. SB 1178 was one of the most dangerous bills introduced this session, and would have made it possible for anyone in our state to use religious exercise as an excuse to deny basic human liberties to vulnerable Arizonans.











































SB 1363 "Empowerment scholarship accounts; Expansion; Funding"

This bill expands eligibility and funding for Arizona's empowerment scholarship account program; the program is essentially a system of vouchers that sends public funds directly to religious schools and homeschools. An earlier version of this bill is currently in court over the State Constitution's prohibition on sending public dollars to any religious institutions or being applied to any religious instruction.



































Arizona House

Name	District	HB2446	HB2617	HB2645	SB1178	SB1363	Secular Rating
John Allen	15	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%
Lela Alston	24						100%
Brenda Barton	6	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%
Sonny Borrelli	5	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗	0%
Paul Boyer	20	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%
Kate Brophy McGee	28	✗	✗	✗		✗ (s)	20%
Chad Campbell	24			NV		NV	100%
Mark A. Cardenas	19						100%
Heather Carter	15	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%
Doug Coleman	16	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%
Lupe Chavira Contreras	19						100%
Andrea Dalessandro	2						100%
Jeff Dial	18	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%
Juan Carlos Escamilla	4					NV	100%
Karen Fann	1	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%
Eddie Farnsworth	12	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗	0%
Thomas Forese	17	✗	✗ (s)	✗	NV	✗	0%











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Rosanna Gabaldón	2						100%
Ruben Gallego	27						100%
Sally Ann Gonzales	3				NV	NV	100%
Doris Goodale	5	X	X	X	X	X	0%
David M. Gowan Sr.	14	X	X (s)	X	X	X	0%
Rick Gray	21	X	X (s)	X	X	X (s)	0%
Albert Hale	7					NV	100%
Lydia Hernández	29						100%
John Kavanagh	23	X	X (s)	X	X	X (s)	0%
Adam Kwasman	11	X	X (s)	X	X	X (s)	0%
Jonathan Larkin	30						100%
Debbie Lesko	21	X	X (s)	X	X	X (s)	0%
David Livingston	22	X	X (s)	X	X	X	0%
Phil Lovas	22	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Stefanie Mach	10						100%
Debbie McCune Davis	30						100%
Juan Mendez	26						100%
Javan "J.D." Mesnard	17	X	X (s)	X	X	X (s)	0%











































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Eric Meyer	28						100%
Catherine H. Miranda	27						100%
Darin Mitchell	13	✗	✗ (s)	✗	NV	✗	0%
Steve Montenegro	13	✗	✗ (s)	✗ (s)	✗	✗ (s)	0%
Justin Olson	25	✗ (s)	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗	0%
Ethan Orr	9	✗	✗ (s)	✗		✗	20%
Lisa Otondo	4						100%
Jamescita Peshlakai	7				NV		100%
Warren Petersen	12	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	NV	0%
Justin Pierce	25	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%
Frank Pratt	8	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗	0%
Martín J. Quezada	29						100%
Bob Robson	18	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%
Mario Saldate IV	3						100%
Carl Seel	20	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%
Andrew Sherwood	26					NV	100%
T.J. Shope	8	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%
Steve Smith	11	✗	NV (s)	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%

















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Victoria Steele	9						100%
David W. Stevens	14	X	X (s)	X	X	NV (s)	0%
Bob Thorpe	6	X	X (s)	X	X	X (s)	0%
Andy Tobin	1	X	X	X	X	X	0%
Kelly Townsend	16	X	X (s)	X	X	X	0%
Michelle Ugenti	23	NV	X	X	X	X	0%
Bruce Wheeler	10						100%


Arizona Senate

Name	District	HB2446	HB2617	HB2645	SB1178	SB1363	Secular Rating
Ed Ableser	26						100%
Nancy Barto	15	✘	✘ (s)	✘	✘	✘ (s)	0%
Andy Biggs	12	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘ (s)	0%
David Bradley	10						100%
Judy Burges	22	✘	✘ (s)	✘	✘	✘ (s)	0%
Olivia Cajero Bedford	3						100%
Rich Crandall	16	NV	✘	NV	NV		50%
Chester Crandell	6	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘ (s)	0%
Adam Driggs	28	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	0%
Steve Farley	9						100%
Steve Gallardo	29						100%
Gail Griffin	14	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	0%
Katie Hobbs	24		NV				100%
Jack Jackson Jr.	7	NV		NV	NV		100%
Leah Landrum Taylor	27						100%
Linda Lopez	2						100%

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John McComish	18	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%
Barbara McGuire	8	✗	NV (s)			✗	50%
Al Melvin	11	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%
Robert Meza	30						100%
Rick Murphy	21	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	NV (s)	0%
Lynne Pancrazi	4						100%
Steve Pierce	1	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%
Michele Reagan	23	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%
Don Shooter	13	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%
Anna Tovar	19		NV				100%
Kelli Ward	5	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%
Bob Worsley	25	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%
Steve Yarbrough	17	✗	✗	✗	✗ (s)	✗ (s)	0%
Kimberly Yee	20	✗	✗ (s)	✗	✗	✗ (s)	0%

H = State House of Representatives; S = State Senate

✗ = Voted in favor;  = Voted against; NV = No vote; (s) = Bill sponsor.



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