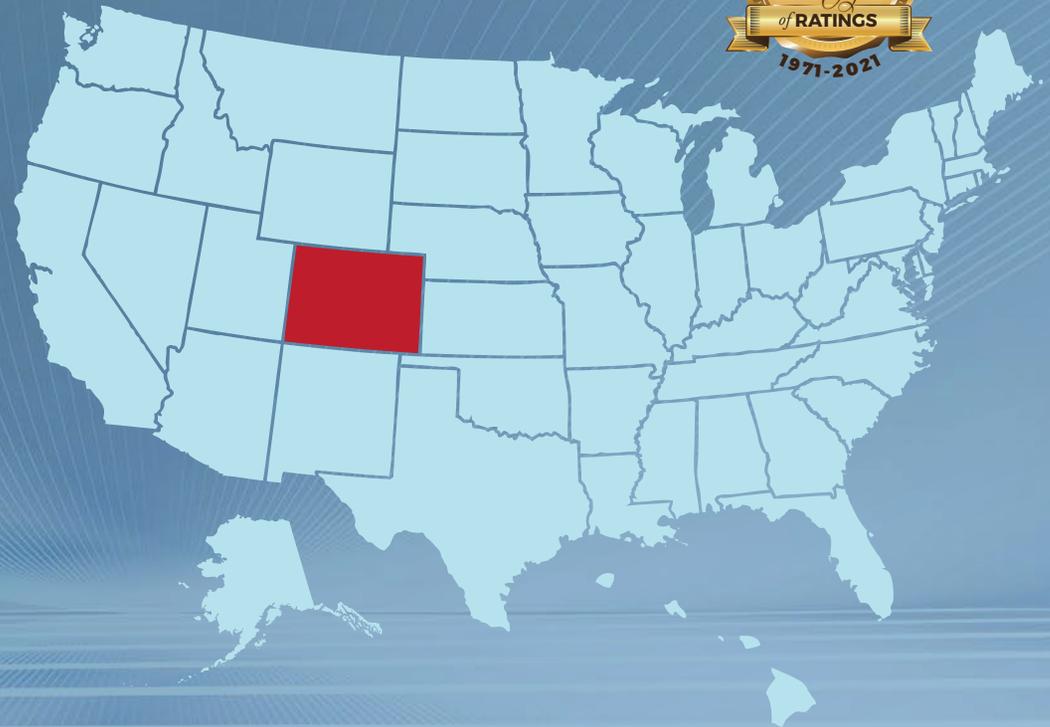




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RATINGS of COLORADO 2021



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



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of Colorado* 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
American Conservative Union Foundation





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

 1 since last year*

SENATE

n/a

 2 since last year*

HOUSE

BAISLEY, MARK	RANSOM, KIM
GEITNER, TIM	SANDRIDGE, SHANE
HANKS, RON	VAN WINKLE, KEVIN
LUCK, STEPHANIE	WILLIAMS, DAVE
NEVILLE, PATRICK	WOOG, DAN
PICO, ANDRES	

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

 4 since last year*

SENATE

n/a

 1 since last year*

HOUSE

BOCKENFELD, ROD	MCKEAN, HUGH
CARVER, TERRI	SOPER, MATT
CATLIN, MARC	VAN BEBER, TONYA
LYNCH, MIKE	

≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

 15 since last year*

SENATE

Bridges, Jeff	Hansen, Chris
Buckner, Janet	Jaquez Lewis, Sonya
Coleman, James	Kolker, Chris
Danielson, Jessie	Lee, Pete
Donovan, Kerry	Moreno, Dominick
Fenberg, Stephen	Pettersen, Brittany
Fields, Rhonda	Rodriguez, Robert
Garcia, Leroy	Story, Tammy
Ginal, Joann	Winter, Faith
Gonzales, Julie	

 8 since last year*

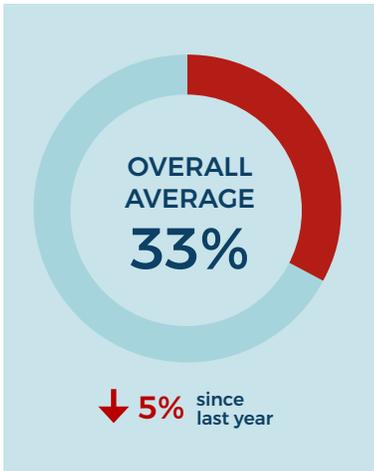
HOUSE

Amabile, Judy	Duran, Monica	Jackson, Dominique	Mullica, Kyle	Valdez, Alex
Bacon, Jennifer	Esgar, Daneya	Jodeh, Iman	Ortiz, David	Weissman, Mike
Benavidez, Adrienne	Exum, Tony	Kennedy, Chris	Ricks, Naquetta	Woodrow, Steven
Bernett, Tracey	Froelich, Meg	Kipp, Cathy	Roberts, Dylan	Young, Mary
Bird, Shannon	Garnett, Alec	Lontine, Susan	Sirota, Emily	
Boesenecker, Andrew	Gonzales-Gutierrez, Serena	McCluskie, Julie	Snyder, Marc	
Caraveo, Yadira	Gray, Matt	McCormick, Karen	Sullivan, Tom	
Cutter, Lisa	Herod, Leslie	McLachlan, Barbara	Tipper, Kerry	
Daugherty, Lindsey	Hooton, Edie	Michaelson Jenet, Dafna	Titone, Brianna	

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



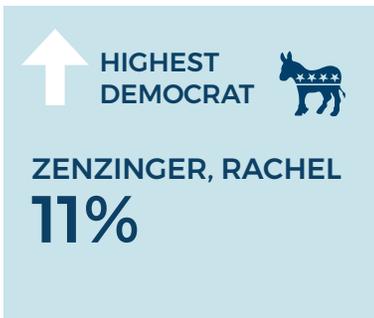
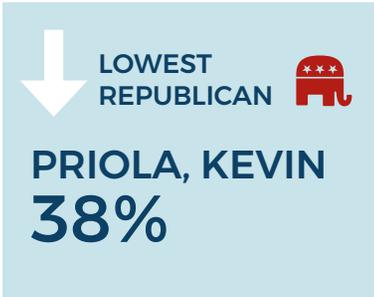
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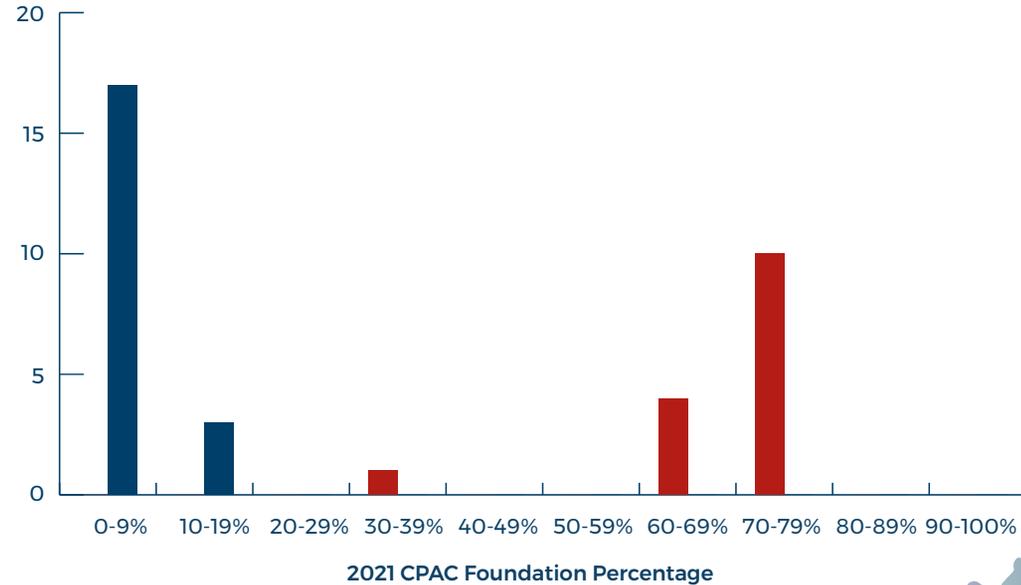
COLORADO SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
15 TOTAL IN SENATE

BLUE = DEMOCRATS
20 TOTAL IN SENATE



OF STATE SENATORS





COLORADO SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **SB 35 Invoking Unnecessary Government Interference in the Private Operations of Food Delivery Platforms and Restaurants.** ACU recognizes this measure is largely designed to use government to provide restaurants greater leverage in their negotiations with delivery platforms, as restaurants already have the freedom to refuse to provide their products to a delivery platform. ACU further recognizes that any specific issue, such as use of a restaurant logo by a delivery platform, should be addressed through targeted legislation. ACU opposes invoking government interference in the free marketplace to provide more favorable outcomes to one party over another in their negotiations and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 20, 2021 by a vote of 34-0 and the bill was signed into law.
2. **SB 39 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 June 1, 2021 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.
3. **SB 60 Increasing Government Dependency Through "Free Broadband".** ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes efforts that expand dependence on government, which leads to intergenerational poverty and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 22-12 and the bill was signed into law.
4. **SB 82 Increasing Competition and Consumer Choice by Expanding the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Festivals.** ACU supports expanding consumer choice and eliminating unnecessary regulations designed to empower government to restrict competition and limit individual liberties and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 5, 2021 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.
5. **SB 87 Driving up Agricultural Costs by Expanding Labor Union and Minimum Wage Mandates.** ACU opposes driving up agricultural costs and reducing employment opportunities through additional mandates designed to enrich union bosses and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 19-15 and the bill was signed into law.
6. **SB 91 Advancing a Slightly Freer Market - Increasing the Price Control on Credit Card Transaction Fees from 0 to 2%.** ACU opposes the state's price control on credit card transaction fees, supports providing businesses the ability to establish their own pricing models and fees and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 30-4 and the bill was signed into law.
7. **SB 98 Infringing Privacy Rights by Extending the State Monitoring of Patient Prescriptions.** ACU opposes this attack on privacy rights (which may have the unintended consequence of discouraging individuals from seeking healthcare) and further growing the government surveillance state and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 28, 2021 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.
8. **SB 135 Attacking the Circus Industry through a Ban on Animal Performances.** ACU believes animals should be treated with the utmost level of care, dignity and respect. ACU opposes measures such as this which can lead to black market performances and inflict undue harm on law-abiding circus operators and their spectators and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 30, 2021 by a vote of 20-14 and the bill was signed into law.
9. **SB 139 Driving up Health Insurance Premiums Through New Dental Telehealth Mandates.** ACU opposes health insurance mandates that ultimately drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone by preventing individuals from obtaining policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 26, 2021 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.
10. **SB 142 Expanding Abortion by Eliminating Requirements the Practice be Performed by a Physician and in a Licensed Facility.** ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 19-15 and the bill was signed into law.



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11. **SB 151 Improving Public School Accountability through Curriculum Transparency.** ACU supports strengthening parental rights, supports efforts to improve the accountability of public schools to parents and students and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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12. **SB 158 Socializing the Student Loan Costs of Geriatric Providers.** ACU opposes further socializing higher education costs, believes programs such as this result in some of the greatest transfers of wealth from low-income individuals to high-income individuals and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 19, 2021 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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13. **SB 169 Driving Up Insurance Premiums Through Overly Broad Mandates on Insurance Practices.** ACU believes discrimination is wrong and business that discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. However, ACU opposes this measure's open-ended provisions which drive up insurance premiums and are primarily designed to enrich plaintiffs' attorneys through frivolous claims of discrimination and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 7, 2021 by a vote of 19-13 and the bill was signed into law.
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14. **SB 173 Increasing Rental Costs by Infringing Tenant-Landlord Contracting Rights (Late Fees).** ACU supports the rights of landlords and tenants to freely contract and opposes this additional government intrusion into the private sector which drives up rental rates by exposing landlords to additional risk and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 20-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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15. **SB 175 Threatening Innovation by Imposing Price Controls on Prescription Drugs.** ACU opposes government interference in the marketplace and price control mechanisms that threaten innovation, believes the best way to lower drug prices is by fostering free-market principles in international markets and streamlining the approval process at the Federal Drug Administration and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 18-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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16. **SB 194 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 June 7, 2021 by a vote of 20-12 and the bill was signed into law. *a) Listed as concur vote on legislative website, but listed as to pass in legislative journal*
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17. **SB 229 Expanding Cronyism Through a New Grant Program for Government-Favored Businesses in Rural Regions.** ACU believes the free market is the best mechanism to direct investment and expand employment. ACU opposes this cronyism which provides competitive advantages to select businesses and industries while socializing the costs onto other businesses and individuals not favored by government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 2, 2021 by a vote of 28-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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18. **SB 236 Increasing Government Dependency Through New Grant Programs Which Socialize Child Care Costs.** ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes measures which expand dependence on government, which leads to intergenerational poverty and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 2, 2021 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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19. **SB 252 Enriching Government-Favored Developers Through a "Community Revitalization" Grant Program.** ACU believes the free market is the best mechanism to direct investment and expand employment. ACU opposes this cronyism which enriches government-favored developers while socializing the costs onto taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 34-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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20. **SB 256 Infringing Second Amendment Rights by Permitting Localities to Impose Gun Control.** ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 20-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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21. **SB 260 Implementing a Wasteful \$5.4 Billion Leftist Transportation Bill.** ACU opposes this runaway spending on Leftist priorities surrounding electric vehicles, mass transit and the environment. ACU instead believes the state should eliminate prevailing wage and other unnecessary regulations to fix and fund infrastructure and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 2, 2021 by a vote of 20-15 and the bill was signed into law.

 22. **SB 280 Advancing Unequal Justice Under the Law by Worsening the State's Hate Crime Statute.** 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 June 7, 2021 by a vote of 32-0 and the bill was signed into law.

 23. **HB 1048 Interfering in the Private Marketplace by Forcing Businesses to Accept Cash.** ACU supports the freedom of businesses to accept any form of legal payment, including cash and electronic payment systems, opposes this measure designed to enrich special businesses interests and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 16, 2021 by a vote of 21-13 and the bill was signed into law.

 24. **HB 1054 Providing Illegal Immigrants Taxpayer-Funded Public Housing Benefits.** ACU supports assisting the federal government in its constitutional role to enforce our nation's immigration laws, believes any taxpayer-funded programs such be reserved for U.S. citizens and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 20-14 and the bill was signed into law.

 25. **HB 1068 Driving up Health Insurance Premiums Through New Mental Health Mandates.** ACU opposes health insurance mandates that ultimately drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone by preventing individuals from obtaining policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 27, 2021 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.

 26. **HB 1105 Hiking Electricity and Natural Gas Utility Rates to Fund the Expansion of Welfare Programs.** ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, and opposes measures that expand dependence on government. ACU opposes socializing utility costs and making it more costly for individuals to power and heat their homes and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 21-14 and the bill was signed into law.

 27. **HB 1106 Weakening Self Defense Through New Mandates on Firearm Storage.** ACU supports responsible and safe firearm storage, opposes this government overreach which restricts the ability of individuals to defend themselves and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2021 by a vote of 20-15 and the bill was signed into law.

 28. **HB 1117 Infringing Property Rights by Authorizing Localities to Impose "Affordable" Housing Mandates on New Developments.** ACUF's Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect landowners from excessive zoning and land use ordinances. ACU opposes infringing property rights through affordable housing mandates and believes the state should instead eliminate excessive zoning and building regulations to truly make housing affordable and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2021 by a vote of 22-12 and the bill was signed into law.

 29. **HB 1121 Infringing Property Rights Through Rent Controls and Significant Delays in the Eviction Process.** ACU opposes infringing property rights and driving up housing costs by exposing landlords to significant new risk and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 21, 2021 by a vote of 19-15 and the bill was signed into law.

 30. **HB 1149 Expanding Cronyism by Socializing the Costs of Career Paths in "Renewable" Energy.** ACU believes higher education subsidies represent one of the largest transfers of wealth from lower-income individuals to higher-income individuals. ACU opposes this cronyism and further socializing higher education costs onto taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 21-14 and the bill was signed into law.

 31. **HB 1162 Restricting Consumer Choice by Banning Plastic Bags and Styrofoam Containers.** ACU opposes this government intrusion in the private sector which needlessly drives up business costs in order to advance a politicized environmental agenda, believes the government should not limit an individual's choice in how they take their groceries home and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 2, 2021 by a vote of 20-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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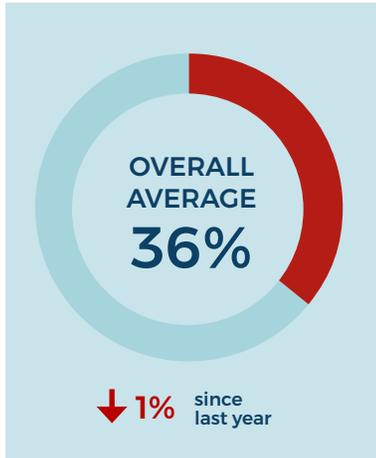


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32. **HB 1188 Enriching Plaintiffs' Attorneys and Expanding Lawsuit Abuse by Holding Employers Directly Liable for Employee Negligence.** ACU opposes driving up business and consumer costs through this measure designed to expand lawsuit abuse and enrich greedy plaintiffs' attorneys and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 27, 2021 by a vote of 20-15 and the bill was signed into law.
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33. **HB 1194 Forcing New Taxpayers to Pay for a New Legal Defense Fund for Illegal Immigrants.** ACU supports assisting the federal government in its constitutional role to enforce our nation's immigration laws, opposes forcing taxpayers to pay the legal costs of individuals residing in the country unlawfully and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 20-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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34. **HB 1195 Driving up Consumer Costs by Imposing a New Licensing Regime on Radon Professionals.** 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 May 27, 2021 by a vote of 26-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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35. **HB 1223 Expanding Wasteful Spending and Bureaucracy Through the Creation of the "Outdoor Recreation Industry Office."** ACU believes the private sector is the best institution to expand outdoor recreation, opposes expanding government bureaucracy and wasteful spending and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 28, 2021 by a vote of 28-6 and the bill was signed into law.
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36. **HB 1229 Infringing Private Contracting Rights of Homeowners Associations.** ACU's Center for 21st Century Property Rights works to ensure individuals may freely choose an HOA and level of governance that create neighborhood standards they prefer. ACU opposes this infringement of the right to freely contract and opposes weakening HOAs which serve as free-market alternatives to zoning and other governmental central planning mechanisms and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 21-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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37. **HB 1235 Imposing an Excessive Ban on Firework Sales.** ACU recognizes fireworks have always been a medium to express American liberty, so much so that John Adams insisted Independence Day be celebrated with "Illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more." While ACU recognizes the dangers of irresponsible firework use, we oppose this excessive ban which infringes individual liberties and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 11, 2021 by a vote of 20-13 and the bill was signed into law.
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38. **HB 1239 Imposing Overreaching Regulations on Dating Services.** ACU opposes this government overreach into the private marketplace which drives up costs and limits contacting options and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 21, 2021 by a vote of 21-13 and the bill was signed into law.
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39. **HB 1266 Restricting Economic Growth through Draconian "Environmental Justice" and Greenhouse Gas Emission Mandates.** ACU opposes restricting economic growth and increasing consumer costs through draconian mandates designed to advance a radical Leftist environmental agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 19-15 and the bill was signed into law.
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40. **HB 1285 Expanding Wasteful Spending - Film and Art Industry Subsidies.** ACU believes the private sector is the best institution to promote and direct investment in the film and art industries, opposes socializing these costs onto taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 7, 2021 by a vote of 24-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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41. **HB 1304 Expanding Government Bureaucracy and Spending Through the Creation of the Department of Early Childhood.** ACU opposes further expanding the size, scope and role of government through the creation of an unnecessary new bureaucracy and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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42. **HB 1307 Increasing Health Insurance Premiums Through Price Controls on Insulin Copayments.** ACU recognizes that this price control on insurance and other mandates only drive-up premium costs, thereby harming the affordability of insurance for everyone. ACU opposes price controls which lead to higher insurance costs for everyone and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 22-13 and the bill was signed into law.
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43. **HB 1311 Hiking Taxes on High-Income Earners to Hike Payouts under the Child Tax Credit and EITC Welfare Program.** ACU opposes reducing investment and restricting economic growth by increasing taxation and expanding the welfare state and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 20-15 and the bill was signed into law.
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44. **HB 1318 Directing Taxpayer Funds to a New Leftist "Outdoor Equity" Grant Program.** ACU believes the private sector, through its own charitable and fundraising capabilities, is best equipped to advance the most impactful initiatives. ACU opposes enriching radical Leftist environmental groups through a wide-open program and socializing the costs onto taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 4, 2021 by a vote of 24-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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45. **HB 1324 Hiking Utility Rates to Promote "Clean Energy" Technologies.** ACU supports all sources of energy and believes government should not favor one source of energy over another. ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up utility costs on businesses and families in order to promote a Leftist climate change agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 26-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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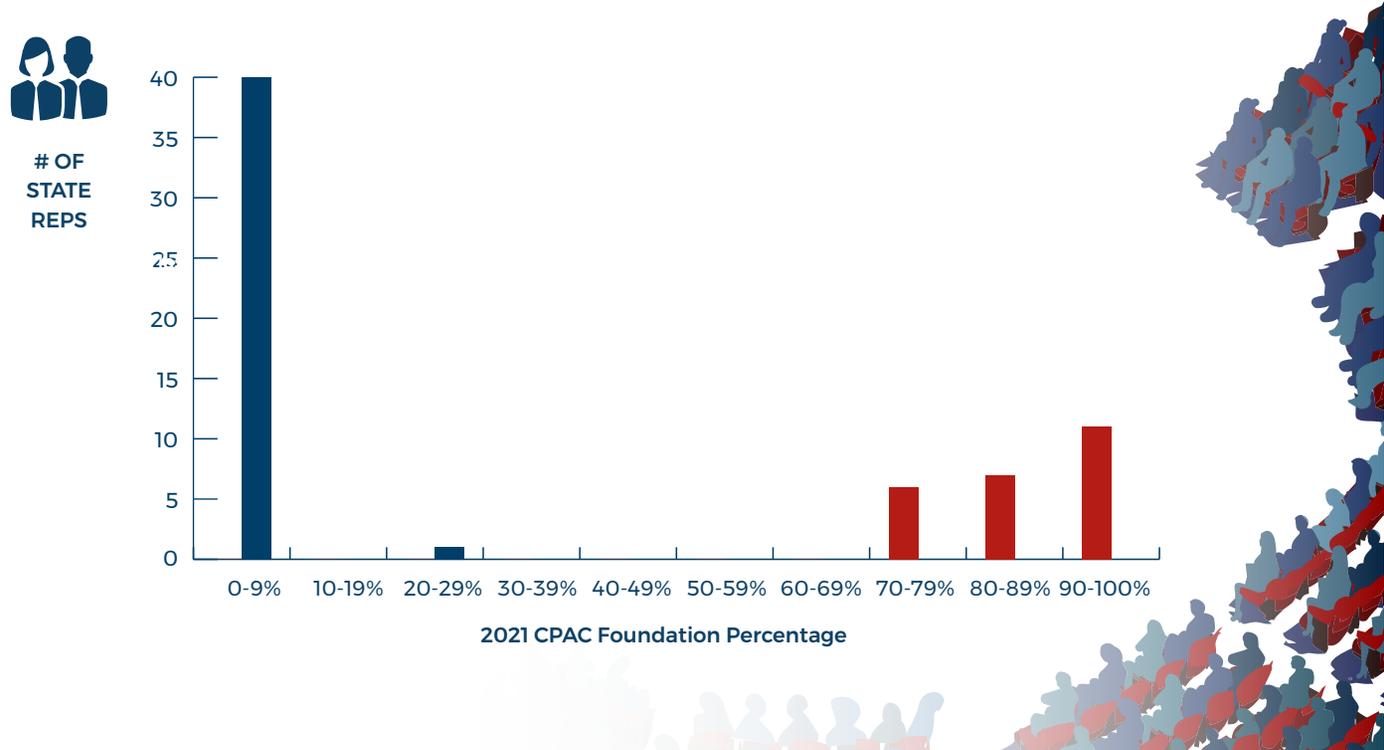
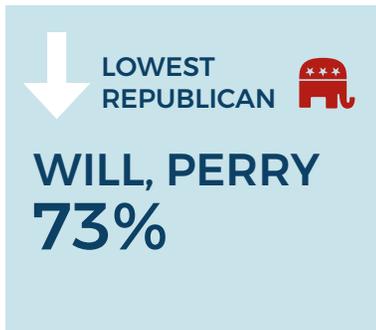
COLORADO HOUSE STATISTICS



COLORADO HOUSE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

 **RED = REPUBLICANS**
24 TOTAL IN HOUSE

 **BLUE = DEMOCRATS**
42 TOTAL IN HOUSE





COLORADO HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **SB 35 Invoking Unnecessary Government Interference in the Private Operations of Food Delivery Platforms and Restaurants.** ACU recognizes this measure is largely designed to use government to provide restaurants greater leverage in their negotiations with delivery platforms, as restaurants already have the freedom to refuse to provide their products to a delivery platform. ACU further recognizes that any specific issue, such as use of a restaurant logo by a delivery platform, should be addressed through targeted legislation. ACU opposes invoking government interference in the free marketplace to provide more favorable outcomes to one party over another in their negotiations and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 19, 2021 by a vote of 42-21 and the bill was signed into law.
2. **SB 39 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 House passed the bill on May 28, 2021 by a vote of 47-13 and the bill was signed into law.
3. **SB 60 Increasing Government Dependency Through "Free Broadband".** ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes efforts that expand dependence on government, which leads to intergenerational poverty and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 43-22 and the bill was signed into law.
4. **SB 82 Increasing Competition and Consumer Choice by Expanding the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages at Festivals.** ACU supports expanding consumer choice and eliminating unnecessary regulations designed to empower government to restrict competition and limit individual liberties and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 13, 2021 by a vote of 59-2 and the bill was signed into law.
5. **SB 87 Driving Up Agricultural Costs by Expanding Labor Union and Minimum Wage Mandates.** ACU opposes driving up agricultural costs and reducing employment opportunities through additional mandates designed to enrich union bosses and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 7, 2021 by a vote of 40-24 and the bill was signed into law.
6. **SB 91 Advancing a Slightly Freer Market – Increasing the Price Control on Credit Card Transaction Fees from 0 to 2%.** ACU opposes the state's price control on credit card transaction fees, supports providing businesses the ability to establish their own pricing models and fees and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 61-4 and the bill was signed into law.
7. **SB 98 Infringing Privacy Rights by Extending the State Monitoring of Patient Prescriptions.** ACU opposes this attack on privacy rights (which may have the unintended consequence of discouraging individuals from seeking healthcare) and further growing the government surveillance state and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 28, 2021 by a vote of 49-12 and the bill was signed into law.
8. **SB 135 Attacking the Circus Industry Through a Ban on Animal Performances.** ACU believes animals should be treated with the utmost level of care, dignity and respect. ACU opposes measures such as this which can lead to black market performances and inflict undue harm on law-abiding circus operators and their spectators and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 29, 2021 by a vote of 39-23 and the bill was signed into law.
9. **SB 139 Driving Up Health Insurance Premiums Through New Dental Telehealth Mandates.** ACU opposes health insurance mandates that ultimately drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone by preventing individuals from obtaining policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 26, 2021 by a vote of 55-8 and the bill was signed into law.
10. **SB 142 Expanding Abortion by Eliminating Requirements the Practice be Performed by a Physician and in a Licensed Facility.** ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 11, 2021 by a vote of 39-24 and the bill was signed into law.



11. **SB 151 Improving Public School Accountability Through Curriculum Transparency.** ACU supports strengthening parental rights, supports efforts to improve the accountability of public schools to parents and students and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 28, 2021 by a vote of 62-0 and the bill was signed into law.
12. **SB 158 Socializing the Student Loan Costs of Geriatric Providers.** ACU opposes further socializing higher education costs, believes programs such as this result in some of the greatest transfers of wealth from low-income individuals to high-income individuals and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 7, 2021 by a vote of 54-10 and the bill was signed into law.
13. **SB 169 Driving Up Insurance Premiums Through Overly Broad Mandates on Insurance Practices.** ACU believes discrimination is wrong and business that discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. However, ACU opposes this measure's open-ended provisions which drive up insurance premiums and are primarily designed to enrich plaintiffs' attorneys through frivolous claims of discrimination and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 7, 2021 by a vote of 41-23 and the bill was signed into law.
14. **SB 173 Increasing Rental Costs by Infringing Tenant-Landlord Contracting Rights (Late Fees).** ACU supports the rights of landlords and tenants to freely contract and opposes this additional government intrusion into the private sector which drives up rental rates by exposing landlords to additional risk and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 39-24 and the bill was signed into law.
15. **SB 175 Threatening Innovation by Imposing Price Controls on Prescription Drugs.** ACU opposes government interference in the marketplace and price control mechanisms that threaten innovation, believes the best way to lower drug prices is by fostering free-market principles in international markets and streamlining the approval process at the Federal Drug Administration and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 7, 2021 by a vote of 41-22 and the bill was signed into law.
16. **SB 194 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 June 4, 2021 by a vote of 39-23 and the bill was signed into law.
17. **SB 229 Expanding Cronyism Through a New Grant Program for Government-Favored Businesses in Rural Regions.** ACU believes the free market is the best mechanism to direct investment and expand employment. ACU opposes this cronyism which provides competitive advantages to select businesses and industries while socializing the costs onto other businesses and individuals not favored by government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 51-12 and the bill was signed into law.
18. **SB 236 Increasing Government Dependency Through New Grant Programs Which Socialize Child Care Costs.** ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes measures which expand dependence on government, which leads to intergenerational poverty and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 1, 2021 by a vote of 51-12 and the bill was signed into law.
19. **SB 252 Enriching Government-Favored Developers Through a "Community Revitalization" Grant Program.** ACU believes the free market is the best mechanism to direct investment and expand employment. ACU opposes this cronyism which enriches government-favored developers while socializing the costs onto taxpayers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 41-23 and the bill was signed into law.
20. **SB 256 Infringing Second Amendment Rights by Permitting Localities to Impose Gun Control.** ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 39-24 and the bill was signed into law.



21. **SB 260 Implementing a Wasteful \$5.4 Billion Leftist Transportation Bill.** ACU opposes this runaway spending on Leftist priorities surrounding electric vehicles, mass transit and the environment. ACU instead believes the state should eliminate prevailing wage and other unnecessary regulations to fix and fund infrastructure and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 2, 2021 by a vote of 41-24 and the bill was signed into law.

 22. **SB 280 Advancing Unequal Justice Under the Law by Worsening the State's Hate Crime Statute.** 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 June 4, 2021 by a vote of 55-8 and the bill was signed into law.

 23. **HB 1048 Interfering in the Private Marketplace by Forcing Businesses to Accept Cash.** ACU supports the freedom of businesses to accept any form of legal payment, including cash and electronic payment systems, opposes this measure designed to enrich special businesses interests and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 20, 2021 by a vote of 45-19 and the bill was signed into law.

 24. **HB 1054 Providing Illegal Immigrants Taxpayer-Funded Public Housing Benefits.** ACU supports assisting the federal government in its constitutional role to enforce our nation's immigration laws, believes any taxpayer-funded programs such be reserved for U.S. citizens and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2021 by a vote of 41-24 and the bill was signed into law.

 25. **HB 1068 Driving Up Health Insurance Premiums Through New Mental Health Mandates.** ACU opposes health insurance mandates that ultimately drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone by preventing individuals from obtaining policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 18, 2021 by a vote of 54-11 and the bill was signed into law.

 26. **HB 1105 Hiking Electricity and Natural Gas Utility Rates to Fund the Expansion of Welfare Programs.** ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, and opposes measures that expand dependence on government. ACU opposes socializing utility costs and making it more costly for individuals to power and heat their homes and opposed this bill. The House gave final approval of the bill on June 7, 2021 by a vote of 41-23 and the bill was signed into law.

 27. **HB 1106 Weakening Self Defense Through New Mandates on Firearm Storage.** ACU supports responsible and safe firearm storage, opposes this government overreach which restricts the ability of individuals to defend themselves and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 9, 2021 by a vote of 40-25 and the bill was signed into law.

 28. **HB 1117 Infringing Property Rights by Authorizing Localities to Impose "Affordable" Housing Mandates on New Developments.** ACUF's Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect landowners from excessive zoning and land use ordinances. ACU opposes infringing property rights through affordable housing mandates and believes the state should instead eliminate excessive zoning and building regulations to truly make housing affordable and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 7, 2021 by a vote of 38-23 and the bill was signed into law.

 29. **HB 1121 Infringing Property Rights Through Rent Controls and Significant Delays in the Eviction Process.** ACU opposes infringing property rights and driving up housing costs by exposing landlords to significant new risk and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 1, 2021 by a vote of 40-23 and the bill was signed into law.

 30. **HB 1149 Expanding Cronyism by Socializing the Costs of Career Paths in "Renewable" Energy.** ACU believes higher education subsidies represent one of the largest transfers of wealth from lower-income individuals to higher-income individuals. ACU opposes this cronyism and further socializing higher education costs onto taxpayers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 27, 2021 by a vote of 40-23 and the bill was signed into law.
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31. **HB 1162 Restricting Consumer Choice by Banning Plastic Bags and Styrofoam Containers.** ACU opposes this government intrusion in the private sector which needlessly drives up business costs in order to advance a politicized environmental agenda, believes the government should not limit an individual's choice in how they take their groceries home and opposed this bill. The House gave final approval to the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 41-24 and the bill was signed into law.
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32. **HB 1188 Enriching Plaintiffs' Attorneys and Expanding Lawsuit Abuse by Holding Employers Directly Liable for Employee Negligence.** ACU opposes driving up business and consumer costs through this measure designed to expand lawsuit abuse and enrich greedy plaintiffs' attorneys and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 29, 2021 by a vote of 40-23 and the bill was signed into law.
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33. **HB 1194 Forcing New Taxpayers to Pay for a New Legal Defense Fund for Illegal Immigrants.** ACU supports assisting the federal government in its constitutional role to enforce our nation's immigration laws, opposes forcing taxpayers to pay the legal costs of individuals residing in the country unlawfully and opposed this bill. The House gave final approval to the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 41-24 and the bill was later signed into law.
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34. **HB 1195 Driving Up Consumer Costs by Imposing a New Licensing Regime on Radon Professionals.** 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 April 29, 2021 by a vote of 46-17 and the bill was signed into law.
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35. **HB 1223 Expanding Wasteful Spending and Bureaucracy Through the Creation of the "Outdoor Recreation Industry Office."** ACU believes the private sector is the best institution to expand outdoor recreation, opposes expanding government bureaucracy and wasteful spending and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 5, 2021 by a vote of 44-20 and the bill was signed into law.
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36. **HB 1229 Infringing Private Contracting Rights of Homeowners Associations.** ACU's Center for 21st Century Property Rights works to ensure individuals may freely choose an HOA and level of governance that create neighborhood standards they prefer. ACU opposes this infringement of the right to freely contract and opposes weakening HOAs which serve as free-market alternatives to zoning and other governmental central planning mechanisms and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 7, 2021 by a vote of 41-23 and the bill was signed into law.
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37. **HB 1235 Imposing an Excessive Ban on Firework Sales.** ACU recognizes fireworks have always been a medium to express American liberty, so much so that John Adams insisted Independence Day be celebrated with "Illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more." While ACU recognizes the dangers of irresponsible firework use, we oppose this excessive ban which infringes individual liberties and opposed this bill. The House gave final approval to the bill on May 21, 2021 by a vote of 36-25 and the bill was signed into law.
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38. **HB 1239 Imposing Overreaching Regulations on Dating Services.** ACU opposes this government overreach into the private marketplace which drives up costs and limits contacting options and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 24, 2021 by a vote of 40-21 and the bill was signed into law.
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39. **HB 1266 Restricting Economic Growth Through Draconian "Environmental Justice" and Greenhouse Gas Emission Mandates.** ACU opposes restricting economic growth and increasing consumer costs through draconian mandates designed to advance a radical Leftist environmental agenda and opposed this bill. The House gave final approval to the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 37-27 and the bill was signed into law.
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40. **HB 1285 Expanding Wasteful Spending – Film and Art Industry Subsidies.** ACU believes the private sector is the best institution to promote and direct investment in the film and art industries, opposes socializing these costs onto taxpayers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 41-24 and the bill was signed into law.
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41. **HB 1304 Expanding Government Bureaucracy and Spending Through the Creation of the Department of Early Childhood.** ACU opposes further expanding the size, scope and role of government through the creation of an unnecessary new bureaucracy and opposed this bill. The House gave final approval to the bill on June 7, 2021 by a vote of 45-19 and the bill was signed into law.
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42. **HB 1307 Increasing Health Insurance Premiums Through Price Controls on Insulin Copayments.** ACU recognizes that this price control on insurance and other mandates only drive-up premium costs, thereby harming the affordability of insurance for everyone. ACU opposes price controls which lead to higher insurance costs for everyone and opposed this bill. The House gave final approval to the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 45-20 and the bill was signed into law.
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43. **HB 1311 Hiking Taxes on High-Income Earners to Hike Payouts under the Child Tax Credit and EITC Welfare Program.** ACU opposes reducing investment and restricting economic growth by increasing taxation and expanding the welfare state and opposed this bill. The House gave final approval of the bill on June 7, 2021 by a vote of 41-23 and the bill was signed into law.
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44. **HB 1318 Directing Taxpayer Funds to a New Leftist "Outdoor Equity" Grant Program.** ACU believes the private sector, through its own charitable and fundraising capabilities, is best equipped to advance the most impactful initiatives. ACU opposes enriching radical Leftist environmental groups through a wide-open program and socializing the costs onto taxpayers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 25, 2021 by a vote of 43-22 and the bill was signed into law.
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45. **HB 1324 Hiking Utility Rates to Promote "Clean Energy" Technologies.** ACU supports all sources of energy and believes government should not favor one source of energy over another. ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up utility costs on businesses and families in order to promote a Leftist climate change agenda and opposed this bill. The House gave final approval to the bill on June 8, 2021 by a vote of 53-12 and the bill was signed into law.
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