

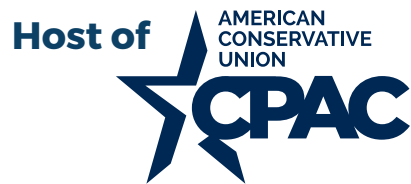
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RATINGS of ALASKA 2020



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 Alaska* for 2020. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU Foundation's *Ratings of the States* are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.



Matt Schlapp
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ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area. In addition to ACUF's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the largest gathering of conservatives in the world, the CLA develops conservative policy solutions and educates everyday citizens and activists on the proper role of government. In 1971, ACUF launched its *Ratings of Congress* to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress.

The Ratings quickly became considered the “gold standard” and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles. In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, *Ratings of the States* grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers.

Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America’s federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

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METHODOLOGY

The CLA's Ratings of Congress and the States illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. When determining a position on a particular issue, the CLA begins by defining conservatism: the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. Then, we apply the founders' belief that the proper role of government is to protect Life, Liberty and Property.


In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

Each lawmaker is evaluated on a zero to 100 scale, with a score of 100 representing a voting record that is perfectly aligned with conservative principles. Officials who earn a score of 90% or higher are presented with the CLA's highest honor, the Award for Conservative Excellence, while those who earn a score of 80% or higher, but less than 90%, are presented with the Award for Conservative Achievement. Additionally, any lawmaker who earns a score of 10% or lower qualifies for the ACUF's Coalition of the Radical Left.

ANNUAL METRICS


ANALYZE
105,000
BILLS


SELECT
2,000
BILLS


RATE
8,000
ELECTED
OFFICIALS

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31. Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected. The CLA provides a score for each legislative chamber, which is based upon the average scores of all members within that respective chamber. A legislature's overall score is calculated by averaging each state's two legislative chambers together in order to better reflect the differences in political power between the chambers. (The exception being Nebraska, the nation's only unicameral legislature comprising a single legislative chamber, on which the state's overall score is based.)



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2020 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

No change since last year

SENATE

SHOWER, MIKE

No change since last year

HOUSE

EASTMAN, DAVID

PRAX, GLENN

RAUSCHER, GEORGE

SULLIVAN-LEONARD, COLLEEN

≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

2 since last year

SENATE

Begich, Tom

Kiehl, Jesse

2 since last year

HOUSE

KNOPP, GARY

Spohnholz, Ivy

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

8 since last year*

SENATE

HUGHES, SHELLEY

1 since last year*

HOUSE

CARPENTER, BEN

TALERICO, DAVID

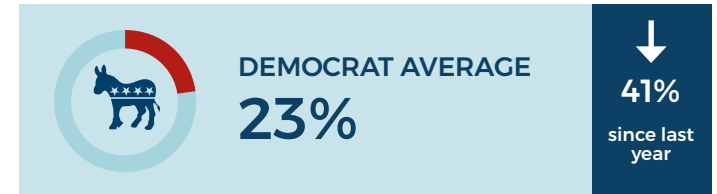
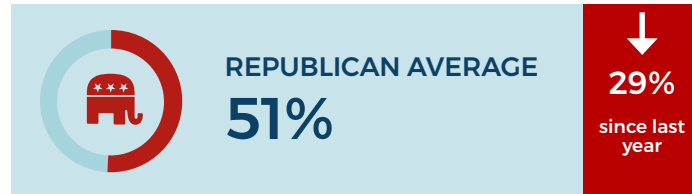
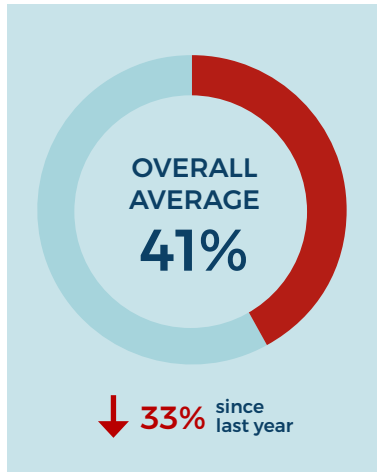
TILTON, CATHY

VANCE, SARAH

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



ALASKA SENATE STATISTICS

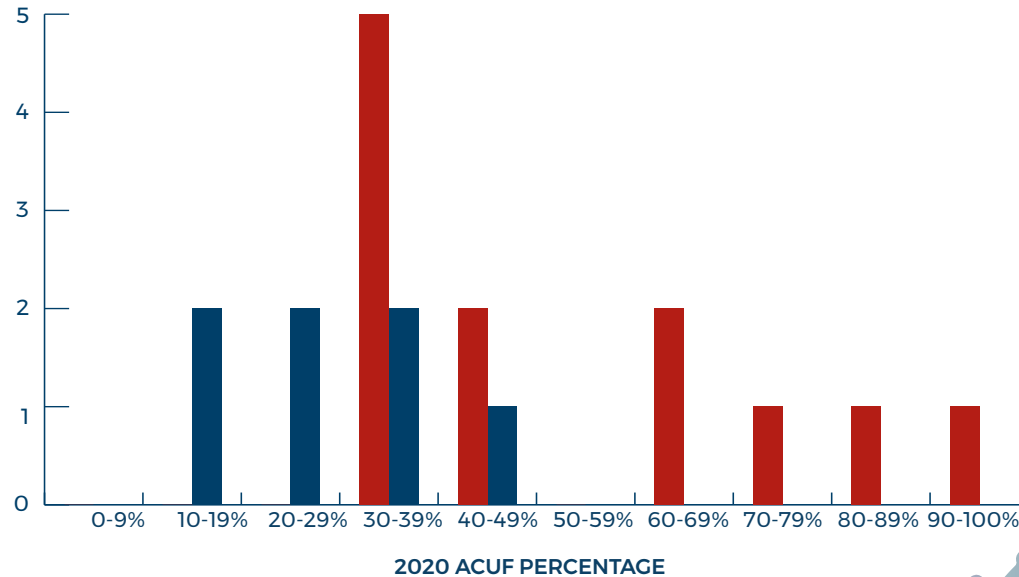


ALASKA SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
13 TOTAL IN SENATE

BLUE = DEMOCRATS
7 TOTAL IN SENATE

OF STATE SENATORS



LOWEST REPUBLICANS
BISHOP, CLICK
COGHILL, JOHN
GIESSEL, CATHERINE
STEVENS, GARY
VON IMHOF, NATASHA
30%

HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
KAWASAKI, SCOTT
40%



ALASKA SENATE SCORES

ALASKA SENATE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	2020 %	2019 %	LIFETIME AVG	HB 29	SB 52 (Hughes Amd.)	HB 106	HB 124	HB 205 (Shower Amd. #5)	HB 205 (Shower Amd. #7)	HB 232	SB 241 (Reinbold Amd.)	SB 241 (Begich Amd. #7)	HB 2001
Begich, Tom	D	J	10%	56%	29%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
BISHOP, CLICK	R	C	30%	70%	58%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-
COGHILL, JOHN	R	B	30%	80%	72%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-
COSTELLO, MIA	R	K	n/a†	80%	75%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+
GIESSEL, CATHERINE	R	N	30%	80%	66%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-
Gray-Jackson, Elvi	D	I	20%	60%	40%	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hoffman, Lyman	D	S	30%	80%	64%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-
HUGHES, SHELLEY	R	F	80%	88%	79%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kawasaki, Scott	D	A	40%	60%	37%	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Kiehl, Jesse	D	Q	10%	60%	35%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
MICCICHE, PETER	R	O	60%	80%	71%	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Olson, Donald	D	T	33%	60%	55%	-	+	-	+	-	X	-	+	-	-
REINBOLD, LORA	R	G	67%	90%	79%	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+
REVAK, JOSH	R	M	40%	88%	64%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+
SHOWER, MIKE	R	E	100%	n/a	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
STEDMAN, BERT	R	R	40%	70%	71%	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-
STEVENS, GARY	R	P	30%	80%	61%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-
VON IMHOF, NATASHA	R	L	30%	78%	62%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-
Wielechowski, Bill	D	H	20%	70%	39%	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
WILSON, DAVID	R	D	78%	80%	75%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X

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- HB 106 Restraining Out-Of-Control Municipal Spending by Extending the School Debt Moratorium.
- HB 124 Embracing Innovation by Permitting Remote Online Notarization.
- HB 205 (Amd. 5) Protecting Public Employee's Right to Work Without Joining a Union.
- HB 205 (Amd. 7) Protecting Taxpayers During COVID-19 by Restricting Government Spending.
- HB 232 Socializing Home Energy Efficiency Upgrade Costs.
- SB 241 Increasing Transparency of Emergency COVID-19 Spending.
- SB 241 (Amd. 7) Undermining Election Integrity by Removing Absentee Voting Safeguards.
- HB 2001 Authorizing \$400 Million in Additional Spending.



ALASKA SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. HB 29 Increasing Health Insurance Costs by Mandating Coverage for “Telemedicine.”** This bill would drive up health insurance costs by further expanding a mandate concerning reimbursements for “telemedicine.” Telemedicine (or “telehealth”) is the practice of providing patient treatment through a network technology such as the internet. Under current law, if a health insurer offers a plan providing mental health benefits, they are required to provide reimbursement to providers for those services through telemedicine if elected by the patient. This bill would further expand that mandate to force every insurance plan offered in the state to provide coverage for telemedicine services for any service that can be performed via telemedicine. ACU supports the right of individuals to purchase the health care plans and coverages that best suit their budgets and needs, opposes government insurance mandates which drive up health insurance costs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 17-2 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. SB 52 Decreasing a Regulatory Barrier in the Alcohol Industry.** The Hughes (ACUF Lifetime 79%) amendment to an omnibus bill pertaining to alcohol regulations would lessen a burdensome mandate that requires servers to complete an “alcohol server education course”. Specifically, the amendment permits the course to be completed online, rather than just in-person. ACU supports reducing costly government regulatory barriers in the alcohol industry and supported this amendment as a step in the right direction. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on February 26, 2020 by a vote of 7-12.
- 3. HB 106 Restraining Out-Of-Control Municipal Spending by Extending the School Debt Moratorium.** This bill helps protect taxpayers by discouraging local school districts from further growing their \$900 million in outstanding debt obligations. Specifically, this bill extends the moratorium on school bond debt reimbursement from state taxpayers through 2025. Under existing law, the moratorium was set to expire, which would result in state taxpayers being forced to reimburse municipalities for between 40 and 50 percent of their new bond projects. ACU supports protecting taxpayers from excessive spending by removing incentives for local governments to indebted taxpayers and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 24, 2020 by a vote of 13-6 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. HB 124 Embracing Innovation by Permitting Remote Online Notarization.** This bill embraces innovation by permitting documents to be notarized online by permitting “remote online notarization” of documents. Under the bill, parties may execute real estate transactions, employment contracts and other agreements using remote online notarization rather than more burdensome in-person services. ACU supports embracing innovation to reduce costs and expand consumer contracting options and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 22, 2020 by a vote of 19-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 5. HB 205 (Amd. 5) Protecting Public Employee’s Right to Work Without Joining a Union.** The Shower (ACUF Lifetime 100%) amendment #5 to the budget bill reinforces the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Janus v. AFSCME, which found that state laws which force nonunion employees to pay “agency fees” violate the First Amendment’s protection of freedoms of association and speech. Specifically, this bill makes it state policy to extend the benefits of the Janus decision to all public employees in collective bargaining agreements. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the First Amendment, supports the right to work without being forced to join a union or pay dues and supported the amendment. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on March 23, 2020 by a vote of 4-15.
- 6. HB 205 (Amd. 7) Protecting Taxpayers During COVID-19 by Restricting Government Spending.** The Shower (ACUF Lifetime 100%) amendment #7 to the budget bill helps protect taxpayers from the potential economic fallout resulting from the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). Under the amendment, all state agencies are required to restrict the spending of their appropriations by 20 percent through December 31, 2020. The legislature is to then determine whether to continue the restriction of expenditures through the remainder of the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2021. ACU supports this prudent fiscal policy to shield taxpayers from out-of-control government spending, especially during the time of COVID-19 and supported this amendment. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on March 23, 2020 by a vote of 5-13.



7. **HB 232 Socializing Home Energy Efficiency Upgrade Costs.** This bill forces taxpayers to subsidize homeowners who make “energy efficiency improvements” to their properties. Specifically, this bill allows municipalities to distort the property tax base and shift costs onto others by offering single or multiple year property tax credits to offset the costs of “energy efficient” new construction, refurbishments, remodels, or renovations. ACU supports the right of homeowners to choose to make energy efficiency upgrades to their homes but opposes socializing these costs onto other taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 26, 2020 by a vote of 18-1 and the bill was signed into law.

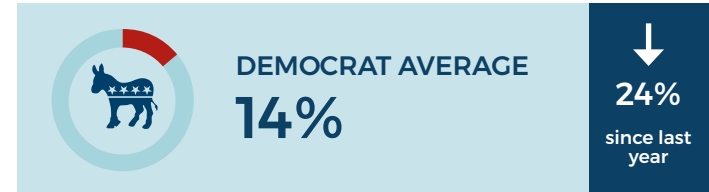
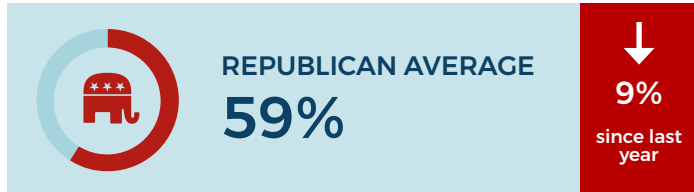
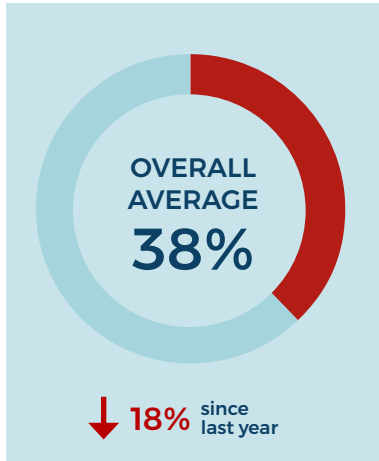
 8. **SB 241 Increasing Transparency of Emergency COVID-19 Spending.** The Reinbold (ACUF Lifetime 79%) amendment to an omnibus bill pertaining to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) helps strengthen government accountability over emergency spending to battle the virus. Under the existing bill, the governor is directed to submit a monthly report to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house detailing the expenditures being made to cope with the virus. The Reinbold amendment helps ensure the public is able to see the expenditures by requiring the list to also be sent to all other legislators as well. ACU supports efforts to increase government transparency and protect against the misuse of taxpayer funds and supported this amendment. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on March 24, 2020 by a vote of 8-11.

 9. **SB 241 (Amd. 7) Undermining Election Integrity by Removing Absentee Voting Safeguards.** The Begich (ACUF Lifetime 29%) amendment #7 to an omnibus bill pertaining to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) would weaken election security by allowing individuals to vote by mail without having the vote certified by a witness or notary. ACUF's Center to Protect Voters and their Voices is a leader in rebuilding the safeguards of our election systems and ensuring that every legal vote counts once and only once. ACU opposes creating a new avenue for vote fraud which disenfranchises legal voters and opposed this bill. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on March 24, 2020 by a vote of 6-12.

 10. **HB 2001 Authorizing \$400 Million in Additional Spending.** This veto override vote of the budget bill would restore \$400 million in unnecessary spending and override 75% of the spending cuts Governor Dunleavy made to the state's \$8.7 billion operating budget. If the governor's vetoes cutting \$400 million in spending are sustained, Alaska can balance the budget and prevent a deficit—a crucial measure considering the state is nearly \$6 billion in debt and No. 1 in the country for spending per capita. ACU supports the governor's efforts to balance the budget through responsible and necessary reductions in spending and opposed this veto override attempt. The Senate voted to override the Governor's veto on January 24, 2020 by a vote of 13-6. (The combined override vote of both chambers failed to meet the required 45 votes, and the line-item vetoes were sustained.)
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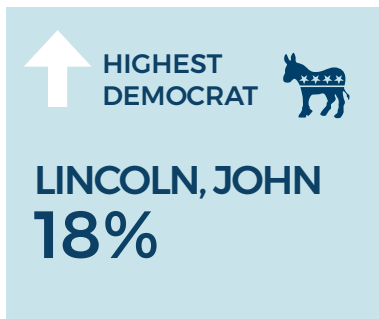
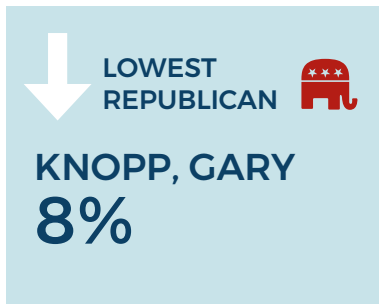
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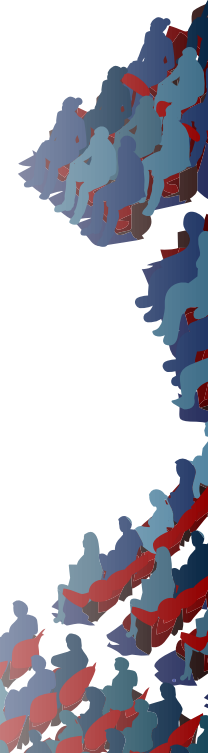
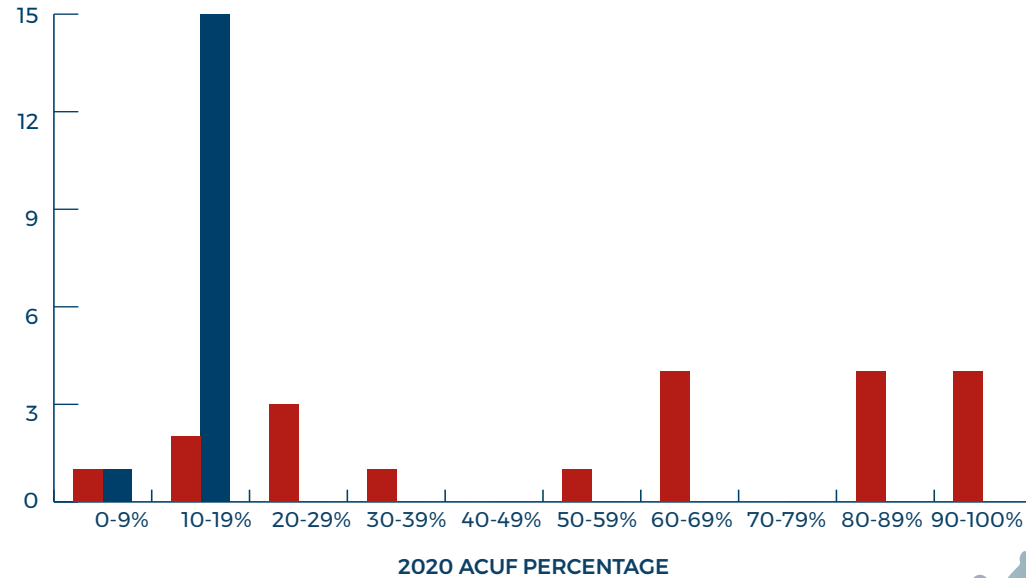
ALASKA HOUSE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

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24 TOTAL IN HOUSE

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16 TOTAL IN HOUSE



OF STATE REPS





ALASKA HOUSE SCORES

ALASKA HOUSE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	2020 %	2019 %	LIFETIME AVG	HB 29	HB 83 (Eastman Amd.)	HB 115	HB 123	HB 124	HB 174	HB 205 (Eastman Amd. #3)	HB 205 (Eastman Amd. #9)	HB 205 (Eastman Amd. #10)	HB 205 (Vance Amd. #16)	HB 205 (Kopp Amd. #1)	HB 232	SB 241 (Spohnholz Amd.)	HB 2001
CARPENTER, BEN	R	29	85%	94%	89%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X
Claman, Matt	D	21	14%	25%	17%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drummond, Harriet	D	18	14%	41%	27%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EASTMAN, DAVID	R	10	100%	100%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Edgmon, Bryce	D	37	14%	41%	30%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fields, Zack	D	20	14%	41%	28%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foster, Neal	D	39	15%	41%	36%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-
GILLIS, MEL	R	25	69%	n/a	69%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	X
Hannan, Sara	D	33	14%	38%	26%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hopkins, Grier	D	4	14%	41%	28%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JACKSON, SHARON	R	13	n/a†	100%	100%	-	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+	+	+
JOHNSON, DELENA	R	11	64%	71%	80%	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+
JOHNSTON, JENNIFER	R	28	21%	41%	60%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Josephson, Andy	D	17	14%	41%	25%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KNOPP, GARY	R	30	8%	41%	52%	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KOPP, CHARLES	R	24	29%	31%	58%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Kreiss-Tomkins, Jonathan	D	35	14%	41%	24%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LEBON, BARTON	R	1	21%	41%	31%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
LEDOUX, GABRIELLE	R	15	36%	47%	50%	-	-	-	+	X	X	-	-	+	+	+	X	-	-
Lincoln, John	D	40	18%	n/a	16%	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-

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- HB 83 Strengthening Election Integrity by Clarifying Actions Constituting "Vote Fraud".
- HB 115 Weakening Election Integrity by Creating an Avenue for Fraud Through Absentee Voting.
- HB 123 Expanding Mobility Options by Exempting Electric Bikes from Excessive Regulations.
- HB 124 Embracing Innovation by Permitting Remote Online Notarization.
- HB 174 Advancing the War on Individual Liberties by Raising the Nicotine Age to 21.
- HB 205 (Amd. 3) Protecting Taxpayer Resources Being Abused by Unions for Dues Collections.
- HB 205 (Amd. 9) Protecting Public Employee's Right to Work Without Joining a Union.
- HB 205 (Amd. 10) Protecting Taxpayers by Reducing Government Spending.
- HB 205 (Amd. 16) Restraining Government Growth through a Key Fiscal Safeguard.
- HB 205 (Amd. 1) Weakening Self-Defense by Empowering Universities to Strip Individuals of their Second Amendment Rights.
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MERRICK, KELLY	R	14	64%	75%	70%	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
NEUMAN, MARK	R	8	n/a†	n/a	85%	-	X	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	X	X	+
Ortiz, Daniel	I	36	14%	41%	32%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRAX, GLENN	R	3	91%	n/a	91%	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X
PRUITT, LANCE	R	27	64%	88%	77%	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
RASMUSSEN, SARA	R	22	n/a†	75%	75%	X	+	+	+	X	X	-	-	+	+	+	X	X	+
RAUSCHER, GEORGE	R	9	92%	94%	95%	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+
SHAW, LADDIE	R	26	57%	50%	54%	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
Spohnholz, Ivy	D	16	8%	41%	27%	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Story, Andi	D	34	14%	31%	23%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STUTES, LOUISE	R	32	14%	41%	37%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SULLIVAN-LEONARD, COLLEEN	R	7	92%	76%	91%	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
TALERICO, DAVID	R	6	86%	82%	83%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Tarr, Geran	D	19	15%	35%	28%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
THOMPSON, STEVE	R	2	14%	41%	65%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TILTON, CATHY	R	12	86%	88%	86%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Tuck, Chris	D	23	14%	36%	24%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VANCE, SARAH	R	31	85%	88%	86%	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
WILSON, TAMMIE	R	3	n/a†	47%	76%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+
Wool, Adam	D	5	14%	38%	27%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zulkosky, Tiffany	D	38	14%	41%	21%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

+ = Member voted with ACU's position † = Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result did not receive a rating for the 2020 session. Two-thirds of the selected bills must be voted on to receive a score.
 - = Member voted against ACU's position R = Republican D = Democrat I = Independent
 x = Member was absent for vote



ALASKA HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. HB 29 Increasing Health Insurance Costs by Mandating Coverage for “Telemedicine.”** This bill would drive up health insurance costs by further expanding a mandate concerning reimbursements for “telemedicine.” Telemedicine (or “telehealth”) is the practice of providing patient treatment through a network technology such as the internet. Under current law, if a health insurer offers a plan providing mental health benefits, they are required to provide reimbursement to providers for those services through telemedicine if elected by the patient. This bill would further expand that mandate to force every insurance plan offered in the state to provide coverage for telemedicine services for any service that can be performed via telemedicine. ACU supports the right of individuals to purchase the health care plans and coverages that best suit their budgets and needs, opposes government insurance mandates which drive up health insurance costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 11, 2020 by a vote of 36-2 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. HB 83 Strengthening Election Integrity by Clarifying Actions Constituting “Vote Fraud”.** The Eastman (ACUF Lifetime 100%) amendment to the absentee voting bill would strengthen election integrity by making it unlawful for an individual to vote in multiple states during the same election. Under the bill, an individual would be guilty of voter misconduct in the first degree if they voted in both Alaska and another state with the intent of having their vote counted more than once. ACUF’s Center to Protect Voters and their Voices is a leader in rebuilding the safeguards of our election systems and ensuring that every legal vote counts once and only once. If our election system does not respect that principle, then American democracy will cease to exist. ACU supports this measure to strengthen election integrity and supported this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on February 10, 2020 by a vote of 14-23.
- 3. HB 115 Weakening Election Integrity by Creating an Avenue for Fraud Through Absentee Voting.** This bill threatens the integrity of elections by creating a new “automatic” absentee ballot system. Specifically, the bill mandates absentee ballot applications include an option for voters to select so they may automatically receive absentee ballots for all future elections. Once selected, the election division may only require a voter to reapply for absentee ballots if the voter has not voted absentee for four years, or if the absentee ballot was returned as undeliverable. ACUF’s Center to Protect Voters and their Voices is a leader in rebuilding the safeguards of our election systems and ensuring that every legal vote counts once and only once. ACU recognizes individuals oftentimes move multiple times during their lifetimes, opposes creating a new avenue for vote fraud which disenfranchises legal voters and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 12, 2020 by a vote of 24-15. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 4. HB 123 Expanding Mobility Options by Exempting Electric Bikes from Excessive Regulations.** This bill expands mobility options by exempting electric-assisted bicycles from a number of stringent regulations in state law that were intended for motorcycles and other more powerful vehicles. Under the bill, a framework is established that regulates e-bikes as traditional bicycles and permits them to be operated on sidewalks and bike paths as long as they are not capable of exceeding 28 mph. ACU opposes excessive statewide mandates which discourage environmentally friendly travel and limit mobility options for commuters, tourists and families and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 36-0. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 5. HB 124 Embracing Innovation by Permitting Remote Online Notarization.** This bill embraces innovation by permitting documents to be notarized online by permitting “remote online notarization” of documents. Under the bill, parties may execute real estate transactions, employment contracts and other agreements using remote online notarization rather than more burdensome in-person services. ACU supports embracing innovation to reduce costs and expand consumer contracting options and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 17, 2020 by a vote of 37-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 6. HB 174 Advancing the War on Individual Liberties by Raising the Nicotine Age to 21.** This bill violates individual liberties by prohibiting adults under age 21 from purchasing tobacco, nicotine, or vaping and e-cigarette products. This bill is a result of efforts by the federal government to strong-arm states by threatening to withhold Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding if they do not come into compliance with the new federal nicotine law. ACU believes tobacco and nicotine usage is a personal liberty issue, believes those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to use these products and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 26, 2020 by a vote of 27-7. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)



- 7. HB 205 (Amd. 3) Protecting Taxpayer Resources Being Abused by Unions for Dues Collections.** The Eastman (ACUF Lifetime 100%) amendment #3 to the budget bill helps protect taxpayers by preventing government resources from being utilized to collect union dues. Under existing law, union bosses have pressured government employers to deduct union dues from paychecks of employees. This amendment reinforces the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*, which found that state laws which force nonunion employees to pay "agency fees" violate the First Amendment's protection of freedoms of association and speech. ACU supports the founders' belief in the First Amendment, supports the right to work without being forced to join a union or pay dues and supported the amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 10-29.
- 8. HB 205 (Amd. 9) Protecting Public Employee's Right to Work Without Joining a Union.** The Eastman (ACUF Lifetime 100%) amendment #9 to the budget bill reinforces the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*, which found that state laws which force nonunion employees to pay "agency fees" violate the First Amendment's protection of freedoms of association and speech. Specifically, this bill makes it state policy that membership in a private organization cannot be required as a prerequisite for state employment. ACU supports the founders' belief in the First Amendment, supports the right to work without being forced to join a union or pay dues and supported the amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 11-28.
- 9. HB 205 (Amd. 10) Protecting Taxpayers by Reducing Government Spending.** The Eastman (ACUF Lifetime 100%) amendment #10 to the budget bill helps protect taxpayers by requiring all government agencies to restrict their spending to an amount not to exceed twice the national average per capita by the end of fiscal year 2022. Currently, Alaska has the highest per capita spending of any state at \$14,016, compared to the national average of \$6,135 based on data from fiscal year 2018. ACU supports this measure to shield taxpayers from out-of-control government spending and protect state solvency through prudent fiscal policy and supported the amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 16-23.
- 10. HB 205 (Amd. 16) Restraining Government Growth through a Key Fiscal Safeguard.** The Vance (ACUF Lifetime 86%) amendment #16 ensures taxpayer funds are spent for their intended purpose, rather than used to grow government agencies. Specifically, this amendment requires that all money appropriated to government agencies for the purpose of paying state employee salaries and benefits is reserved for that purpose. Any excess funds are to be returned to the general fund and cannot otherwise be spent by the government agency. ACU supports strengthening government integrity and ensuring scarce taxpayer funds are reserved for their intended purposes and supported this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 15-24.
- 11. HB 205 (Amd. 1) Weakening Self-Defense by Empowering Universities to Strip Individuals of their Second Amendment Rights.** The Kopp (ACUF Lifetime 58%) amendment #1 to amendment #21 would empower universities to infringe the second amendment rights of faculty and students. Specifically, the Kopp amendment nullifies amendment #21 which is a conservative amendment that prevents the University of Alaska and statewide university system from enforcing regulations or policies that infringes on the individual right to keep and bear arms. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and strengthening self-defense by preventing colleges and universities from infringing constitutional rights and opposed this amendment. The House adopted the amendment to the amendment on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 25-14. (The underlying amendment was withdrawn.)
- 12. HB 232 Socializing Home Energy Efficiency Upgrade Costs.** This bill forces taxpayers to subsidize homeowners who make "energy efficiency improvements" to their properties. Specifically, this bill allows municipalities to distort the property tax base and shift costs onto others by offering single or multiple year property tax credits to offset the costs of "energy efficient" new construction, refurbishments, remodels, or renovations. ACU supports the right of homeowners to choose to make energy efficiency upgrades to their homes but opposes socializing these costs onto other taxpayers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 23, 2020 by a vote of 31-4 and the bill was signed into law.



13. **SB 241 Advancing the Left's Mission to "Cancel Rent" by Extending the Eviction Moratorium.** The Spohnholz (ACUF Lifetime 27%) amendment to an omnibus bill pertaining to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) attacks property rights by preventing landlords from evicting a tenant based on nonpayment of rent if a tenant alleges any type of "economic hardship" due to COVID-19. The Governor's early executive order which provided a temporary eviction moratorium is set to sunset May 11, 2020, this amendment would instead continue the moratorium for as long as the public health disaster emergency is extended. ACU recognizes that landlords oftentimes have mortgages and other expenses themselves, and firmly opposes the Left's "cancel rent" movement which drives up housing costs for everyone and opposed this amendment. The House passed the amendment on March 26, 2020 by a vote of 21-14.

 14. **HB 2001 Authorizing \$400 Million in Additional Spending.** This veto override vote of the budget bill would restore \$400 million in unnecessary spending and override 75% of the spending cuts Governor Dunleavy made to the state's \$8.7 billion operating budget. If the governor's vetoes cutting \$400 million in spending are sustained, Alaska can balance the budget and prevent a deficit—a crucial measure considering the state is nearly \$6 billion in debt and No. 1 in the country for spending per capita. ACU supports the governor's efforts to balance the budget through responsible and necessary reductions in spending and opposed this veto override attempt. The House voted to override the Governor's veto on January 24, 2020 by a vote of 24-14. (The combined override vote of both chambers failed to meet the required 45 votes, and the line-item vetoes were sustained.)
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