

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 Hawaii* 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.



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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 fivestate 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







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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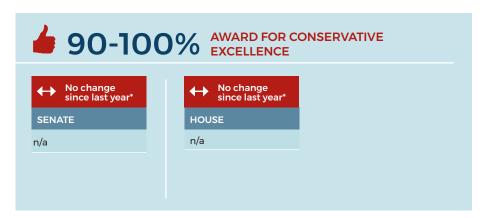
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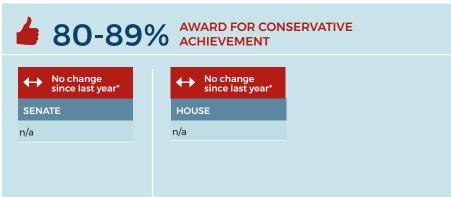
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2020 WINNERS & LOSERS





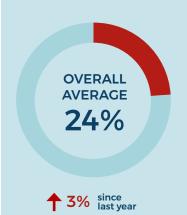


^{*}Compared to number of qualifying lawmakers in the previous session Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial caps, asterisk indicates Independents/Libertarians/other

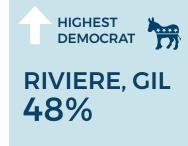


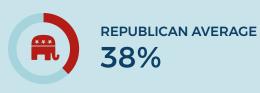
HAWAII SENATE STATISTICS



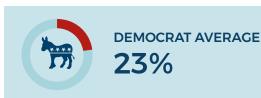






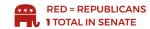




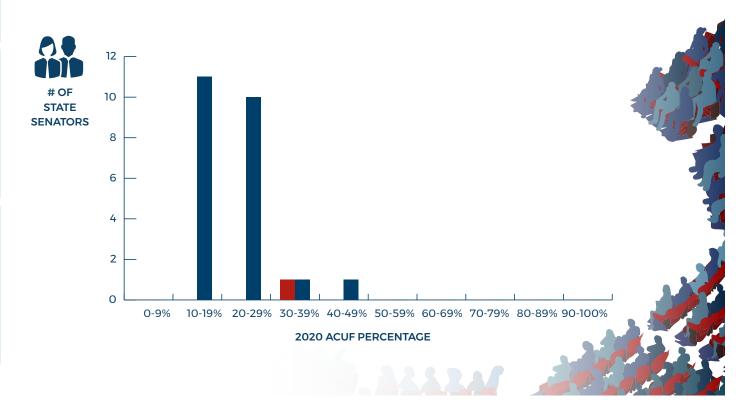




HAWAII SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS









HAWAII SENATE SCORES

HAWAII SENATE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	2020 %	2019 %	LIFETIME AVG	SB 785	HB 1676	HB 1678	HB 1701	HB 1846	HB 1902	SB 2057	HB 2148	HB 2183	SB 2188	SB 2275	HB 2500	HB 2502	SB 2538	SB 2539	HB 2590	SB 2629	HB 2744	SB 2780	SB 3054	SB 3063
Baker, Rosalyn	D	6	19%	17%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Chang, Stanley	D	9	20%	21%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	х
Dela Cruz, Donovan	D	22	19%	21%	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
English, J. Kalani	D	7	25%	21%	18%	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	х	-
FEVELLA, KURT	R	19	38%	28%	33%	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
Gabbard, Mike	D	20	33%	28%	26%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Harimoto, Breene	D	16	n/a†	22%	20%	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	+	Х	х	-	Х	Х	Х	-	-	Х	х	Х	-	х	-
Ihara Jr., Les	D	10	19%	21%	18%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Inouye, Lorraine	D	4	19%	21%	18%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Kahele, Kaialiai	D	1	24%	17%	19%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Kanuha, Dru	D	3	19%	21%	20%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Keith-Agaran, Gilbert	D	5	20%	17%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	х	-
Keohokalole, Jarrett	D	24	24%	21%	18%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Kidani, Michelle	D	18	24%	21%	17%	1	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Kim, Donna	D	14	29%	17%	18%	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Kouchi, Ronald	D	8	19%	17%	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Misalucha, Bennette	D	16	n/a†	n/a	n/a	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	+	х	х	х	х	х	-	х	х	Х	Х

- + = Member voted with ACU's position
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- HB 1678 Strengthening Intellectual Property Rights in the Music Industry.
- HB 1701 Subjecting Businesses to Frivolous Litigation through Excessive Employer Mandates.
- HB 1846 Driving-Up Taxpayer Costs Through New Efficiency Mandates for Government Buildings.
- HB 1902 Infringing Second Amendment Rights by Banning Ammunition Magazines Greater than 10
- SB 2057 Providing Students School Choice for Career and Technical Education Programs.
- HB 2148 Increasing Employment Costs by Further Expanding Paid Leave Mandates.
- HB 2183 Placing More Taxpayer Funds at Risk by Doubling Debt Authorized for "Affordable" Housing.
- SB 2188 Fueling a Black Market by Worsening a Ban on the Sale or Trade of Certain Animal Products.
- SB 2275 Embracing Innovation by Permitting Remote Online Notarization.
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Nishihara, Clarence	D	17	19%	17%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Rhoads, Karl	D	13	19%	17%	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Riviere, Gil	D	23	48%	31%	33%	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+
Ruderman, Russell	D	2	29%	21%	20%	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Shimabukuro, Maile	D	21	19%	24%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Taniguchi, Brian	D	11	19%	17%	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Thielen, Laura	D	25	29%	25%	23%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Wakai, Glenn	D	15	24%	21%	19%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-

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HAWAII SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. SB 785 Providing Pay Hikes to Unionized Government Employees During the COVID-19 Financial Fallout. This fiscally irresponsible bill approves \$152 million in pay raises for certain unionized government employees at a time that the state is facing a \$2.3 billion budget deficit due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ACU opposes these pay hikes for government bureaucrats and greedy union bosses, especially at a time when the private sector is experiencing mass lay-offs and job losses due to the government shutdown and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 21-3 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. HB 1676 Subjecting Motorists to Costly Fines and Additional Government Surveillance by Implementing Red Light Cameras. This bill allows for the City and County of Honolulu to implement photographic "red light" traffic enforcement systems. ACU opposes these devices that are used primarily to produce revenue and we also have serious concerns about the ability of these systems to invade privacy by tracking people's movements and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 6, 2020 by a vote of 19-5 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. HB 1678 Strengthening Intellectual Property Rights in the Music Industry. This bill, known as the "Truth in Music Advertising Act," helps protect the name and likeness of bands and artists by prohibiting others from advertising or conducting a live musical performance through a false or misleading affiliation or connection with the original band or artist. ACUF's Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect all forms of property. ACU supports this measure to strengthen intellectual property rights and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 6, 2020 by a vote of 24-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. HB 1701 Subjecting Businesses to Frivolous Litigation through Excessive Employer Mandates. This bill enriches greedy plaintiffs' attorneys by further expanding the application of so-called "equal pay" mandates to numerous new categories and makes the application even more vague. Most notably, the bill now allows an employee to sue for alleged pay discrimination on the basis of them merely performing "substantially similar work" as opposed to the "same" or "equal" job. ACU vehemently opposes discrimination and believes that individuals or employers that discriminate will face serious repercussions in the marketplace. ACU believes employment discrimination is wrong and businesses that discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. However, ACU opposes this measure which has the potential to devastate small businesses by exposing them to lawsuit abuse and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 6, 2020 and the bill failed to advance in conference committee.
- 5. HB 1846 Driving-Up Taxpayer Costs Through New Efficiency Mandates for Government Buildings. This bill unnecessarily drives-up taxpayer costs by mandating all state facilities that are 10,000 square feet or larger comply with energy and water efficiency measures and are constructed with costly building materials that will supposedly "reduce the carbon footprint of the project". ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up taxpayer costs in order to advance radical Leftist environmental agendas and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 6, 2020 by a vote of 24-0 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
- 6. HB 1902 Infringing Second Amendment Rights by Banning Ammunition Magazines Greater than 10 Rounds. This bill further infringes Second Amendment rights by banning the sale, trade, gift, or transfer of ammunition magazines with capacities of 10 rounds or more. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes this attack on lawful firearm owners and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on July 6, 2020 by a vote of 19-5 and the bill failed to advance.
- 7. SB 2057 Providing Students School Choice for Career and Technical Education Programs. This bill represents a modest movement to school choice by providing high school students the ability to participate in career and technical education programs outside of their school's service area. Under the bill, students may enroll in another school's program if they meet certain criteria and there is capacity. ACU supports efforts to improve educational outcomes through the expansion of school choice and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed this bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 25-0. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)



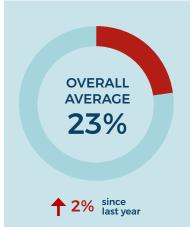
- 8. HB 2148 Increasing Employment Costs by Further Expanding Paid Leave Mandates. This bill further drives up employment costs by expanding paid leave mandates under the Hawaii Family Leave Law. Specifically, the bill now mandates that paid leave be provided for the care of an employee's grandchild. ACU believes employers and employees should be able to negotiate their own benefits and opposes this infringement of the right to contract, which may limit the ability of employees to receive other benefits or job perks and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 6, 2020 by a vote of 24-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 9. HB 2183 Placing More Taxpayer Funds at Risk by Doubling Debt Authorized for "Affordable" Housing. This bill further expands cronyism and places taxpayer funds at even greater risk by doubling the bonding authority of the Hawaii Housing and Finance Corporation. As a result, the corporation can now issue \$3 billion in bonds (previously \$1.5 billion) for housing loan programs. ACU opposes placing an even greater amount of taxpayer funds at risk of default, believes the state should instead eliminate excessive zoning and building regulations to solve the housing affordability crisis and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 6, 2020 by a vote of 24-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 10. SB 2188 Fueling a Black Market by Worsening a Ban on the Sale or Trade of Certain Animal Products. This bill would place the welfare of countless endangered animals at significant new risk by further worsening a law that prevents individuals from lawfully selling, trading, or purchasing products that are made from certain animals. Specifically, the bill mandates any animal products that are seized by government be destroyed. ACU recognizes this bill simply creates even greater scarcity thus driving up prices which incentivizes the killing of additional animals. ACU believes it is absurd to place endangered animals at further risk by further fueling a black market and preventing the market from efficiently allocating the supply of existing animal products that individuals possess and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 25-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 11. SB 2275 Embracing Innovation by Permitting Remote Online Notarization. This bill embraces innovation by permitting documents to be notarized online. 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 July 10, 2020 by a vote of 25-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 12. HB 2500 Plunging Hawaii into Further Debt by Breaching the Constitutional Debt Limit. This fiscally reckless bill allows Hawaii to surpass its constitutionally established debt limit. While ACU recognizes the state is facing financial ramifications from the COVID-19 pandemic, we also recognize the state's debt has ballooned to uncontrollable levels, with 11% of general fund spending required to just service the debt (2nd highest in the nation). ACU opposes this reckless fiscal policy, believes the state must make tremendous cuts in spending, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 24-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 13. HB 2502 Granting the Governor Sweeping Tyrannical Powers During COVID-19. The Senate version of this bill gives the unelected Director of the Department of Health, along with the Governor, wide-sweeping power during the COVID-19 pandemic to "inspect, quarantine, or isolate persons, properties, places, cities, or counties." Additionally, this bill would subject individuals to fines of up to \$5,000 for disobeying the government's orders. ACU opposes this attack on civil liberties, supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 7, 2020 by a vote of 20-4. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
- 14. SB 2538 Advancing the State's War on Individual Liberties Through a Ban on All Flavored Nicotine Products. This bill would infringe individual liberties by banning the manufacture and sale of tobacco products with "characterizing flavors," including menthol. The bill includes traditional cigarettes as well as vaping and e-cigarette devices such as JUUL. ACU believes the usage of tobacco and e-cigarettes is a personal liberty issue, believes government regulations on products are only appropriate when their usage substantially impacts others and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 24-1. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

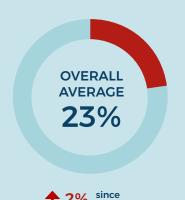


- 15. SB 2539 Driving Up Healthcare Costs Through New Insurance Coverage Mandates including Abortion. This bill imposes a series of new insurance mandates which will drive up the cost of coverage for everyone. Most concerning, the bill violates religious liberties by mandating all plans offered in the state provide coverage for abortion. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice, opposes health insurance mandates which drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone and prevent individuals from choosing the policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 24-1. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
- 16. HB 2590 Embracing Innovation by Permitting Testing of Autonomous Vehicles. This bill helps advance innovation by authorizing autonomous vehicles (AVs) to operate in the state. Specifically, the bill directs the Department of Transportation to develop a regulatory framework to allow AVs to operate on public roads for a three-year period. ACU supports permitting the responsible operation of autonomous vehicles and the future benefits the innovative technology may provide to transportation and commerce and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on July 6, 2020 by a vote of 23-1 and the bill was signed into law.
- 17. SB 2629 Raising Electricity Costs by Banning Coal. This bill drives up electricity costs by banning coal from being used to produce electricity after December 31, 2022. ACU supports all sources of energy, opposes government favoring one source of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 10, 2020 by a vote of 25-0 and the bill was signed into law by the governor.
- 18. HB 2744 Infringing Second Amendment Rights through Additional Firearm Bans. This bill is designed to prevent law-abiding individuals from exercising their Second Amendment rights by banning all firearms that do not meet state government specs or quotas. As a result, hobbyists who build their own firearms are now forced to register their firearm with the government and obtain and affix a state-issued serial number. Furthermore, it is now unlawful to manufacturer a firearm that does not meet state government specs or quotas. Anyone found violating this measure concerning so-called "ghost guns" faces Class C felony charges. ACU recognizes that this bill will do nothing to prevent dangerous criminals from obtaining, manufacturing, or using firearms unlawfully. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes unnecessary gun control measures that do not improve public safety and infringe the right of law-abiding individuals to manufacturer, keep and bear arms and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on July 2, 2020 by a vote of 23-1 and the bill became law without the Governor's signature.
- 19. SB 2780 Obstructing American Energy Production by Banning Offshore Oil Drilling. This bill obstructs American energy production and weakens economic growth and job opportunities by prohibiting the exploration or production of oil and natural gas in Hawaii waters. ACU supports all sources of energy, believes government should not favor one source of energy over another, opposes this politicized attack which prioritizes scoring political points over providing affordable energy and creating economic opportunities for Hawaiians and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 25-0. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
- 20. SB 3054 Mandating Individuals "Deregister" their Firearms Upon Leaving the State or Face Fines. This bill places an additional burden on law-abiding firearm owners by mandating they "deregister" their firearms with county police departments within 5 days of permanently leaving Hawaii. Anyone who fails to comply are subject to a \$100 fine per firearm. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes the state's firearm registry and this additional mandate, which is particularly burdensome for service members, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 8, 2020 by a vote of 20-2 and the bill was signed into law by the governor.
- 21. SB 3063 Amending the State Constitution to Provide a "Right" to Housing. This bill would amend the Hawaii State Constitution to read "the State shall place housing for its residents among its highest priorities and shall implement this provision by statute." This change would in effect allow for the courts to interpret any inaction on socialized housing by the legislature as unconstitutional, thereby creating a quasi "right" to housing provided by the government. ACU supports efforts that help individuals live happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives, opposes measures such as this which further expand government dependency, leading to intergenerational poverty, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 21-3. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)



HAWAII HOUSE STATISTICS







REPUBLICAN AVERAGE 49%





DEMOCRAT AVERAGE 20%

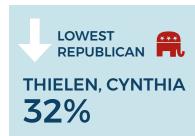


HAWAII HOUSE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

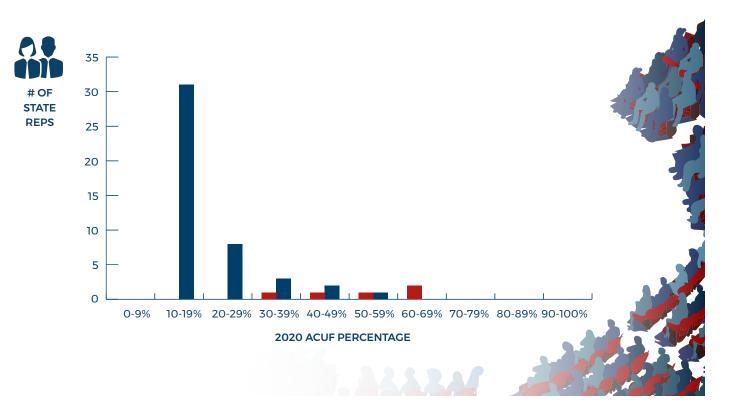




BLUE = DEMOCRATS 46 TOTAL IN HOUSE









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Aquino, Henry	D	38	20%	21%	20%	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Belatti, Della	D	24	15%	19%	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Brower, Tom	D	22	15%	18%	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Cabanilla, Rida	D	41	27%	18%	22%	Х	-	+	Х	-	Х	-	-	-	-	+	-	Х	-	-	+	+	Х	-	-
Cachola, Romy	D	30	15%	19%	18%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Creagan, Richard	D	5	18%	18%	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	х	-	-	-	+	х	-	-	х	+	-	-	-	-
Cullen, Ty	D	39	20%	21%	21%	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
DeCoite, Lynn	D	13	42%	35%	25%	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	х	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
Eli, Stacelynn	D	43	37%	22%	30%	-	-	+	-	-	+	х	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
Gates, Cedric	D	44	21%	21%	19%	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	Х	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Har, Sharon	D	42	33%	25%	29%	-	-	+	-	х	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	х	+
Hashem, Mark	D	18	15%	21%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Hashimoto, Troy	D	8	15%	18%	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Holt, Daniel	D	29	16%	18%	17 %	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	х	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Ichiyama, Linda	D	32	15%	19%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	1	ı	+	-	1	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Johanson, Aaron	D	31	15%	18%	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	+	-	ı	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Kitagawa, Lisa	D	48	20%	18%	19%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	+	-	1	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Kobayashi, Bertrand	D	19	15%	18%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	+	-	ı	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Kobayashi, Dale	D	23	20%	22%	21%	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Kong, Sam	D	33	50%	36%	38%	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Lee, Chris	D	51	15%	18%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-

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Lowen, Nicole	D	6	15%	14%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Luke, Sylvia	D	25	15%	18%	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Matayoshi, Scot	D	49	15%	18%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
MATSUMOTO, LAUREN	R	45	40%	32%	24%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
McDERMOTT, BOB	R	40	60%	43%	44%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
McKelvey, Angus	D	10	15%	18%	18%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Mizuno, John	D	28	15%	19%	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Morikawa, Dee	D	16	15%	18%	14%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Nakamura, Nadine	D	14	15%	18%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Nakashima, Mark	D	1	15%	19%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Nishimoto, Scott	D	21	15%	20%	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Ohno, Takashi	D	27	n/a†	18%	20%	-	х	х	-	Х	-	-	Х	х	-	+	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	Х	-
OKIMOTO, VAL	R	36	60%	32%	46%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Onishi, Richard	D	3	15%	18%	13%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Perruso, Amy	D	46	15%	18%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Quinlan, Sean	D	47	25%	26%	23%	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Saiki, Scott	D	26	15%	18%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
San Buenaventura, Joy	D	4	15%	18%	18%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Say, Calvin	D	20	45%	32%	27%	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
Takayama, Gregg	D	34	15%	18%	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Takumi, Roy	D	35	15%	18%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Tarnas, David	D	7	15%	18%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
THIELEN, CYNTHIA	R	50	32%	15%	23%	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	х	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Todd, Chris	D	2	15%	18%	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Tokioka, James	D	15	30%	36%	30%	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
WARD, GENE	R	17	55%	36%	36%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Wildberger, Tina	D	11	16%	22%	19%	Х	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Woodson, Justin	D	9	15%	18%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Yamane, Ryan	D	37	25%	22%	20%	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Yamashita, Kyle	D	12	15%	18%	16%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-

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- 1. SB 785 Providing Pay Hikes to Unionized Government Employees During the COVID-19 Financial Fallout. This fiscally irresponsible bill approves \$152 million in pay raises for certain unionized government employees at a time that the state is facing a \$2.3 billion budget deficit due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ACU opposes these pay hikes for government bureaucrats and greedy union bosses, especially at a time when the private sector is experiencing mass lay-offs and job losses due to the government shutdown and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 26, 2020 by a vote of 45-4 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. HB 1676 Subjecting Motorists to Costly Fines and Additional Government Surveillance by Implementing Red Light Cameras. This bill allows for the City and County of Honolulu to implement photographic "red light" traffic enforcement systems. ACU opposes these devices that are used primarily to produce revenue and we also have serious concerns about the ability of these systems to invade privacy by tracking people's movements and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on July 10, 2020 by a vote of 50-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. HB 1678 Strengthening Intellectual Property Rights in the Music Industry. This bill, known as the "Truth in Music Advertising Act," helps protect the name and likeness of bands and artists by prohibiting others from advertising or conducting a live musical performance through a false or misleading affiliation or connection with the original band or artist. ACUF's Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect all forms of property. ACU supports this measure to strengthen intellectual property rights and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on July 10, 2020 by a vote of 50-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. HB 1701 Subjecting Businesses to Frivolous Litigation through Excessive Employer
 Mandates. This bill enriches greedy plaintiffs' attorneys by further expanding the application of so-called "equal pay" mandates to numerous new categories and makes the application even more vague. Most notably, the bill now allows an employee to sue for alleged pay discrimination on the basis of them merely performing "substantially similar work" as opposed to the "same" or "equal" job. ACU vehemently opposes discrimination and believes that individuals or employers that discriminate will face serious repercussions in the marketplace. ACU believes employment discrimination is wrong and businesses that discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. However, ACU opposes this measure which has the potential to devastate small businesses by exposing them to lawsuit abuse and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 27, 2020 by a vote of 49-1 and the bill failed to advance in conference committee.
- 5. HB 1846 Driving-Up Taxpayer Costs Through New Efficiency Mandates for Government Buildings. This bill unnecessarily drives-up taxpayer costs by mandating all state facilities that are 10,000 square feet or larger comply with energy and water efficiency measures and are constructed with costly building materials that will supposedly "reduce the carbon footprint of the project". ACU opposes unnecessarily driving up taxpayer costs in order to advance radical Leftist environmental agendas and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on July 10, 2020 by a vote of 48-1 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
- 6. HB 1902 Infringing Second Amendment Rights by Banning Ammunition Magazines Greater than 10 Rounds. This bill further infringes Second Amendment rights by banning the sale, trade, gift, or transfer of ammunition magazines with capacities of 10 rounds or more. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes this attack on lawful firearm owners and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on February 27, 2020 by a vote of 34-16 and the bill failed to advance.
- 7. HB 2128 Weakening Election Integrity Through New Measures Which Advance Vote Fraud. This bill contains numerous provisions that weaken election security by making it easier to cast fraudulent ballots. For example, the bill flips the voter registration process by now automatically registering children at age 16 to vote, as well as creates new avenues for fraud in mail-in voting. ACU recognizes that "pre-registering" children to vote is a particularly concerning policy considering movement and changes in addresses. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards such as preventing government from solicitating ineligible individuals to vote are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU opposes weakening election integrity by eliminating safeguards that prevent voter fraud, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 43-6. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)



- 8. HB 2148 Increasing Employment Costs by Further Expanding Paid Leave Mandates. This bill further drives up employment costs by expanding paid leave mandates under the Hawaii Family Leave Law. Specifically, the bill now mandates that paid leave be provided for the care of an employee's grandchild. ACU believes employers and employees should be able to negotiate their own benefits and opposes this infringement of the right to contract, which may limit the ability of employees to receive other benefits or job perks and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on July 10, 2020 by a vote of 50-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 9. HB 2183 Placing More Taxpayer Funds at Risk by Doubling Debt Authorized for "Affordable" Housing. This bill further expands cronyism and places taxpayer funds at even greater risk by doubling the bonding authority of the Hawaii Housing and Finance Corporation. As a result, the corporation can now issue \$3 billion in bonds (previously \$1.5 billion) for housing loan programs. ACU opposes placing an even greater amount of taxpayer funds at risk of default, believes the state should instead eliminate excessive zoning and building regulations to solve the housing affordability crisis and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on July 10, 2020 by a vote of 50-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 10. SB 2188 Fueling a Black Market by Worsening a Ban on the Sale or Trade of Certain Animal Products. This bill would place the welfare of countless endangered animals at significant new risk by further worsening a law that prevents individuals from lawfully selling, trading, or purchasing products that are made from certain animals. Specifically, the bill mandates any animal products that are seized by government be destroyed. ACU recognizes this bill simply creates even greater scarcity thus driving up prices which incentivizes the killing of additional animals. ACU believes it is absurd to place endangered animals at further risk by further fueling a black market and preventing the market from efficiently allocating the supply of existing animal products that individuals possess and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on July 2, 2020 by a vote of 50-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 11. SB 2275 Embracing Innovation by Permitting Remote Online Notarization. This bill embraces innovation by permitting documents to be notarized online. 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 July 6, 2020 by a vote of 51-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 12. HB 2385 Hiking the State Income Tax Rate to 13%. This bill further soaks the "rich" by raising tax rates on all earnings above \$100,000 and raising the top tax rate from 11% to 13%. ACU recognizes Hawaii already has the 2nd highest income tax, believes the state should be significantly slashing spending to reduce tax rates and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 40-10. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 13. HB 2457 Advancing the State's War on Individual Liberties Through a Ban on All Flavored Nicotine Products. This bill would infringe individual liberties by banning the manufacture and sale of tobacco products with "characterizing flavors," including menthol. The bill includes traditional cigarettes as well as vaping and e-cigarette devices such as JUUL. ACU believes the usage of tobacco and e-cigarettes is a personal liberty issue, believes government regulations on products are only appropriate when their usage substantially impacts others and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on February 28, 2020 by a vote of 46-1. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 14. HB 2500 Plunging Hawaii into Further Debt by Breaching the Constitutional Debt Limit. This fiscally reckless bill allows Hawaii to surpass its constitutionally established debt limit. While ACU recognizes the state is facing financial ramifications from the COVID-19 pandemic, we also recognize the state's debt has ballooned to uncontrollable levels, with 11% of general fund spending required to just service the debt (2nd highest in the nation). ACU opposes this reckless fiscal policy, believes the state must make tremendous cuts in spending, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on July 1, 2020 by a vote of 51-0 and the bill was signed into law.



- 15. HB 2541 Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding the State's Earned Income Tax Credit Program and Reducing Employment by Hiking the Minimum Wage. This bill would harm the ability of individuals to become self-sufficient by now making the state's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) a refundable (welfare) program. Additionally, the bill reduces employment opportunities and drives up consumer costs by increasing the minimum wage to \$11 per hour by January 1, 2021 (currently \$10.10) and then to \$13 an hour by 2024 (a 29% increase). ACU opposes both these measures which harm employment opportunities, supports policies that help individuals live happier, healthier, more productive lives by helping them become self-sufficient and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 48-2. (This bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 16. HB 2590 Embracing Innovation by Permitting Testing of Autonomous Vehicles. This bill helps advance innovation by authorizing autonomous vehicles (AVs) to operate in the state. Specifically, the bill directs the Department of Transportation to develop a regulatory framework to allow AVs to operate on public roads for a three-year period. ACU supports permitting the responsible operation of autonomous vehicles and the future benefits the innovative technology may provide to transportation and commerce and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on July 10, 2020 by a vote of 50-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 17. SB 2629 Raising Electricity Costs by Banning Coal. This bill drives up electricity costs by banning coal from being used to produce electricity after December 31, 2022. ACU supports all sources of energy, opposes government favoring one source of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on July 1, 2020 by a vote of 46-5 and the bill was signed into law by the governor.
- 18. HB 2709 Infringing Second Amendment Rights by Worsening the State's Firearm Registry. This bill further expands the surveillance state by mandating the descendants of the deceased notify the police of any firearms that are in an estate. The police department must then certify that all firearms have either been transferred or disposed of. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes this unnecessary mandate on grieving families and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 27, 2020 by a vote of 45-5. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 19. HB 2744 Infringing Second Amendment Rights through Additional Firearm Bans. This bill is designed to prevent law-abiding individuals from exercising their Second Amendment rights by banning all firearms that do not meet state government specs or quotas. As a result, hobbyists who build their own firearms are now forced to register their firearm with the government and obtain and affix a state-issued serial number. Furthermore, it is now unlawful to manufacturer a firearm that does not meet state government specs or quotas. Anyone found violating this measure concerning so-called "ghost guns" faces Class C felony charges. ACU recognizes that this bill will do nothing to prevent dangerous criminals from obtaining, manufacturing, or using firearms unlawfully. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes unnecessary gun control measures that do not improve public safety and infringe the right of law-abiding individuals to manufacturer, keep and bear arms and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on July 10, 2020 by a vote of 41-8 and the bill became law without the Governor's signature.
- 20. SB 3054 Mandating Individuals "Deregister" their Firearms Upon Leaving the State or Face Fines. This bill places an additional burden on law-abiding firearm owners by mandating they "deregister" their firearms with county police departments within 5 days of permanently leaving Hawaii. Anyone who fails to comply are subject to a \$100 fine per firearm. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes the state's firearm registry and this additional mandate, which is particularly burdensome for service members, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on July 1, 2020 by a vote of 38-13 and the bill was signed into law by the governor.