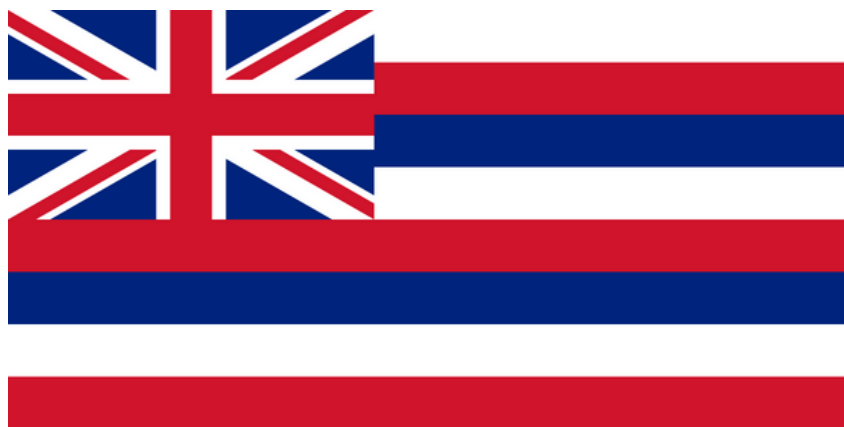




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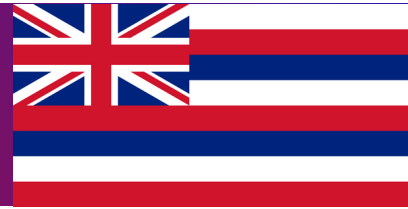
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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



MATT SCHLAPP
CHAIRMAN, CPAC

The CPAC Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our Ratings of the States. Like our Ratings of Congress, CPAC's 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.

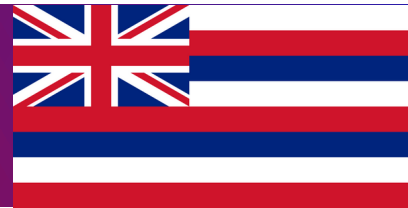
We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp
Chairman, CPAC

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The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the CPAC Foundation, 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 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.

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.

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.

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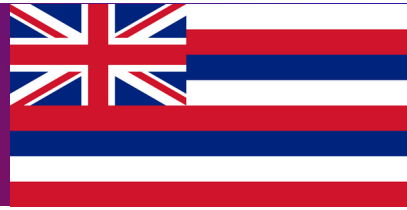
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HAWAII SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
3%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

14%



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

2%



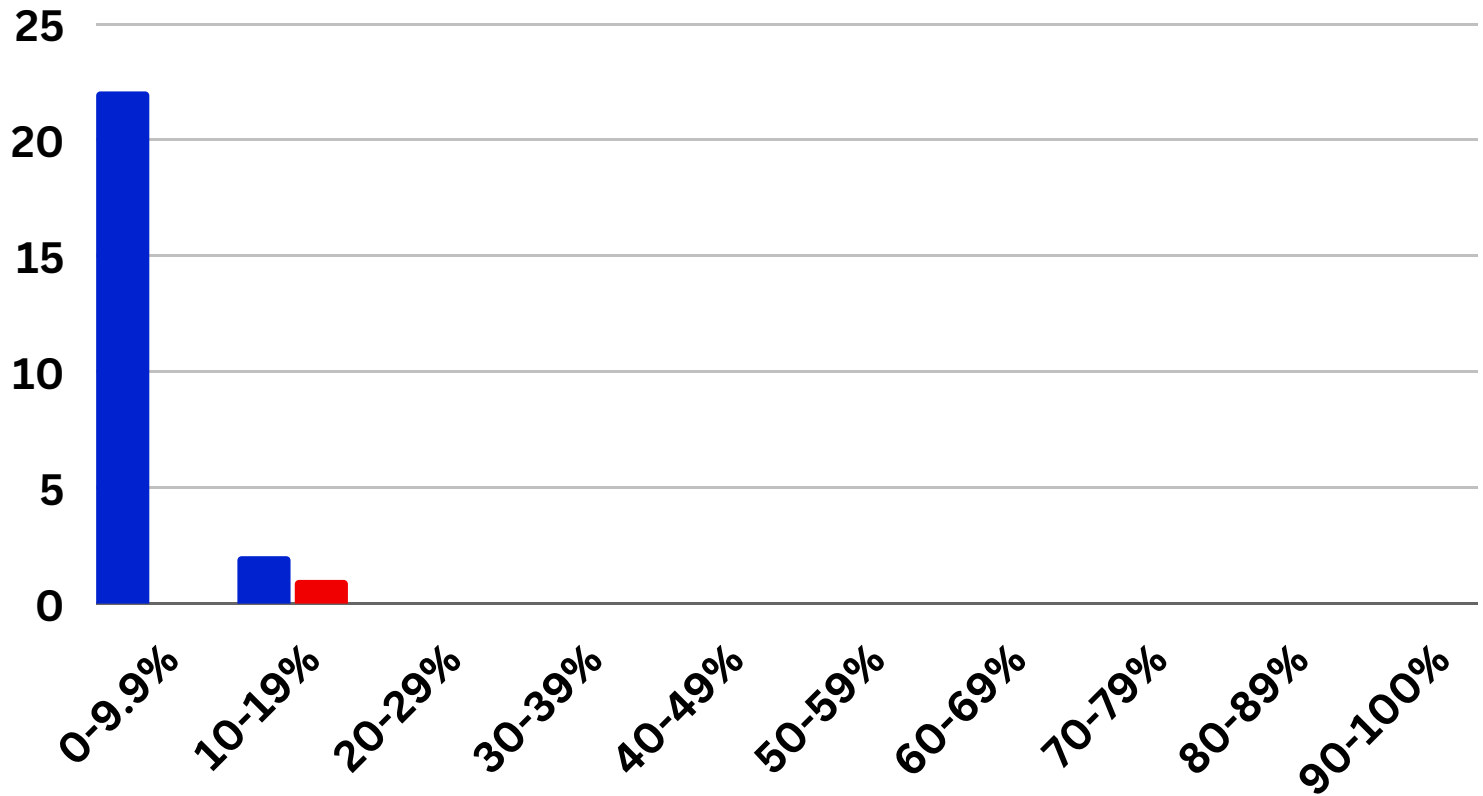
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KURT FEVELLA
14%



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
GIL RIVIERE
18%

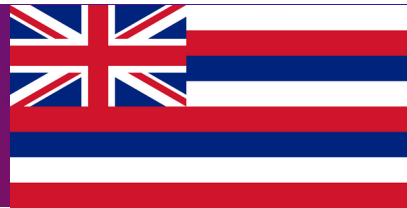


■ Democrat (24 Members) ■ Republican (1 Members)





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HAWAII HOUSE STATISTICS

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REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

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DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

9%



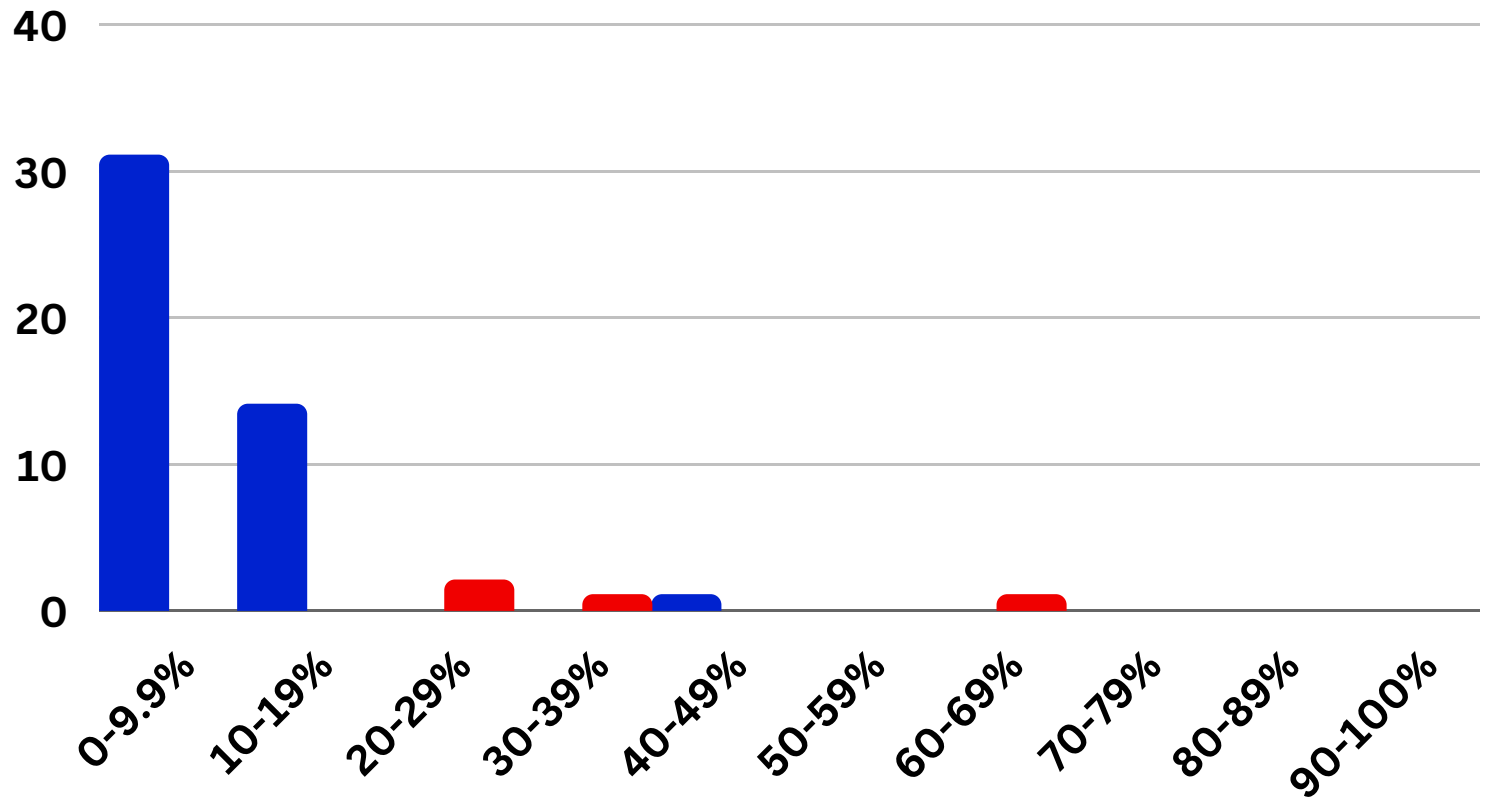
LOWEST REPUBLICAN
LAUREN MATSUMOTO
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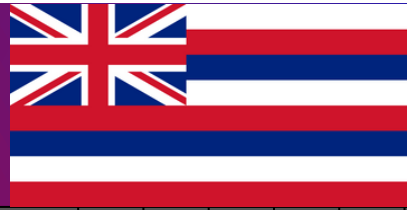


HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
SAM SATORU KONG
41%



■ Democrat (48 Members) ■ Republican (4 Members)

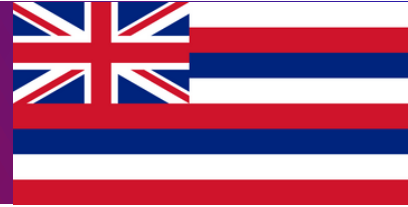




HAWAII SENATE SCORES

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Laura Acasio	D	0%	24%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rosalyn H. Baker	D	0%	16%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joy A. San Buenaventura	D	0%	17%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stanley Chang	D	0%	16%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lynn DeCoite	D	6%	25%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Donovan M. Dela Cruz	D	0%	16%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kurt Fevella	R	14%	30%	26%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	x	-	x	-	-	-	-	x	-	-
Mike Gabbard	D	12%	26%	24%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Les Ihara	D	6%	18%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lorraine Inouye	D	0%	13%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dru Mamo Kanuha	D	0%	19%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran	D	0%	16%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jarrett Keohokalole	D	0%	18%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michelle N. Kidani	D	0%	17%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ronald D. Kouchi	D	0%	15%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Lee	D	0%	16%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donna Mercado Kim	D	0%	19%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bennette E. Misalucha	D	0%	16%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sharon Y. Moriwaki	D	0%	19%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clarence K. Nishihara	D	0%	16%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karl Rhoads	D	6%	15%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gil Riviere	D	18%	34%	32%	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maile S.L. Shimabukuro	D	6%	16%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Brian T. Taniguchi	D	0%	15%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glenn Wakai	D	0%	19%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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HB 1800 Establishing Burdensome Climate Goals.

This bill makes it a goal of the state to reduce Hawaii's statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 50% below 2005 levels by 2030. CPAC supports all forms of energy, does not believe that the government should favor one form of energy over another in order to satisfy a green agenda, believes that the pursuit of this goal will constitute an enormously heavy burden on taxpayers, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2022 by a vote of 25-0 and the bill later became law.

HB 1809 Reinstating a Tax Credit for Renewable Fuel Producers.

This bill reinstates the renewable fuels production tax credit, the likes of which can total up to \$30,000,000 in credits per year. CPAC supports all forms of energy, believes that the government should not favor one form of energy over another with special interest tax credits, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2022 by a vote of 25-0 but the bill died in a conference committee.

HB 2405 Heaping on More Insurance Mandates Concerning "Gender-Affirming" Care.

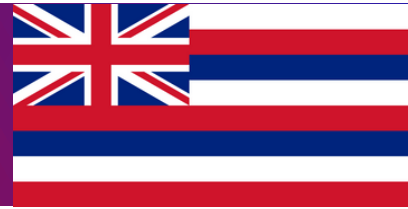
This bill prohibits health insurers from creating blanket exclusions for "gender-affirming" treatments that are determined to be "medically necessary." CPAC does not believe that any of these so-called "gender-affirming" treatments are necessary, believes that the encouragement of these treatments is harmful, opposes insurance mandates, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 25-0 and the bill later became law.

HB 2510 Artificially Increasing the Minimum Wage to \$18 An Hour.

This bill increases the minimum wage to \$18 an hour over the course of a few years. CPAC opposes artificially raising wages, believes that this measure hurts student workers and inexperienced workers, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 25-0 and the bill later became law.

SR 199 Urging Congress to Expand Access to Abortion.

This resolution encourages Congress to pass the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021, the likes of which would prohibit the government from placing restrictions on abortion. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, opposes its expansion, and opposed this resolution. The Senate passed this resolution on April 1, 2022 by a vote of 22-3.



SB 2162 Rigging Future Elections with Ranked Choice Voting.

This bill establishes ranked choice voting for special federal elections and vacant county council seats. CPAC opposes this type of election, the likes of which makes it possible for those who have placed second in an election to come in first, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 24-1 and the bill later became law.

SB 2178 Lowering the Voting Age.

This bill allows 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections or any co-occurring special elections if it so be that they will turn 18 before the next general election. CPAC opposes allowing minors to vote in elections and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 24-1 but the bill was not approved in the House.

SB 2196 Increasing Construction Costs with Even More EV Charging Station Mandates.

This bill prohibits the government from giving out a building permit for a multi-family residential building that has ten or more parking stalls unless those stalls are to be made electric vehicle charger ready. CPAC opposes construction mandates, the likes of which add to housing costs, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 24-0 but the bill died in a conference committee.

SB 2290 Banning Products Not Favored by the Government.

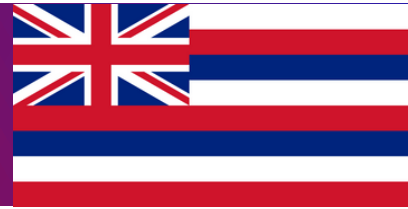
This bill bans the production and sale of certain non-prescription products containing microbeads. CPAC opposes draconian blanket bans on certain products and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 25-0 and the bill later became law.

SB 2439 Raising the Cost of Health Insurance.

This bill requires health insurance policies to cover up to \$1,500 of the cost of any single hearing aid. CPAC opposes insurance mandates, the likes of which raise costs for everyone, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 24-0 but the bill was not approved in the House.

SB 2510 Ramping Up Renewable Energy Mandates.

This energy bill sets new goals and creates novel policies that will supposedly help the state move toward a future of clean energy. For example, it requires that 1/3rd of the renewable energy generated on the island be firm renewable energy. It also states that it is the state's intent to mostly ban fossil fuel generation after December 31, 2045. CPAC supports all forms of energy, does not believe that the government should micromanage energy production in this way, recognizes that measures like this create enormous burdens on the populace, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 20-5 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.



SB 2570 Subsidizing Hydrogen Fuel.

This bill offers rebates to entities that install hydrogen fueling systems. CPAC supports all forms of energy, opposes using government resources to fund government-favored forms of energy, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 25-0 and the bill later became law.

SB 2670 Funding a “Get Out the Vote” program for the Trans Community.

This bill establishes the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus commission. This organization will attempt to foster public awareness about the desires of the LGBT+ community, educate LGBTQIA+ people on their “voting duties,” and recommend legislation concerning the treatment of LGBT+ people. CPAC opposes the proliferation of radical Leftist ideas about gender, opposes its entry into the halls of government, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 25-0 and the bill later became law.

SB 2720 Increasing the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Subsidy.

This bill removes the \$500,000 cap on the amount of rebates that could be given through the electric vehicle charging station rebate program. It also adds marketing costs into the list of what is considered an allowable use of the rebate. CPAC views this as a poor use of the taxpayers’ money and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 25-0 and the bill later became law.

SB 2805 Government Loans for Favored Start-Ups.

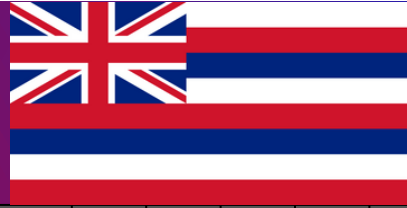
This bill creates a start-up business loan program that will provide financing to companies such that they may build up and improve their working capital and facilities. CPAC opposes putting the taxpayers’ money at risk by making loans to start-ups and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 24-0 but the bill died in conference committee.

SB 2977 Government Mandates on Chicken Farms.

This bill prohibits farmers from selling the eggs of hens that are not housed in a manner that satisfies the government’s regulations. CPAC does not believe that it is the proper duty of government to micromanage the living conditions of chickens and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 23-2 but the bill was not approved by the House.

SB 3054 Subsidizing Video Games.

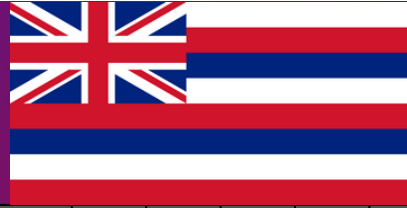
This bill adds “electronic sports” (video games) to the list of industries that may receive financial assistance from Hawaii’s film and creative industries development fund. CPAC does not believe that the government should subsidize the video game community and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 25-0.



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Henry J.C. Aquino	D	6%	20%	18%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Della Au Belatti	D	6%	16%	15%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Patrick Pihana Branco	D	12%	17%	14%	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Clark	D	6%	N/A	6%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luella Costales	D	N/A	N/A	N/A	x	x	x	-	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	x	-
Ty J.K. Cullen	D	N/A	21%	21%	+	-	-	x	-	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Stacelynn K.M. Eli	D	12%	28%	24%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sonny Ganaden	D	12%	17%	14%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Cedric Asuega Gates	D	6%	18%	16%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sharon E. Har	D	18%	30%	29%	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark J. Hashem	D	6%	16%	15%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Troy N. Hashimoto	D	6%	15%	13%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Daniel Holt	D	6%	17%	15%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Ichiyama	D	6%	16%	15%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Bertrand Kobayashi	D	6%	22%	18%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Sam Satoru Kong	D	41%	39%	39%	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
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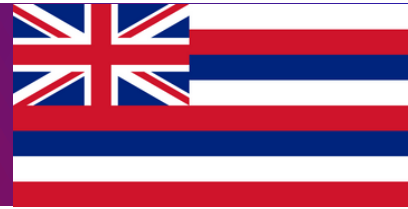
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Bob McDermott	R	60%	45%	47%	x	+	+	+	-	x	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-
Angus L.K. McKelvey	D	13%	18%	17%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
John M. Mizuno	D	6%	16%	15%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dee Morikawa	D	6%	15%	14%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Takashi Ohno	D	6%	19%	17%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Richard H.K. Onishi	D	12%	14%	14%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amy A. Perruso	D	6%	18%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sean Quinlan	D	13%	22%	21%	+	-	-	x	-	-	-	+	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott K. Saiki	D	6%	16%	15%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jackson D. Sayama	D	6%	18%	12%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gregg Takayama	D	12%	15%	15%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roy M. Takumi	D	12%	15%	15%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Adrian K. Tam	D	12%	17%	14%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
David A. Tarnas	D	6%	17%	14%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chris Todd	D	6%	17%	15%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
James Kunane Tokioka	D	6%	31%	28%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gene Ward	R	35%	36%	36%	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Tina Wildberger	D	12%	17%	16%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Justin H. Woodson	D	6%	16%	15%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ryan I. Yamane	D	6%	19%	18%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kyle T. Yamashita	D	6%	16%	15%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(+) : Member voted with the conservative position (-) : Member voted liberal (x) : Member was absent for the vote (N/a) : Member did not vote on 2/3 of the scored votes and did not receive a score for the 2022 ratings.



HB 811 Expressing Light Support for School Choice.

This bill allows homeschooled kids to participate in individual school sports as unattached competitors. CPAC believes that this measure makes it easier for parents to choose to homeschool their children by keeping certain athletic opportunities open to them and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed this bill on March 4, 2022 by a vote of 46-2 but the bill was not approved by the Senate.

HB 1507 Raising the Capital Gains Tax Rate.

This bill increases the capital gains tax rate to that of ordinary income and makes the state-earned income tax rate “refundable.” CPAC opposes rampant tax increases and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 46-5 but the bill was not approved in the Senate.

HB 1645 Following California’s Hotel Shampoo Ban.

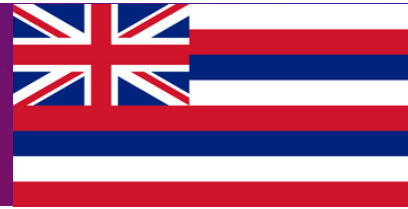
This bill prohibits “lodging establishments” from providing personal care products to consumers in small plastic bottles. CPAC opposes efforts to micromanage and overregulate the operations of hotels and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 49-2 but the bill was not approved by the Senate.

HB 1800 Establishing Burdensome Climate Goals.

This bill makes it a goal of the state to reduce Hawaii’s statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 50% below 2005 levels by 2030. CPAC supports all forms of energy, does not believe that the government should favor one form of energy over another in order to satisfy a green agenda, believes that the pursuit of this goal will constitute an enormously heavy burden on taxpayers, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 5, 2022 by a vote of 47-3 and the bill later became law.

HB 1809 Reinstating a Tax Credit for Renewable Fuel Producers.

This bill reinstates the renewable fuels production tax credit, the likes of which can total up to \$30,000,000 in credits per year. CPAC supports all forms of energy, believes that the government should not favor one form of energy over another with special interest tax credits, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2022 by a vote of 51-0 but the bill died in a conference committee with the Senate.



HB 2278 Instituting A Crony Carbon Tax.

This bill imposes a carbon tax on fossil fuels and then returns the same amount (minus administrative costs) through a “carbon cashback” program. This amount may be returned either through a refundable tax credit or through a cash payment. CPAC opposes carbon taxes and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2022 by a vote of 46-3 but the bill was not approved in the Senate.

HB 2405 Heaping on More Insurance Mandates Concerning "Gender-Affirming" Care.

This bill prohibits health insurers from creating blanket exclusions for “gender-affirming” treatments that are determined to be “medically necessary.” CPAC does not believe that any of these so-called “gender-affirming” treatments are necessary, believes that the encouragement of these treatments is harmful, opposes insurance mandates, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 50-1 and the bill later became law.

HB 2510 Artificially Increasing the Minimum Wage to \$18 An Hour.

This bill increases the minimum wage to \$18 an hour over the course of a few years. CPAC opposes artificially raising wages, believes that this measure hurts student workers and inexperienced workers, and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 48-3 and the bill later became law.

SB 2162 Rigging Future Elections with Ranked Choice Voting.

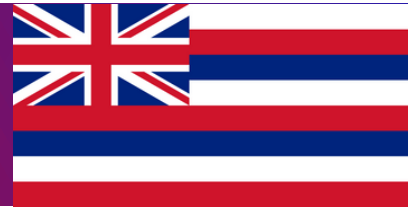
This bill establishes ranked choice voting for special federal elections and vacant county council seats. CPAC opposes this type of election, the likes of which makes it possible for those who have placed second in an election to come in first, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 48-3 and the bill later became law.

SB 2196 Increasing Construction Costs with Even More EV Charging Station Mandates.

This bill prohibits the government from giving out a building permit for a multi-family residential building that has ten or more parking stalls unless those stalls are to be made electric vehicle charger ready. CPAC opposes construction mandates, the likes of which add to housing costs, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 8, 2022 by a vote of 40-8 but the bill died in conference committee.

SB 2290 Banning Products Not Favored by the Government.

This bill bans the production and sale of certain non-prescription products containing microbeads. CPAC opposes draconian blanket bans on certain products and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 48-3 and the bill later became law.



SB 2510 Ramping Up Renewable Energy Mandates.

This energy bill sets new goals and creates novel policies that will supposedly help the state move toward a future of clean energy. For example, it requires that 1/3rd of the renewable energy generated on the island be firm renewable energy. It also states that it is the state's intent to mostly ban fossil fuel generation after December 31, 2045. CPAC supports all forms of energy, does not believe that the government should micromanage energy production in this way, recognizes that measures like this create enormous burdens on the populace, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 39-12 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.

SB 2570 Subsidizing Hydrogen Fuel.

This bill offers rebates to entities that install hydrogen fueling systems. CPAC supports all forms of energy, opposes using government resources to fund government-favored forms of energy, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 50-1 and the bill later became law.

SB 2670 Funding a "Get Out the Vote" program for the Trans Community.

This bill establishes the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus commission. This organization will attempt to foster public awareness about the desires of the LGBT+ community, educate LGBTQ+ people on their "voting duties," and recommend legislation concerning the treatment of LGBT+ people. CPAC opposes the proliferation of radical Leftist ideas about gender, opposes its entry into the halls of government, and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 49-2 and the bill later became law.

SB 2720 Increasing the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Subsidy.

This bill removes the \$500,000 cap on the amount of rebates that could be given through the electric vehicle charging station rebate program. It also adds marketing costs into the list of what is considered an allowable use of the rebate. CPAC views this as a poor use of the taxpayers' money and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 51-0 and the bill later became law.

SB 2805 Government Loans for Favored Start-Ups.

This bill creates a start-up business loan program that will provide financing to companies such that they may build up and improve their working capital and facilities. CPAC opposes putting the taxpayers' money at risk by making loans to start-ups and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2022 by a vote of 48-0 but the bill died in conference committee.

SB 3054 Subsidizing Video Games.

This bill adds "electronic sports" (video games) to the list of industries that may receive financial assistance from Hawaii's film and creative industries development fund. CPAC does not believe that the government should subsidize the video game community and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on May 3, 2022 by a vote of 51-0.