RATINGS of WASHINGTON 2020

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

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The American Conservative Union Foundation’s Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our Ratings of Washington 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
Chairman
American Conservative Union Foundation
ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

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

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

Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America’s federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.
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.)
2020 WINNERS & LOSERS

### 90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

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*Compared to number of qualifying lawmakers in the previous session
Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial caps, asterisk indicates Independents/Libertarians/other
### ≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

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- Billig, Andy
- Carlyle, Reuven
- Cleveland, Annette
- Conway, Steve
- Darnelle, Jeannie
- Das, Mona
- Dhingra, Manka
- Frockt, David
- Hobbs, Steve
- Hunt, Sam
- Keiser, Karen
- Kuderer, Patricia
- Liias, Marko
- Lovelett, Liz
- McCoy, John
- Mullet, Mark
- Nguyen, Joe
- Pedersen, Jamie
- Randall, Emily
- Roljes, Christine
- Saldaña, Rebecca
- Salomon, Jesse
- Stanford, Derek
- Takko, Dean
- Van De Wege, Kevin
- Wellman, Lisa
- Wilson, Claire

#### HOUSE
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- Bergquist, Steve
- Callan, Lisa
- Chopp, Frank
- Cody, Eileen
- Davis, Lauren
- Doglio, Beth
- Dolan, Laurie
- Duerr, Davina
- Entenman, Debra
- Fey, Jake
- Fitzgibbon, Joe
- Frame, Noel
- Goodman, Roger
- Gregerson, Mia
- Hansen, Drew
- Hudgins, Zack
- Jinkins, Laurie
- Johnson, Jesse
- Kilduff, Christine
- Kirby, Steve
- Klopa, Shelley
- Lekanoff, Debra
- Lovick, John
- Macri, Nicole
- Mead, Jared
- Morgan, Melanie
- Ormsby, Timm
- Ortiz-Self, Lillian
- Orwall, Tina
- Pellicciotti, Mike
- Peterson, Strom
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- Pollet, Gerry
- Ramel, Alex
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- Riccelli, Marcus
- Robinson, June
- Ryu, Cindy
- Santos, Sharon
- Sells, Mike
- Senn, Tana
- Shewmake, Sharon
- Slatter, Vandana
- Stonier, Monica
- Sullivan, Pat
- Tarleton, Gail
- Thai, My-Linh
- Tharinger, Steve
- Valdez, Javier
- Walen, Amy
- Wylie, Sharon

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WASHINGTON SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
35%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE
76%
5% since last year

DEMOCRAT AVERAGE
6%
6% since last year

LOWEST REPUBLICAN
ZEIGER, HANS
49%

HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
SHELDON, TIM
63%

WASHINGTON SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
20 TOTAL IN SENATE

BLUE = DEMOCRATS
29 TOTAL IN SENATE

2020 ACUF PERCENTAGE

0 5 10 15 20 25
0-9% 10-19% 20-29% 30-39% 40-49% 50-59% 60-69% 70-79% 80-89% 90-100%

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# Washington Senate Scores

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- **HB 1390** Increasing Unfunded Liabilities by Hiking Government Employee Pension Payouts
- **HB 1521** Unnecessarily Driving up Taxpayer Costs by Restricting Government Contracting
- **HB 1590** Eliminating Voter Approval Requirements for Local Tax Increases
- **HB 1694** Increasing Rental Costs by Further Interfering in Tenant-Landlord Contracting Rights
- **HB 1795** Subjecting Motorists to Additional Fines by Expanding Automated Traffic Cameras Use
- **HB 1841** Increasing Shipping and Transportation Costs by Mandating Railroad Train Crew Sizes
- **HB 2108** Interfering in Private Business Operations by Mandating Job Title Reporting
- **HB 2331** Hindering Economic Growth by Increasing Dronakan Mandates on Carbon Dioxide Emissions
- **HB 2441** Discouraging Self-Sufficiency by Weakening Welfare Work Requirements
- **HB 2554** Raising Health Insurance Costs through Coverage Mandates
- **HB 2567** Establishing Sanctuary Policies for Illegal Immigrants in Courthouses
- **HB 2602** Harming Employment Opportunities for People with Protective Hairstyles and Encouraging Lawsuit Abuse
- **HB 2622** Increasing the Penalties for Violating the “Red Flag” Firearm Seizure Law
- **SB 5323** Advancing a Politicized Environmental Agenda and Weakening Consumer Choice by Allowing Localities to Impose Excessive Regulations on Plastic and Paper Bags
- **SB 5434** Weakening Self-Defense by Expanding “Gun Free” Zones
- **SB 5473** Advancing Unemployment Insurance Abuse Through Benefits for Individuals Who Voluntarily Quit Their Jobs
- **SB 5740** Increasing Taxpayer and Employment Costs Through the Creation of a State Run Retirement Program
- **SB 5811** Raising New Car Prices by Importing California’s Draconian Emission Standards
- **SB 5867** Reducing Unnecessary Incarceration Costs through Sentencing Reform
- **SB 5908** Indocinating School Directors and Staff in “Cultural Competency”
- **SB 6012** Promoting Cronyism by Exempting Additional “Green” Energy Projects from Taxes
- **SB 6066** Encouraging Public Schools to Teach Leftist Propaganda Like Critical Race Theory to Kindergarteners
- **SB 6068** Advancing Cronyism by Exempting Private Planes from the Sales and Use Tax
- **SB 6079** Driving up Insurance Premium Costs by Imposing Price Controls on Insulin Copayments
- **SB 6088** Promoting Further Government Interference in the Marketplace and Price Controls on Prescriptions
- **SB 6096** Enriching Union Bosses and Raising Taxpayer Costs by Giving Unions more Leverage in Contract Negotiations
- **SB 6212** Further Busting the “Cap” on Property Taxes to Fund More Government “Affordable Housing” Programs
- **SB 6215** Reducing Employment by Hiking the Minimum Wage at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
- **SB 6246** Advancing the War on Nicotine Through Excessive Regulations on Vapor Products
- **SB 6280** Undermining Fourth Amendment Rights through Governmental Usage of Facial Recognition Software
- **SB 6313** Creating More Opportunities for Vote Fraud by Pre-Registering Children to Vote
- **SB 6379** Forcing Landlords to Cancel Evictions Based on “Pledges” of Welfare Payments from Government and Nonprofit Entities
- **SB 6432** Obstructing American Energy Production by Banning Offshore Oil Drilling
- **SB 6442** Reducing Government Efficiency by Banning Most Private Prisons
- **SB 6447** Dictating Children’s Beverage Offerings in the Restaurant Industry
- **SB 6478** Increasing Government Dependency by Reversing 25 Years of Welfare Reform
- **SB 6492** Imposing $234 Million in New Taxes to Further Socialize College Educations
- **SB 6518** Advancing Overly Restrictive Regulations on a Common Pesticide
- **SB 6545** Forcing Taxpayers to Provide Subsidized College Loans to Illegal Immigrants
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- SB 6087 Driving up Insurance Premium Costs by Imposing Price Controls on Insulin Copayments
- SB 6088 Promoting Further Government Intereference in the Marketplace and Price Controls on Prescriptions
- SB 6096 Enriching Union Bosses and Raising Taxpayer Costs by Giving Unions more Leverage in Contract Negotiations
- SB 6202 Further Busting the “Cap” on Property Taxes to Fund More Government “Affordable Housing” Programs
- SB 6217 Reducing Employment by Hiking the Minimum Wage at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
- SB 6248 Advancing the War on Nicotine Through Excessive Regulations on Vapor Products
- SB 6250 Undermining Fourth Amendment Rights through Governmental Usage of Facial Recognition Software
- SB 6313 Creating More Opportunities for Vote Fraud by Pre-Registering Children to Vote
- SB 6378 Forcing Landlords to Cancel Evictions Based on “Pledges” of Welfare Payments from Government and Nonprofit Entities
- SB 6432 Obstructing American Energy Production by Banning Offshore Oil Drilling
- SB 6442 Reducing Government Efficiency by Banning Most Private Prisons
- SB 6445 Dictating Children’s Beverage Offerings in the Restaurant Industry
- SB 6478 Increasing Government Dependency by Reversing 25 Years of Education Reform
- SB 6492 Imposing $234 Million in New Taxes to Further Socialize College Educations
- SB 6518 Advancing Overly Restrictive Regulations on a Common Pesticide
- SB 6561 Forcing Taxpayers to Provide Subsidized College Loans to Illegal Immigrants
1. **HB 1390 Increasing Unfunded Liabilities by Hiking Government Employee Pension Payouts.** This bill further jeopardizes the solvency of the state's public employee pension system by increasing payouts by 3%. The bill is expected to increase unfunded liabilities by an estimated $103.9 million over the next four years and applies to retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS Plan 1) or the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS Plan 1). ACU recognizes that Washington is already at a crisis level of debt with $11.2 billion in unfunded pension liabilities and has the sixth-highest debt per capita in the country. ACU opposes this measure which further grows unfunded liabilities, thus placing taxpayers and beneficiaries at risk and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 6, 2020 by a vote of 49-0 and the bill was signed into law.

2. **HB 1521 Unnecessarily Driving up Taxpayer Costs by Restricting Government Contracting.** This union-backed bill unnecessarily drives up taxpayer costs by establishing a series of new barriers for government contracting. For example, the bill requires “comprehensive impact assessments” which do not measure value or cost-effectiveness for taxpayers, but instead analyze factors such as job loss of government employees. This measure directly violates ACU Foundation’s “Seven Principles of Privatization.” ACU opposes this measure which is designed to enrich greedy union bosses at the expense of taxpayers and improved government efficiency and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 31-18 and the bill was signed into law.

3. **HB 1590 Eliminating Voter Approval Requirements for Local Tax Increases.** This bill eliminates the requirement that a local government must have voter approval to impose increases in local sales and use taxes as well as authorizes local governments to bypass taxpayers to impose taxes aimed at boosting “affordable” housing. ACU believes voters are the most important voice in any fiscal issue, supports maintaining the utmost level of government transparency and fiscal responsibility, opposes driving up sales taxes which are largely seen as regressive and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 6, 2020 by a vote of 27-21 and the bill was signed into law.

4. **HB 1694 Increasing Rental Costs by Further Interfering in Tenant-Landlord Contracting Rights.** This bill further drives up rental housing costs by exposing landlords to a new avenue of risk. Under the bill, landlords must provide tenants the option to move in without providing a security deposit, last month’s rent or any other fees currently required before move-in. Instead, tenants are to be provided the option to pay these deposits and fees in installments for a period of at least three months. A landlord who violates this provision is subject to a statutory penalty of one month’s rent and attorneys’ fees payable to the tenant. ACU Foundation’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to ensure the property rights of both landlords and tenants are properly protected. ACU recognizes that this measure subjects landlords to considerable new risk, especially considering the state’s draconian eviction procedure. ACU opposes this infringement in tenant-landlord contracting rights which drives up rental costs and exposes landlords to lawsuit abuse and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 30-17 and the bill was signed into law.

5. **HB 1793 Subjecting Motorists to Additional Fines by Expanding Automated Traffic Cameras Use.** This bill permits Seattle to create a pilot program to expand the use of traffic cameras to detect minor infractions, such as stopping at crosswalks or cars using bus lanes, with penalties of up to $75 per infraction. ACU opposes the use of traffic cameras, which are used primarily as a revenue source as opposed to a public safety device, and has serious privacy concerns with these systems due to the ability of government to track the movements of drivers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 7, 2020 by a vote of 27-22 and the bill was signed into law.

6. **HB 1841 Increasing Shipping and Transportation Costs by Mandating Railroad Train Crew Sizes.** This anti-technology bill would raise shipping costs and is primarily designed to enrich union bosses. Under the bill, all railroad trains or light engines operating on a class one railroad (nearly every rail in the state) would be required to have a crew of at least two individuals. The bill would make failure to comply a misdemeanor with a fine of up to $100,000. ACU opposes this mandate, especially in an era of automation, which is designed to enrich union bosses, increases shipping costs, and creates a complicated patchwork of regulations for trains operating across state lines and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 6, 2020 by a vote of 34-15 and the bill was signed into law.
7. **HB 2308 Interfering in Private Business Operations by Mandating Job Title Reporting.** This bill would outrageously expand the power of the state government in order to send a chilling effect to company hiring practices. Under the bill, companies that are forced to report the job title of every employee on each quarterly tax report beginning October 1, 2022. ACU recognizes that this bill is designed to impose government control over private hiring decisions and ultimately radicalize private companies by shaming, and eventually forcing, private companies to create quotas for job titles and salaries on factors other than merit. ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all, vehemently opposes discrimination and believes those who discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes this measure which is designed to harass companies and foster discrimination based on race and sex and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 34-14 and the bill was signed into law.

8. **HB 2311 Hindering Economic Growth by Increasing Draconian Mandates on Carbon Dioxide Emissions.** This bill will have a devastating effect on the state economy by placing even more stringent limits on the emission of greenhouse gases. Under the bill greenhouse gas emissions must be 45 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, 70 percent below 1990 levels by 2040, and 95 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. ACU opposes significantly raising consumer costs and hindering economic growth to advance a politicized, leftist climate change agenda and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 28-21 and the bill was signed into law.

9. **HB 2441 Discouraging Self-Sufficiency by Weakening Welfare Work Requirements.** This bill discourages individuals from becoming self-sufficient and living happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives by weakening requirements that individuals participate in work or job training activities in order to receive benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) welfare program. Specifically, the bill allows individuals to willfully violate the work requirements for an entire year before welfare benefits are terminated, rather than the two months under current law. ACU supports efforts that help individuals live happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives and opposes measures such as this which further expand government dependency, leading to intergenerational poverty, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill March 5, 2020 by a vote of 32-17 and the bill was signed into law.

10. **HB 2554 Raising Health Insurance Costs through Coverage Mandates.** This bill drives up health insurance costs by mandating that all private health insurance policies offered in the state provide coverage treatments deemed “essential” by government bureaucrats. This bill institutes this mandate by fining private insurance companies “an amount that is the actuarial equivalent of costs attributed to the provision and administration of the excluded benefit.” As a result of this mandate, which is in addition to countless others, individuals will likely face significantly greater challenges in obtaining low-cost, basic health plans that provide the coverage they prefer. ACU opposes health insurance mandates which prevent consumers from selecting the coverages that best suit their needs and ultimately drive up costs and make health insurance unaffordable for many individuals and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 28-21 and the bill was signed into law.

11. **HB 2567 Establishing Sanctuary Policies for Illegal Immigrants in Courthouses.** This bill obstructs establishes policies that limit the enforcement of federal immigration laws in courthouses. Specifically, the bill prohibits judges, court staff, court security personnel, prosecutors, and prosecutor’s office personnel from inquiring into or collecting immigration or citizenship status information, or place of birth, unless there is a connection between the information and a criminal investigation. ACU supports assisting the federal government in its constitutional role in enforcing our immigration laws and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 4, 2020 by a vote of 28-20 and the bill was signed into law.

12. **HB 2602 Harming Employment Opportunities for People with Protective Hairstyles and Encouraging Lawsuit Abuse.** This bill, modeled after legislation passed in California, harms job opportunities for individuals with protective hairstyles such as braids, dreadlocks, and twists by adding the hairstyles to the list of characteristics over which individuals may file lawsuits for discrimination. As a result, the bill incentivizes businesses to avoid hiring anyone with protective hairstyles, rather than the bill’s ostensible goal of protecting job opportunities for people with hairstyles historically associated with race. ACU believes discrimination is wrong and that businesses which discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes this measure which may harm the ability of racial minorities to obtain employment and impose significant new risk of lawsuit abuse for small businesses and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 4, 2020 by a vote of 38-9 and the bill was signed into law.
13. **HB 2622 Increasing the Penalties for Violating the ‘Red Flag’ Firearms Seizure Law.** This bill holds anyone in “contempt of court” if they fail to fully comply with the state’s “red flag” firearm seizure law. Under this law numerous individuals can submit an ex-parte (i.e., one-sided) petition to a court for an “extreme risk protection order.” This order allows the seizure of all firearms held by the accused if they are considered to be a danger to themselves or others simply due to the possession of a firearm. ACU opposes this and other so-called “red flag” measures that violate due process, supports the founders’ belief in both the Second Amendment and due process under the law and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 6, 2020 by a vote of 29-19 and the bill was signed into law.

14. **HB 2722 Driving up Consumer Costs through New Recyclable Content Mandates for Plastic Beverage Containers.** This bill would unnecessarily drive-up consumer costs by imposing new mandates on beverage manufacturers. Under the bill, the annual average of post-consumer recycled plastic content would be required to reach at least 50% for all plastic beverage containers by 2030. ACU opposes this mandate which would unnecessarily drive-up consumer beverage costs and is designed to enrich select manufacturers of recycled plastic (who heavily lobbied for the bill) and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 28-21 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.

15. **SB 5323 Advancing a Politicized Environmental Agenda and Weakening Consumer Choice by Allowing Localities to Impose Excessive Regulations on Plastic and Paper Bags.** This bill restricts consumer choice and drives-up costs for consumers and businesses alike by banning single-use plastic bags. This bill mandates retailers to collect an $0.08 cent pass-through charge when providing a reusable plastic film bag or carryout paper bag and requires the bags to meet certain government-imposed specifications. ACU opposes this government overreach, believes government should instead enforce anti-littering ordinances rather than burden law-abiding consumers and businesses and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 33-15 and the bill was signed into law.

16. **SB 5434 Weakening Self-Defense by Expanding “Gun Free” Zones.** This bill threatens public safety by expanding “gun-free” zones to broadly defined child care centers. ACU recognizes that these arbitrary zones leave law-abiding citizens defenseless in the presence of a threat, support the second amendment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 27-21 and the bill was signed into law.

17. **SB 5473 Advancing Unemployment Insurance Abuse Through Benefits for Individuals Who Voluntarily Quit Their Jobs.** This bill paves the way for abuse of the unemployment insurance system by directing the Employment Security Department to study expanding benefit eligibility to individuals who voluntarily quit their jobs. ACU recognizes that unemployment insurance costs are paid for by employers, believes unemployment insurance should be temporary and for when employee has been laid off through no fault of their own and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 32-17 and the bill was signed into law.

18. **SB 5740 Increasing Taxpayer and Employment Costs Through the Creation of a State-Run Retirement Program.** This bill drives up taxpayer costs and places additional costs and burdens on employers by creating a new state-run retirement program. Under the bill, the Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program is created, which forces certain employers to automatically enroll their employees in the program. ACU recognizes that the state’s dismal management of the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS), a similar system for state employees, has resulted in over $12 billion in unfunded liabilities. ACU opposes this government intrusion into the marketplace and private business operations, opposes subjecting taxpayers, employers, and employees to unnecessary expenses for a service that is already provided by the private sector and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 17, 2020 by a vote of 26-20. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

19. **SB 5811 Raising New Car Prices by Importing California’s Draconian Emission Standards.** This bill drives up new car prices and reduces consumer choice by importing California’s Low Emission/Zero Emission Vehicle (LEV/ZEV) mandates. These mandates dictate that a certain number of new vehicles a manufacturer sells must produce very low or zero emissions. Essentially, manufactures are forced to sell more hybrid and electric cars. ACU opposes these new regulatory costs placed on manufacturers and consumers which drive up vehicle prices and reduce consumer vehicle choice and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 25-23 and the bill later was signed into law.
20. **SB 5867 Reducing Unnecessary Incarceration Costs through Sentencing Reform.** This bill is designed to better direct public safety resources to combatting crime by providing offenders sentenced for a drug offence prior to July 1, 2004 a resentencing hearing. This reform does not cover anybody convicted of a more serious offense or a violent offense. ACU’s Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and safely reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports protecting taxpayers from unnecessary incarceration costs through criminal justice reforms and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 18, 2020 by a vote of 47-0 and the bill was signed into law.

21. **SB 5908 Indoctrinating School Directors and Staff in “Cultural Competency.”** This bill is designed to further advance the Left’s agenda across the public education system. Under the bill, additional training programs addressing “equity, diversity, inclusion and cultural competency” must be created and provided to nearly all school personnel ranging from school board members to staff. ACU believes staff training should be prioritized to improve the delivery of education to students in core subject areas, not a tool to be hijacked by the Left to indoctrinate school staff and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 12, 2020 by a vote of 29-17. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

22. **SB 6012 Promoting Cronyism by Exempting Additional “Green” Energy Projects from Taxes.** This bill further advances cronyism by providing an estimated $2.5 million in tax exemptions to government-favored energy projects. Specifically, this bill would exempt machinery, equipment, labor, and services paid for by hydroelectric or wind turbine energy projects from sales and use taxes until July 1, 2031. ACU supports all sources of energy, does not believe government should favor one source of energy over another, opposes politicized energy agendas that favor special interests and shift tax burdens to other taxpayers not favored by government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 17, 2020 by a vote of 39-9. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

23. **SB 6066 Encouraging Public Schools to Teach Leftist Propaganda Like Critical Race Theory to Kindergarteners.** This bill advances leftist indoctrination at public schools. Under the bill, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is required to identify and make available ethic studies materials and resources, like those used to advance critical race theory (CRT), and encourage public schools to use the material in grades K-6. ACU vehemently opposes racism and believes all individuals should be treated equally under the law. ACU recognizes that CRT is a tool used by the radical Left to advance division amongst Americans and expand the role of government. ACU believes it is abhorrent to advance this indoctrination on students as young as five and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 12, 2020 by a vote of 36-10 and the bill was signed into law.

24. **SB 6068 Advancing Cronyism by Exempting Private Planes from the Sales and Use Tax.** This bill extends an ineffective and narrow tax carve-out to private airplane owners at the expense of other taxpayers. Specifically, the bill provides a sales and use tax exemption for the sale of large airplanes to nonresidents, as well as exempts the sales of labor and services for the repair, cleaning, and altering of the planes from taxes. ACU recognizes the need to reduce tax burdens, but further recognizes that any time a tax cut is provided to a particular industry, the tax burden is simply shifted onto other products and individuals to make up the difference. ACU supports a tax code that is broadly applied with the lowest possible rates for everyone. ACU opposes this cronyism which dilutes the tax base and shifts tax burdens onto other individuals not favored by government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 18, 2020 by a vote of 47-1 and the bill was signed into law.

25. **SB 6087 Driving up Insurance Premium Costs by Imposing Price Controls on InsulinCopayments.** This bill would threaten to increase the price of insurance premiums by imposing price controls on copayments for insulin drugs. Specifically, the bill would make Washington the twelfth state in the country to mandate that health insurers are prohibited from charging more than $100 for a one-month supply of insulin. ACU recognizes that price controls on insurance harm the affordability of insurance for everyone rather than the intended outcome of reducing costs for insulin-dependent patients. ACU further recognizes the rise in insulin costs is largely due to the enormous investments manufacturers have made in creating new and improved formulations. ACU opposes price controls on premiums which lead to higher insurance costs for everyone and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 48-0 and the bill was signed into law.
26. **SB 6088 Promoting Further Government Interference in the Marketplace and Price Controls on Prescriptions.** This bill imposes draconian reporting requirements on pharmaceutical drug manufacturers to advance a government-imposed price control scheme. The bill creates a Prescription Drug Affordability Board that will impose numerous reporting requirements and ultimately acts as a price control. For example, if in its wisdom the board determines the price of a drug to be "unfair" the board will force the drug manufacturer to "negotiate" a lower price. ACU opposes government interference in the marketplace and price control mechanisms that threaten innovation, believes the best way to lower drug prices is by fostering free-market principles in international markets and streamlining the approval process at the Federal Drug Administration and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 31-17 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.

27. **SB 6096 Enriching Union Bosses and Raising Taxpayer Costs by Giving Unions more Leverage in Contract Negotiations.** This bill enriches greedy union bosses at the expense of taxpayers by giving labor unions more leverage in contract negotiations. Specifically, this bill now requires all businesses who want to contract with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to include a provision in their contracts guaranteeing there will be no disruption of service due to labor dissatisfaction. While sounding good in theory, these provisions are used to drive up contract costs and ensure that only union represented employees can be hired. ACU opposes mandates which enrich unions by giving them greater leverage in contract negotiations and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 12, 2020 by a vote of 35-12 and the bill was signed into law.

28. **SB 6212 Further Busting the "Cap" on Property Taxes to Fund More Government "Affordable Housing" Programs.** This bill further expands a program which permits counties, cities, and towns to bust the statutory cap on property taxes if the money is used to finance "affordable housing." Under current law, counties can bust the cap if the funds go toward housing for individuals making below 50 percent of the median income. This bill expands the program to fund individuals making up to 80 percent the median income and now also allows the funds to be used for "owner-occupied home repair," and foreclosure prevention programs. ACU recognizes the irony of raising property taxes - which can price individuals out of their homes – in order to create more government programs purported to address housing affordability. ACU supports capping out-of-control property taxes, opposes this taxpayer-funded cronyism, believes the state should instead expand its efforts to reduce excessive zoning and building regulations to solve the housing shortage and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill February 19, 2020 by a vote of 35-13 and the bill was signed into law.

29. **SB 6217 Reducing Employment by Hiking the Minimum Wage at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.** This bill reduces employment opportunities and drives up consumer costs by subjecting the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to the City of SeaTac’s ever increasing minimum wage ($16.57 per hour in 2021). Specifically, the bill removes the airport’s exemption and thereby mandates employers at the airport abide by the above-market wage minimums. ACU opposes increases in the minimum wage which harm those who especially need employment experience, such as students and inexperienced workers, supports the ability of employees to negotiate their own benefits and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 17, 2020 by a vote of 33-15 and the bill was signed into law.

30. **SB 6254 Advancing the War on Nicotine Through Excessive Regulations on Vapor Products.** This bill contains numerous provisions that infringe individual liberties and impose additional costs on nicotine users. For example, the bill places a new ban on the online sale and delivery of vaping or e-cigarette products such as JUUL. Additionally, the bill bans disposable flavored vapor products and imposes a 5% excise tax on all other flavored vapor products. 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 the bill on March 12, 2020 by a vote of 35-13. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

31. **SB 6280 Undermining Fourth Amendment Rights through Governmental Usage of Facial Recognition Software.** This bill makes Washington the first state to create a statewide regulatory framework that provides government the ability to infringe Fourth Amendment rights through the usage of facial recognition software. While the bill provides slight protections, ACU recognizes that legislation such as Michigan’s SB 342, with its specific and limited exemptions, serve as better models to protect public safety while strengthening civil liberties. ACU supports strengthening civil liberties and privacy rights as protected under the Fourth Amendment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 12, 2020 by a vote of 27-21 and the bill was signed into law with a partial veto from the governor.
32. **SB 6313 Creating More Opportunities for Vote Fraud by Pre-Registering Children to Vote.** This bill creates a new avenue for vote fraud through the establishment of a system to pre-register children as young as age 16 to vote. Firstly, the bill automatically registers 16 and 17-year-olds to vote when they obtain their driver’s license. Second, the bill requires all public four-year universities to open a “non-partisan” “engagement hub” for eight days before an election where a university must allow students to register in person and provide ballots. Additionally, this bill allows 17-year-olds to vote in primaries as long as they will turn 18 by the general election. ACU recognizes that this measure will result in numerous ineligible individuals becoming registered to vote such as students who have changed residences. ACU opposes weakening ballot integrity which disenfranchises legal voters by encouraging vote fraud and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 7, 2020 by a vote of 27-21 and the bill was signed into law.

33. **SB 6378 Forcing Landlords to Cancel Evictions Based on “Pledges” of Welfare Payments from Government and Nonprofit Entities.** This bill further weakens property rights and ultimately drives up rental costs for everyone by making it harder to remove tenants who fail to pay their rent. Under the bill, a landlord is prevented from repossessing a property if a tenant presents a “pledge” from a government or nonprofit entity that they will provide “emergency rental assistance funds” to cover the unpaid rent. ACU recognizes that the vast majority of landlords already attempt to work with tenants and other outside entities to secure rents and avoid costly evictions and vacancies. ACU further recognizes that this measure serves as an additional barrier to remove bad actors who consistently fail to pay rent. ACU opposes this measure which weakens property rights and ultimately drives up rental rates for everyone by making it even more costly to remove tenants who fail to pay rent and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 19, 2020 by a vote of 30-18 and the bill was signed into law.

34. **SB 6432 Obstructing American Energy Production by Banning Offshore Oil Drilling.** This bill obstructs American energy production and weakens economic growth and job opportunities for the people of Washington by prohibiting the exploration or production of oil and natural gas in Washington waters. This bill’s blanket prohibition is in response to recent opportunities to expand offshore exploration and drilling such as a draft leasing plan proposed by the federal Department of Interior. ACU supports all sources of energy and believes government should not favor one source over another, supports creating job opportunities by eliminating government interference with private-sector efforts to provide abundant and affordable energy for all and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 17, 2020 by a vote of 35-12. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

35. **SB 6442 Reducing Government Efficiency by Banning Most Private Prisons.** This bill hinders the private sector from helping to improve prison efficiency by prohibiting the Department of Corrections from contracting to transfer or place offenders at most private correctional facilities. However, the bill does provide a carve-out for several private facilities including state work release centers, juvenile residential facilities, nonprofit community-based juvenile or adult detention facilities, contracts for ancillary services, or tribal entities. ACU Foundation’s Nolan Center for Justice is a leading voice on this issue and works to reduce taxpayer costs and improve inmate rehabilitation and safety, regardless of whether facilities are publicly or privately managed. ACU believes this measure violates our Seven Principles of Privatization, opposes the effort which expands government bureaucracy and inefficiency and reduces the flexibility to innovate to reduce recidivism and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 29-20 and the bill was signed into law.

36. **SB 6455 Dictating Children’s Beverage Offerings in the Restaurant Industry.** This bill forces all restaurants that serve children’s meals to change their children’s menus to include default beverages preferred by government rather than the array of choices previously available. Under the bill, only water, milk, or a nondairy milk alternative may be offered as the default drink accompanying a children’s meal. As a result, restaurants are prohibited from offering any other beverage to children unless requested by the purchaser of the meal. ACU opposes this attack on parental rights and this needless new regulatory burden on restaurants and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 13, 2020 by a vote of 25-22. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
37. **SB 6478 Increasing Government Dependency by Reversing 25 Years of Welfare Reform.** This bill would discourage individuals from becoming self-sufficient and living happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives by gutting the heart of a critical welfare reform passed in the 1990s. The reform ensured that individuals would not remain dependent on government for their entire lives by placing a five-year limit on benefits provided under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Existing law already has loopholes which permit roughly 20 percent of individuals to remain on the program for longer periods through extensions. This bill drastically expands the loopholes to now permit nearly anyone to stay on welfare past the five years if they have a child and don’t have an “adequate nighttime residence”. 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 11, 2020 by a vote of 30-18 and the bill was signed into law.

38. **SB 6492 Imposing $234 Million in New Taxes to Further Socialize College Educations.** This bill further socializes college costs by imposing higher taxes on businesses in order to fund the Washington College Grant Program. This bill replaces HB 2158, passed in 2019, to make it less complicated for the government to impose these new taxes and extract as much money as possible from businesses. Under the bill, businesses will face an estimated $234 million more in tax burdens through a surcharge on the business and occupation gross receipts tax (a regressive tax imposed on businesses regardless of whether they run a profit or a loss.) ACU opposes further socializing higher education costs at the expense of business and economic growth and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 30, 2020 by a vote of 28-21 and the bill was signed into law.

39. **SB 6518 Advancing Overly Restrictive Regulations on a Common Pesticide.** This bill would direct the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to impose excessive regulations on a common pesticide known as Chlorpyrifos by January 1, 2022. Currently, the chemical is regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which has set reasonable standards on the use of the chemical. ACU recognizes the responsible use of Chlorpyrifos has led to significant societal benefits through innovations in agriculture, control of public health pests and consumer products. ACU opposes this heavy-handed ban on a widely used pesticide which is harsher than regulations set by both the European Union and the EPA and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 40-7 but it was vetoed by the governor.

40. **SB 6561 Forcing Taxpayers to Provide Subsidized College Loans to Illegal Immigrants.** This bill creates a new state bureaucracy, the Undocumented Student Support Loan Program, to force taxpayers to provide low-interest loans to illegal immigrants. Under current law, federal education loans cannot be provided to illegal immigrants. ACU supports assisting the federal government in its constitutional role to enforce our nation’s immigration laws, believes limited taxpayer resources should not be provided to individuals residing in the country illegally and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 37-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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OVERALL AVERAGE
35%

LOWEST REPUBLICAN
HARRIS, PAUL
64%

HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
BLAKE, BRIAN
33%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE
78%

4%
since last year

DEMOCRAT AVERAGE
5%

WASHINGTON HOUSE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
41 TOTAL IN HOUSE

BLUE = DEMOCRATS
57 TOTAL IN HOUSE

2020 ACUF PERCENTAGE

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WASHINGTON HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. HB 1110 Advancing the War on Gas-Powered Vehicles by Enacting a “Clean Fuels Standard”. This bill will substantially raise gasoline prices by enacting the so-called “Clean Fuels Standard”. Under the bill, the Department of Ecology is directed to calculate the greenhouse gas emissions per unit of fuel (carbon intensity) through a life-cycle analysis. This analysis includes the greenhouse gases released to produce, transport, and store the fuel. The Department must then enact regulations that reduce the greenhouse gas emissions attributable to each unit of fuel to 10 percent below 2017 levels by 2028 and 20 percent below 2017 levels by 2035, exempting sea, rail, and air. ACU opposes these arbitrary mandates that significantly increase the cost of transportation and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on January 29, 2020 by a vote of 52-44. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

2. HB 1590 Increasing Unfunded Liabilities by Hiking Government Employee Pension Payouts. This bill further jeopardizes the solvency of the state’s public employee pension system by increasing payouts by 3%. The bill is expected to increase unfunded liabilities by an estimated $103.9 million over the next four years and applies to retired members of the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS Plan 1) or the Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS Plan 1). ACU recognizes that Washington is already at a crisis level of debt with $11.2 billion in unfunded pension liabilities and has the sixth-highest debt per capita in the country. ACU opposes this measure which further grows unfunded liabilities, thus placing taxpayers and beneficiaries at risk and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 94-3 and the bill was signed into law.

3. HB 1521 Unnecessarily Driving up Taxpayer Costs by Restricting Government Contracting. This union-backed bill unnecessarily drives up taxpayer costs by establishing a series of new barriers for government contracting. For example, the bill requires “comprehensive impact assessments” which do not measure value or cost-effectiveness for taxpayers, but instead analyze factors such as job loss of government employees. This measure directly violates ACU Foundation’s “Seven Principles of Privatization.” ACU opposes this measure which is designed to enrich greedy union bosses at the expense of taxpayers and improved government efficiency and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 67-29 and the bill was signed into law.

4. HB 1590 Eliminating Voter Approval Requirements for Local Tax Increases. This bill eliminates the requirement that a local government must have voter approval to impose increases in local sales and use taxes as well as authorizes local governments to bypass taxpayers to impose taxes aimed at boosting “affordable” housing. ACU believes voters are the most important voice in any fiscal issue, supports maintaining the utmost level of government transparency and fiscal responsibility, opposes driving up sales taxes which are largely seen as regressive and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 52-44 and the bill was signed into law.

5. HB 1694 Increasing Rental Costs by Further Interfering in Tenant-Landlord Contracting Rights. This bill further drives up rental housing costs by exposing landlords to a new avenue of risk. Under the bill, landlords must provide tenants the option to move in without providing a security deposit, last month’s rent or any other fees currently required before move-in. Instead, tenants are to be provided the option to pay these deposits and fees in installments for a period of at least three months. A landlord who violates this provision is subject to a statutory penalty of one month’s rent and attorneys’ fees payable to the tenant. ACU Foundation’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to ensure the property rights of both landlords and tenants are properly protected. ACU opposes this measure subjects landlords to considerable new risk, especially considering the state’s draconian eviction procedure. ACU opposes this infringement in tenant-landlord contracting rights which drives up rental costs and exposes landlords to lawsuit abuse and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 7, 2020 by a vote of 53-44 and the bill was signed into law.

6. HB 1793 Subjecting Motorists to Additional Fines by Expanding Automated Traffic Cameras Use. This bill permits Seattle to create a pilot program to expand the use of traffic cameras to detect minor infractions, such as stopping at crosswalks or cars using bus lanes, with penalties of up to $75 per infraction. ACU opposes the use of traffic cameras, which are used primarily as a revenue source as opposed to a public safety device, and has serious privacy concerns with these systems due to the ability of government to track the movements of drivers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 56-40 and the bill was signed into law.
7. **HB 1813 Prioritizing Unions over Students by Passing New Unfunded Liabilities on School Transportation.** This bill empowers unions to demand more scarce taxpayer resources to benefit themselves over educating children. Specifically, this bill mandates that school districts can no longer only focus on the best value or service for students when entering transportation contracts, instead school districts may only enter into agreements for transportation if the workers receive benefits equivalent to those received by their unionized school employees. ACU opposes this effort by union bosses to once again use the force of government to deprive students of educational resources in order to enrich themselves and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on January 30, 2020 by a vote of 60-36. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

8. **HB 1841 Increasing Shipping and Transportation Costs by Mandating Railroad Train Crew Sizes.** This anti-technology bill would raise shipping costs and is primarily designed to enrich union bosses. Under the bill, all railroad trains or light engines operating on a class one railroad (nearly every rail in the state) would be required to have a crew of at least two individuals. The bill would make failure to comply a misdemeanor with a fine of up to $100,000. ACU opposes this mandate, especially in an era of automation, which is designed to enrich union bosses, increases shipping costs, and creates a complicated patchwork of regulations for trains operating across state lines and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 64-33 and the bill was signed into law.

9. **HB 2252 Mandating that Student Health Plans Provide Coverage for Abortion.** This bill violates religious freedoms by mandating all student health insurance policies offered in the state provide coverage for elective 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 House passed the bill on February 16, 2020 by a vote of 56-40. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

10. **HB 2308 Interfering in Private Business Operations by Mandating Job Title Reporting.** This bill would outrageously expand the power of the state government in order to send a chilling effect to company hiring practices. Under the bill, companies that are forced to report the job title of every employee on each quarterly tax report beginning October 1, 2022. ACU recognizes that this bill is designed to impose government control over private hiring decisions and ultimately radicalize private companies by shaming, and eventually forcing, private companies to create quotas for job titles and salaries on factors other than merit. ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all, vehemently opposes discrimination and believes those who discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes this measure which is designed to harass companies and foster discrimination based on race and sex and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 17, 2020 by a vote of 60-38 and the bill was signed into law.

11. **HB 2310 Increasing Ride-Share Costs and Limiting Availability.** This bill raises consumer cost by requiring the government to impose excessive restrictions on emissions from vehicles of for-hire transportation platforms like Uber and Lyft. Specifically, by 2022, this bill will require the increased use of zero emission vehicles by on-demand transportation drivers to replace their gasoline-powered vehicles with zero emission vehicles. ACU opposes these costly government mandates which raise consumer costs and limit available services in order to advance a politicized climate agenda and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 16, 2020 by a vote of 56-39. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

12. **HB 2311 Hindering Economic Growth by Increasing Draconian Mandates on Carbon Dioxide Emissions.** This bill will have a devastating effect on the state economy by placing even more stringent limits on the emission of greenhouse gases. Under the bill greenhouse gas emissions must be 45 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, 70 percent below 1990 levels by 2040, and 95 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. ACU opposes significantly raising consumer costs and hindering economic growth to advance a politicized, leftist climate change agenda and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 16, 2020 by a vote of 55-41 and the bill was signed into law.

13. **HB 2441 Discouraging Self-Sufficiency by Weakening Welfare Work Requirements.** This bill discourages individuals from becoming self-sufficient and living happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives by weakening requirements that individuals participate in work or job training activities in order to receive benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) welfare program. Specifically, the bill allows individuals to willfully violate the work requirements for an entire year before welfare benefits are terminated, rather than the two months under current law. ACU supports efforts that help individuals live happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives and opposes measures such as this which further expand government dependency, leading to intergenerational poverty, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill March 11, 2020 by a vote of 56-41 and the bill was signed into law.
14. HB 2554 Raising Health Insurance Costs through Coverage Mandates. This bill drives up health insurance costs by mandating that all private health insurance policies offered in the state provide coverage treatments deemed “essential” by government bureaucrats. This bill institutes this mandate by fining private insurance companies “an amount that is the actuarial equivalent of costs attributed to the provision and administration of the excluded benefit.” As a result of this mandate, which is in addition to countless others, individuals will likely face significantly greater challenges in obtaining low-cost, basic health plans that provide the coverage they prefer. ACU opposes health insurance mandates which prevent consumers from selecting the coverages that best suit their needs and ultimately drive up costs and make health insurance unaffordable for many individuals and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 58-39 and the bill was signed into law.

15. HB 2567 Establishing Sanctuary Policies for Illegal Immigrants in Courthouses. This bill obstructs establishes policies that limit the enforcement of federal immigration laws in courthouses. Specifically, the bill prohibits judges, court staff, court security personnel, prosecutors, and prosecutor’s office personnel from inquiring into or collecting immigration or citizenship status information, or place of birth, unless there is a connection between the information and a criminal investigation. ACU supports assisting the federal government in its constitutional role in enforcing our immigration laws and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 17, 2020 by a vote of 55-43 and the bill was signed into law.

16. HB 2602 Harming Employment Opportunities for People with Protective Hairstyles and Encouraging Lawsuit Abuse. This bill, modeled after legislation passed in California, harms job opportunities for individuals with protective hairstyles such as braids, dreadlocks, and twists by adding the hairstyles to the list of characteristics over which individuals may file lawsuits for discrimination. As a result, the bill incentivizes businesses to avoid hiring anyone with protective hairstyles, rather than the bill’s ostensible goal of protecting job opportunities for people with hairstyles historically associated with race. ACU believes discrimination is wrong and that businesses which discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes this measure which may harm the ability of racial minorities to obtain employment and impose significant new risk of lawsuit abuse for small businesses and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 12, 2020 by a vote of 87-10 and the bill was signed into law.

17. HB 2622 Increasing the Penalties for Violating the “Red Flag” Firearm Seizure Law. This bill holds anyone in “contempt of court” if they fail to fully comply with the state’s “red flag” firearm seizure law. Under this law numerous individuals can submit an ex-parte (i.e., one-sided) petition to a court for an “extreme risk protection order.” This order allows the seizure of all firearms held by the accused if they are considered to be a danger to themselves or others simply due to the possession of a firearm. ACU opposes this and other so-called “red flag” measures that violate due process, supports the founders’ belief in both the Second Amendment and due process under the law and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 56-40 and the bill was signed into law.

18. HB 2625 Indebting Taxpayers and Hiking Taxes to Build Additional Public Parks. This bill subjects taxpayers to even greater levels of taxation and debt in order to further expand government parks. Specifically, the bill authorizes local governments to hold voter referendums to increase the sales and use tax and issue bonds (debt) to build, maintain or expand public parks. ACU believes existing budgets should be better prioritized and that the private sector is best suited to provide recreation and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 16, 2020 by a vote of 72-24. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

19. HB 2722 Driving up Consumer Costs through New Recyclable Content Mandates for Plastic Beverage Containers. This bill would unnecessarily drive-up consumer costs by imposing new mandates on beverage manufacturers. Under the bill, the annual average of post-consumer recycled plastic content would be required to reach at least 50% for all plastic beverage containers by 2030. ACU opposes this mandate which would unnecessarily drive-up consumer beverage costs and is designed to enrich select manufacturers of recycled plastic (who heavily lobbied for the bill) and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 11, 2020 by a vote of 57-40 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
20. **SB 5323 Advancing a Politicized Environmental Agenda and Weakening Consumer Choice by Allowing Localities to Impose Excessive Regulations on Plastic and Paper Bags.** This bill restricts consumer choice and drives-up costs for consumers and businesses alike by banning single-use plastic bags. This bill mandates retailers to collect an $0.08 cent pass-through charge when providing a reusable plastic film bag or carryout paper bag and requires the bags to meet certain government-imposed specifications. ACU opposes this government overreach, believes government should instead enforce anti-littering ordinances rather than burden law-abiding consumers and businesses and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 7, 2020 by a vote of 67-29 and the bill was signed into law.

21. **SB 5434 Weakening Self-Defense by Expanding “Gun Free” Zones.** This bill threatens public safety by expanding “gun-free” zones to broadly defined child care centers. ACU recognizes that these arbitrary zones leave law-abiding citizens defenseless in the presence of a threat, support the second amendment and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 56-40 and the bill was signed into law.

22. **SB 5473 Advancing Unemployment Insurance Abuse Through Benefits for Individuals Who Voluntarily Quit Their Jobs.** This bill paves the way for abuse of the unemployment insurance system by directing the Employment Security Department to study expanding benefit eligibility to individuals who voluntarily quit their jobs. ACU recognizes that unemployment insurance costs are paid for by employers, believes unemployment insurance should be temporary and for when employee has been laid off through no fault of their own and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 57-40 and the bill was later signed into law.

23. **SB 5811 Raising New Car Prices by Importing California’s Draconian Emission Standards.** This bill drives up new car prices and reduces consumer choice by importing California’s Low Emission/Zero Emission Vehicle (LEV/ZEV) mandates. These mandates dictate that a certain number of new vehicles a manufacturer sells must produce very low or zero emissions. Essentially, manufactures are forced to sell more hybrid and electric cars. ACU opposes these new regulatory costs placed on manufacturers and consumers which drive up vehicle prices and reduce consumer vehicle choice and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 57-40 and the bill was signed into law.

24. **SB 5867 Reducing Unnecessary Incarceration Costs through Sentencing Reform.** This bill is designed to better direct public safety resources to combating crime by providing offenders sentenced for a drug offense prior to July 1, 2004 a resentencing hearing. This reform does not cover anybody convicted of a more serious offense or a violent offense. ACUF’s Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and safely reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports protecting taxpayers from unnecessary incarceration costs through criminal justice reforms and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2020 by a vote of 84-13 and the bill was signed into law.

25. **SB 6066 Encouraging Public Schools to Teach Leftist Propaganda Like Critical Race Theory to Kindergarteners.** This bill advances leftist indoctrination at public schools. Under the bill, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is required to identify and make available ethic studies materials and resources, like those used to advance critical race theory (CRT), and encourage public schools to use the material in grades K-6. ACU vehemently opposes racism and believes all individuals should be treated equally under the law. ACU recognizes that CRT is a tool used by the radical Left to advance division amongst Americans and expand the role of government. ACU believes it is abhorrent to advance this indoctrination on students as young as five and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 6, 2020 by a vote of 64-33 and the bill was signed into law.

26. **SB 6068 Advancing Cronyism by Exempting Private Planes from the Sales and Use Tax.** This bill extends an ineffective and narrow tax carve-out to private airplane owners at the expense of other taxpayers. Specifically, the bill provides a sales and use tax exemption for the sale of large airplanes to nonresidents, as well as exempts the sales of labor and services for the repair, cleaning, and altering of the planes from taxes. ACU recognizes the need to reduce tax burdens, but further recognizes that any time a tax cut is provided to a particular industry, the tax burden is simply shifted onto other products and individuals to make up the difference. ACU supports a tax code that is broadly applied with the lowest possible rates for everyone. ACU opposes this cronyism which dilutes the tax base and shifts tax burdens onto other individuals not favored by government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 11, 2020 by a vote of 91-6 and the bill was signed into law.
27. **SB 6087 Driving up Insurance Premium Costs by Imposing Price Controls on Insulin Copayments.** This bill would threaten to increase the price of insurance premiums by imposing price controls on copayments for insulin drugs. Specifically, the bill would make Washington the twelfth state in the country to mandate that health insurers are prohibited from charging more than $100 for a one-month supply of insulin. ACU recognizes that price controls on insurance harm the affordability of insurance for everyone rather than the intended outcome of reducing costs for insulin-dependent patients. ACU further recognizes the rise in insulin costs is largely due to the enormous investments manufacturers have made in creating new and improved formulations. ACU opposes price controls on premiums which lead to higher insurance costs for everyone and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 6, 2020 by a vote of 63-33 and the bill was signed into law.

28. **SB 6088 Promoting Further Government Interference in the Marketplace and Price Controls on Prescriptions.** This bill imposes draconian reporting requirements on pharmaceutical drug manufacturers to advance a government-imposed price control scheme. The bill creates a Prescription Drug Affordability Board that will impose numerous reporting requirements and ultimately acts as a price control. For example, if in its wisdom the board determines the price of a drug to be “unfair” the board will force the drug manufacturer to “negotiate” a lower price. ACU opposes government interference in the marketplace and price control mechanisms that threaten innovation, believes the best way to lower drug prices is by fostering free-market principles in international markets and streamlining the approval process at the Federal Drug Administration and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 6, 2020 by a vote of 94-3 but it was vetoed by the governor.

29. **SB 6096 Enriching Union Bosses and Raising Taxpayer Costs by Giving Unions more Leverage in Contract Negotiations.** This bill enriches greedy union bosses at the expense of taxpayers by giving labor unions more leverage in contract negotiations. Specifically, this bill now requires all businesses who want to contract with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to include a provision in their contracts guaranteeing there will be no disruption of service due to labor dissatisfaction. While sounding good in theory, these provisions are used to drive up contract costs and ensure that only union represented employees can be hired. ACU opposes mandates which enrich unions by giving them greater leverage in contract negotiations and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2020 by a vote of 62-35 and the bill was later signed into law.

30. **SB 6212 Further Busting the “Cap” on Property Taxes to Fund More Government “Affordable Housing” Programs.** This bill further expands a program which permits counties, cities, and towns to bust the statutory cap on property taxes if the money is used to finance “affordable housing.” Under current law, counties can bust the cap if the funds go toward housing for individuals making below 50 percent of the median income. This bill expands the program to fund individuals making up to 80 percent the median income and now also allows the funds to be used for “owner-occupied home repair,” and foreclosure prevention programs. ACU recognizes the irony of raising property taxes - which can price individuals out of their homes – in order to create more government programs purported to address housing affordability. ACU supports capping out-of-control property taxes, opposes this taxpayer-funded cronyism, believes the state should instead expand its efforts to reduce excessive zoning and building regulations to solve the housing shortage and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill March 6, 2020 by a vote of 91-6 and the bill was signed into law.

31. **SB 6217 Reducing Employment by Hiking the Minimum Wage at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.** This bill reduces employment opportunities and drives up consumer costs by subjecting the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to the City of SeaTac’s ever increasing minimum wage ($16.57 per hour in 2021). Specifically, the bill removes the airport’s exemption and thereby mandates employers at the airport abide by the above-market wage minimums. ACU opposes increases in the minimum wage which harm those who especially need employment experience, such as students and inexperienced workers, supports the ability of employees to negotiate their own benefits and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2020 by a vote of 58-39 and the bill was signed into law.

32. **SB 6280 Undermining Fourth Amendment Rights through Governmental Usage of Facial Recognition Software.** This bill makes Washington the first state to create a statewide regulatory framework that provides government the ability to infringe Fourth Amendment rights through the usage of facial recognition software. While the bill provides slight protections, ACU recognizes that legislation such as Michigan’s SB 342, with its specific and limited exemptions, serve as better models to protect public safety while strengthening civil liberties. ACU supports strengthening civil liberties and privacy rights as protected under the Fourth Amendment and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 12, 2020 by a vote of 53-43 the bill was signed into law with a partial veto from the governor.
33. **SB 6313 Creating More Opportunities for Vote Fraud by Pre-Registering Children to Vote.** This bill creates a new avenue for vote fraud through the establishment of a system to pre-register children as young as age 16 to vote. Firstly, the bill automatically registers 16 and 17-year-olds to vote when they obtain their driver’s license. Second, the bill requires all public four-year universities to open a “non-partisan” “engagement hub” for eight days before an election where a university must allow students to register in person and provide ballots. Additionally, this bill allows 17-year-olds to vote in primaries as long as they will turn 18 by the general election. ACU recognizes that this measure will result in numerous ineligible individuals becoming registered to vote such as students who have changed residences. ACU opposes weakening ballot integrity which disenfranchises legal voters by encouraging vote fraud and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 56-41 and the bill was signed into law.

34. **SB 6378 Forcing Landlords to Cancel Evictions Based on “Pledges” of Welfare Payments from Government and Nonprofit Entities.** This bill further weakens property rights and ultimately drives up rental costs for everyone by making it harder to remove tenants who fail to pay their rent. Under the bill, a landlord is prevented from repossessing a property if a tenant presents a “pledge” from a governmental or nonprofit entity that they will provide “emergency rental assistance funds” to cover the unpaid rent. ACU recognizes that the vast majority of landlords already attempt to work with tenants and other outside entities to secure rents and avoid costly evictions and vacancies. ACU further recognizes that this measure serves as an additional barrier to remove bad actors who consistently fail to pay rent. ACU opposes this measure which weakens property rights and ultimately drives up rental rates for everyone by making it even more costly to remove tenants who fail to pay rent and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 54-42 and the bill was signed into law.

35. **SB 6442 Reducing Government Efficiency by Banning Most Private Prisons.** This bill hinders the private sector from helping to improve prison efficiency by prohibiting the Department of Corrections from contracting to transfer or place offenders at most private correctional facilities. However, the bill does provide a carve-out for several private facilities including state work release centers, juvenile residential facilities, nonprofit community-based juvenile or adult detention facilities, contracts for ancillary services, or tribal entities. ACU Foundation’s Nolan Center for Justice is a leading voice on this issue and works to reduce taxpayer costs and improve inmate rehabilitation and safety, regardless of whether facilities are publicly or privately managed. ACU believes this measure violates our Seven Principles of Privatization, opposes the effort which expands government bureaucracy and inefficiency and reduces the flexibility to innovate to reduce recidivism and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 64-33 and the bill was signed into law.

36. **SB 6478 Increasing Government Dependency by Reversing 25 Years of Welfare Reform.** This bill would discourage individuals from becoming self-sufficient and living happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives by gutting the heart of a critical welfare reform passed in the 1990s. The reform ensured that individuals would not remain dependent on government for their entire lives by placing a five-year limit on benefits provided under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Existing law already has loopholes which permit roughly 20 percent of individuals to remain on the program for longer periods through extensions. This bill drastically expands the loopholes to now permit nearly anyone to stay on welfare past the five years if they have a child and don’t have an “adequate nighttime residence”. ACU supports efforts that help individuals live happier, healthier, and more prosperous lives, opposes measurers such as this which further expand government dependency, leading to intergenerational poverty, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 11, 2020 by a vote of 56-41 and the bill was signed into law.

37. **SB 6492 Imposing $234 Million in New Taxes to Further Socialize College Educations.** This bill further socializes college costs by imposing higher taxes on businesses in order to fund the Washington College Grant Program. This bill replaces HB 2158, passed in 2019, to make it less complicated for the government to impose these new taxes and extract as much money as possible from businesses. Under the bill, businesses will face an estimated $234 million more in tax burdens through a surcharge on the business and occupation gross receipts tax (a regressive tax imposed on businesses regardless of whether they run a profit or a loss.) ACU opposes further socializing higher education costs at the expense of business and economic growth and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 6, 2020 by a vote of 52-45 and the bill was signed into law.
38. **SB 6518 Advancing Overly Restrictive Regulations on a Common Pesticide.** This bill would direct the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to impose excessive regulations on a common pesticide known as Chlorpyrifos by January 1, 2022. Currently, the chemical is regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which has set reasonable standards on the use of the chemical. ACU recognizes the responsible use of Chlorpyrifos has led to significant societal benefits through innovations in agriculture, control of public health pests and consumer products. ACU opposes this heavy-handed ban on a widely used pesticide which is harsher than regulations set by both the European Union and the EPA and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 88-9 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.

39. **SB 6561 Forcing Taxpayers to Provide Subsidized College Loans to Illegal Immigrants.** This bill creates a new state bureaucracy, the Undocumented Student Support Loan Program, to force taxpayers to provide low-interest loans to illegal immigrants. Under current law, federal education loans cannot be provided to illegal immigrants. ACU supports assisting the federal government in its constitutional role to enforce our nation’s immigration laws, believes limited taxpayer resources should not be provided to individuals residing in the country illegally and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 82-15 and the bill was signed into law.