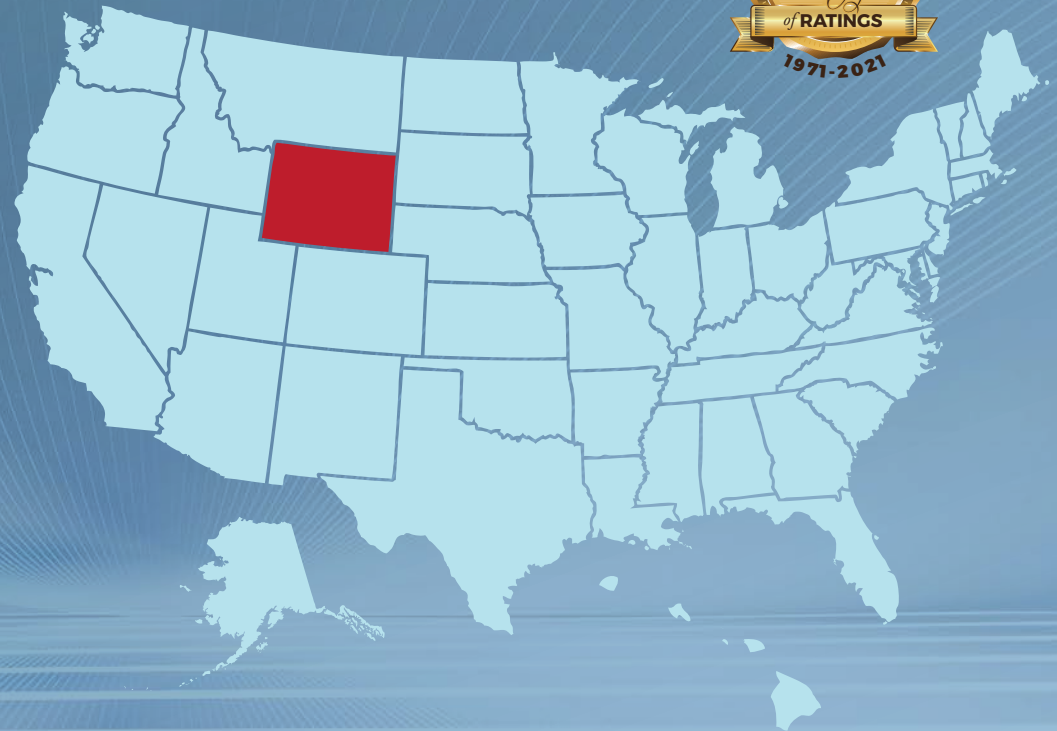


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RATINGS of WYOMING 2021



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of Wyoming* for 2021. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU Foundation's *Ratings of the States* are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

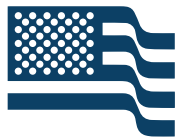
The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

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

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



Matt Schlapp
Chairman
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ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

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

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

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

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METHODOLOGY

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

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

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

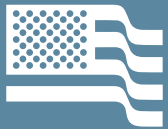
ANNUAL METRICS


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



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2021 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

No change since last year*

SENATE

FRENCH, TIM
HUTCHINGS, LYNN
JAMES, TOM
STEINMETZ, CHERI

4 since last year*

HOUSE

ANDREW, OCEAN
GRAY, CHUCK
HAROLDSON, JEREMY

≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

No change since last year*

SENATE

n/a

No change since last year*

HOUSE

n/a

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

2 since last year*

SENATE

BITEMAN, BO
BOUCHARD, ANTHONY
DOCKSTADER, DAN

KINSKEY, DAVE
KOLB, JOHN
MCKEOWN, TROY

3 since last year*

HOUSE

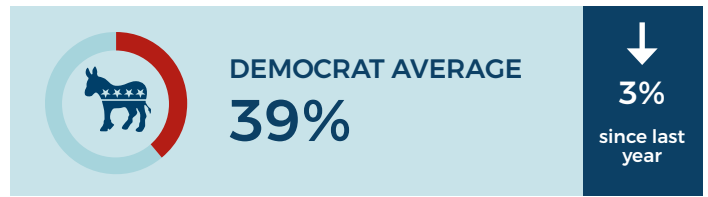
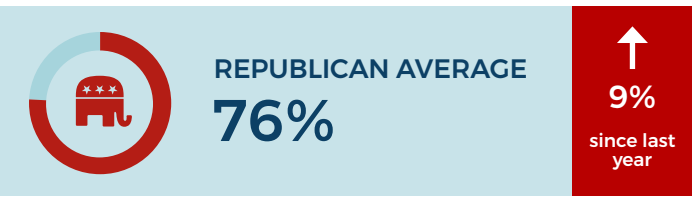
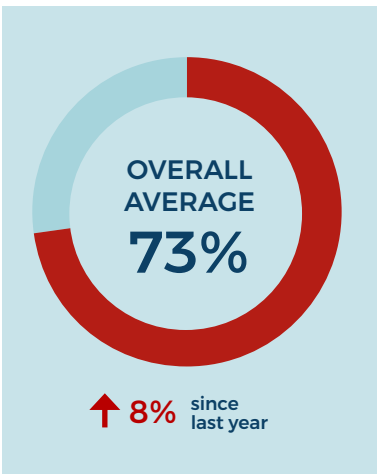
BAKER, MARK
BEAR, JOHN
BLACKBURN, JIM
Burt, Marshall*
FORTNER, BILL

HUNT, HANS
JENNINGS, MARK
LAURSEN, DAN
OTTMAN, PEPPER
RODRIGUEZ-WILLIAMS, RACHEL

STYVAR, CLARENCE
WHARFF, ROBERT
WINTER, JOHN

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

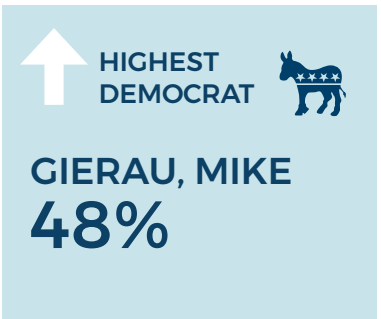
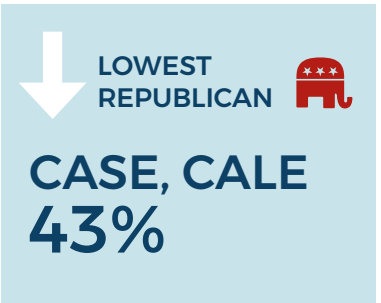
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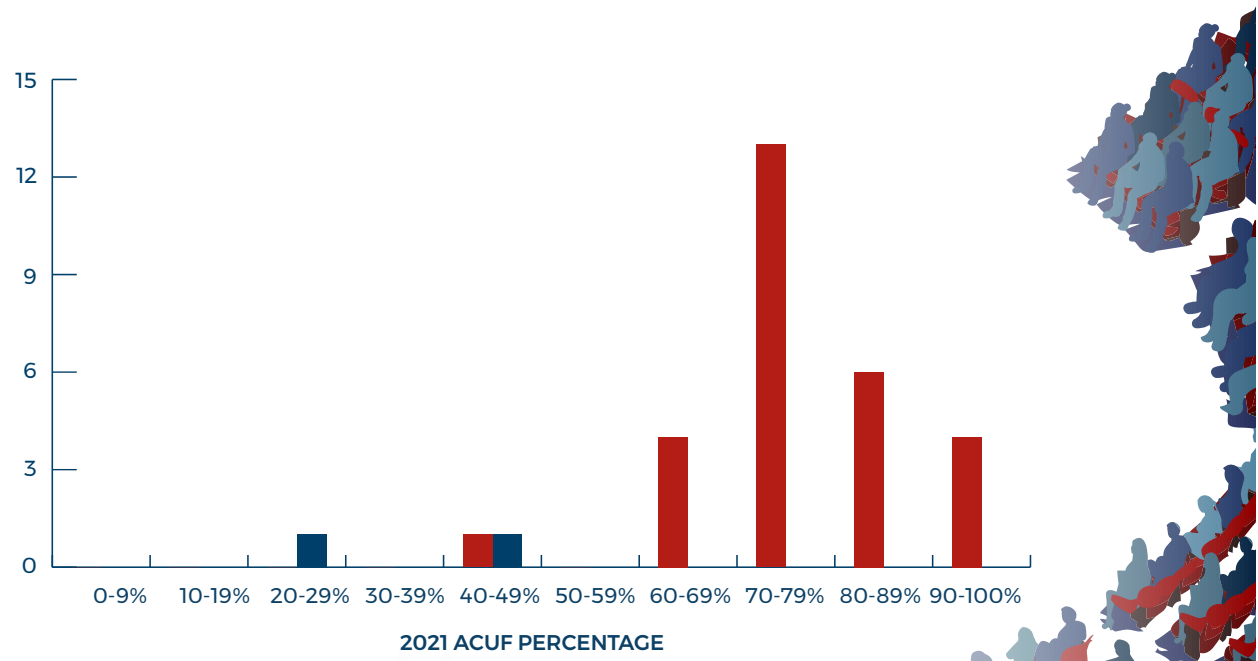
WYOMING SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

 **RED = REPUBLICANS**
28 TOTAL IN SENATE

 **BLUE = DEMOCRATS**
2 TOTAL IN SENATE




OF STATE SENATORS





WYOMING SENATE SCORES

WYOMING SENATE VOTE DETAIL

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ANDERSON, JAMES	R	28	74%	47%	63%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+				
BALDWIN, FRED	R	14	67%	50%	63%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+			
BITEMAN, BO	R	21	87%	95%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+			
BONER, BRIAN	R	2	77%	79%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	X	X	X	X			
BOUCHARD, ANTHONY	R	6	87%	90%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			
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COOPER, ED	R	20	71%	n/a	71%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		
DOCKSTADER, DAN	R	16	84%	82%	74%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		
DRISKILL, OGDEN	R	1	76%	78%	70%	X	-	-	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		
ELLIS, AFFIE	R	8	70%	59%	58%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+
FRENCH, TIM	R	18	90%	n/a	90%	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
FURPHY, DAN	R	10	71%	52%	53%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	
Gierau, Mike	D	17	48%	41%	39%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-		

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- SF 47 Improving Patient Access to Medical Laboratory Testing.
- SF 52 Driving Up Health Insurance Costs Through Mandates on Telehealth Reimbursements.
- SF 53 Imposing a New Tax on Private Ambulance Companies to Game the Federal Medicaid System.
- HB 54 Worsening Cronyism by Expanding the Wyoming Meat Packaging Initiative.
- HB 75 Strengthening Election Integrity through Voter ID Requirements.
- SF 81 Protecting Second Amendment Rights by Making Wyoming a "Gun Rights Sanctuary State".
- SF 96 Protecting the Sanctity of Life by Clarifying Unborn Children are Human Beings.
- SF 99 Exposing Businesses to Frivolous Litigation Through Additional Employment Mandates.
- SF 112 Reducing Auto Insurance Premiums by Repealing Unnecessary Mandates.
- HB 116 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights by Expanding "Constitutional Carry".
- HB 127 Providing a Check on Local Government Emergency Power Following the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- SF 130 Expanding School Choice by Reducing Barriers to Establish Charter Schools.
- SF 133 Protecting the Lives of Unborn Children by Prohibiting the Use of Abortion-Inducing Drugs.
- SF 152 Protecting Property Owners from Local Bans on Natural Gas.
- SF 155 Protecting Second Amendment Rights During States of Emergency.
- SF 157 Strengthening Property Rights Through a Prohibition on "Affordable Housing" Mandates.
- HB 162 Advancing the Expansion of Medicaid Under Obamacare.
- HB 166 Protecting Against Politicized Coal and Natural Gas Facility Closures.
- HB 189 Expanding Cronyism Through a Special Tax Exemption for Cryptocurrency Mining.
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HUTCHINGS, LYNN	R	5	90%	92%	84%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+			
JAMES, TOM	R	13	90%	92%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+			
KINSKEY, DAVE	R	22	81%	74%	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+			
KOLB, JOHN	R	12	81%	n/a	81%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		
KOST, R. J.	R	19	71%	51%	57%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+			
LANDEN, BILL	R	27	67%	51%	61%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		
MCKEOWN, TROY	R	24	87%	n/a	87%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
NETHERCOTT, TARA	R	4	74%	64%	68%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	
PAPPAS, STEPHAN	R	7	67%	54%	56%	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	
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SALAZAR, TIM	R	26	77%	79%	76%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
SCHULER, WENDY	R	15	63%	49%	56%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	X	X	X
SCOTT, CHARLES	R	30	73%	68%	68%	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
STEINMETZ, CHERI	R	3	90%	87%	81%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
WASSERBURGER, JEFF	R	23	70%	42%	52%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	

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WYOMING SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 1 Reducing Government Spending by \$430 Million and Cutting State Positions.** This supplemental budget bill attempts to rein in government spending by cutting general appropriations by \$430 million through June 22 and eliminating 324 state government positions. ACU supports significant reductions in the size and scope of government, supports protecting taxpayers by eliminating unnecessary state positions, and supported this measure as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on March 29, 2021 by a vote of 26-3 and the bill was signed into law.
2. **SF 1 (Dockstader Amd.) Raiding the State's Rainy-Day Fund to Socialize the Cost of Carbon Capture Programs.** The Dockstader (ACUF Lifetime 74%) amendment #2015 to the appropriations bill advances cronyism by raiding \$10 million from the state's rainy-day fund in order to socialize the costs of carbon capture programs. Under the amendment, the state would provide a dollar-to-dollar match of funds used to advance carbon capture utilization, including coal power plant retrofit and storage applications. ACU supports all sources of energy and believes government should not favor one source of energy over another. ACU opposes raiding the rainy-day fund in order to enrich special interests and opposed this amendment. The Senate adopted the amendment on March 10, 2021 by a vote of 23-5.
3. **SF 4 Hiking Property Taxes to Further Subsidize Airports.** This bill places even greater tax burdens on property owners by permitting the creation of "airport taxing districts" to further subsidize local airports. The new tax, which would be subject to voter approval, would be up to three dollars per \$1,000 of assessed property value. ACU believes airports should be funded through user-fees, opposes socializing the amenities of millionaire plane owners onto low-income residents, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2021 by a vote of 18-12. (The bill was defeated in the House.)
4. **HB 13 Expanding Competition and Consumer Choice by Easing Excessive Alcohol Regulations.** This bill provides slight regulatory relief in the alcoholic beverage industry by easing excessive and anti-competitive alcohol regulations. Specifically, the bill contains various provisions that reform liquor regulations in the state, such as allowing the delivery of alcoholic liquors or malt beverages, increasing the amount of wine which retail liquor licensees' can deliver directly to households, removing boundary restrictions set on counties' ability to issue malt beverage permits and removing a requirement that liquor industry representatives be residents of Wyoming in order to obtain a license. The bill also changes rules where liquor can be prepared and dispensed, allows people under age 21 to enter businesses where alcoholic beverages are sold primarily for off-premises consumption, so long as they do not enter designated sales areas, and eases restrictions on catering permits and resort liquor licensees'. ACU supports expanding consumer choice and individual liberties by eliminating excessive and anti-competitive regulations and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 4, 2021 by a vote of 28-0 and the bill was signed into law.
5. **SF 15 Permitting Boards to Temporarily Waive Licensing Regulations.** This bill expands employment opportunities by allowing professional and occupational licensure boards to waive requirements for licensure under certain conditions. Under the bill, these conditions would include when the examination is not being given or is not practicably available, continuing education opportunities are not practicably available, or public health orders or weather conditions prevent meeting the statutory requirements. If a board does take such action, they may "impose reasonable or necessary restrictions or requirements" on the affected licensing. These temporary changes may stay in effect for up to 4 years. ACU opposes many of the state's occupational licensing requirements which are primarily designed to restrict competition and increase costs for services, supports efforts to remove regulatory barriers to employment, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 30-0 and the bill was signed into law.
6. **HB 19 Attacking Automotive Collectors Through New Insurance Mandates and Fee Hikes on Antique Vehicles.** This bill makes it much more costly to own an antique vehicle by significantly hiking fees and imposing new insurance mandates on antique vehicles. Firstly, the bill requires a vehicle to now be at least 40 years old (previously 25 years) in order to qualify for antique tags. Secondly, the bill hikes the initial fee for antique plates from \$10 to \$50 and now requires that fee be paid annually. Furthermore, the bill now subjects every antique vehicle to full liability insurance requirements, even though their usage is significantly limited. While ACU generally supports user fees for transportation, we recognize that vehicles with antique license plates are not used for daily transportation and individuals typically have collections of multiple vehicles. ACU opposes this attack on automotive collectors by imposing unreasonable costs on classic car ownership and excessive insurance mandates and opposed this bill. The Senate failed to pass the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 15-15.



7. **SF 19 Protecting Businesses and Health Care Providers from Lawsuit Abuse Related to COVID-19.** This bill protects businesses and health care providers from frivolous litigation by limiting the liability of entities for actions related to an injury from exposure or potential exposure to Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). The bill provides an exemption from the liability limits when the exposure is caused by “gross negligence” or “willful or wanton misconduct.” ACU supports efforts to protect businesses from frivolous litigation related to COVID-19 and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 1, 2021 by a vote of 27-3 and the bill was signed into law.

8. **HB 30 Raising Electricity and Gas Costs by Disincentivizing Efficiency within the Public Service Commission.** This bill ultimately increases the cost of electricity and natural gas for all Wyoming households by hiking the assessment that may be placed on utility companies which is used to fund the state’s Public Service Commission (PSC). Under existing law, an assessment of .003 is placed on gross utility revenue. This bill authorizes an additional assessment of .002 if the original assessment is not enough to cover the PSC’s budget. ACU opposes this measure which disincentives efficiency at the PSC by simply socializing all additional costs onto ratepayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 4, 2021 by a vote of 20-10 and the bill was signed into law.

9. **SF 33 Increasing Access to Healthcare and Reducing Costs by Expanding Physician Assistant Scope of Practice.** This bill increases access to health care and reduces costs by expanding the scope of practice for physician assistants. Specifically, the bill changes the definition of physician assistants from one who “assists in the practice of medicine” to “an individual who practices medicine.” Additionally, this bill now allows physician assistants to prescribe schedule II, III, IV, and V drugs. ACU supports improving access to health care by easing excessive restrictions on health care providers and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 28-0 and the bill was signed into law.

10. **SF 34 Protecting Children who Survive Abortion.** This bill affirms the inherent right to life of infants who are born alive after an abortion procedure by requiring health practitioners to take medically appropriate and reasonable steps to preserve the life and health of any viable infant aborted alive. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 5, 2021 by a vote of 26-4 and the bill was signed into law.

11. **SF 47 Improving Patient Access to Medical Laboratory Testing.** This bill improves access to laboratory diagnostic tests by removing the requirement that a physician order the test in order for labs to examine specimens. The bill instead allows individuals to request such examination by labs and permits labs to provide “direct to consumer” tests where the consumer collects the specimen themselves, eliminating the requirement that a physician collect the specimens in these situations. ACU supports improving individuals’ access to their own health information by easing excessive restrictions on laboratory services and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 30-0 and the bill was signed into law.

12. **SF 52 Driving Up Health Insurance Costs Through Mandates on Telehealth Reimbursements.** This bill drives up health insurance costs by imposing new mandates on insurance coverage of mental health and substance use telehealth services (health care provided through remote audio or audio-visual communication). Under the bill, insurers may not deny coverage for such services delivered remotely, are forced to provide reimbursements at the same rate that they reimburse for traditional in-person visits and may not require a higher payment from the insured person than they would for traditional in-person visits. While ACU supports new, innovative technology such as telehealth, we oppose this government mandate which reduces economic incentives to lower healthcare costs and ultimately drives-up health insurance premiums and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 30-0 and the bill was signed into law.

13. **SF 53 Imposing a New Tax on Private Ambulance Companies to Game the Federal Medicaid System.** This bill serves as a new scheme to game the federal Medicaid system to extract even more funds from federal taxpayers. Under the bill, a new tax is imposed on ground ambulance service providers which is expected to generate roughly \$1.5 million in funds, which would then be matched by \$1.5 million in federal funds under the Medicaid system. ACU opposes this scheme which further expands federal Medicaid spending and harms taxpayers nationwide and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 5, 2021 by a vote of 19-11 and the bill was signed into law.



14. **HB 54 Worsening Cronyism by Expanding the Wyoming Meat Packaging Initiative.** This bill further expands the crony Wyoming Meat Packaging Initiative which provides special benefits to the meat processing industry while socializing the costs onto taxpayers. Specifically, the council which runs the initiative may now assist producers with marketing activities and help them seek even more corporate welfare provided through federal grant and loan programs. ACU opposes this crony initiative and believes the free market is the best mechanism to direct investment and expand economic growth and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 25, 2021 by a vote of 22-5 and the bill was signed into law.
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15. **HB 75 Strengthening Election Integrity through Voter ID Requirements.** This bill strengthens election integrity by establishing voter ID requirements in Wyoming. Under the bill, a voter would be required to show a form of identification when casting a ballot such as a driver's license or Medicare or Medicaid card. The bill also provides a pathway for individuals to obtain no-cost IDs for purposes of voting. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards such as photo ID requirements are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 1, 2021 by a vote of 28-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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16. **SF 81 Protecting Second Amendment Rights by Making Wyoming a "Gun Rights Sanctuary State".** This bill, known as the Second Amendment Preservation Act, prevents enforcement of overreaching federal gun laws. Specifically, the bill would prohibit state and local enforcement of most federal gun control laws, if the state Attorney General and Governor both agree a federal action infringes on citizens' Second Amendment rights. By making Wyoming a "gun rights sanctuary state," agents of the state would be prohibited from enforcing certain federal laws such as registration and tracking schemes, accessory or ammunition restrictions, bans on firearm ownership or transfer, or firearm confiscations. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes unnecessary gun control measures that do not improve public safety and infringe the right of law-abiding individuals to keep and bear arms and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on March 24, 2021 by a vote of 24-6. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
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17. **SF 96 Protecting the Sanctity of Life by Clarifying Unborn Children are Human Beings.** This bill protects the sanctity of life by clarifying that an unborn child is a human being, at any state of development, who is carried in the womb. The bill also provides additional penalties for the death of unborn children. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports the bill's clarification that the unborn are human beings and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 31, 2021 by a vote of 27-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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18. **SF 99 Exposing Businesses to Frivolous Litigation Through Additional Employment Mandates.** This bill expands lawsuit abuse and infringes contracting rights by further expanding the state's list of "discriminatory or unfair employment practices." Under the bill, private businesses are now prohibited from establishing policies that restrict employee association with certain individuals, groups or events. Furthermore, an employer may now be sued if they end an employment agreement with an employee due to employee actions that are otherwise considered lawful. ACU supports the freedoms of association and contracting, opposes subjecting businesses to frivolous litigation and opposed this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on March 11, 2021 by a vote of 10-19.
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19. **SF 112 Reducing Auto Insurance Premiums by Repealing Unnecessary Mandates.** This bill helps reduce automotive insurance premiums for all motorists by reducing unnecessary regulations. Specifically, the bill removes the mandate that auto insurance providers provide discounts to individuals who complete accident prevention training. ACU opposes this unnecessary mandate which limits the ability of insurers to evaluate and price risk, which ultimately drives up insurance premiums for all motorists and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 24, 2021 by a vote of 30-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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20. **HB 116 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights by Expanding "Constitutional Carry".** This bill strengthens Second Amendment rights by further expanding Wyoming's "constitutional carry" (permitless carry) law. Under existing law, an individual who otherwise is permitted to lawfully carry a firearm may conceal carry without a special permit, so long as they have been a resident of Wyoming for at least 6 months. This bill eliminates the residency requirement. ACU supports the Founders' belief in the Second Amendment and constitutional carry and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 1, 2021 by a vote of 27-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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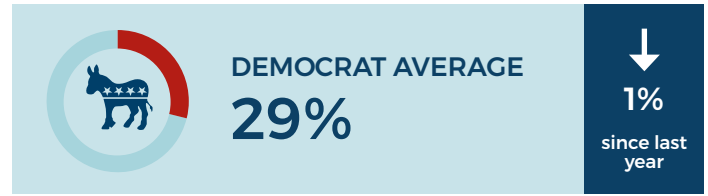
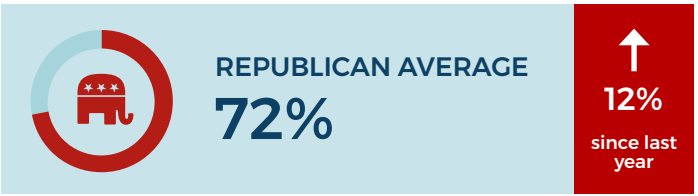
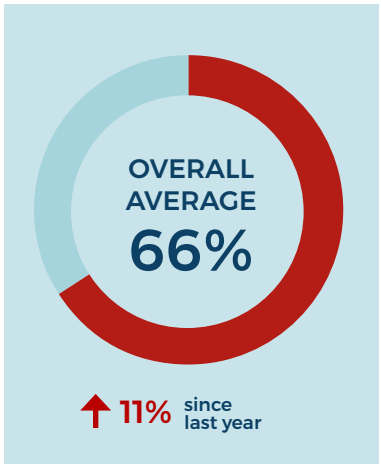


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21. **HB 127 Providing a Check on Local Government Emergency Power Following the COVID-19 Pandemic.** This bill provides a critical check on the emergency powers of localities which many abused during the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill places limitations on the orders localities may issue and requires a majority vote of the governing body for an order to be issued longer than 10 days. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 23-6 and the bill later became law without the Governor's signature.
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22. **SF 130 Expanding School Choice by Reducing Barriers to Establish Charter Schools.** This bill helps foster school choice by establishing a new pathway for charter school authorizations in the state. Specifically, the bill authorizes the State Loan and Investment Board to approve charter school applications, providing an avenue around certain school districts attempting to block school choice. ACU supports improving educational outcomes by expanding school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 27-3 and the bill became law without the governor's signature.
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23. **SF 133 Protecting the Lives of Unborn Children by Prohibiting the Use of Abortion-Inducing Drugs.** This bill helps protect the lives of unborn children by prohibiting the distribution, prescription or use of an abortion inducing drug such as mifepristone or misoprostol. The bill provides exceptions for when the abortifacient drug is used out of medical necessity to protect the life of the mother or to treat a natural miscarriage. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 19, 2021 by a vote of 22-7. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
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24. **SF 152 Protecting Property Owners from Local Bans on Natural Gas.** This bill strengthens property rights by ensuring localities cannot infringe the utility choices of developers and property owners. Specifically, the bill prohibits local policies which restrict connection to an electric, natural gas, propane or other energy utility service. The bill is in response to local governments in California, Washington, and Massachusetts which have banned natural gas in new residential developments. ACU supports all sources of energy, does not believe government should favor one source of energy over another and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 28-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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25. **SF 155 Protecting Second Amendment Rights During States of Emergency.** This bill helps ensure Second Amendment rights are not infringed by the executive branch during a state of emergency. Under the bill, the governor may not limit the sale of firearm or ammunition sales or suspend a permit to carry a concealed weapon unless authorized by law. ACU supports the Founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 30-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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26. **SF 157 Strengthening Property Rights Through a Prohibition on "Affordable Housing" Mandates.** This bill helps strengthen property rights by combatting local government affordable housing mandates. Under the bill, localities may no longer force a property owner to abide by an affordable housing requirement in order to connect their property to a municipal sewer system. ACU's Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect landowners from excessive zoning and land use ordinances. ACU supports this measure to strengthen property rights by combatting local government overreach and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 26-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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27. **HB 162 Advancing the Expansion of Medicaid Under Obamacare.** This bill paves the way for increased government dependency by directing the state to apply for a waiver from the federal government to expand Medicaid under Obamacare. ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes increasing government dependency and expanding a program rife with inefficiencies, fraud and waste and opposed this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 8-22.
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28. **HB 166 Protecting Against Politicized Coal and Natural Gas Facility Closures.** This bill ensures coal and natural gas electrical generation facilities are not subject to politically driven closures by establishing a "rebuttable presumption" against the retirement of a coal or natural gas facility. In order to overcome this presumption, it must be shown that closing the facility will provide cost savings for consumers and the closure will not result in insufficient supply of reliable energy. ACU supports all sources of energy, opposes the politicized climate change agenda which targets energy produced by coal and natural gas and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 25-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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29. **HB 189 Expanding Cronyism Through a Special Tax Exemption for Cryptocurrency Mining.** This bill expands cronyism by exempting from taxation the use of natural gas flares for the purpose of cryptocurrency mining. ACU is a strong supporter of cryptocurrencies and other alternative mediums of exchange to the dollar. However, ACU supports a broadly applied tax code with as low of rates as possible for everyone, opposes this cronyism which shifts tax burdens to other individuals and uses of natural gas not favored by government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 26-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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30. **HB 239 Expanding Employment Opportunities for Students.** This bill expands employment opportunities for students between the ages of 16 and 18. Under the bill, a new regulatory framework is established that allows students and employers to enter into “student learner agreements,” and directs the Worker’s Compensation Division to establish new rules to advance such agreements. ACU supports expanding employment opportunities by providing students with valuable training and work experience and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 28-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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31. **HB 253 Preventing Taxpayer Funding of Abortions.** This bill helps ensure taxpayer funds are not used fund abortion. Under the bill, the University of Wyoming and state community colleges may not receive funding if they fund elective abortions for students or fund health insurance policies which provide coverage for abortion. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports this measure to prevent taxpayer funding of abortion and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 25-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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WYOMING HOUSE STATISTICS




WYOMING HOUSE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

 **RED = REPUBLICANS**
51 TOTAL IN HOUSE

 **BLUE = DEMOCRATS**
7 TOTAL IN HOUSE

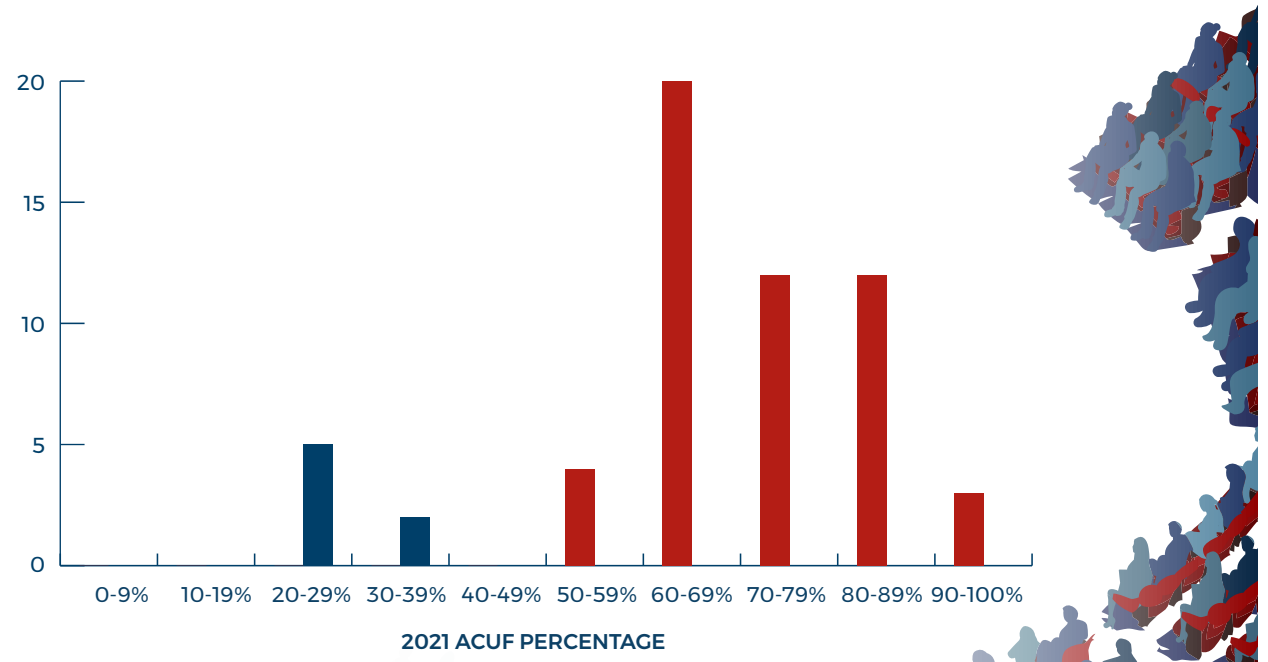
↓ **LOWEST REPUBLICANS** 

NICHOLAS, BOB ZWONITZER, DAN
55%

↑ **HIGHEST DEMOCRAT** 

BANKS, CHAD
39%


OF STATE REPS





WYOMING HOUSE SCORES

WYOMING HOUSE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	2021 %	2020 %	LIFETIME AVG	HB 1	HB 1 (Greear Amd)	SF 4	HB 13	SF 15	HB 19	SF 19	HB 30	SF 33	SF 34	SF 47	SF 52	SF 53	HB 54	HB 75	SF 96	SF 112	HB 116	HB 127	SF 130	HB 146	SF 152	SF 155	SF 157	HB 161	HB 162	HB 166	HB 174	HB 189	HB 239	HB 253		
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BARLOW, ERIC	R	3	71%	52%	63%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	
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+ = Member voted with ACU's position † = Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result did not receive a rating for the 2021 session. Two-thirds of the selected bills must be voted on to receive a score.
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 x = Member was absent for vote

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OBERMUELLER, JERRY	R	56	61%	48%	54%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	
OLSEN, JARED	R	11	68%	64%	65%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
OTTMAN, PEPPER	R	34	86%	n/a	86%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
PAXTON, JERRY	R	47	65%	42%	53%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Provenza, Karlee	D	45	29%	n/a	29%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
RODRIGUEZ-WILLIAMS, RACHEL	R	50	81%	n/a	81%	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	X	

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ROMERO-MARTINEZ, JOHN	R	44	68%	n/a	68%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+		
Roscoe, Jim	I	22	39%	33%	32%	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	
Schwartz, Andy	D	23	35%	30%	31%	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	
Sherwood, Trey	D	14	29%	n/a	29%	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	
SIMPSON, EVAN	R	21	77%	52%	57%	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
SOMMERS, ALBERT	R	20	61%	52%	52%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	
STITH, CLARK	R	48	61%	56%	56%	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	
STYVAR, CLARENCE	R	12	81%	84%	78%	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SWEENEY, PATRICK	R	58	57%	33%	44%	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	-	
WALTERS, TOM	R	38	71%	45%	44%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
WASHUT, ART	R	36	73%	73%	72%	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
WESTERN, CYRUS	R	51	71%	63%	62%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
WHARFF, ROBERT	R	49	81%	n/a	81%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
WILSON, SUE	R	7	65%	48%	63%	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
WINTER, JOHN	R	28	84%	88%	74%	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Yin, Mike	D	16	26%	30%	29%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
ZWONITZER, DAN	R	43	55%	n/a	55%	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+

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WYOMING HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 1 Reducing Government Spending by \$430 Million and Cutting State Positions.** This supplemental budget bill attempts to rein in government spending by cutting general appropriations by \$430 million through June 22 and eliminating 324 state government positions. ACU supports significant reductions in the size and scope of government, supports protecting taxpayers by eliminating unnecessary state positions, and supported this measure as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on March 29, 2021 by a vote of 52-7 and the bill was signed into law.
2. **HB 1 (Greear Amd.) Raiding the State's Rainy-Day Fund to Socialize the Cost of Carbon Capture Programs.** The Greear (ACUF Lifetime 60%) amendment #2023 to the appropriations bill advances cronyism by raiding \$10 million from the state's rainy-day fund in order to socialize the costs of carbon capture programs. Under the amendment, the state would provide a dollar-to-dollar match of funds used to advance carbon capture utilization, including coal power plant retrofit and storage applications. ACU supports all sources of energy and believes government should not favor one source of energy over another. ACU opposes raiding the rainy-day fund in order to enrich special interests and opposed this amendment. The House adopted the amendment on March 10, 2021 by a vote of 48-12 and the underlying appropriations bill was signed into law.
3. **SF 4 Hiking Property Taxes to Further Subsidize Airports.** This bill places even greater tax burdens on property owners by permitting the creation of "airport taxing districts" to further subsidize local airports. The new tax, which would be subject to voter approval, would be up to three dollars per \$1,000 of assessed property value. ACU believes airports should be funded through user-fees, opposes socializing the amenities of millionaire plane owners onto low-income residents, and opposed this bill. The House defeated the bill on April 1, 2021 by a vote of 30-30.
4. **HB 13 Expanding Competition and Consumer Choice by Easing Excessive Alcohol Regulations.** This bill provides slight regulatory relief in the alcoholic beverage industry by easing excessive and anti-competitive alcohol regulations. Specifically, the bill contains various provisions that reform liquor regulations in the state, such as allowing the delivery of alcoholic liquors or malt beverages, increasing the amount of wine which retail liquor licensees' can deliver directly to households, removing boundary restrictions set on counties' ability to issue malt beverage permits and removing a requirement that liquor industry representatives be residents of Wyoming in order to obtain a license. The bill also changes rules where liquor can be prepared and dispensed, allows people under age 21 to enter businesses where alcoholic beverages are sold primarily for off-premises consumption, so long as they do not enter designated sales areas, and eases restrictions on catering permits and resort liquor licensees'. ACU supports expanding consumer choice and individual liberties by eliminating excessive and anti-competitive regulations and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 5, 2021 by a vote of 39-19 and the bill was signed into law.
5. **SF 15 Permitting Boards to Temporarily Waive Licensing Regulations.** This bill expands employment opportunities by allowing professional and occupational licensure boards to waive requirements for licensure under certain conditions. Under the bill, these conditions would include when the examination is not being given or is not practicably available, continuing education opportunities are not practicably available, or public health orders or weather conditions prevent meeting the statutory requirements. If a board does take such action, they may "impose reasonable or necessary restrictions or requirements" on the affected licensing. These temporary changes may stay in effect for up to 4 years. ACU opposes many of the state's occupational licensing requirements which are primarily designed to restrict competition and increase costs for services, supports efforts to remove regulatory barriers to employment, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 59-0 and the bill was signed into law.



6. **HB 19 Attacking Automotive Collectors Through New Insurance Mandates and Fee Hikes on Antique Vehicles.** This bill makes it much more costly to own an antique vehicle by significantly hiking fees and imposing new insurance mandates on antique vehicles. Firstly, the bill requires a vehicle to now be at least 40 years old (previously 25 years) in order to qualify for antique tags. Secondly, the bill hikes the initial fee for antique plates from \$10 to \$50 and now requires that fee be paid annually. Furthermore, the bill now subjects every antique vehicle to full liability insurance requirements, even though their usage is significantly limited. While ACU generally supports user fees for transportation, we recognize that vehicles with antique license plates are not used for daily transportation and individuals typically have collections of multiple vehicles. ACU opposes this attack on automotive collectors by imposing unreasonable costs on classic car ownership and excessive insurance mandates and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2021 by a vote of 38-22. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

7. **SF 19 Protecting Businesses and Health Care Providers from Lawsuit Abuse Related to COVID-19.** This bill protects businesses and health care providers from frivolous litigation by limiting the liability of entities for actions related to an injury from exposure or potential exposure to Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). The bill provides an exemption from the liability limits when the exposure is caused by "gross negligence" or "willful or wanton misconduct." ACU supports efforts to protect businesses from frivolous litigation related to COVID-19 and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 31, 2021 by a vote of 38-22 and the bill was signed into law.

8. **HB 30 Raising Electricity and Gas Costs by Disincentivizing Efficiency within the Public Service Commission.** This bill ultimately increases the cost of electricity and natural gas for all Wyoming households by hiking the assessment that may be placed on utility companies which is used to fund the state's Public Service Commission (PSC). Under existing law, an assessment of .003 is placed on gross utility revenue. This bill authorizes an additional assessment of .002 if the original assessment is not enough to cover the PSC's budget. ACU opposes this measure which disincentives efficiency at the PSC by simply socializing all additional costs onto ratepayers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 1, 2021 by a vote of 39-21 and the bill was signed into law.

9. **SF 33 Increasing Access to Healthcare and Reducing Costs by Expanding Physician Assistant Scope of Practice.** This bill increases access to health care and reduces costs by expanding the scope of practice for physician assistants. Specifically, the bill changes the definition of physician assistants from one who "assists in the practice of medicine" to "an individual who practices medicine." Additionally, this bill now allows physician assistants to prescribe schedule II, III, IV, and V drugs. ACU supports improving access to health care by easing excessive restrictions on health care providers and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 46-14 and the bill was signed into law.

10. **SF 34 Protecting Children who Survive Abortion.** This bill affirms the inherent right to life of infants who are born alive after an abortion procedure by requiring health practitioners to take medically appropriate and reasonable steps to preserve the life and health of any viable infant aborted alive. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 48-11 and the bill was signed into law.

11. **SF 47 Improving Patient Access to Medical Laboratory Testing.** This bill improves access to laboratory diagnostic tests by removing the requirement that a physician order the test in order for labs to examine specimens. The bill instead allows individuals to request such examination by labs and permits labs to provide "direct to consumer" tests where the consumer collects the specimen themselves, eliminating the requirement that a physician collect the specimens in these situations. ACU supports improving individuals' access to their own health information by easing excessive restrictions on laboratory services and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 29, 2021 by a vote of 59-0 and the bill was signed into law.

12. **SF 52 Driving Up Health Insurance Costs Through Mandates on Telehealth Reimbursements.** This bill drives up health insurance costs by imposing new mandates on insurance coverage of mental health and substance use telehealth services (health care provided through remote audio or audio-visual communication). Under the bill, insurers may not deny coverage for such services delivered remotely, are forced to provide reimbursements at the same rate that they reimburse for traditional in-person visits and may not require a higher payment from the insured person than they would for traditional in-person visits. While ACU supports new, innovative technology such as telehealth, we oppose this government mandate which reduces economic incentives to lower healthcare costs and ultimately drives-up health insurance premiums and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 29, 2021 by a vote of 55-4 and the bill was signed into law.



13. **SF 53 Imposing a New Tax on Private Ambulance Companies to Game the Federal Medicaid System.** This bill serves as a new scheme to game the federal Medicaid system to extract even more funds from federal taxpayers. Under the bill, a new tax is imposed on ground ambulance service providers which is expected to generate roughly \$1.5 million in funds, which would then be matched by \$1.5 million in federal funds under the Medicaid system. ACU opposes this scheme which further expands federal Medicaid spending and harms taxpayers nationwide and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 4, 2021 by a vote of 50-10 and the bill was signed into law.
14. **HB 54 Worsening Cronyism by Expanding the Wyoming Meat Packaging Initiative.** This bill further expands the crony Wyoming Meat Packaging Initiative which provides special benefits to the meat processing industry while socializing the costs onto taxpayers. Specifically, the council which runs the initiative may now assist producers with marketing activities and help them seek even more corporate welfare provided through federal grant and loan programs. ACU opposes this crony initiative and believes the free market is the best mechanism to direct investment and expand economic growth and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 26, 2021 by a vote of 53-7 and the bill was signed into law.
15. **HB 75 Strengthening Election Integrity through Voter ID Requirements.** This bill strengthens election integrity by establishing voter ID requirements in Wyoming. Under the bill, a voter would be required to show a form of identification when casting a ballot such as a driver's license or Medicare or Medicaid card. The bill also provides a pathway for individuals to obtain no-cost IDs for purposes of voting. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards such as photo ID requirements are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 1, 2021 by a vote of 51-8 and the bill was signed into law.
16. **SF 96 Protecting the Sanctity of Life by Clarifying Unborn Children are Human Beings.** This bill protects the sanctity of life by clarifying that an unborn child is a human being, at any state of development, who is carried in the womb. The bill also provides additional penalties for the death of unborn children. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports the bill's clarification that the unborn are human beings and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 31, 2021 by a vote of 50-9 and the bill was signed into law.
17. **SF 112 Reducing Auto Insurance Premiums by Repealing Unnecessary Mandates.** This bill helps reduce automotive insurance premiums for all motorists by reducing unnecessary regulations. Specifically, the bill removes the mandate that auto insurance providers provide discounts to individuals who complete accident prevention training. ACU opposes this unnecessary mandate which limits the ability of insurers to evaluate and price risk, which ultimately drives up insurance premiums for all motorists and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 59-0 and the bill was signed into law.
18. **HB 116 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights by Expanding "Constitutional Carry".** This bill strengthens Second Amendment rights by further expanding Wyoming's "constitutional carry" (permitless carry) law. Under existing law, an individual who otherwise is permitted to lawfully carry a firearm may conceal carry without a special permit, so long as they have been a resident of Wyoming for at least 6 months. This bill eliminates the residency requirement. ACU supports the Founders' belief in the Second Amendment and constitutional carry and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 17, 2021 by a vote of 56-4 and the bill was signed into law.
19. **HB 127 Providing a Check on Local Government Emergency Power Following the COVID-19 Pandemic.** This bill provides a critical check on the emergency powers of localities which many abused during the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill places limitations on the orders localities may issue and requires a majority vote of the governing body for an order to be issued longer than 10 days. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 35-18 and the bill became law without the Governor's signature.
20. **SF 130 Expanding School Choice by Reducing Barriers to Establish Charter Schools.** This bill helps foster school choice by establishing a new pathway for charter school authorizations in the state. Specifically, the bill authorizes the State Loan and Investment Board to approve charter school applications, providing an avenue around certain school districts attempting to block school choice. ACU supports improving educational outcomes by expanding school choice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 37-17 and the bill became law without the governor's signature.



21. **HB 146 Preventing Excessive Personal Property Taxation.** This bill helps ensure individuals are not overtaxed on their personal property. Under the bill, when taxing tangible personal property, depreciation must be considered, and the valuation shall not exceed the fair market value of the property. ACU supports a broadly applied tax code and protecting against excessive taxation and supported this bill. The House defeated the bill on March 22, 2021 by a vote of 24-36.
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22. **SF 152 Protecting Property Owners from Local Bans on Natural Gas.** This bill strengthens property rights by ensuring localities cannot infringe the utility choices of developers and property owners. Specifically, the bill prohibits local policies which restrict connection to an electric, natural gas, propane or other energy utility service. The bill is in response to local governments in California, Washington, and Massachusetts which have banned natural gas in new residential developments. ACU supports all sources of energy, does not believe government should favor one source of energy over another and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 6, 2021 by a vote of 50-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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23. **SF 155 Protecting Second Amendment Rights During States of Emergency.** This bill helps ensure Second Amendment rights are not infringed by the executive branch during a state of emergency. Under the bill, the governor may not limit the sale of firearm or ammunition sales or suspend a permit to carry a concealed weapon unless authorized by law. ACU supports the Founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 30, 2021 by a vote of 57-3 and the bill was signed into law.
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24. **SF 157 Strengthening Property Rights Through a Prohibition on "Affordable Housing" Mandates.** This bill helps strengthen property rights by combatting local government affordable housing mandates. Under the bill, localities may no longer force a property owner to abide by an affordable housing requirement in order to connect their property to a municipal sewer system. ACUF's Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect landowners from excessive zoning and land use ordinances. ACU supports this measure to strengthen property rights by combatting local government overreach and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 2, 2021 by a vote of 39-20 and the bill was signed into law.
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25. **HB 161 Protecting Life by Banning Discriminatory Abortions Based on Disability, Sex, or Race.** This bill protects the lives of unborn children by prohibiting the abortion, or attempted abortion, of an unborn child if the person performing the abortion knows the abortion is being obtained because of certain characteristics of the unborn child. These include sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, and diagnosis, or potential diagnosis, of a fetal disability, including, among others, physical, mental, or intellectual disability, down syndrome, or a physical or mental disease. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 24, 2021 by a vote of 53-7. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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26. **HB 162 Advancing the Expansion of Medicaid Under Obamacare.** This bill paves the way for increased government dependency by directing the state to apply for a waiver from the federal government to expand Medicaid under Obamacare. ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes increasing government dependency and expanding a program rife with inefficiencies, fraud and waste and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 24, 2021 by a vote of 32-28. (The bill was defeated in the Senate.)
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27. **HB 166 Protecting Against Politicized Coal and Natural Gas Facility Closures.** This bill ensures coal and natural gas electrical generation facilities are not subject to politically driven closures by establishing a "rebuttable presumption" against the retirement of a coal or natural gas facility. In order to overcome this presumption, it must be shown that closing the facility will provide cost savings for consumers and the closure will not result in insufficient supply of reliable energy. ACU supports all sources of energy, opposes the politicized climate change agenda which targets energy produced by coal and natural gas and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on April 6, 2021 by a vote of 49-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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28. **HB 174 Hiking Taxation Through the Replacement of an “Optional” Local Tax with a “Mandatory” State Tax.** This bill was originally intended to relieve financial difficulties of localities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; however, it merely replaces an optional local tax with a mandatory state tax that will discourage voter referendums for approval of tax increases. Specifically, the bill increases the state sales and usage tax from four percent to five percent, while reducing the maximum sales and usage tax that counties may impose from three percent to two percent. This change is estimated to increase state revenue by \$166.8 million in the first year, rising to \$181.6 million by the year 2024, which would then be distributed to local governments. While supporters of the bill argued that the net tax rate remains the same given the local tax reduction, this bill shifts more control over taxation from local governments to the state level thus reducing the power of citizens to have a say in taxation and the funding of local projects. ACU believes tax increases should be a measure of last resort, supports voter referendums for approval of tax increases to ensure the will of the people is carried out and opposed this bill. The House defeated the bill on March 23, 2021 by a vote of 10-50.
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29. **HB 189 Expanding Cronyism Through a Special Tax Exemption for Cryptocurrency Mining.** This bill expands cronyism by exempting from taxation the use of natural gas flares for the purpose of cryptocurrency mining. ACU is a strong supporter of cryptocurrencies and other alternative mediums of exchange to the dollar. However, ACU supports a broadly applied tax code with as low of rates as possible for everyone, opposes this cronyism which shifts tax burdens to other individuals and uses of natural gas not favored by government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 6, 2021 by a vote of 36-20 and the bill was signed into law.
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30. **HB 239 Expanding Employment Opportunities for Students.** This bill expands employment opportunities for students between the ages of 16 and 18. Under the bill, a new regulatory framework is established that allows students and employers to enter into “student learner agreements,” and directs the Worker’s Compensation Division to establish new rules to advance such agreements. ACU supports expanding employment opportunities by providing students with valuable training and work experience and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 24, 2021 by a vote of 59-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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31. **HB 253 Preventing Taxpayer Funding of Abortions.** This bill helps ensure taxpayer funds are not used fund abortion. Under the bill, the University of Wyoming and state community colleges may not receive funding if they fund elective abortions for students or fund health insurance policies which provide coverage for abortion. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports this measure to prevent taxpayer funding of abortion and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 6, 2021 by a vote of 47-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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