



# CALIFORNIA LIMITED GOVERNMENT INDEX



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# LETTER FROM THE CEO

In 2022, progressives orchestrated the best midterm showing of any incumbent party in decades, despite soaring inflation and crumbling economic policies brought forth by the Biden Administration. Their sights are now set on 2024, where they plan to coordinate with their friends in the media to keep the White House, overthrow the slim House Republican majority, and finally implement their grand plan to fundamentally reshape America.

Their plan will bring about the destruction of the core tenants of limited government - free markets, federalism, individual liberties, and a commitment to our nation's Constitution. How do we, as individuals, protect our natural rights and fight back against tyranny? How can we help direct our country's focus back to the core economic principles that created the wealthiest nation in human history? Most importantly, what process of

accountability is in place to ensure our elected officials keep their campaign promises when in office?

These are difficult challenges to overcome, especially when resources are scarce and siloed within organizations. But that is no longer the case - the Institute for Legislative Analysis (ILA) was founded for the purpose of sharing its research and technology with the leading national, state, and local groups to build a foundation of transparency and hold lawmakers accountable. Together, we will educate voters on why America's economy and the prosperity of individual citizens are best served by a system built on free enterprise, economic freedom, private property rights, and the rule of law. As Thomas Jefferson said, "An informed citizenry is the best defense against tyranny."

*Ryan McGowan*



## ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Institute for Legislative Analysis (ILA) serves as the premiere research institution for analyzing policy and lawmaker voting at the federal level and across all 50 state legislatures. The ILA is a non-partisan organization and grades lawmakers based on the limited government principles of the U.S. Constitution.

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# METHODOLOGY

The ILA’s policy team examined every roll call vote taken during the 2022 session of California and selected all the votes that best reflect how lawmakers view the proper role, scope, and duty of government. Ultimately, 129 roll calls were selected and 7,825 individual votes were compiled to create California’s most advanced scorecard - the Limited Government Index (LGI). Unlike other scorecards that are based on a particular political party or philosophy (which tend to evolve over time), the LGI provides a non-partisan measurement that is based on the limited government principles of the U.S. Constitution.

ILA’s team of analysts reviewed the policies associated with each roll call vote through a constitutional and limited government lens - regardless of how the issue may fall along political lines.

The votes selected are designated to serve as clear reflectors of how a lawmaker views the role of government, and are free of any conflicting provisions which may cloud the reasoning behind a lawmaker’s vote. Furthermore, just as the Constitution does not specifically address social and cultural issues, such as abortion, marriage, or gender, these issues are not included within the underlying LGI ratings. However, the Limited Government Index Scorecard Platform (LGISP) does provide its allied organizations with the research and ability to include social and cultural issues within their own scorecards if they wish to include them.

The ILA research team categorized its 68 analyses into 10 main policy categories. As a result, not only is there an overall LGI rating to evaluate lawmakers, but a tool to further dissect lawmaker voting, which can be viewed on ILA’s website:

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	<i>Champion of Limited Government</i>	<b>100-90</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<i>Big Government Extremist</i>	
	<i>Defender of Limited Government</i>	<b>89-80</b>			

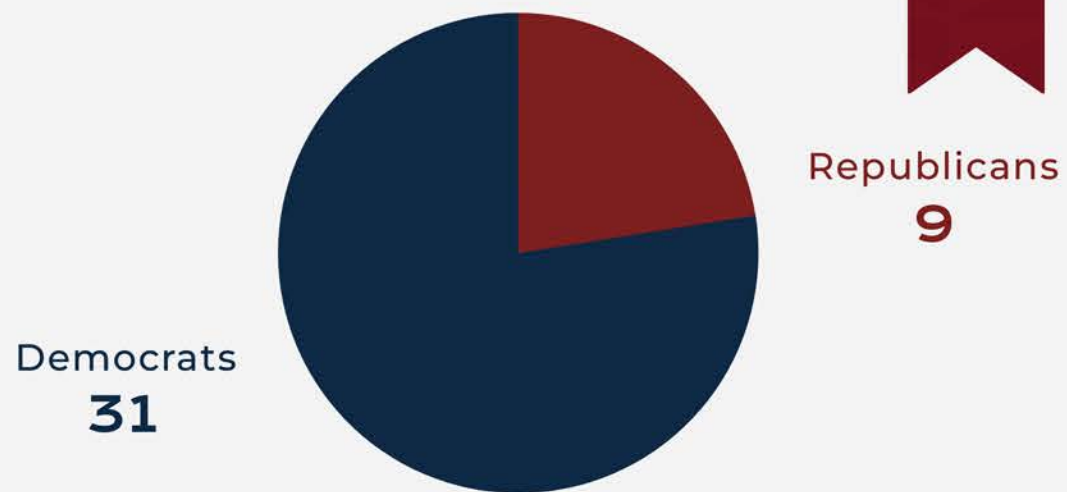
## LIMITED ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

A score of “100%” represents an elected official who believes government should be limited in its size and scope and only perform a small set of duties aligned with the U.S. Constitution. These duties largely surround protecting property rights, maintaining a strong national defense, upholding the rule of law and ensuring equal application, fostering a free market and maintaining essential services such as K-12 education, core infrastructure, emergency management, etc.

## LARGE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

A score of “0%” represents an elected official who believes government should have a large role in society and the lives of individuals. This includes high levels of government involvement in the private sector, especially in relation to regulation, taxation, and market steering and oversight. The duties and services government provides are not just limited to core and essential duties but also include heavy involvement in the everyday lives of individuals and businesses.

## SENATE MEMBERS



## SENATE SCORES



Senate Average



23%

Republican Average



86%

Democrat Average



5%



**Toni Atkins**  
*President*

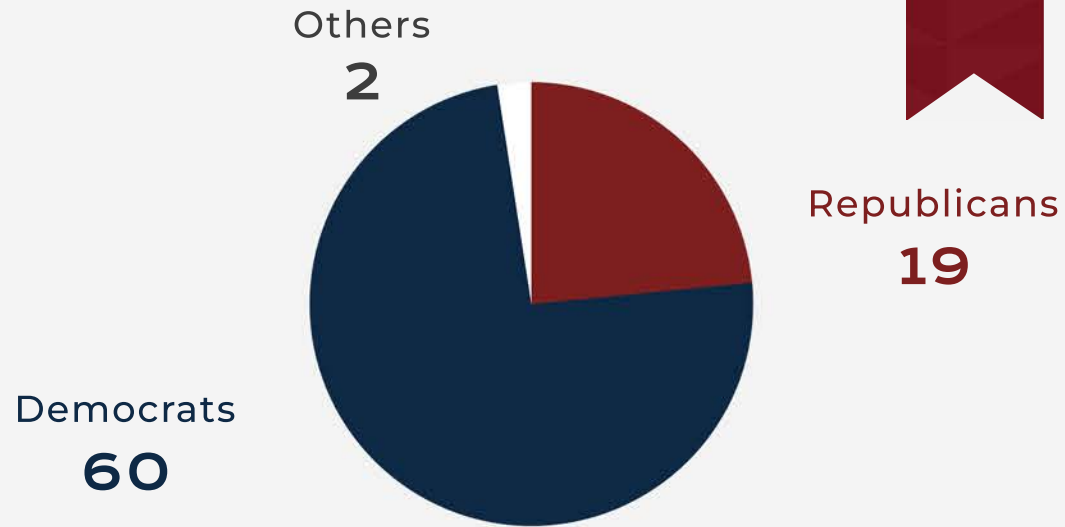
2%



**Scott Wilk**  
*Republican Leader*

85%

## ASSEMBLY MEMBERS



## ASSEMBLY SCORES



Assembly Average



24%

Republican Average

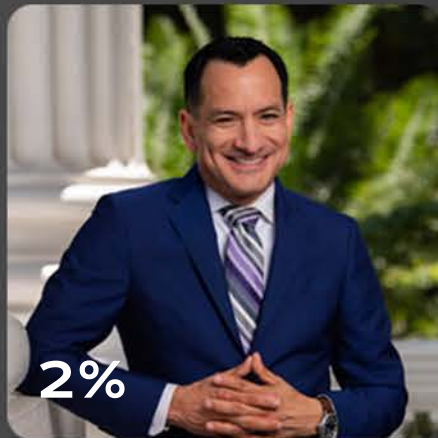


83%

Democrat Average

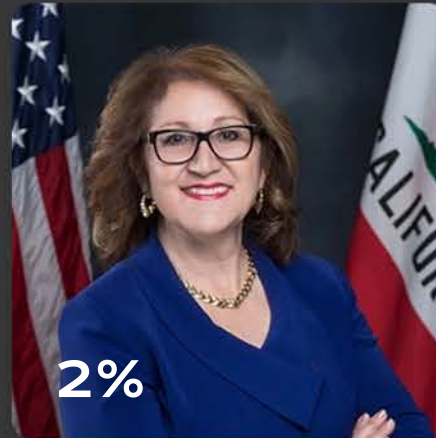


5%



2%

*Speaker of the House*  
**Anthony Rendon**



2%

*Majority Leader*  
**Eloise Gómez Reyes**



92%

*Republican Leader*  
**James Gallagher**

# SENATE CATEGORIES



**Energy & Environment**

Senate Average: 28.60%  
Republican Average: 84.37%  
Democrat Average: 12.41%



**Healthcare**

Senate Average: 26.26%  
Republican Average: 97.18%  
Democrat Average: 5.67%



**Regulations**

Senate Average: 24.63%  
Republican Average: 100%  
Democrat Average: 2.75%



**Tax & Fiscal**

Senate Average: 24.24%  
Republican Average: 88.90%  
Democrat Average: 5.47%



**Free Speech & Elections**

Senate Average: 20.50%  
Republican Average: 77.78%  
Democrat Average: 3.87%



**Law & Scope of Government**

Senate Average: 21.35%  
Republican Average: 87.50%  
Democrat Average: 2.15%



**Individual Liberties**

Senate Average: 20.45%  
Republican Average: 89.12%  
Democrat Average: 0.52%



**Workforce & Labor**

Senate Average: 19.28%  
Republican Average: 76.10%  
Democrat Average: 2.78%



**Education**

Senate Average: 17.09%  
Republican Average: 75.00%  
Democrat Average: 2.15%



**Local & National Security**

Senate Average: 10.00%  
Republican Average: 40.00%  
Democrat Average: 1.29%

# ASSEMBLY CATEGORIES



## Energy & Environment

Assembly Average: 33.59%  
Republican Average: 99.39%  
Democrat Average: 10.51%



## Local & National Security

Assembly Average: 31.94%  
Republican Average: 94.44%  
Democrat Average: 9.62%



## Individual Liberties

Assembly Average: 31.80%  
Republican Average: 96.69%  
Democrat Average: 10.69%



## Free Speech & Elections

Assembly Average: 25.00%  
Republican Average: 100%  
Democrat Average: 0.00%



## Education

Assembly Average: 25.00%  
Republican Average: 97.37%  
Democrat Average: 0.88%



## Law & Scope of Government

Assembly Average: 22.50%  
Republican Average: 49.23%  
Democrat Average: 16.81%



## Workforce & Labor

Assembly Average: 20.98%  
Republican Average: 81.03%  
Democrat Average: 0.79%



## Regulations

Assembly Average: 19.21%  
Republican Average: 70.47%  
Democrat Average: 2.87%



## Healthcare

Assembly Average: 17.04%  
Republican Average: 68.28%  
Democrat Average: 1.12%



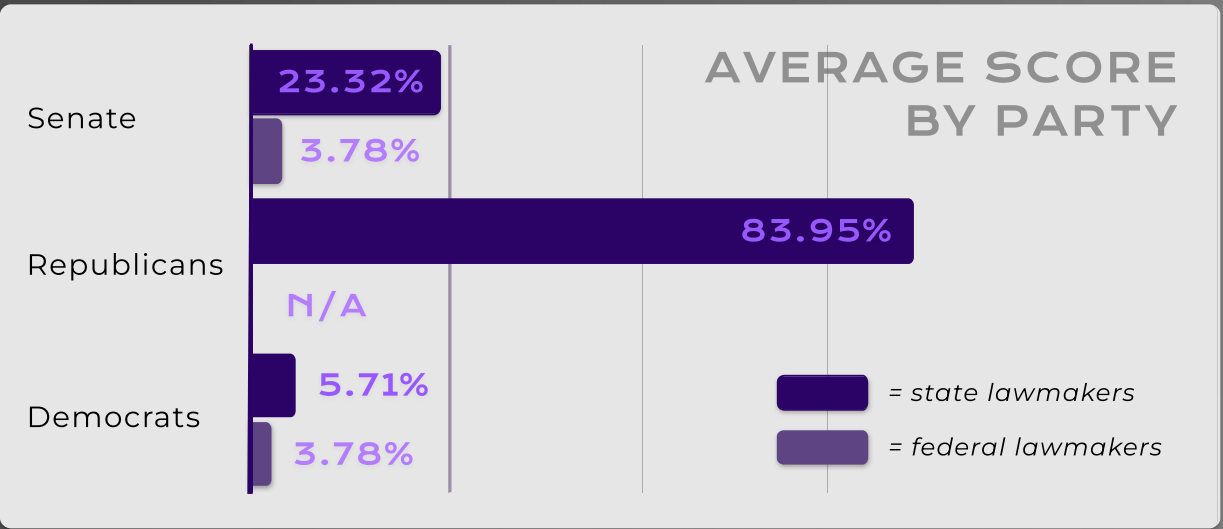
## Tax & Fiscal

Assembly Average: 13.99%  
Republican Average: 54.89%  
Democrat Average: 0.97%

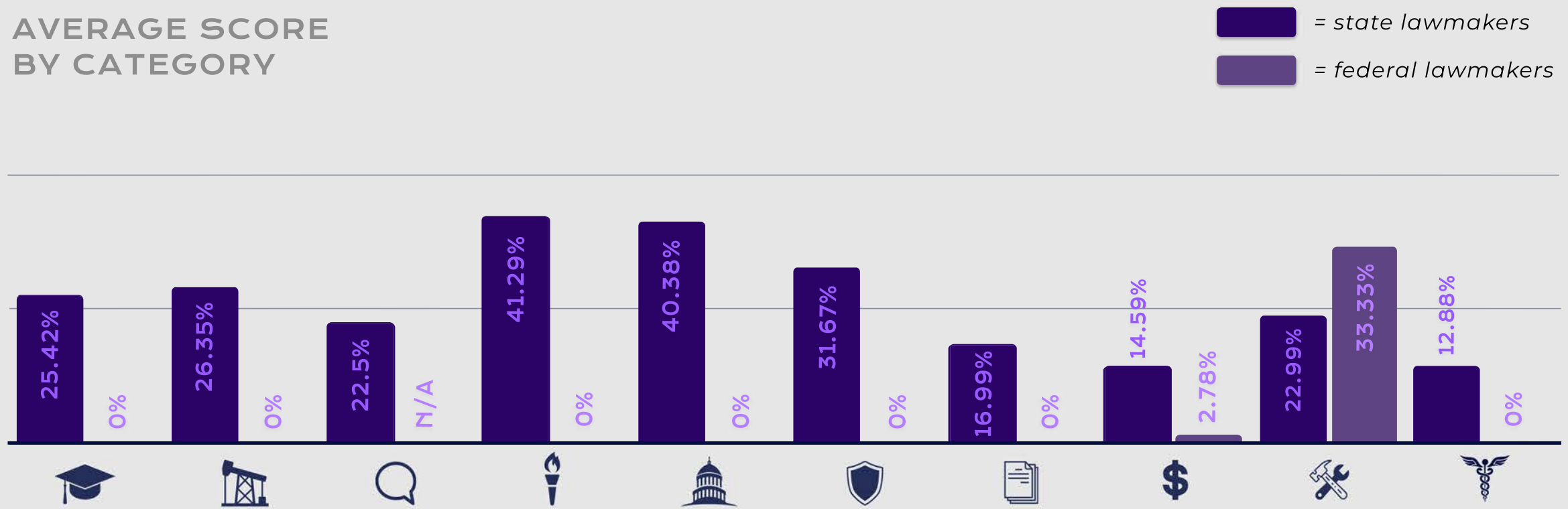


## STATE VS FEDERAL DELEGATION

# CALIFORNIA SENATE

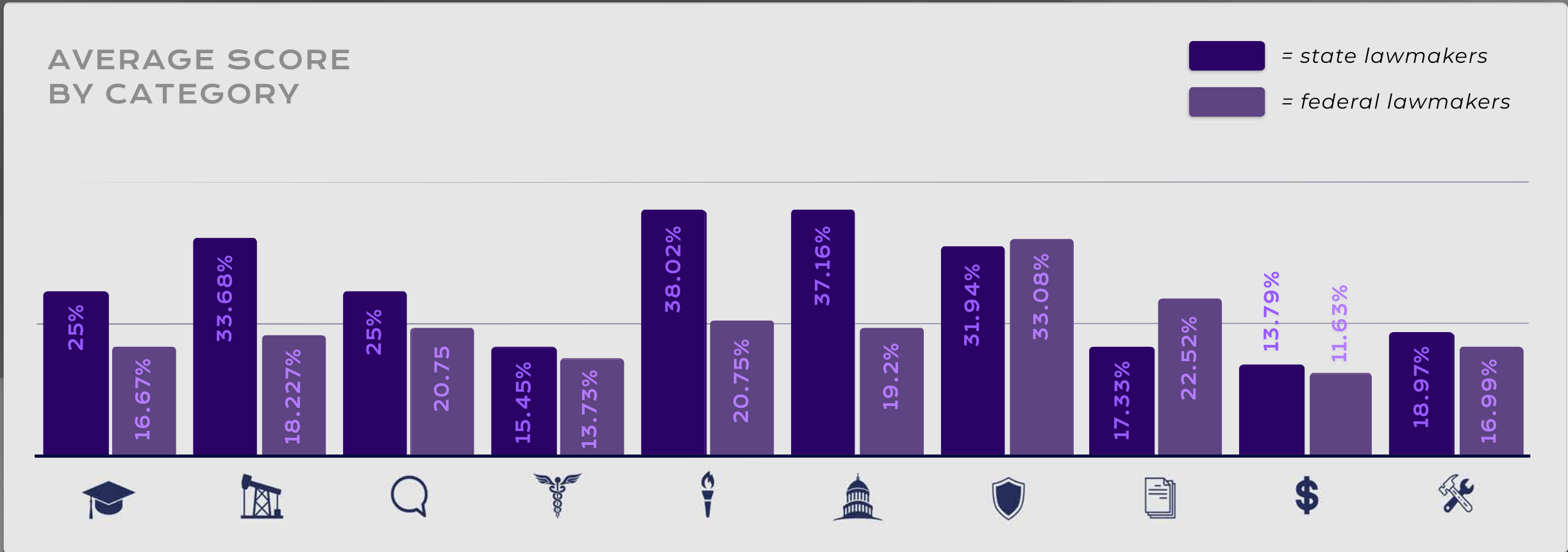
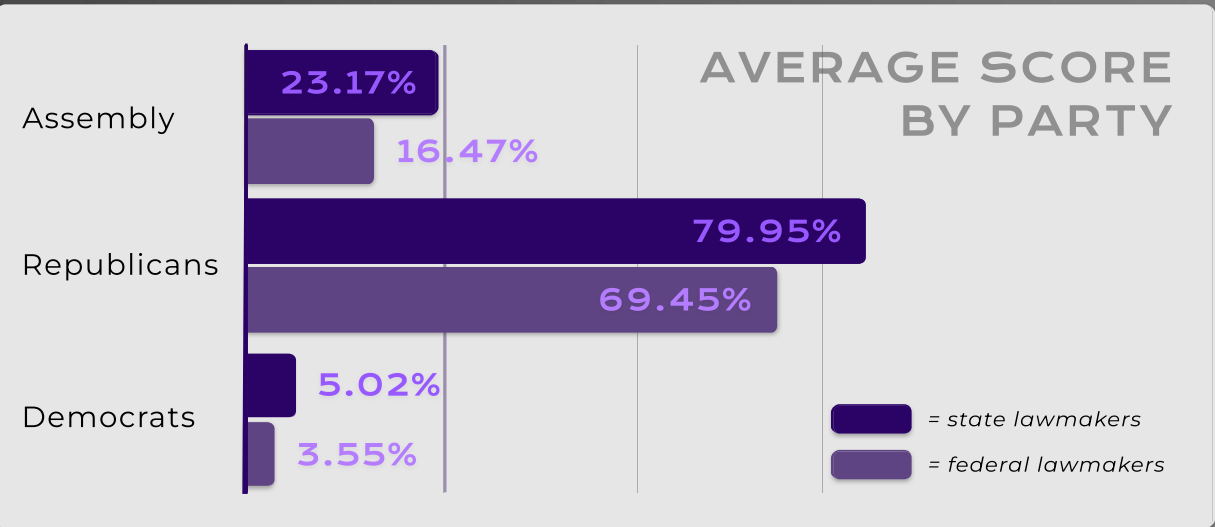


### AVERAGE SCORE BY CATEGORY



## STATE VS FEDERAL DELEGATION

# CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY

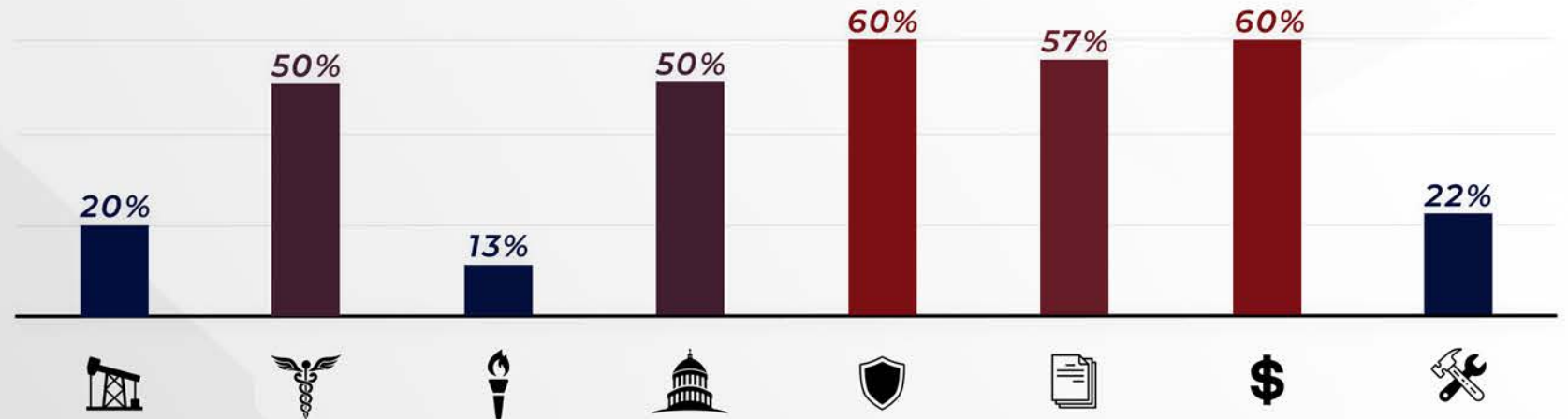


# GOVERNOR RATINGS



Governor  
Gavin Newsom

**39.00%**  
LGI RATING



# GOVERNOR RATINGS



Governor action against Limited Government

Governor action with Limited Government

Each measure is weighted based on the impact on size and scope of government, ie., 1x, 2x, 3x...

\*Governor allowed to pass into law

**SB 6** Strengthening Property Rights by Permitting Residential Housing Development on Commercially Zoned Property Under Certain Conditions. - Signed

1x

**SB 70** Weakening Parental Rights by Mandating Kindergarten Attendance for All Children. - Vetoed

2x

**AB 117** Growing Government Dependency by Providing Electric Bicycle Vouchers to Certain Individuals Based on Income. - Vetoed

2x

**AB 158** Forcing Taxpayers to Pay \$400 Million in Dues to Labor Unions for their Members. - Signed

3x

**SB 222** Growing Government Dependency by Providing "Water Rate Assistance" to Certain Utility Payers Based on Income. - Vetoed

2x

**SB 245** Increasing Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating Policies Provide Abortion Services Without any Co-Pay or Deductible. - Signed

1x

**AB 257** Subjecting Restaurants to Unreasonable Labor Union Demands Through the Creation of an Unaccountable "Fast Food Council" to Impose Regulations. - Signed

3x

**AB 351** Strengthening Individual Liberties by Permitting "Human Composting" as an Alternative to Burial and Cremation. - Signed

1x

**SB 457** Growing Government Dependency by Providing \$1,000 to Income-Eligible Individuals without Automobiles. - Vetoed

2x

**SB 490** Increasing Taxpayer Costs by Worsening Protectionist Agricultural Procurement Mandates Placed on Schools and Universities. - Signed

2x

**AB 503** Increasing Crime and Harming Public Safety by Placing a 6 Month Limit on Juvenile Probation. - Vetoed

3x

**SB 523** Increasing Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating All Policies Cover Vasectomies and Contraceptives at No Cost. - Signed

1x

**SB 731** Threatening Public Safety by Expunging Felony and Violent Criminal Records. - Signed

2x

**SB 834** Providing the AG Overreaching New Powers to Revoke the Tax-Exempt Statuses of Non-Profit Organizations without Due Process if they Allegedly Incite "Insurrection". - Vetoed

2x

**SB 912** Increasing Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating All Policies Provide Coverage for Biomarker Testing. - Vetoed

1x

**SB 951** Further Expanding Wealth Redistribution Under the State's Paid Leave Program by Hiking the Wage Replacement Rate to 90%. - Signed

3x

**SB 1018** Expanding the Regulatory State by Placing Costly New Reporting Mandates on Social Media Companies Concerning Content Policy Violations. - Vetoed

1x

**SB 1020** Hiking Energy Costs by Imposing Even More Stringent Renewable Energy and Zero-Carbon Electricity Mandates. - Signed

3x

**SB 1137** Limiting American Energy Production Through New Draconian Restrictions on Oil and Gas Well Placement. - Signed

3x

**SB 1142** Promoting Abortion Through the Creation of a State Website to Provide Information on Abortion Providers and How to Obtain Support Services Such as Airfare, Meals and Lodging. - Signed

1x

**SB 1162** Subjecting Employers to Further Harassment by Expanding the State's Pay Data Reporting Mandate to Include Contractors and Pay Publishing. - Signed

2x

**SB 1234** Increasing Government Dependency by Providing STD Treatment to all LGBTQ Individuals at the Expense of Taxpayers. - Vetoed

1x

**SB 1247** Infringing Franchisor and Franchise Contracting Rights Through New Mandates Concerning Rights to Rebates and Monetary Incentives from Third Parties. - Vetoed

1x

**AB 1279** Stifling Economic Growth by Codifying the State's Disastrous 2045 "Net-Zero" Carbon Goal. - Signed

3x

**AB 1287** Imposing Government Price Controls on Consumer Products to Prohibit the So-called "Pink Tax". - Signed

1x

**SB 1314** Hindering Energy Production Through a Prohibition on "Concentrated Carbon Dioxide Fluid" for Oil Extraction. - Signed

1x

**SB 1327** Attacking Firearm Owners and Second Amendment Rights by Allowing Anyone to Sue Another Individual Who Constructs, Transports or Sells a Firearm Banned by the State. - Signed

2x

**AB 1410** Infringing Private Contracting Rights Through Government Overreach into the Governance Practices of Private Condominium Associations. - Signed

1x

**AB 1594** Attempting to Force Firearm Manufacturers Out of Business by Exposing them to Frivolous and Costly Litigation. - Signed

3x

**AB 1632** Forcing Private Businesses to Grant Access to Employee Restrooms for Individuals with an "Eligible Medical Condition." - Signed

1x

**AB 1738** Advancing New Electric Vehicle Charging Station Mandates on Existing Multi-Family Dwellings, Hotels and other Commercial Buildings. - Signed

2x

**AB 1851** Hiking Taxpayer Costs by Expanding Prevailing Wage Mandates to Include the Hauling of Construction Materials To and From Job Sites. - Signed

2x

# GOVERNOR RATINGS



Governor action against Limited Government

Governor action with Limited Government

\*Governor allowed to pass into law

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**AB 1851** Hiking Taxpayer Costs by Expanding Prevailing Wage Mandates to Include the Hauling of Construction Materials To and From Job Sites. - Signed

2x

**AB 1918** Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Scholarships and Training for Abortion Providers by Establishing the "California Reproductive Health Service Corps". - Signed

1x

**AB 1930** Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding Medicaid Postpartum Coverage from 60 Days to an Entire Year. - Signed

1x

**AB 1951** Increasing Tax Burdens on Other Individuals and Businesses Through an Expansion of Sales Tax Exemptions for Research and Development and the Manufacturing Sector. - Vetoed

2x

**AB 1965** Spending \$100 Million to Bypass a Critical Federal Welfare Integrity Measure and Provide Food Stamps to Work-Ready Adults who Refuse to Comply with Work Requirements. - Vetoed

2x

**AB 2098** Allowing the State Medical Board to Punish Doctors for Spreading Alleged "Misinformation" about COVID-19. - Signed

2x

**AB 2134** Providing "Free" Abortions to Women Earning up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level. - Signed

2x

**AB 2183** Hiking Consumer Costs and Empowering Union Leaders by Unionizing the Agricultural Industry Through a Card-Check System. - Signed

3x

**AB 2193** Expanding Taxpayer-Funded Legal Aid Programs to Illegal Immigrants. - Signed

3x

**AB 2194** Forcing Pharmacists to Undergo an Hour "Cultural Competency" Course Every 2 Years Focused on LGBTQ+ Individuals. - Signed

1x

**AB 2199** Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Additional Doula Services Through the Creation of the "Birthing Justice for California Families Pilot Project". - Vetoed

1x

**AB 2247** Advancing Government Overreach Through a Costly New Reporting and Registration System for Products Containing PFAS Substances. - Vetoed

1x

**AB 2269** Threatening Innovation by Imposing a New Licensing Regime on a Range of Digital and Crypto Financial Assets. - Vetoed

1x

**AB 2320** Channeling Tens of Millions of Additional Taxpayer Funds to Providers of Abortion in "Marginalized Communities". - Signed

1x

**AB 2517** Expanding Cronyism and Unnecessary Spending by Providing Grants to Government-Favored Community Groups with Politically Driven Agendas. - Signed

2x

**AB 2608** Weakening Election Integrity by Ending the Preservation of Vote by Mail Applications and Expanding Recipients of "Second" Mailed Ballots. - Signed

3x

**AB 2784** Hiking Consumer Costs by Imposing Recycled Content Mandates for a Wide Range of Common Consumer Plastic Containers. - Vetoed

3x

**AB 2815** Weakening Election Integrity Through the Politicized Placement of Ballot Drop Boxes Across All State University Campuses. - Signed

3x

**AB 2817** Increasing Government Dependency and Housing Market Costs Through a New \$5 Billion Housing Assistance Spending Program. - Vetoed

3x

**AB 2847** Forcing Taxpayers to Spend Hundreds of Millions Annually to Provide Unemployment Benefits to Illegal Immigrants. - Vetoed

3x

**AB 2870** Further Expanding Firearm Seizures Without Due Process Through the "Gun Violence Restraining Order". - Signed

2x

**AB 2974** Hiking Taxpayer Costs Through an Additional Small Business Procurement Mandate for Infrastructure Projects. - Signed

1x



# SENATE RANKINGS

## Champions of Limited Government (100-90%)

**1** Melissa Melendez 93%

## Defenders of Limited Government (89-80%)

**2** Pat Carmody Bates 89%

**3** Jim Nielsen 87%

**4** Andreas Borgeas 86%

**5** Shannon Grove 86%

**6** Brian W. Jones 86%

**7** Brian Dahle 86%

**8** Scott Wilk 85%

## Remaining Lawmakers (79-11%)

**9** Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh 77%

**10** Melissa Hurtado 31%

**11** Steven M. Glazer 18%

**12** Anna M. Caballero 11%

**13** Bill Dodd 11%

## Big Government Progressive (≤10)

**14** Susan Talamantes Eggman 10%

**15** Dave Cortese 7%

**16** Josh Newman 6%

**17** Richard D. Roth 6%

**18** Bob Archuleta 5%

**19** Anthony J. Portantino 5%

**20** Benjamin Allen 4%

**T21** María Elena Durazo 3%

**T21** Ben Hueso 3%

**23** Steven Bradford 3%

**T24** Lena A. Gonzalez 3%

**T24** John Laird 3%

**T24** Richard Pan 3%

**27** Monique Limón 3%

**28** Scott D. Wiener 3%

**29** Sydney Kamlager 3%

**T30** Connie Leyva 3%

**T30** Henry I. Stern 3%

**T30** Bob Wieckowski 3%

**T33** Toni G. Atkins 3%

**T33** Mike McGuire 3%

**T33** Nancy Skinner 3%

**36** Susan Rubio 2%

**37** Robert Hertzberg 2%

**38** Thomas J. Umberg 2%

**39** Dave Min 2%

**40** Josh Becker 2%



# ASSEMBLY RANKINGS

## Champions of Limited Government (100-90%)

<b>1</b>	Frank Bigelow	96%
<b>2</b>	Kelly Seyarto	93%
<b>2</b>	Thurston Smith	93%
<b>4</b>	James Gallagher	92%
<b>5</b>	Kevin Kiley	90%

## Defenders of Limited Government (89-80%)

<b>6</b>	Megan Dahle	88%
<b>7</b>	Jim Patterson	87%
<b>8</b>	Tom Lackey	85%
<b>9</b>	Vince Fong	85%
<b>10</b>	Heath Flora	84%
<b>11</b>	Randy Voepel	83%
<b>12</b>	Steven Choi	82%

## Remaining Lawmakers (79-11%)

<b>13</b>	Janet Nguyen	79%
<b>14</b>	Laurie Davies	76%
<b>15</b>	Phillip Chen	75%
<b>16</b>	Devon Mathis	75%
<b>17</b>	Suzette Martinez Valladares	71%
<b>18</b>	Marie Waldron	70%
<b>19</b>	Jordan Cunningham	65%
<b>20</b>	Chad Mayes	47%
<b>21</b>	Adam Gray	44%
<b>22</b>	Rudy Salas	40%
<b>23</b>	Ken Cooley	39%
<b>24</b>	Jim Cooper	26%
<b>25</b>	Tom Daly	16%
<b>26</b>	Patrick O'Donnell	14%

## Big Government Extremist (≤10)

<b>27</b>	Jacqui Irwin	10%
<b>28</b>	Timothy Grayson	10%
<b>29</b>	Jose Medina	8%
<b>30</b>	Blanca Rubio	6%
<b>31</b>	Sharon Quirk-Silva	6%
<b>32</b>	Cottie Petrie-Norris	5%
<b>T33</b>	Marc Levine	5%
<b>T33</b>	Al Muratsuchi	5%
<b>35</b>	Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry	5%
<b>36</b>	Sabrina Cervantes	4%
<b>37</b>	James Ramos	3%
<b>T38</b>	David A. Alvarez	2%
<b>T38</b>	Freddie Rodriguez	2%
<b>T38</b>	Carlos Villapudua	2%



# ASSEMBLY RANKINGS

<b>41</b>	Lori Wilson	2%
<b>42</b>	Joaquin Arambula	2%
<b>43</b>	Tina McKinnor	2%
<b>44</b>	Marc Berman	2%
<b>45</b>	Lisa Calderon	2%
<b>46</b>	Mike A. Gipson	2%
<b>47</b>	Evan Low	2%
<b>48</b>	Mia Bonta	2%
<b>48</b>	Eduardo Garcia	2%
<b>50</b>	Jesse Gabriel	2%
<b>51</b>	Bill Quirk	2%
<b>T52</b>	Mike Fong	2%
<b>T52</b>	Adrin Nazarian	2%
<b>54</b>	Jim Wood	2%
<b>T55</b>	Cristina Garcia	2%
<b>T55</b>	Matt Haney	2%

<b>T55</b>	Reginald B. Jones-Sawyer	2%
<b>T55</b>	Ash Kalra	2%
<b>T55</b>	Miguel Santiago	2%
<b>T55</b>	Akilah Weber	2%
<b>T61</b>	Steve Bennett	2%
<b>T61</b>	Richard Bloom	2%
<b>T61</b>	Laura Friedman	2%
<b>T61</b>	Chris Holden	2%
<b>T61</b>	Alex Lee	2%
<b>T61</b>	Kevin Mullin	2%
<b>T61</b>	Luz Rivas	2%
<b>T61</b>	Robert Rivas	2%
<b>T61</b>	Philip Ting	2%
<b>70</b>	Kevin McCarty	2%
<b>T71</b>	Rebecca Bauer-Kahan	2%
<b>T71</b>	Isaac Bryan	2%

<b>T71</b>	Wendy Carrillo	2%
<b>T71</b>	Anthony Rendon	2%
<b>T71</b>	Eloise Gmez Reyes	2%
<b>T71</b>	Mark Stone	2%
<b>T71</b>	Christopher M. Ward	2%
<b>T71</b>	Buffy Wicks	2%
<b>79</b>	Brian Maienschein	1%
<b>80</b>	Tasha Boerner Horvath	1%
<b>81</b>	Autumn Burke	0%





# SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## 1. SB 6 Strengthening Property Rights by Permitting Residential Housing Development on Commercially Zoned Property Under Certain Conditions.

The "Middle Class Housing Act of 2022" allows residential housing development on property zoned for commercial use if a project meets certain conditions, including meeting prevailing wage and "skilled and trained workforce" requirements. The bill is intended to override some local zoning regulations which forbid developers from constructing such mixed-use development. Support is the Limited Government Position as while the bill does contain a couple negative provisions that cave to union labor demands, the bill serves as a step in the right direction by combatting overreaching local zoning regulations, thus strengthening property rights. 34-0 on August 29, 2022.

## 2. SB 70 Weakening Parental Rights by Mandating Kindergarten Attendance for All Children.

Beginning in 2024, this bill requires all children to attend kindergarten prior to entering first grade, which was previously optional. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this bill removes decision making from parents, who are best equipped to make decisions regarding their child's education. 33-5 on August 29, 2022.

## 3. AB 117 Growing Government Dependency by Providing Electric Bicycle Vouchers to Certain Individuals Based on Income.

This bill establishes the "Electric Bicycle Incentive Project" to provide vouchers to income-eligible individuals to purchase e-bikes at certain retailers. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as not only do measures such as this provide competitive advantages to government-favored companies, and further hike taxpayer costs, but also disincentivize advancement and grow government dependency by expanding the welfare state. 37-0 on August 24, 2022.

## 4. SB 222 Growing Government Dependency by Providing "Water Rate Assistance" to Certain Utility Payers Based on Income.

This bill creates a new "Water Rate Assistance Program" which would require taxpayers to subsidize the water and wastewater utility bills of certain individuals based on income.

Oppose is the Limited Government Position as further growing the size and scope of the government welfare state disincentivizes advancement and traps individuals into government dependency and poverty. The private sector, through charitable initiatives, is best equipped to help support those in need and work to make them self-sufficient. 31-8 on August 30, 2022.

## 5. SB 245 Increasing Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating Policies Provide Abortion Services Without any Co-Pay or Deductible.

This bill prohibits most health insurance plans, except for a specialized health care service plan contract, from requiring any cost sharing for abortion, such as a deductible, coinsurance, or copayment. The bill also applies to Medi-Cal, the state's Medicaid program. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as each and every health insurance mandate or price control on co-payments prevents an individual from selecting a plan with just basic or customized coverages to fit their specific needs. As a result, health insurers are forced to only offer costly plans loaded with coverages that most individuals do not need. This can result in lower-income or younger individuals choosing to purchase no insurance plan at all due to the high cost. 28-7 on March 21, 2022.

## 6. AB 257 Subjecting Restaurants to Unreasonable Labor Union Demands Through the Creation of an Unaccountable "Fast Food Council" to Impose Regulations.

The "Fast Food Accountability and Standards Recovery Act" or "FAST Recovery Act," establishes a 10 member fast food council made up of appointees by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly and Senate rules committee. The council would have power to set minimum wages, working hours and various other labor standards and regulations. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this bill provides far overreaching powers to a group of individuals who are not accountable to voters. Additionally, the bill drives up consumer costs by subjecting business to unreasonable demands by labor unions. 21-12 on August 29, 2022.



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## 7. SB 260 Further Driving Up Business Costs by Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Corporations. 🏢

The "Climate Corporate Accountability Act" establishes mandatory reporting of greenhouse (GHG) emissions for large businesses in California. The bill requires companies to report both their direct and indirect emissions as well as publicize their targets and measures to reduce emissions. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as not only does this bill drive up costs by forcing companies to track their GHG emissions, but such publication may expose certain companies to harassment. Stringent cuts in GHG emissions ultimately drive up consumer costs, and harm the competitiveness of the state's business sector. 23-7 on January 26, 2022.

## 8. AB 351 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Permitting "Human Composting" as an Alternative to Burial and Cremation. ♪

Beginning in 2027, this bill authorizes "human composting," an alternative to burial or cremation in which human remains naturally decompose over a 30-45 day period and are turned into a soil. The human composted soil can then be kept by the deceased's family or donated to conservation land. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as while entities fearing competition such as Catholic cemeteries heavily lobbied against this bill, individuals should be free to determine the final disposition of their remains. 35-0 on August 29, 2022.

## 9. SB 457 Growing Government Dependency by Providing \$1,000 to Income-Eligible Individuals without Automobiles. 💰

This bill provides a \$1,000 refundable tax credit to single-filers earning up to \$40,000, and joint-filers earning up to \$60,000, who do not own or purchase a car. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as lawmakers should not use the power of government to centrally plan the lives of individuals and wage war against the internal combustion engine. Furthermore, growing the size and scope of the government welfare state disincentivizes advancement and traps individuals into government dependency and poverty. 33-2 on August 31, 2022.

## 10. SB 490 Increasing Taxpayer Costs by Worsening Protectionist Agricultural Procurement Mandates Placed on Schools and Universities. 💰

The "Buy American Food Act" places more stringent domestic procurement requirements on California public schools and universities concerning their agricultural food purchases. Previous law required institutions to procure only domestically grown and processed foods unless the cost was greater than 5% of the non-domestic alternative. This bill now requires the non-domestic alternative to be at least 25% more costly, which is estimated to cost taxpayers an additional \$1.9 billion. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill is largely designed to enrich California agricultural producers and labor unions, while unnecessarily punishing taxpayers who will be forced to bear the higher costs. The bill also directly violates the limited government principles of free trade and markets. 39-1 on August 31, 2022.

## 11. AB 503 Increasing Crime and Harming Public Safety by Placing a 6 Month Limit on Juvenile Probation. 🛡️

This bill places a 6-month limit on the amount of time a juvenile offender may be placed on probation except in limited cases. Additionally, the court is no longer required to place certain conditions on juvenile probation such as attending counseling, repairing property, performing community service or repaying apprehension costs. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill limits the ability of courts to maintain public safety and protect property rights. This measure is especially troubling considering the enactment of other changes to the criminal justice system which have loosened penalties and led to rising crime rates. 21-13 on August 30, 2022.



# SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## **12. SB 523 Increasing Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating All Policies Cover Vasectomies and Contraceptives at No Cost.**

The "Contraceptive Equity Act of 2022" requires all health insurance policies offered in the state to provide coverage for vasectomies and over-the-counter contraceptive drugs, devices and products. All of these services and products must be provided without any deductible or cost-sharing requirement. Additionally, the bill adds "reproductive healthcare decisions" to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, thus prohibiting employers from taking any discriminatory actions. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as each and every health insurance mandate or price control on co-payments prevents an individual from selecting a plan with just basic or customized coverages to fit their specific needs. As a result, health insurers are forced to only offer costly plans loaded with coverages that most individuals do not need. This can result in lower-income or younger individuals choosing to purchase no insurance plan at all due to the high cost. **31-9 on August 31, 2022.**

## **13. SB 731 Threatening Public Safety by Expunging Felony and Violent Criminal Records.**

This bill further expands the state's expungement policy (previously limited to just misdemeanors and low-level felonies) to now include nearly any previous criminal offense after six years have passed. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as while expunging low-level and non-violent criminal records can help reduce potential employment barriers, this expansive measure which expunges serious violent crimes threatens public safety. **28-10 on August 18, 2022.**

## **14. SB 834 Providing the AG Overreaching New Powers to Revoke the Tax-Exempt Statuses of Non-Profit Organizations without Due Process if they Allegedly Incite "Insurrection".**

This bill allows the Franchise Tax Board to revoke the tax-exempt status of an organization if the California Attorney General determines the organization has "actively engaged in, or incited" an offense such as treason, insurrection, seditious conspiracy, or government overthrow. The sponsor of the bill stated the measure is necessary since many non-profits supported the "insurrection" by "pro-Trump extremists" by perpetuating a "false narrative

that the Democrats stole the 2020 election". **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill directly violates due process rights under the law. While any group found to commit a criminal act should be held accountable under the law, this measure instead serves as a weapon for politicians to unjustly target their political opponents and organizations. **31-0 on August 23, 2022.**

## **15. SB 912 Increasing Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating All Policies Provide Coverage for Biomarker Testing.**

This bill requires all health insurance policies, including Medicaid, offered in the state to provide coverage for biomarker testing to diagnose, treat, manage, or monitor a person's disease or condition "if the test is supported by medical and scientific evidence." **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as each and every health insurance mandate or price control on co-payments prevents an individual from selecting a plan with just basic or customized coverages to fit their specific needs. As a result, health insurers are forced to only offer costly plans loaded with coverages that most individuals do not need. This can result in lower-income or younger individuals choosing to purchase no insurance plan at all due to the high cost. **40-0 on August 30, 2022.**

## **16. SB 918 Infringing Second Amendment Rights and Defying the Supreme Court Ruling Through New "Gun Free" Zones and Concealed Carry Law Changes.**

This bill is largely in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, which found the use of arbitrary "may issue" standards for concealed carry licenses to be unconstitutional. Under the bill, "gun free zones" are significantly expanded - including all private businesses by default unless they post a sign saying it is permitted. Additionally, concealed carry training requirements and costs are increased, among a number of other provisions. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as James Madison and our nation's other founding fathers understood that the right to keep and bear arms is a crucial individual liberty and protects the citizenry against a tyrannical government. This measure serves to undermine the Supreme Court's decision and limits the ability of law-abiding individuals to defend themselves from criminals. **28-6 on April 18, 2022.**



# SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## 17. AB 937 Threatening National Security by Prohibiting Illegal Immigrants Who Committed Crimes from Being Transferred to ICE Upon their Release from Prison.

The "Voiding Inequality and Seeking Inclusion for Our Immigrant Neighbors Act" prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies from transferring illegal immigrants who committed crimes to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) upon completing their sentences at correctional facilities. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as protecting property rights and ensuring public safety serve as essential components of government. Measures such as this threaten national security by obstructing the ability of federal authorities to monitor and deport dangerous individuals residing in the country unlawfully. 18-13 on August 31, 2022.

## 18. SB 951 Further Expanding Wealth Redistribution Under the State's Paid Leave Program by Hiking the Wage Replacement Rate to 90%.

This bill further boosts payouts under the state's Paid Family Leave (PFL) program, which is funded through an additional 1.1% payroll tax on most workers. Specifically, the bill increases the wage replacement rate from 70% to 90% for workers who earn up to \$57,000 a year. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill will inevitably lead to a further increase in the state payroll tax due to the higher payout and greater incentive for individuals to utilize the benefit. Instead of further growing this state wealth transfer initiative, lawmakers should eliminate the program and allow individuals to choose whether or not to purchase paid leave insurance through the private marketplace. 31-9 on August 24, 2022.

## 19. SB 1018 Expanding the Regulatory State by Placing Costly New Reporting Mandates on Social Media Companies Concerning Content Policy Violations.

The "Platform Accountability and Transparency Act" requires social media to publicly disclose how their algorithms push information. This includes statistics on items of content that violated their platform policies and were recommended or amplified through their algorithms. According to the bill's sponsor, the measure is needed to bring transparency to medical disinformation, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Oppose is the Limited**

Government Position as this government overreach into the private sector places significant financial and regulatory costs onto the tech industry, which is ultimately passed down to consumers. Except in cases of fraud or criminal activity, industries are best governed through free market principles whereby consumers hold private companies accountable. 28-9 on August 30, 2022.

## 20. SB 1020 Hiking Energy Costs by Imposing Even More Stringent Renewable Energy and Zero-Carbon Electricity Mandates.

The "Clean Energy, Jobs, and Affordability Act of 2022" further increases the stringency of a landmark climate bill passed in 2018 which requires all electricity sold in the state to be 100% clean by 2045. SB 1020 establishes additional benchmarks such as requiring 90% of electricity sold be carbon free by 2030 and 95% by 2035. Furthermore, all state agencies must now obtain their power from renewables by 2035. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as these unnecessary new mandates will only further drive-up electricity costs for consumers, businesses and taxpayers. Lawmakers should instead spur economic growth (which ultimately leads to environmental improvement) through an "all of the above" approach to energy procurement. 31-9 on August 30, 2022.

## 21. SB 1038 Protecting Civil Liberties by Maintaining the Prohibition on the Usage of Facial Recognition Systems on Police Body-worn Cameras.

The bill extends indefinitely the prohibition on law enforcement utilizing facial recognition or any other biometric surveillance system in conjunction with a body-worn camera. This prohibition had been set to expire January 1, 2023. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as our Founding Fathers supported strong protections against unreasonable search and seizures as enshrined in the Fourth Amendment. Failure to enact this bill will further grow the surveillance state through the elimination of a critical protection against warrantless data collection. 19-9 on May 26, 2022.



# SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## **22. SB 1137 Limiting American Energy Production Through New Draconian Restrictions on Oil and Gas Well Placement.**

This bill prohibits construction of any new oil or gas wells within 3,200 feet of a "sensitive receptor" which includes everything from homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses. Additionally, the bill requires existing wells in those areas to comply with additional light, sound and environmental regulations. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill will significantly reduce oil and gas extraction in the state, ultimately harming American energy production and the U.S. economy. 25-10 on August 31, 2022.

## **23. SB 1142 Promoting Abortion Through the Creation of a State Website to Provide Information on Abortion Providers and How to Obtain Support Services Such as Airfare, Meals and Lodging.**

This bill requires the California Health and Human Services Agency to establish a website providing various abortion related information. Such information includes the locations of abortion providers, available practical support services like airfare, lodging, meals, etc., and payment support resources. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as it is not the role of government to promote abortion and force payment from taxpayers to advance abortion (many of whom may have strong religious objections). All abortions are tragedies and every child deserves the right to life. 31-9 on August 30, 2022.

## **24. SB 1162 Subjecting Employers to Further Harassment by Expanding the State's Pay Data Reporting Mandate to Include Contractors and Pay Publishing.**

This bill further expands the reporting requirement placed on employers which requires them to disclose pay rates by job category according to race, sex and ethnicity. Now employers must publish their pay scales and employers with 100 or more contractors must also disclose this information for their contracted workers. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this further government intrusion into the marketplace infringes confidential employer and worker contracting rights, while also subjecting employer to additional public harassment. 31-9 on August 30, 2022.

## **25. SB 1173 Harming Taxpayers and Reducing Investment Returns within the Public Employee Pension System by Mandating Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies.**

This bill requires the boards of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System to divest of their holdings in all fossil fuel companies by July 1, 2030. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill potentially sacrifices higher investment returns for taxpayers in order to advance a politicized environmental agenda. All state investments should be conducted in a manner to provide taxpayers with the greatest returns based on risk, and not be based on politicized Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) principles. 21-10 on May 25, 2022.

## **26. AB 1227 Attacking Second Amendment Rights through Additional Taxes on Firearms and Ammunition - Resulting in a 25% Sales Tax Rate.**

The "Gun Violence Prevention, Healing, and Recovery Act" enacts an additional 3.75% sale tax on firearms and ammunition sold in the state. As a result, purchasers of firearms and ammunition may face a sales tax rate of over 25% when factoring in the state tax (11%), local taxes (up to 3.5%) and the federal tax (11%). This taxation also does not include the amount passed onto consumers through the \$37.19 fee placed on firearm dealers plus other taxes. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as James Madison and our nation's other founding fathers understood that the right to keep and bear arms is a crucial individual liberty and protects the citizenry against a tyrannical government. This measure serves to punish law-abiding individuals who wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights through outrageous levels of taxation. 20-12 on August 31, 2022.



# SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## **27. SB 1234 Increasing Government Dependency by Providing STD Treatment to all LGBTQ Individuals at the Expense of Taxpayers.**

This bill expands Family PACT (government-provided healthcare) to include prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases for individuals who already may be insured and are not at risk of experiencing or causing an unintended pregnancy. The bill is primarily directed at LGBTQ individuals who may have confidentiality concerns using their insurance for treatment. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill further grows government-provided healthcare and dependency while also estimated to place tens of millions of dollars of additional costs onto taxpayers. 31-8 on August 31, 2022.

## **28. SB 1247 Infringing Franchisor and Franchise Contracting Rights Through New Mandates Concerning Rights to Rebates and Monetary Incentives from Third Parties.**

This bill amends California's Franchise Relations Act to impose new reporting requirements on monetary incentives and rebates that Franchisors may receive from third parties. Additionally, the bill forbids Franchisors from requiring a Franchisee to waive their right to a rebate or other benefit except under certain circumstances. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as it is not the role of government to intrude into the private contracting of private businesses to provide one party leverage or better contracting terms over another. Such actions violate the principles of free markets and the freedom to contract. 37-0 on August 30, 2022.

## **29. SB 1273 Threatening School Safety and Productive Learning Environments by No Longer Requiring Law Enforcement Notification of Students who Commit Assault or Threaten Physical Violence.**

This bill removes the requirement that law enforcement be notified whenever any employee of a school district is attacked, assaulted, or physically threatened by any pupil. The bill also eliminates the criminal penalty for students who cause "willful disturbance" of public schools. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as ensuring safe and productive learning environments should be the highest priority of any school. This bill threatens the educational quality of all students by limiting the ability of law enforcement to maintain school discipline and safety. 21-12 on May 26, 2022.

## **30. AB 1279 Stifling Economic Growth by Codifying the State's Disastrous 2045 "Net-Zero" Carbon Goal.**

The "California Climate Crisis Act" legally binds the state to its goal of "net-zero" carbon by 2045, and maintain and achieve negative greenhouse gas emissions in the years following. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill further cements the state to its disastrous environmental agenda, which will stifle economic growth and lead to sky-rocketing prices for businesses and consumers. 26-10 on August 31, 2022.

## **31. AB 1287 Imposing Government Price Controls on Consumer Products to Prohibit the So-called "Pink Tax".**

This bill prohibits any person or business from charging a different price for two "substantially similar" items based on the gender of the individuals for whom the items are marketed and intended. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as free market competition - not a government price control - is the best mechanism to ensure consumers receive the highest quality goods at the lowest prices. This measure merely serves as a new tool to enrich greedy plaintiffs' attorneys through the advancement of frivolous litigation surrounding the so-called "pink tax". 30-7 on August 29, 2022.

## **32. SB 1314 Hindering Energy Production Through a Prohibition on "Concentrated Carbon Dioxide Fluid" for Oil Extraction.**

This bill bans the use of carbon dioxide fluid (collected through carbon capture technologies) from being utilized in oil extraction. This fluid serves as a helpful solvent in promoting oil flow. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill serves as yet another unnecessary barrier towards American energy production, ultimately harming the entire U.S. economy through higher energy costs. 24-9 on May 25, 2022.



# SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

### **33. SB 1327 Attacking Firearm Owners and Second Amendment Rights by Allowing Anyone to Sue Another Individual Who Constructs, Transports or Sells a Firearm Banned by the State.**

This bill, modeled after the Texas law allowing anyone to file lawsuits alleging violations of abortion laws, allows anyone to sue another individual who constructs, transports or offers for sale a firearm banned by the state, such as an "assault weapon" or unserialized firearm. Like the Texas law, the bill offers bounties of at least \$10,000 for prevailing claimants. fi. The bill even includes language that the provisions will become inoperative if the Texas statute is struck down by the Texas Supreme Court or U.S. Supreme Court. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as James Madison and our nation's other founding fathers understood that the right to keep and bear arms is a crucial individual liberty and protects the citizenry against a tyrannical government. Lawmakers should not infringe the Second Amendment rights of their own state residents to politicize the actions taken by other states. 26-9 on June 29, 2022.

### **34. SB 1343 Threatening School Choice by Forcing Charter Schools to Participate in Costly State Retirement Programs.**

This bill requires all new charter schools to participate in either the state's Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) or the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) as opposed to offering their own 401k style plans. This change would subject charter schools to additional regulations and costs. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this new mandate harms school choice by making it more costly to operate a charter school. This bill is primarily designed to help bail out the state pension system as California has some of the highest unfunded pension liabilities in the country. 21-10 on May 25, 2022.

### **35. SB 1391 Threatening Businesses with Higher Costs by Increasing the Stringency of the State's Cap-and-Trade Program.**

This bill authorizes the State Air Resources Board every three years to review and increase the stringency of the state's cap-and-trade program for greenhouse gases. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the state's cap-and-trade program already places enormous unnecessary costs on businesses. This measure will further worsen the situation by allowing unaccountable government employees within ARB to inflict even greater harm to the state's business climate. 28-8 on May 26, 2022.

### **36. AB 1410 Infringing Private Contracting Rights Through Government Overreach into the Governance Practices of Private Condominium Associations.**

This bill imposes a series of new restrictions on the governing practices of Home Owners Associations (HOAs) and other planned communities. For example, the bill places new regulations on HOAs concerning the ability of owners to rent their units as well as how issues are discussed on social media platforms. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as it is not the role of government to dictate the private contractual agreements and operations of HOAs. HOAs serve as free-market alternatives to government zoning and land use standards, as individuals can choose the restrictiveness of the community they wish to join or select to live on property outside the governance of an HOA. 30-9 on August 29, 2022.

### **37. AB 1577 Hiking Taxpayer Costs and Growing Union Power by Allowing State Legislative Staff to Collectively Bargain.**

The Legislature Employer-Employee Relations Act provides legislative staff within the state legislature the ability to form a union and collectively bargain with the state. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill will further empower union bosses and unnecessarily drive-up taxpayer costs. 31-2 on August 30, 2022.



# SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## **38. AB 1594 Attempting to Force Firearm Manufacturers Out of Business by Exposing them to Frivolous and Costly Litigation. †**

The "Firearm Industry Responsibility Act" prohibits a firearm manufacturer from manufacturing or marketing a product that is "abnormally dangerous and likely to create an unreasonable risk of harm to public health and safety in California". Additionally, the bill allows individuals to sue a manufacturer for any actions or failure by their distributors to comply with state law if the individual suffers damages from the misuse of a firearm. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as James Madison and our nation's other founding fathers understood that the right to keep and bear arms is a crucial individual liberty and protects the citizenry against a tyrannical government. This measure is primarily designed to drive firearm manufacturers out of business through an attempt to advance a gun-control agenda. 26-9 on June 27, 2022.

## **39. AB 1632 Forcing Private Businesses to Grant Access to Employee Restrooms for Individuals with an "Eligible Medical Condition". 📄**

This bill requires all publicly serving businesses to provide individuals with an "eligible medical condition" (such as inflammatory bowel disease) access to their toilet facilities. The access must be provided even if the toilet facility is otherwise only available to employees, and a business can be fined \$100 for each case of non-compliance. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as lawmakers should not further grow the regulatory state and impose mandates on private businesses to account for the near endless list of medical conditions that individuals may face. Such one-size-fits all mandates may also result in abuse of business restrooms - especially when considering California's extremely high homeless rates. 39-0 on August 22, 2022.

## **40. AB 1738 Advancing New Electric Vehicle Charging Station Mandates on Existing Multi-Family Dwellings, Hotels and other Commercial Buildings. 🏠**

This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt new regulations which require the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at certain

existing commercial buildings including multi-family dwellings, hotels and non-residential developments. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the free market - not government employees - is best equipped to determine the need, placement and amount of electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure. Empowering the DHCD to impose mandates may inflict significant financial harm onto some smaller businesses. 32-8 on August 24, 2022.

## **41. AB 1851 Hiking Taxpayer Costs by Expanding Prevailing Wage Mandates to Include the Hauling of Construction Materials To and From Job Sites. 🛠️**

This bill expands the application of the state's prevailing wage mandate to include hauling of materials to and from a publicly-funded construction site, such as paving, grading and fill. The prevailing wage originates from the Davis-Bacon Act a depression-era policy that forces government contractors to pay their employees above-market wages when working public works projects. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as prevailing wage mandates needlessly drive-up taxpayer costs by imposing significant additional costs onto government contractors. 28-9 on August 29, 2022.

## **42. AB 1918 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Scholarships and Training for Abortion Providers by Establishing the "California Reproductive Health Service Corps". 💰**

This bill establishes the California Reproductive Health Service Corps "for the purposes of recruiting, training, and retaining a diverse workforce of reproductive health care professionals in underserved areas." The bill directs funding towards scholarships, stipends for living expenses and childcare, and loan repayment for providers who work at a "corps-approved site". **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as taxpayers should not fund scholarships or loan repayments for any industry, let alone an industry which faces strong opposition by a significant portion of the population. 31-9 on August 25, 2022.





# SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## **43. AB 1930 Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding Medicaid Postpartum Coverage from 60 Days to an Entire Year.** ⚠️

This bill extends the duration of postpartum coverage provided under Medicaid (government-provided healthcare) from 60 days to 1 year. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill further grows government-provided healthcare and dependency while also placing significant additional costs on both state and federal taxpayers. 40-0 on August 25, 2022.

## **44. AB 1951 Increasing Tax Burdens on Other Individuals and Businesses Through an Expansion of Sales Tax Exemptions for Research and Development and the Manufacturing Sector.** \$

This bill replaces the partial sales tax exemption for manufacturing equipment and research and development with a full sales tax exemption through 2028. This exemption covers items such as machinery, computers and special purpose buildings used for manufacturing or research and development. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as all state and local tax codes should be constructed in a broadly applied manner with as low of rates as possible for everyone. The central planning and tax cronyism enacted under this measure provides special benefits and advantages to the manufacturing industry while shifting tax burdens to all other industries and companies that do not share the same business model. Instead, lawmakers should instead utilize the \$500 million in tax savings to provide a broad tax cut across all industries, which will allow the free market to provide far greater job and business growth. 31-3 on August 25, 2022.

## **45. AB 1965 Spending \$100 Million to Bypass a Critical Federal Welfare Integrity Measure and Provide Food Stamps to Work-Ready Adults who Refuse to Comply with Work Requirements.** ✂️

The "California Antihunger Response Act of 2022" creates a new state program in which able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) are provided food stamp benefits despite not complying with the work requirements of CalFresh which are set by the federal

government. The cost to create the new system (not accounting for benefit payouts) is estimated to cost \$100 million. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill is intended to circumvent the federal work requirements implemented in the mid-1990s to help encourage able-bodied individuals to find employment and regain self-reliance. This bill places an unnecessary cost onto taxpayers while discouraging work-ready adults to become self-sufficient. 31-6 on August 30, 2022.

## **46. AB 2098 Allowing the State Medical Board to Punish Doctors for Spreading Alleged "Misinformation" about COVID-19.** ⚠️

This bill declares that physicians and surgeons commit "unprofessional conduct" if they "disseminate misinformation" related to COVID-19, including false or misleading information regarding the nature and risks of the virus, its prevention and treatment; and the development, safety, and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines". **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this politicized measure promotes government censorship and prevents physicians from best serving their patients - which is especially problematic considering the everchanging guidelines and determinations being made by the government concerning COVID-19. 32-8 on August 30, 2022.

## **47. AB 2134 Providing "Free" Abortions to Women Earning up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.** \$

This bill establishes the California Reproductive Health Equity Program, which provides no cost or reduced cost abortion services to women earning up to 400% of the federal poverty level. Additionally, the bill requires health insurers which provide plans without abortion coverage to religious employers, to provide written notice to those enrollees that they may be eligible for no cost abortions through the state program. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as regardless of ones view on abortion, it is not the role of government to provide such coverage and force the costs onto taxpayers, many of whom have deep religious objections to the practice. 31-9 on August 29, 2022.



# SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## **48. AB 2183 Hiking Consumer Costs and Empowering Union Leaders by Unionizing the Agricultural Industry through a Card-Check System.**

This bill makes it much easier for union leaders to unionize agricultural workers across the state's 30,000 farms. Specifically, the bill authorizes usage of a "card check" system which allows leaders to publicly pressure workers into unionizing, as opposed to the existing "secret ballot voting" system. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure will subject agricultural workers to significant new levels of intimidation and harassment to unionize by labor leaders. Measures such as this highlight the importance of "Right to Work" legislation, which protects the ability of individuals to work without joining a labor union. 26-10 on August 29, 2022.

## **49. AB 2193 Expanding Taxpayer-Funded Legal Aid Programs to Illegal Immigrants.**

This bill expands legal aid eligibility under the Sargent Civil Counsel Act to now include individuals who may be residing in the country unlawfully. Taxpayer funded aid that is provided under this act includes certain civil, housing-related, guardianships, and domestic violence related matters. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as it is not the role of government to guarantee taxpayer-funded legal counsel in civil matters - especially for individuals who are residing in the country illegally. Measures such as this merely further incentive illegal immigration. 33-2 on August 24, 2022.

## **50. AB 2194 Forcing Pharmacists to Undergo an Hour "Cultural Competency" Course Every 2 Years Focused on LGBTQ+ Individuals.**

This bill requires pharmacists to complete at least one hour of continuing education in a "cultural competency course" every two years. The course must focus on individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ and must also "contain elements demonstrating how sexual identity is directly impacted through intersectionality." **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill is largely designed to enrich entities and individuals who provide such "cultural competency services". Instead of this politically-motivated government mandate, pharmacists should be free to select the trainings which will provide them the greatest value and information to serve their patients. 32-0 on August 23, 2022.

## **51. AB 2199 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Additional Doula Services Through the Creation of the "Birthing Justice for California Families Pilot Project".**

This bill establishes the "Birthing Justice for California Families Pilot Project", which funds community-based doula groups to provide services to individuals who are otherwise not eligible under the state's Medicaid system. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure further increases government dependency under a state system that already provides benefits to a substantial portion of the population through Medi-Cal. Lawmakers should instead work to reduce barriers for charitable organizations to direct aid and assistance to those that truly need it, not expand the ineffective welfare state. 36-0 on August 29, 2022.

## **52. AB 2201 Weakening Property Rights by Placing Costly and Excessive Regulatory Barriers to Drill New Groundwater Wells.**

This bill requires local agencies which permit groundwater wells to obtain written verification stating a proposed well will not "undermine sustainable groundwater management or cause well interference". This additional statewide mandate is expected to significantly raise costs for well applicants and potentially limit the ability of some landowners to utilize the groundwater beneath their property. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as well drilling is already regulated at the local level and this additional state-wide regulatory barrier places significant costs onto businesses and may provide favor to certain landowners while infringing the property rights of others. 22-16 on August 30, 2022.



# SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## **53. AB 2247 Advancing Government Overreach Through a Costly New Reporting and Registration System for Products Containing PFAS Substances.**

This bill requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to construct a publicly accessible platform where manufacturers must annually register products that contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). There are over 9,000 PFAS in existence which are in hundreds of common household products such as nonstick cookware, furniture, raincoats and shampoo. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the federal government already monitors PFAS substances and this measure will place significant additional costs on taxpayers, manufacturers, and ultimately consumers. 24-12 on August 29, 2022.

## **54. AB 2269 Threatening Innovation by Imposing a New Licensing Regime on a Range of Digital and Crypto Financial Assets.**

The "Digital Financial Assets Law" creates a new licensing and regulatory framework for digital financial assets under the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. A range of products including cryptocurrencies, virtual currencies and electronic precious metals would now be subject to state regulation. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the federal government is already attempting to regulate these products, and there is a serious risk that regulations imposed at any level government could threaten innovation within this industry. It is critical to protect this industry from overregulation as bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies play a crucial role as a safeguard against the reckless policies of the Federal Reserve. 31-6 on August 29, 2022.

## **55. AB 2320 Channeling Tens of Millions of Additional Taxpayer Funds to Providers of Abortion in "Marginalized Communities".**

This bill establishes a new pilot program within the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) which provides additional taxpayer funding to primary care clinics that perform abortion and are located in five counties across different regions of the state. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as it is not the role of government to promote abortion and force payment from taxpayers to advance abortion (many of whom may have strong religious objections). 31-9 on August 25, 2022.

## **56. AB 2517 Expanding Cronyism and Unnecessary Spending by Providing Grants to Government-Favored Community Groups with Politically Driven Agendas.**

This bill establishes the "California Coordinated Neighborhood and Community Services Grant Program" which provides state grants to certain organizations in federal "Promise Neighborhoods". Many of these groups have politically-motivated agendas, such as bill sponsor "StriveTogether" which promotes on its website how its network member led the passage of a ballot measure which hiked property taxes in Colorado to increase school funding. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as taxpayer funds should not be utilized to advance political initiatives. The private sector (through charitable endeavors) is best equipped to direct funding to the groups and initiatives which are most needed and beneficial to communities. 36-0 on August 29, 2022.

## **57. AB 2608 Weakening Election Integrity by Ending the Preservation of Vote by Mail Applications and Expanding Recipients of "Second" Mailed Ballots.**

This bill repeals the requirement that the state preserve all applications for mail ballots for 22 months following the date of federal elections, and 6 months from the date of state and local elections. Additionally, election officials are now required to also send a "second ballot" via mail to a "voter representative" upon written request by a voter. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill promotes ballot harvesting as well as weakens safeguards to prevent voter fraud. Such safeguards against fraud are critical to ensuring free and fair elections, an essential component of democracy under our nation's constitutional republic. 29-9 on August 17, 2022.

## **58. AB 2784 Hiking Consumer Costs by Imposing Recycled Content Mandates for a Wide Range of Common Consumer Plastic Containers.**

Beginning in 2025, this bill requires thermoform plastic containers (such as "clamshell" trays for take-out food, plastic egg cartons, bakers trays, etc.) to contain at least 20-30% recycled content. The bill also imposes penalties on producers for non-compliance. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill serves as yet the latest mandate which infringes business and consumer choice for food packaging and unnecessarily drives up cost. The state's two largest cities have already imposed bans on Styrofoam food containers. 22-11 on August 30, 2022.



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## **59. AB 2815 Weakening Election Integrity Through the Politicized Placement of Ballot Drop Boxes Across All State University Campuses.**

This bill requires a ballot drop-off location be placed on each California State University Campus in addition to the other locations required by law. Additionally, when selecting drop-off locations across the state, the bill requires election officials to prioritize community college locations. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill politicizes the placement of ballot drop-off locations due to the very high levels of voting amongst college-age voters for a particular political party. While the state should eliminate all drop boxes, such placement should at least be based on population and determined in a non-politicized manner to ensure free and fair elections. **31-8 on August 25, 2022.**

## **60. AB 2817 Increasing Government Dependency and Housing Market Costs Through a New \$5 Billion Housing Assistance Spending Program.**

This bill establishes the "Housing California Challenge Program" to provide \$5 billion in direct rental assistance over the next 5 years to individuals who are at risk of homelessness. This program is in addition to a number of other state programs, and funding under the bill may be utilized to help individuals locate and obtain housing as well as for long-term rental assistance. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill serves as yet another measure which traps individuals into poverty by disincentivizing advancement and growing government dependency. Additionally, the bill's \$5 billion in subsidies will merely bid up the market prices of existing rental units, thus worsening the state's housing affordability crisis and likely leading to additional homelessness and government dependency. **31-9 on August 23, 2022.**

## **61. AB 2847 Forcing Taxpayers to Spend Hundreds of Millions Annually to Provide Unemployment Benefits to Illegal Immigrants.**

This bill establishes the "Excluded Workers Pilot Program" which provides illegal immigrants with up to 20 weeks of unemployment benefits, at an amount of \$300 per week. The bill is estimated to cost state taxpayers \$237 million to build out and over \$215 million in annual benefit payouts. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as providing individuals who entered the country unlawfully to taxpayer funded welfare benefits merely incentivizes

additional illegal immigration. While reforms are needed to the U.S. immigration system to increase the number of skilled individuals who may enter and work in our country, measures such as this undermine reform efforts and plunge taxpayers into further debt. **31-9 on August 23, 2022.**

## **62. AB 2870 Further Expanding Firearm Seizures Without Due Process Through the "Gun Violence Restraining Order".**

This bill expands the state's "Gun Violence Restraining Order" (GVRO) or "red flag" law to expand the category of persons who may petition a court to issue an order. Specifically, roommates, dating partners and those with "substantial and regular interactions" may now seek to have a firearm immediately taken away from another person through an "ex-parte" (one-sided) petition to a court if the individual alleges the person in possession of the firearm is in danger to themselves or others. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the one-sided petition violates due process under the law (an individual can't provide their defense) and this program lacks provisions that prevent nefarious individuals from abusing the system to harass or harm law-abiding individuals, thus unduly infringing their Second Amendment protections and leaving them defenseless. **31-5 on August 22, 2022.**

## **63. AB 2974 Hiking Taxpayer Costs Through an Additional Small Business Procurement Mandate for Infrastructure Projects.**

The "Small Business Procurement and Contract Act" establishes a 25% small business target for infrastructure contracts issued through the \$14 billion the state received under the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as all government contracting and procurement decisions should be based strictly on factors relating to cost and quality. Contracting quotas and mandates such as this bill merely restrict competition and unnecessarily drive-up taxpayer costs, while also potentially reducing project quality and timeliness. **38-0 on August 30, 2022.**









# ASSEMBLY BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## 1. SB 6 Strengthening Property Rights by Permitting Residential Housing Development on Commercially Zoned Property Under Certain Conditions. 🏠

The "Middle Class Housing Act of 2022" allows residential housing development on property zoned for commercial use if a project meets certain conditions, including meeting prevailing wage and "skilled and trained workforce" requirements. The bill is intended to override some local zoning regulations which forbid developers from constructing such mixed-use development. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as while the bill does contain a couple negative provisions that cave to union labor demands, the bill serves as a step in the right direction by combatting overreaching local zoning regulations, thus strengthening property rights. 67-0 on August 29, 2022.

## 2. SB 70 Weakening Parental Rights by Mandating Kindergarten Attendance for All Children. 🎓

Beginning in 2024, this bill requires all children to attend kindergarten prior to entering first grade, which was previously optional. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill removes decision making from parents, who are best equipped to make decisions regarding their child's education. 59-12 on August 18, 2022.

## 3. AB 117 Growing Government Dependency by Providing Electric Bicycle Vouchers to Certain Individuals Based on Income. 💰

This bill establishes the "Electric Bicycle Incentive Project" to provide vouchers to income-eligible individuals to purchase e-bikes at certain retailers. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as not only do measures such as this provide competitive advantages to government-favored companies, and further hike taxpayer costs, but also disincentivize advancement and grow government dependency by expanding the welfare state. 73-0 on August 25, 2022.

## 4. AB 158 Forcing Taxpayers to Pay \$400 Million in Dues to Labor Unions for their Members. 💰

This bill provides a refundable tax credit of up to \$100 for dues paid to a labor union, with a total of up to \$400 million in allowable credits. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as taxpayers should not be forced to pay labor union dues and further enrich union bosses. Measures such as this highlight the importance of "Right to Work" legislation, which protects the ability of individuals to work without joining a labor union. 65-2 on August 31, 2022.

## 5. SB 222 Growing Government Dependency by Providing "Water Rate Assistance" to Certain Utility Payers based on Income. 🌊

This bill creates a new "Water Rate Assistance Program" which would require taxpayers to subsidize the water and wastewater utility bills of certain individuals based on income. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as further growing the size and scope of the government welfare state disincentivizes advancement and traps individuals into government dependency and poverty. The private sector, through charitable initiatives, is best equipped to help support those in need and work to make them self-sufficient. 52-13 on August 29, 2022.

## 6. SB 245 Increasing Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating Policies Provide Abortion Services Without any Co-Pay or Deductible. 🏥

This bill prohibits most health insurance plans, except for a specialized health care service plan contract, from requiring any cost sharing for abortion, such as a deductible, coinsurance, or copayment. The bill also applies to Medi-Cal, the state's Medicaid program. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as each and every health insurance mandate or price control on co-payments prevents an individual from selecting a plan with just basic or customized coverages to fit their specific needs. As a result, health insurers are forced to only offer costly plans loaded with coverages that most individuals do not need. This can result in lower-income or younger individuals choosing to purchase no insurance plan at all due to the high cost. 52-17 on March 17, 2022.





# ASSEMBLY BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## 7. AB 257 Subjecting Restaurants to Unreasonable Labor Union Demands Through the Creation of an Unaccountable "Fast Food Council" to Impose Regulations. 🗳️

The "Fast Food Accountability and Standards Recovery Act" or "FAST Recovery Act," establishes a 10 member fast food council made up of appointees by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly and Senate rules committee. The council would have power to set minimum wages, working hours and various other labor standards and regulations. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill provides far overreaching powers to a group of individuals who are not accountable to voters. Additionally, the bill drives up consumer costs by subjecting business to unreasonable demands by labor unions. 47-19 on August 29, 2022.

## 8. SB 260 Further Driving Up Business Costs by Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Corporations. 🏠

The "Climate Corporate Accountability Act" establishes mandatory reporting of greenhouse (GHG) emissions for large businesses in California. The bill requires companies to report both their direct and indirect emissions as well as publicize their targets and measures to reduce emissions. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as not only does this bill drive up costs by forcing companies to track their GHG emissions, but such publication may expose certain companies to harassment. Stringent cuts in GHG emissions ultimately drive up consumer costs, and harm the competitiveness of the state's business sector. 37-25 on August 31, 2022.

## 9. AB 351 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Permitting "Human Composting" as an Alternative to Burial and Cremation. 🗳️

Beginning in 2027, this bill authorizes "human composting," an alternative to burial or cremation in which human remains naturally decompose over a 30-45 day period and are turned into a soil. The human composted soil can then be kept by the deceased's family or donated to conservation land. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as while entities fearing competition such as Catholic cemeteries heavily lobbied against this bill, individuals should be free to determine the final disposition of their remains. 65-0 on August 30, 2022.

## 10. SB 457 Growing Government Dependency by Providing \$1,000 to Income-Eligible Individuals without Automobiles. 💰

This bill provides a \$1,000 refundable tax credit to single-filers earning up to \$40,000, and joint-filers earning up to \$60,000, who do not own or purchase a car. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as lawmakers should not use the power of government to centrally plan the lives of individuals and wage war against the internal combustion engine. Furthermore, growing the size and scope of the government welfare state disincentivizes advancement and traps individuals into government dependency and poverty. 67-2 on August 31, 2022.

## 11. SB 490 Increasing Taxpayer Costs by Worsening Protectionist Agricultural Procurement Mandates Placed on Schools and Universities. 💰

The "Buy American Food Act" places more stringent domestic procurement requirements on California public schools and universities concerning their agricultural food purchases. Previous law required institutions to procure only domestically grown and processed foods unless the cost was greater than 5% of the non-domestic alternative. This bill now requires the non-domestic alternative to be at least 25% more costly, which is estimated to cost taxpayers an additional \$1.9 billion. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill is largely designed to enrich California agricultural producers and labor unions, while unnecessarily punishing taxpayers who will be forced to bear the higher costs. The bill also directly violates the limited government principles of free trade and markets. 69-0 on August 30, 2022.



# ASSEMBLY BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## 12. AB 503 Increasing Crime and Harming Public Safety by Placing a 6 Month Limit on Juvenile Probation.

This bill places a 6-month limit on the amount of time a juvenile offender may be placed on probation except in limited cases. Additionally, the court is no longer required to place certain conditions on juvenile probation such as attending counseling, repairing property, performing community service or repaying apprehension costs. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill limits the ability of courts to maintain public safety and protect property rights. This measure is especially troubling considering the enactment of other changes to the criminal justice system which have loosened penalties and led to rising crime rates. 45-22 on August 31, 2022.

## 13. SB 523 Increasing Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating All Policies Cover Vasectomies and Contraceptives at No Cost.

The "Contraceptive Equity Act of 2022" requires all health insurance policies offered in the state to provide coverage for vasectomies and over-the-counter contraceptive drugs, devices and products. All of these services and products must be provided without any deductible or cost-sharing requirement. Additionally, the bill adds "reproductive healthcare decisions" to the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, thus prohibiting employers from taking any discriminatory actions. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as each and every health insurance mandate or price control on co-payments prevents an individual from selecting a plan with just basic or customized coverages to fit their specific needs. As a result, health insurers are forced to only offer costly plans loaded with coverages that most individuals do not need. This can result in lower-income or younger individuals choosing to purchase no insurance plan at all due to the high cost. 62-11 on August 29, 2022.

## 14. SB 731 Threatening Public Safety by Expunging Felony and Violent Criminal Records.

This bill further expands the state's expungement policy (previously limited to just misdemeanors and low-level felonies) to now include nearly any previous criminal offense after six years have passed. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as while expunging low-level and non-violent criminal records can help reduce potential employment barriers, this expansive measure which expunges serious violent crimes threatens public safety. 46-22 on June 29, 2022.

## 15. SB 834 Providing the AG Overreaching New Powers to Revoke the Tax-Exempt Statuses of Non-Profit Organizations without Due Process if they Allegedly Incite "Insurrection".

This bill allows the Franchise Tax Board to revoke the tax-exempt status of an organization if the California Attorney General determines the organization has "actively engaged in, or incited" an offense such as treason, insurrection, seditious conspiracy, or government overthrow. The sponsor of the bill stated the measure is necessary since many non-profits supported the "insurrection" by "pro-Trump extremists" by perpetuating a "false narrative that the Democrats stole the 2020 election". **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill directly violates due process rights under the law. While any group found to commit a criminal act should be held accountable under the law, this measure instead serves as a weapon for politicians to unjustly target their political opponents and organizations. 59-2 on August 22, 2022.

## 16. SB 912 Increasing Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating All Policies Provide Coverage for Biomarker Testing.

This bill requires all health insurance policies, including Medicaid, offered in the state to provide coverage for biomarker testing to diagnose, treat, manage, or monitor a person's disease or condition "if the test is supported by medical and scientific evidence." **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as each and every health insurance mandate or price control on co-payments prevents an individual from selecting a plan with just basic or customized coverages to fit their specific needs. As a result, health insurers are forced to only offer costly plans loaded with coverages that most individuals do not need. This can result in lower-income or younger individuals choosing to purchase no insurance plan at all due to the high cost. 77-0 on August 30, 2022.



# ASSEMBLY BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## 17. SB 918 Infringing Second Amendment Rights and Defying the Supreme Court Ruling Through New "Gun Free" Zones and Concealed Carry Law Changes.

This bill is largely in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, which found the use of arbitrary "may issue" standards for concealed carry licenses to be unconstitutional. Under the bill, "gun free zones" are significantly expanded - including all private businesses by default unless they post a sign saying it is permitted. Additionally, concealed carry training requirements and costs are increased, among a number of other provisions. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as James Madison and our nation's other founding fathers understood that the right to keep and bear arms is a crucial individual liberty and protects the citizenry against a tyrannical government. This measure serves to undermine the Supreme Court's decision and limits the ability of law-abiding individuals to defend themselves from criminals. 53-23 on September 1, 2022.

## 18. SB 951 Further Expanding Wealth Redistribution Under the State's Paid Leave Program by Hiking the Wage Replacement Rate to 90%.

This bill further boosts payouts under the state's Paid Family Leave (PFL) program, which is funded through an additional 1.1% payroll tax on most workers. Specifically, the bill increases the wage replacement rate from 70% to 90% for workers who earn up to \$57,000 a year. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill will inevitably lead to a further increase in the state payroll tax due to the higher payout and greater incentive for individuals to utilize the benefit. Instead of further growing this state wealth transfer initiative, lawmakers should eliminate the program and allow individuals to choose whether or not to purchase paid leave insurance through the private marketplace. 61-9 on August 22, 2022.

## 19. SB 1018 Expanding the Regulatory State by Placing Costly New Reporting Mandates on Social Media Companies Concerning Content Policy Violations.

The "Platform Accountability and Transparency Act" requires social media to publicly disclose how their algorithms push information. This includes statistics on items of content that violated their platform policies and were recommended or amplified through their algorithms. According to the bill's sponsor, the measure is needed to bring transparency to medical disinformation, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this government overreach into the private sector places significant financial and regulatory costs onto the tech industry, which is ultimately passed down to consumers. Except in cases of fraud or criminal activity, industries are best governed through free market principles whereby consumers hold private companies accountable. 51-21 on August 30, 2022.

## 20. SB 1020 Hiking Energy Costs by Imposing Even More Stringent Renewable Energy and Zero-Carbon Electricity Mandates.

The "Clean Energy, Jobs, and Affordability Act of 2022" further increases the stringency of a landmark climate bill passed in 2018 which requires all electricity sold in the state to be 100% clean by 2045. SB 1020 establishes additional benchmarks such as requiring 90% of electricity sold be carbon free by 2030 and 95% by 2035. Furthermore, all state agencies must now obtain their power from renewables by 2035. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as these unnecessary new mandates will only further drive-up electricity costs for consumers, businesses and taxpayers. Lawmakers should instead spur economic growth (which ultimately leads to environmental improvement) through an "all of the above" approach to energy procurement. 54-17 on August 29, 2022.



# ASSEMBLY BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## **21. SB 1137 Limiting American Energy Production Through New Draconian Restrictions on Oil and Gas Well Placement.**

This bill prohibits construction of any new oil or gas wells within 3,200 feet of a "sensitive receptor" which includes everything from homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses. Additionally, the bill requires existing wells in those areas to comply with additional light, sound and environmental regulations. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill will significantly reduce oil and gas extraction in the state, ultimately harming American energy production and the U.S. economy. 46-24 on August 30, 2022.

## **22. SB 1142 Promoting Abortion Through the Creation of a State Website to Provide Information on Abortion Providers and How to Obtain Support Services Such as Airfare, Meals and Lodging.** \$

This bill requires the California Health and Human Services Agency to establish a website providing various abortion related information. Such information includes the locations of abortion providers, available practical support services like airfare, lodging, meals, etc., and payment support resources. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as it is not the role of government to promote abortion and force payment from taxpayers to advance abortion (many of whom may have strong religious objections). All abortions are tragedies and every child deserves the right to life. 59-16 on August 29, 2022.

## **23. SB 1162 Subjecting Employers to Further Harassment by Expanding the State's Pay Data Reporting Mandate to Include Contractors and Pay Publishing.**

This bill further expands the reporting requirement placed on employers which requires them to disclose pay rates by job category according to race, sex and ethnicity. Now employers must publish their pay scales and employers with 100 or more contractors must also disclose this information for their contracted workers. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this further government intrusion into the marketplace infringes confidential employer and worker contracting rights, while also subjecting employer to additional public harassment. 54-14 on August 29, 2022.

## **24. AB 1227 Attacking Second Amendment Rights Through Additional Taxes on Firearms and Ammunition - Resulting in a 25% Sales Tax Rate.**

The "Gun Violence Prevention, Healing, and Recovery Act" enacts an additional 3.75% sale tax on firearms and ammunition sold in the state. As a result, purchasers of firearms and ammunition may face a sales tax rate of over 25% when factoring in the state tax (11%), local taxes (up to 3.5%) and the federal tax (11%). This taxation also does not include the amount passed onto consumers through the \$37.19 fee placed on firearm dealers plus other taxes. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as James Madison and our nation's other founding fathers understood that the right to keep and bear arms is a crucial individual liberty and protects the citizenry against a tyrannical government. This measure serves to punish law-abiding individuals who wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights through outrageous levels of taxation. 56-19 on January 31, 2022.

## **25. SB 1234 Increasing Government Dependency by Providing STD Treatment to All LGBTQ Individuals at the Expense of Taxpayers.**

This bill expands Family PACT (government-provided healthcare) to include prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases for individuals who already may be insured and are not at risk of experiencing or causing an unintended pregnancy. The bill is primarily directed at LGBTQ individuals who may have confidentiality concerns using their insurance for treatment. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill further grows government-provided healthcare and dependency while also estimated to place tens of millions of dollars of additional costs onto taxpayers. 62-10 on August 31, 2022.



# ASSEMBLY BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## 26. SB 1247 Infringing Franchisor and Franchise Contracting Rights Through New Mandates Concerning Rights to Rebates and Monetary Incentives from Third Parties.

This bill amends California's Franchise Relations Act to impose new reporting requirements on monetary incentives and rebates that Franchisors may receive from third parties. Additionally, the bill forbids Franchisors from requiring a Franchisee to waive their right to a rebate or other benefit except under certain circumstances. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as it is not the role of government to intrude into the private contracting of private businesses to provide one party leverage or better contracting terms over another. Such actions violate the principles of free markets and the freedom to contract. 67-0 on August 24, 2022.

## 27. AB 1279 Stifling Economic Growth by Codifying the State's Disastrous 2045 "Net-Zero" Carbon Goal.

The "California Climate Crisis Act" legally binds the state to its goal of "net-zero" carbon by 2045, and maintain and achieve negative greenhouse gas emissions in the years following. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill further cements the state to its disastrous environmental agenda, which will stifle economic growth and lead to sky-rocketing prices for businesses and consumers. 52-18 on August 31, 2022.

## 28. AB 1287 Imposing Government Price Controls on Consumer Products to Prohibit the So-called "Pink Tax".

This bill prohibits any person or business from charging a different price for two "substantially similar" items based on the gender of the individuals for whom the items are marketed and intended. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as free market competition - not a government price control - is the best mechanism to ensure consumers receive the highest quality goods at the lowest prices. This measure merely serves as a new tool to enrich greedy plaintiffs' attorneys through the advancement of frivolous litigation surrounding the so-called "pink tax". 66-0 on August 30, 2022.

## 29. SB 1314 Hindering Energy Production Through a Prohibition on "Concentrated Carbon Dioxide Fluid" for Oil Extraction.

This bill bans the use of carbon dioxide fluid (collected through carbon capture technologies) from being utilized in oil extraction. This fluid serves as a helpful solvent in promoting oil flow. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill serves as yet another unnecessary barrier towards American energy production, ultimately harming the entire U.S. economy through higher energy costs. 47-23 on August 30, 2022.

## 30. SB 1327 Attacking Firearm Owners and Second Amendment Rights by Allowing Anyone to Sue Another Individual Who Constructs, Transports or Sells a Firearm Banned by the State.

This bill, modeled after the Texas law allowing anyone to file lawsuits alleging violations of abortion laws, allows anyone to sue another individual who constructs, transports or offers for sale a firearm banned by the state, such as an "assault weapon" or unserialized firearm. Like the Texas law, the bill offers bounties of at least \$10,000 for prevailing claimants. The bill even includes language that the provisions will become inoperative if the Texas statute is struck down by the Texas Supreme Court or U.S. Supreme Court. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as James Madison and our nation's other founding fathers understood that the right to keep and bear arms is a crucial individual liberty and protects the citizenry against a tyrannical government. Lawmakers should not infringe the Second Amendment rights of their own state residents to politicize the actions taken by other states. 52-21 on June 27, 2022.

## 31. SB 1343 Threatening School Choice by Forcing Charter Schools to Participate in Costly State Retirement Programs.

This bill requires all new charter schools to participate in either the state's Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) or the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) as opposed to offering their own 401k style plans. This change would subject charter schools to additional regulations and costs. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this new mandate harms school choice by making it more costly to operate a charter school. This bill is primarily designed to help bail out the state pension system as California has some of the highest unfunded pension liabilities in the country. 27-20 on August 24, 2022.



# ASSEMBLY BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## **32. SB 1391 Threatening Businesses with Higher Costs by Increasing the Stringency of the State's Cap-and-Trade Program.**

This bill authorizes the State Air Resources Board every three years to review and increase the stringency of the state's cap-and-trade program for greenhouse gases. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the state's cap-and-trade program already places enormous unnecessary costs on businesses. This measure will further worsen the situation by allowing unaccountable government employees within ARB to inflict even greater harm to the state's business climate. 34-23 on August 29, 2022.

## **33. AB 1410 Infringing Private Contracting Rights Through Government Overreach into the Governance Practices of Private Condominium Associations.**

This bill imposes a series of new restrictions on the governing practices of Home Owners Associations (HOAs) and other planned communities. For example, the bill places new regulations on HOAs concerning the ability of owners to rent their units as well as how issues are discussed on social media platforms. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as it is not the role of government to dictate the private contractual agreements and operations of HOAs. HOAs serve as free-market alternatives to government zoning and land use standards, as individuals can choose the restrictiveness of the community they wish to join or select to live on property outside the governance of an HOA. 59-17 on August 30, 2022.

## **34. AB 1594 Attempting to Force Firearm Manufacturers Out of Business by Exposing them to Frivolous and Costly Litigation.**

The "Firearm Industry Responsibility Act" prohibits a firearm manufacture from manufacturing or marketing a product that is "abnormally dangerous and likely to create an unreasonable risk of harm to public health and safety in California". Additionally, the bill allows individuals to sue a manufacturer for any actions or failure by their distributors to comply with state law if the individual suffers damages from the misuse of a firearm. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as James Madison and our nation's other founding fathers understood that the right to keep and bear arms is a crucial individual liberty and protects the citizenry against a tyrannical government. This measure is primarily designed to drive firearm manufacturers out of business through an attempt to advance a gun-control agenda. 50-20 on May 26, 2022.

## **35. AB 1632 Forcing Private Businesses to Grant Access to Employee Restrooms for Individuals with an "Eligible Medical Condition".**

This bill requires all publicly serving businesses to provide individuals with an "eligible medical condition" (such as inflammatory bowel disease) access to their toilet facilities. The access must be provided even if the toilet facility is otherwise only available to employees, and a business can be fined \$100 for each case of non-compliance. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as lawmakers should not further grow the regulatory state and impose mandates on private businesses to account for the near endless list of medical conditions that individuals may face. Such one-size-fits all mandates may also result in abuse of business restrooms - especially when considering California's extremely high homeless rates. 75-0 on August 23, 2022.

## **36. AB 1738 Advancing New Electric Vehicle Charging Station Mandates on Existing Multi-Family Dwellings, Hotels and other Commercial Buildings.**

This bill requires all publicly serving businesses to provide individuals with an "eligible medical condition" (such as inflammatory bowel disease) access to their toilet facilities. The access must be provided even if the toilet facility is otherwise only available to employees, and a business can be fined \$100 for each case of non-compliance. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as lawmakers should not further grow the regulatory state and impose mandates on private businesses to account for the near endless list of medical conditions that individuals may face. Such one-size-fits all mandates may also result in abuse of business restrooms - especially when considering California's extremely high homeless rates. 75-0 on August 23, 2022.

## **37. AB 1778 Blocking Infrastructure and Freeway Expansions to Prevent "Racist Roadways".**

This bill requires consultation of the "California Healthy Places Index" when determining freeway expansion projects. According to the sponsor, the bill is designed to end "systemic racism" resulting from freeway expansion projects in low-income communities of color. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this politicized measure will merely increase travel and commute times across the state, while further driving up taxpayer costs and delays in critical infrastructure projects. 41-25 on May 25, 2022.



# ASSEMBLY BILL DESCRIPTIONS

## **38. AB 1851 Hiking Taxpayer Costs by Expanding Prevailing Wage Mandates to Include the Hauling of Construction Materials To and From Job Sites.**

This bill expands the application of the state's prevailing wage mandate to include hauling of materials to and from a publicly-funded construction site, such as paving, grading and fill. The prevailing wage originates from the Davis-Bacon Act a depression-era policy that forces government contractors to pay their employees above-market wages when working public works projects. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as prevailing wage mandates needlessly drive-up taxpayer costs by imposing significant additional costs onto government contractors. 61-13 on August 30, 2022.

## **39. AB 1918 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Scholarships and Training for Abortion Providers by Establishing the "California Reproductive Health Service Corps".**

This bill establishes the California Reproductive Health Service Corps "for the purposes of recruiting, training, and retaining a diverse workforce of reproductive health care professionals in underserved areas." The bill directs funding towards scholarships, stipends for living expenses and childcare, and loan repayment for providers who work at a "corps-approved site". **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as taxpayers should not fund scholarships or loan repayments for any industry, let alone an industry which faces strong opposition by a significant portion of the population. 58-12 on August 25, 2022.

## **40. AB 1930 Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding Medicaid Postpartum Coverage from 60 Days to an Entire Year.**

This bill extends the duration of postpartum coverage provided under Medicaid (government-provided healthcare) from 60 days to 1 year. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill further grows government-provided healthcare and dependency while also placing significant additional costs on both state and federal taxpayers. 64-5 on August 25, 2022.

## **41. AB 1951 Increasing Tax Burdens on Other Individuals and Businesses Through an Expansion of Sales Tax Exemptions for Research and Development and the Manufacturing Sector.**

This bill replaces the partial sales tax exemption for manufacturing equipment and research and development with a full sales tax exemption through 2028. This exemption covers items such as machinery, computers and special purpose buildings used for manufacturing or research and development. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as all state and local tax codes should be constructed in a broadly applied manner with as low of rates as possible for everyone. The central planning and tax cronyism enacted under this measure provides special benefits and advantages to the manufacturing industry while shifting tax burdens to all other industries and companies that do not share the same business model. Instead, lawmakers should instead utilize the \$500 million in tax savings to provide a broad tax cut across all industries, which will allow the free market to provide far greater job and business growth. 69-0 on August 25, 2022.

## **42. AB 1965 Spending \$100 Million to Bypass a Critical Federal Welfare Integrity Measure and Provide Food Stamps to Work-Ready Adults who Refuse to Comply with Work Requirements.**

The "California Antihunger Response Act of 2022" creates a new state program in which able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) are provided food stamp benefits despite not complying with the work requirements of CalFresh which are set by the federal government. The cost to create the new system (not accounting for benefit payouts) is estimated to cost \$100 million. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill is intended to circumvent the federal work requirements implemented in the mid-1990s to help encourage able-bodied individuals to find employment and regain self-reliance. This bill places an unnecessary cost onto taxpayers while discouraging work-ready adults to become self-sufficient. 67-2 on August 30, 2022.



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## **43. AB 2026 Increasing Consumer Costs and Shipping Damage by Banning Online Retailers from Utilizing Single-Use Plastic Envelopes, Bubble Wrap and Styrofoam.**

This bill prohibits online retailers from utilizing single-use plastic envelopes, cushioning, bubble wrap, or polystyrene to ship products to consumers. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as not only will this bill significantly drive up consumer product costs but also increase the likelihood of damage during the shipping process. imposes additional government restrictions on businesses and drives up prices in favor of an environmental agenda. 41-26 on May 26, 2022.

## **44. AB 2098 Allowing the State Medical Board to Punish Doctors for Spreading Alleged "Misinformation" about COVID-19.**

This bill declares that physicians and surgeons commit "unprofessional conduct" if they "disseminate misinformation" related to COVID-19, including false or misleading information regarding the nature and risks of the virus, its prevention and treatment; and the development, safety, and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines". **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this politicized measure promotes government censorship and prevents physicians from best serving their patients - which is especially problematic considering the everchanging guidelines and determinations being made by the government concerning COVID-19. 56-20 on August 30, 2022.

## **45. AB 2133 Placing Enormous New Costs on Businesses and Consumers by Mandating a 55% (Previously 40%) Reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030.**

This bill requires the California Air Resource Board (CARB) to adopt much more stringent reductions in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. Under the bill, the state's GHG emissions must be reduced at least 55% (previously 40%) below 1990 levels by 2030. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this stringent mandate will have dire consequences on economic and business growth, which will ultimately be felt by consumers nationwide through higher product prices. 37-22 on August 31, 2022.

## **46. AB 2134 Providing "Free" Abortions to Women Earning up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.**

This bill establishes the California Reproductive Health Equity Program, which provides no cost or reduced cost abortion services to women earning up to 400% of the federal poverty level. Additionally, the bill requires health insurers which provide plans without abortion coverage to religious employers, to provide written notice to those enrollees that they may be eligible for no cost abortions through the state program. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as regardless of ones view on abortion, it is not the role of government to provide such coverage and force the costs onto taxpayers, many of whom have deep religious objections to the practice. 57-18 on August 30, 2022.

## **47. AB 2183 Hiking Consumer Costs and Empowering Union Leaders by Unionizing the Agricultural Industry Through a Card-Check System.**

This bill makes it much easier for union leaders to unionize agricultural workers across the state's 30,000 farms. Specifically, the bill authorizes usage of a "card check" system which allows leaders to publicly pressure workers into unionizing, as opposed to the existing "secret ballot voting" system. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure will subject agricultural workers to significant new levels of intimidation and harassment to unionize by labor leaders. Measures such as this highlight the importance of "Right to Work" legislation, which protects the ability of individuals to work without joining a labor union. 55-18 on August 29, 2022.

## **48. AB 2193 Expanding Taxpayer-Funded Legal Aid Programs to Illegal Immigrants.**

This bill expands legal aid eligibility under the Sargent Civil Counsel Act to now include individuals who may be residing in the country unlawfully. Taxpayer funded aid that is provided under this act includes certain civil, housing-related, guardianships, and domestic violence related matters. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as it is not the role of government to guarantee taxpayer-funded legal counsel in civil matters - especially for individuals who are residing in the country illegally. Measures such as this merely further incentive illegal immigration. 67-0 on August 25, 2022.





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## **49. AB 2194 Forcing Pharmacists to Undergo an Hour "Cultural Competency" Course Every 2 Years Focused on LGBTQ+ Individuals.**

This bill requires pharmacists to complete at least one hour of continuing education in a "cultural competency course" every two years. The course must focus on individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ and must also "contain elements demonstrating how sexual identity is directly impacted through intersectionality." **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill is largely designed to enrich entities and individuals who provide such "cultural competency services". Instead of this politically-motivated government mandate, pharmacists should be free to select the trainings which will provide them the greatest value and information to serve their patients. 72-0 on August 24, 2022.

## **50. AB 2199 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Additional Doula Services Through the Creation of the "Birthing Justice for California Families Pilot Project".**

This bill establishes the "Birthing Justice for California Families Pilot Project", which funds community-based doula groups to provide services to individuals who are otherwise not eligible under the state's Medicaid system. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure further increases government dependency under a state system that already provides benefits to a substantial portion of the population through Medi-Cal. Lawmakers should instead work to reduce barriers for charitable organizations to direct aid and assistance to those that truly need it, not expand the ineffective welfare state. 70-0 on August 30, 2022.

## **51. AB 2201 Weakening Property Rights by Placing Costly and Excessive Regulatory Barriers to Drill New Groundwater Wells.**

This bill requires local agencies which permit groundwater wells to obtain written verification stating a proposed well will not "undermine sustainable groundwater management or cause well interference". This additional statewide mandate is expected to significantly raise costs for well applicants and potentially limit the ability of some landowners to utilize the groundwater beneath their property. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as well drilling is already regulated at the local level and this additional state-wide regulatory barrier places significant costs onto businesses and may provide favor to certain landowners while infringing the property rights of others. 44-24 on May 23, 2022.

## **52. AB 2205 Funneling More Funds to Abortion by Imposing New Reporting Requirements on the \$1 Monthly Abortion Surcharge on All Healthcare Plans.**

This bill imposes new reporting requirements on healthcare insurers regarding the amount of money collected and expended within their segregated accounts to pay for abortion services. Under existing state law, all health insurers must collect \$1 per enrollee per month specifically for abortion services. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill likely serves as a new tool to advocate for increased funding and expenditures for abortion services. All abortions are tragedies and every child deserves the right to life. 60-13 on August 25, 2022.

## **53. AB 2237 Harming the Transportation Sector by Basing Infrastructure Funding and Prioritization on Advancing Climate Goals.**

This bill requires county and regional transportation agencies to prioritize transportation projects based on adherence to Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) and the state's climate goals. Additionally, the agencies are prohibited from funding any project that is determined to be inconsistent with the most recent SCS or climate goal by the Air Resource Board. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill will result in greater traffic and commute times for Californians by hindering infrastructure expansion while also unnecessarily driving up transportation project costs for taxpayers. 41-27 on May 25, 2022.

## **54. AB 2247 Advancing Government Overreach Through a Costly New Reporting and Registration System for Products Containing PFAS Substances.**

This bill requires the Department of Toxic Substances Control to construct a publicly accessible platform where manufacturers must annually register products that contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). There are over 9,000 PFAS in existence which are in hundreds of common household products such as nonstick cookware, furniture, raincoats and shampoo. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the federal government already monitors PFAS substances and this measure will place significant additional costs on taxpayers, manufacturers, and ultimately consumers. 49-16 on August 30, 2022.



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## 55. AB 2269 Threatening Innovation by Imposing a New Licensing Regime on a Range of Digital and Crypto Financial Assets. 📄

The "Digital Financial Assets Law" creates a new licensing and regulatory framework for digital financial assets under the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. A range of products including cryptocurrencies, virtual currencies and electronic precious metals would now be subject to state regulation. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the federal government is already attempting to regulate these products, and there is a serious risk that regulations imposed at any level government could threaten innovation within this industry. It is critical to protect this industry from overregulation as bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies play a crucial role as a safeguard against the reckless policies of the Federal Reserve. 71-0 on August 30, 2022.

## 56. AB 2320 Channeling Tens of Millions of Additional Taxpayer Funds to Providers of Abortion in "Marginalized Communities". 💰

This bill establishes a new pilot program within the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) which provides additional taxpayer funding to primary care clinics that perform abortion and are located in five counties across different regions of the state. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as it is not the role of government to promote abortion and force payment from taxpayers to advance abortion (many of whom may have strong religious objections). 57-14 on August 25, 2022.

## 57. AB 2517 Expanding Cronyism and Unnecessary Spending by Providing Grants to Government-Favored Community Groups with Politically Driven Agendas. 💰

This bill establishes the "California Coordinated Neighborhood and Community Services Grant Program" which provides state grants to certain organizations in federal "Promise Neighborhoods". Many of these groups have politically-motivated agendas, such as bill sponsor "StriveTogether" which promotes on its website how its network member led the passage of a ballot measure which hiked property taxes in Colorado to increase school funding. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as taxpayer funds should not be utilized to advance political initiatives. The private sector (through charitable endeavors) is best equipped to direct funding to the groups and initiatives which are most needed and beneficial to communities. 71-0 on August 30, 2022.

## 58. AB 2608 Weakening Election Integrity by Ending the Preservation of Vote by Mail Applications and Expanding Recipients of "Second" Mailed Ballots. 🗳️

This bill repeals the requirement that the state preserve all applications for mail ballots for 22 months following the date of federal elections, and 6 months from the date of state and local elections. Additionally, election officials are now required to also send a "second ballot" via mail to a "voter representative" upon written request by a voter. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill promotes ballot harvesting as well as weakens safeguards to prevent voter fraud. Such safeguards against fraud are critical to ensuring free and fair elections, an essential component of democracy under our nation's constitutional republic. 57-19 on May 25, 2022.

## 59. AB 2784 Hiking Consumer Costs by Imposing Recycled Content Mandates for a Wide Range of Common Consumer Plastic Containers. 🏭

Beginning in 2025, this bill requires thermoform plastic containers (such as "clamshell" trays for take-out food, plastic egg cartons, bakers trays, etc.) to contain at least 20-30% recycled content. The bill also imposes penalties on producers for non-compliance. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill serves as yet the latest mandate which infringes business and consumer choice for food packaging and unnecessarily drives up cost. The state's two largest cities have already imposed bans on Styrofoam food containers. 41-24 on August 30, 2022.



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## **60. AB 2815 Weakening Election Integrity Through the Politicized Placement of Ballot Drop Boxes Across All State University Campuses.**

This bill requires a ballot drop-off location be placed on each California State University Campus in addition to the other locations required by law. Additionally, when selecting drop-off locations across the state, the bill requires election officials to prioritize community college locations. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill politicizes the placement of ballot drop-off locations due to the very high levels of voting amongst college-age voters for a particular political party. While the state should eliminate all drop boxes, such placement should at least be based on population and determined in a non-politicized manner to ensure free and fair elections. 54-14 on May 23, 2022.

## **61. AB 2817 Increasing Government Dependency and Housing Market Costs Through a New \$5 Billion Housing Assistance Spending Program.**

This bill establishes the "Housing California Challenge Program" to provide \$5 billion in direct rental assistance over the next 5 years to individuals who are at risk of homelessness. This program is in addition to a number of other state programs, and funding under the bill may be utilized to help individuals locate and obtain housing as well as for long-term rental assistance. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill serves as yet another measure which traps individuals into poverty by disincentivizing advancement and growing government dependency. Additionally, the bill's \$5 billion in subsidies will merely bid up the market prices of existing rental units, thus worsening the state's housing affordability crisis and likely leading to additional homelessness and government dependency. 61-8 on August 24, 2022.

## **62. AB 2840 Hindering Economic Growth and Infringing Property Rights Through Restrictions on New Logistic Center and Warehouse Construction.**

This bill prohibits any warehouse or logistic building greater than 100,000 square feet from being constructed within 1,000 feet of a "sensitive receptor". The bill defines a sensitive receptor as any home, apartment, school, church, hospital, daycare, community center or public playground. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as not only does this bill infringe property and development rights, but it also hikes consumer costs by preventing

distribution facilities, such as Amazon, from being centrally located in the communities they serve. This resulting urban sprawl leads to longer delivery times and an unnecessary negative environmental impact. 41-25 on May 26, 2022.

## **63. AB 2847 Forcing Taxpayers to Spend Hundreds of Millions Annually to Provide Unemployment Benefits to Illegal Immigrants.**

This bill establishes the "Excluded Workers Pilot Program" which provides illegal immigrants with up to 20 weeks of unemployment benefits, at an amount of \$300 per week. The bill is estimated to cost state taxpayers \$237 million to build out and over \$215 million in annual benefit payouts. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as providing individuals who entered the country unlawfully to taxpayer funded welfare benefits merely incentivizes additional illegal immigration. While reforms are needed to the U.S. immigration system to increase the number of skilled individuals who may enter and work in our country, measures such as this undermine reform efforts and plunge taxpayers into further debt. 56-18 on August 24, 2022.

## **64. AB 2870 Further Expanding Firearm Seizures Without Due Process Through the "Gun Violence Restraining Order".**

This bill expands the state's "Gun Violence Restraining Order" (GVRO) or "red flag" law to expand the category of persons who may petition a court to issue an order. Specifically, roommates, dating partners and those with "substantial and regular interactions" may now seek to have a firearm immediately taken away from another person through an "ex-parte" (one-sided) petition to a court if the individual alleges the person in possession of the firearm is in danger to themselves or others. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the one-sided petition violates due process under the law (an individual can't provide their defense) and this program lacks provisions that prevent nefarious individuals from abusing the system to harass or harm law-abiding individuals, thus unduly infringing their Second Amendment protections and leaving them defenseless. 63-14 on August 30, 2022.



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## **65. AB 2974 Hiking Taxpayer Costs Through an Additional Small Business Procurement Mandate for Infrastructure Projects. \$**

The "Small Business Procurement and Contract Act" establishes a 25% small business target for infrastructure contracts issued through the \$14 billion the state received under the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as all government contracting and procurement decisions should be based strictly on factors relating to cost and quality. Contracting quotas and mandates such as this bill merely restrict competition and unnecessarily drive-up taxpayer costs, while also potentially reducing project quality and timeliness. 79-0 on August 30, 2022.















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