



FLORIDA 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 2023 session of Florida and selected all the votes that best reflect how lawmakers view the proper role, scope, and duty of government. Ultimately, 111 roll calls were selected and 8,943 individual votes were compiled to create Florida’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 61 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>	100-90		
	<i>Defender of Limited Government</i>	89-80		
			10-0	<i>Big Government Extremist</i>
				

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.

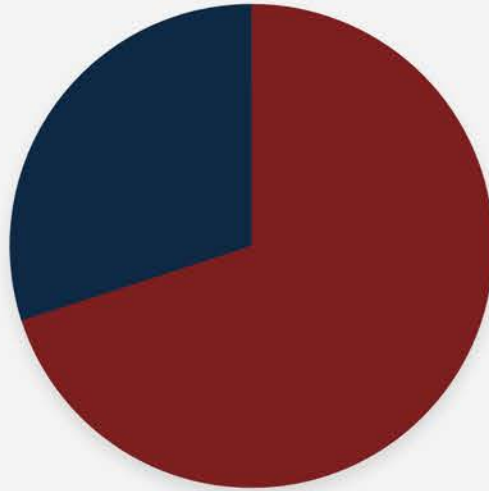
LARGE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

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



Democrats
12



Republicans
28

SENATE SCORES



Senate
Average



Republican
Average

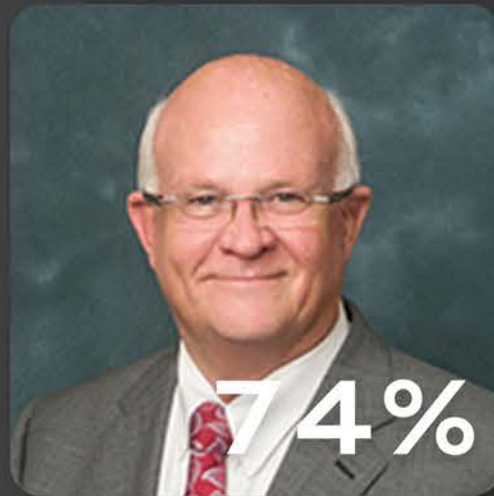


Democrat
Average



74%

President
Kathleen Passidomo



74%

President Pro Tempore
Dennis Baxley



76%

Majority Leader
Ben Albritton



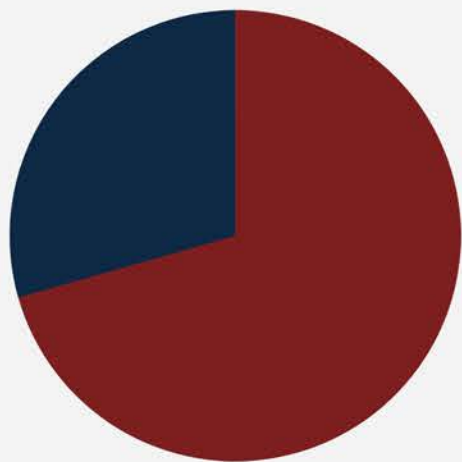
31%

Minority Leader
Lauren Book

HOUSE MEMBERS



Democrats
35



Republicans
84

HOUSE SCORES



House
Average



64%

Republican
Average



79%

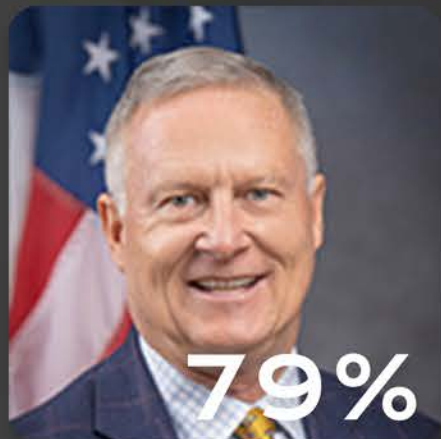
Democrat
Average



27%



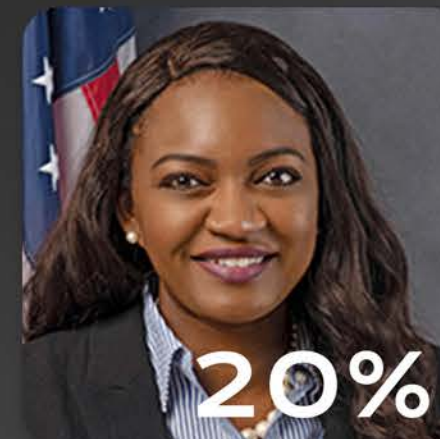
Speaker of the House
Paul Renner



Speaker pro tempore
Chuck Clemons



Majority Leader
Michael Grant



Democratic Leader
Fentrice Driskell

SENATE CATEGORIES



**Law & Scope
of Government**

Senate Average: 70.73%
Republican Average: 93.89%
Democrat Average: 49.92%



**Individual
Liberties**

Senate Average: 77.00%
Republican Average: 98.21%
Democrat Average: 27.50%



Education

Senate Average: 70.73%
Republican Average: 100%
Democrat Average: 2.42%



**Free Speech
& Elections**

Senate Average: 70.00%
Republican Average: 100%
Democrat Average: 5.47%



**Workforce
& Labor**

Senate Average: 58.63%
Republican Average: 68.64%
Democrat Average: 35.25%



**Local &
National Security**

Senate Average: 58.45%
Republican Average: 69.86%
Democrat Average: 31.83%



Regulations

Senate Average: 46.60%
Republican Average: 54.71%
Democrat Average: 27.67%



**Tax
& Fiscal**

Senate Average: 41.83%
Republican Average: 47.36%
Democrat Average: 28.92%



**Energy &
Environment**

Senate Average: 0.00%
Republican Average: 0.00%
Democrat Average: 0.00%

HOUSE CATEGORIES



**Law & Scope
of Government**

Assembly Average: 82.48%
Republican Average: 96.08%
Democrat Average: 10.51%



**Individual
Liberties**

Assembly Average: 75.87%
Republican Average: 98.49%
Democrat Average: 9.62%



Education

Assembly Average: 74.82%
Republican Average: 100%
Democrat Average: 14.40%



**Free Speech
& Elections**

Assembly Average: 69.77%
Republican Average: 99.55%
Democrat Average: 0.00%



**Local &
National Security**

Assembly Average: 60.79%
Republican Average: 79.82%
Democrat Average: 15.11%



Regulations

Assembly Average: 54.86%
Republican Average: 59.61%
Democrat Average: 43.46%



**Workforce
& Labor**

Assembly Average: 51.76%
Republican Average: 72.37%
Democrat Average: 2.31%



**Tax
& Fiscal**

Assembly Average: 41.97%
Republican Average: 50.21%
Democrat Average: 22.17%

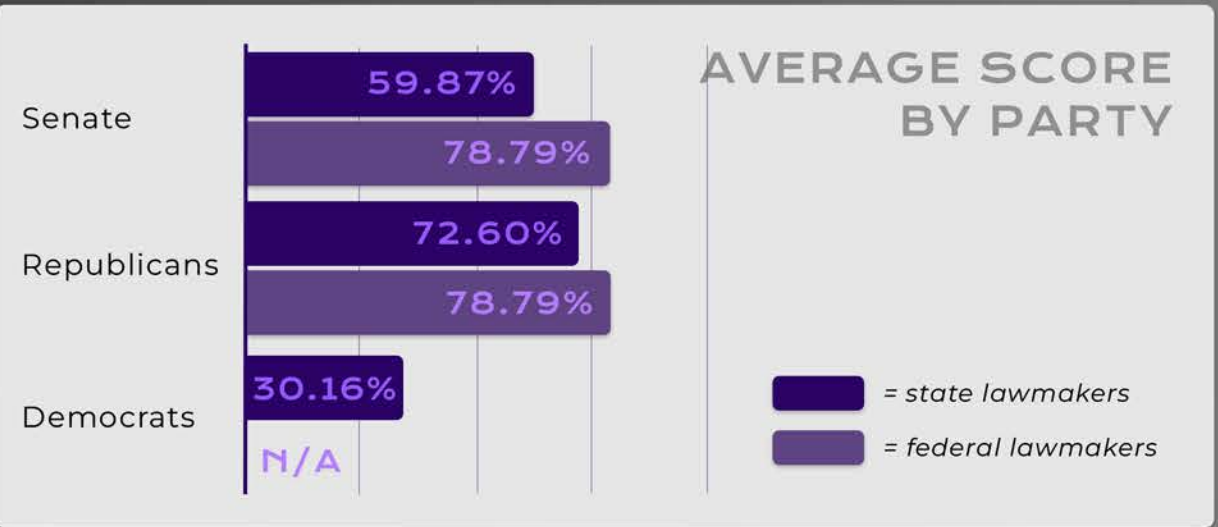


**Energy &
Environment**

Assembly Average: 0.00%
Republican Average: 0.00%
Democrat Average: 0.00%

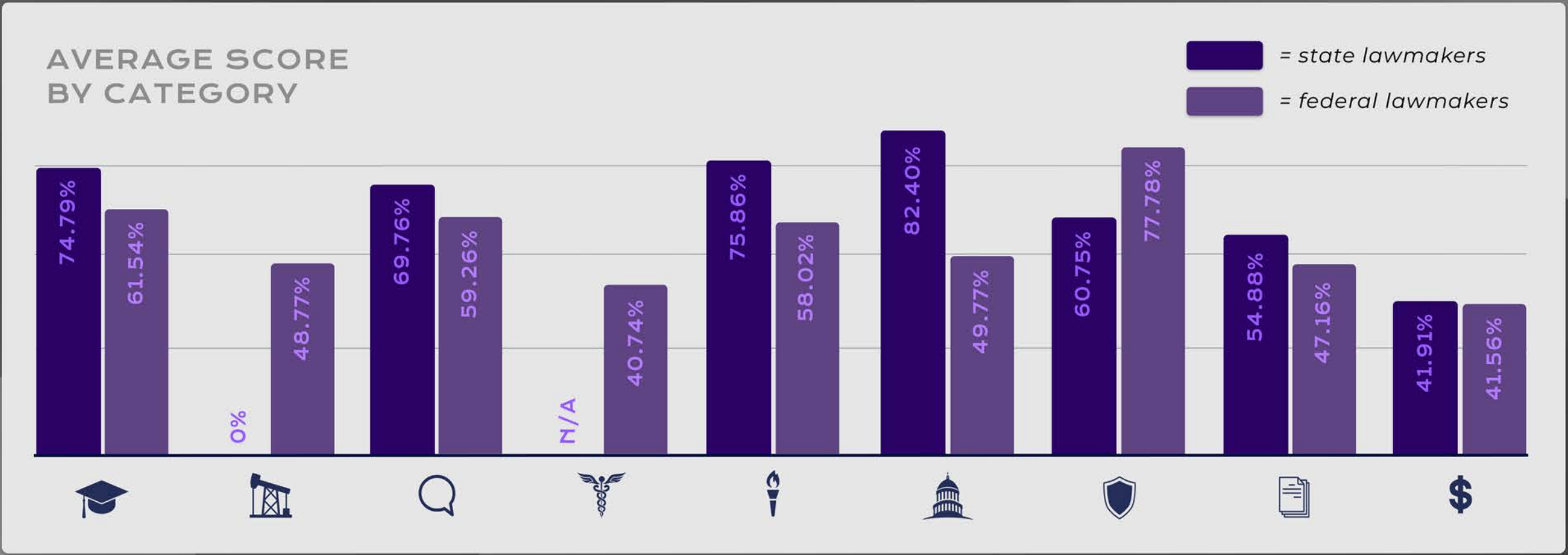
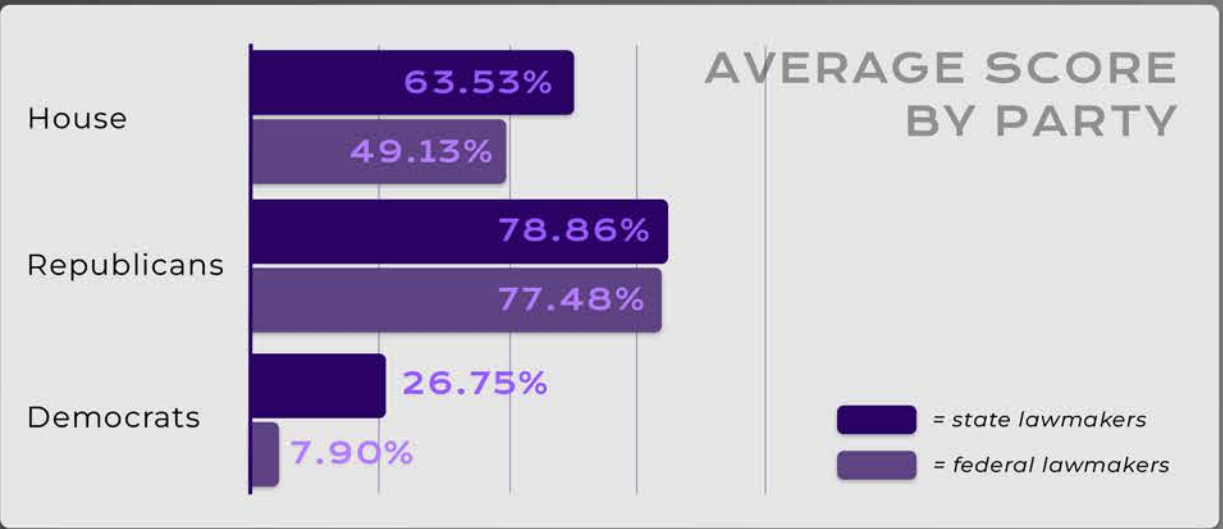
STATE VS FEDERAL DELEGATION

FLORIDA SENATE



STATE VS FEDERAL DELEGATION

FLORIDA HOUSE



GOVERNOR RATINGS

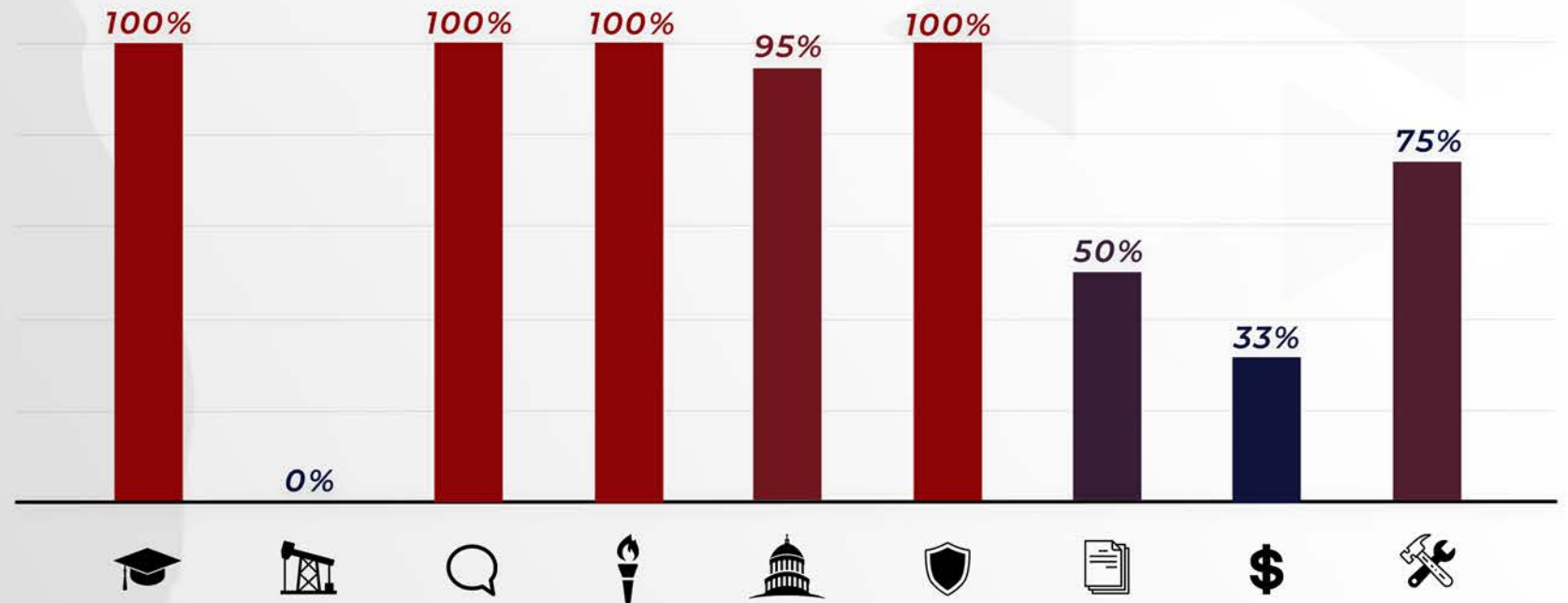


**Governor
Ron DeSantis**

— FLORIDA —

76.25%

LIMITED GOVERNMENT 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...

HB 1 Improving Educational Outcomes by Expanding School Choice Under the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program to all Families.

3x - Signed

HB 3 Protecting Taxpayers by Prohibiting ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Considerations in State and Local Investments.

1x - Signed

SB 4-B Increasing Election Integrity by Strengthening the Ability of the State to Prosecute Election-Related Crimes.

2x - Signed

HB 95 Increasing Government Integrity and Due Process for Law Enforcement Officers Accused of Misconduct Through Reforms to the "Brady List".

2x - Signed

SB 102 Forcing Taxpayers to Spend \$711 Million on Various Government "Affordable Housing" Programs to Enrich Select Developers and Special Interests.

2x - Signed

HB 121 Growing Government Dependency by Significantly Raising the Income Limit for Eligibility Under the Kidcare Welfare Program.

1x - Signed

HB 133 Expanding the Freedom to Contract by Allowing Landlords to Offer Residential Tenants the Option to Pay a Fee in Lieu of a Security Deposit.

1x - Signed

SB 170 Combatting Overregulation by Local Governments by Requiring Business Impact Estimates Before Localities Enact Ordinances.

2x - Signed

HB 225 Reducing a Barrier to School Choice by Ensuring Charter School Students May Participate in Extracurricular Activities.

2x - Signed

SB 230 Invoking Government Overreach into the Private Sector Concerning the Usage of the Term "Physician" as Part of the "Eyeball Wars" Between Optometrists and Ophthalmologists.

1x - Vetoed

SB 250 Strengthening Property Rights by Preventing Local Government Bans on Temporary Shelters Following a Hurricane or Other Natural Disaster.

1x - Signed

SB 256 Strengthening "Right to Work" Protections for Public Employees Through a Prohibition on Deducting Union Dues from Paychecks and Bargaining Agent Recertification.

3x - Signed

SB 258 Strengthening National Security by Banning TikTok and Other Chinese Government-Owned Applications from Being Accessed on State-Issued Devices or Networks.

1x - Signed

SB 262 Imposing a Series of New Costly and Overreaching Government Regulations on Large Tech Companies Through a "Digital Bill of Rights".

1x - Signed

SB 266 Protecting Taxpayer Funds from Being Utilized for Politicized "Diversity Equity and Inclusion" (DEI) Programs at Public College Campuses.

2x - Signed

SB 284 Protecting Taxpayers by Requiring State and Local Agency Vehicle Purchases to be "Based on the Lowest Lifetime Ownership Costs".

1x - Vetoed

SB 360 Reducing Frivolous Litigation by Shortening the Statute of Limitations for Construction-Related Lawsuits.

1x - Signed

SB 540 Strengthening Property Rights by Requiring Individuals and Activist Groups who Unsuccessfully Challenge a Development Plan to Reimburse the Legal Fees of the Developer.

2x - Signed

HB 543 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights by Enacting "Constitutional Carry" thus Allowing Qualified Adults 21 and Older to Carry a Concealed Firearm without a Special Permit.

3x - Signed

HB 605 Weakening Public Safety by Limiting the Ability of Communities to Protect Themselves from Repeat Criminals by Expanding the State's Expungement Law.

1x - Vetoed

HB 637 Hiking New Car Prices by Blocking Manufacturers from Selling Directly to Consumers and Imposing Dozens of New Mandates to Enrich Automobile Dealerships.

2x - Signed

HB 657 Growing the Surveillance State and Authorizing "Taxation Through Citation" by Allowing Local Governments to Deploy Speed Cameras in School Zones.

1x - Signed

SB 718 Strengthening Property Rights by Banning Local Voter Referendums Related to Land Development Which are Primarily Utilized by Environmental Activists to Hinder Growth.

2x - Signed

HB 737 Exempting Bullion Businesses from Unnecessary "Secondhand Good" Regulations thus No Longer Requiring them to Hold Gold and Silver Coins for 30 Days.

1x - Signed

SB 774 Strengthening Government Transparency and Accountability by Increasing Financial Disclosure Requirements for Local Elected Officials.

1x - Signed

HB 837 Improving the State's Business Climate by Reducing the Statute of Limitation for Negligence Claims, Capping Plaintiff's Attorney Fees and Other Legal Reforms.

3x - Signed

SB 892 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Incorporating Federal Minimum Wage Exemptions into State Law.

3x - Signed

HB 931 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund a New Bureaucracy at Public Universities and Pay for Debates and Candidate Forums.

1x - Signed

SB 942 Combatting Government Overreach by Prohibiting Local Governments from Enacting Ordinances Which Bans Dog Ownership on the Basis of Size or Weight.

2x - Signed

HB 967 Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding the Medicaid Welfare Program to Now Cover Continuous Glucose Monitors.

1x - Signed

GOVERNOR RATINGS



Governor action against Limited Government

Governor action with Limited Government

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HB 1203 Imposing New Government Mandates on HVAC System Manufacturer Warranties which Limit Consumer Options.

1x - Signed

HB 1205 Improving the State's Legal Climate Through Restrictions on Misleading Medical-Related Advertisements which Spark Frivolous Litigation.

1x - Signed

HB 1267 Expanding Borrowing and Lending Opportunities by Raising the Maximum Allowable Interest Rate on Consumer Loans from 30% to 36%.

2x - Vetoed

HB 1281 Combatting Government Overreach by Preventing Local Government Bans Gas-Powered Stoves and Other Appliances.

3x - Signed

HB 1285 Strengthening State and National Security by Expanding the Size of the Florida State Guard and Improving Cooperation with Law Enforcement.

2x - Signed

HB 1305 Weakening Government Integrity by Imposing New Regulations on Disney's Monorail to Advance a Political Agenda.

1x - Signed

SB 1310 Ensuring Government Can Hire the Most Qualified and Talented Employees by Prohibiting Agencies from Requiring College Degrees.

2x - Signed

HB 1379 Further Growing Government's Unsustainable Land Holdings Through a \$100 Million Annual Appropriation to the Florida Forever Program.

2x - Signed

HB 1417 Combatting Government Overreach by Preventing Localities from Imposing Additional Regulations on Landlord-Tenant Contracts.

2x - Signed

SB 1478 Increasing Crime and Weakening Public Safety Through a Criminal Justice "Reform" Which Allows Criminals to Avoid Paying Restitution and Reduces Accountability within the Parole System.

2x - Vetoed

SB 1550 Growing Government Regulatory Power within the Pharmaceutical Industry by Imposing a Series of New Mandates on Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Drug Companies.

1x - Signed

SB 1580 Protecting Religious Liberties of Healthcare Providers and Insurers by Establishing a "Right of Medical Conscience".

1x - Signed

HB 1627 Strengthening Public Safety by Reforming Pre-Trial Bail Laws to Combat "Catch-and-Release" Practices.

2x - Signed

SB 1718 Strengthening National Security Through a Series of New Policies to Combat Illegal Immigration and Human Trafficking.

1x - Signed

SB 2500 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a Record \$116.5 Billion Budget Bill (only Vetoed \$500 Million of Spending) which Represents a 6% Hike from the Prior Year.

2x - Signed

SB 7050 Strengthening Election Integrity Through a Series of Reforms to Prevent Wrongdoing by Voter Registration Groups.

3x - Signed

SB 7054 Combatting Increased Government Control and Surveillance by Prohibiting Recognition of Federal "Central Bank Digital Currency" as Money Under State Law.

2x - Signed



SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 1 Improving Educational Outcomes by Expanding School Choice Under the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program to all Families.**

This bill expands eligibility for the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program to all residents and eliminates household income restrictions. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this bill improves educational outcomes for all students by fostering competition and a market in education, which encourages schools to provide the best education so they can attract parents to enroll their child and receive the associated funding. 26-12 on March 23, 2023.

2. **HB 3 Protecting Taxpayers by Prohibiting ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Considerations in State and Local Investments.**

This bill prohibits the use of politicized ESG (environmental, social, and governance) considerations in state and local investments, such as pension systems, which may reduce taxpayer returns. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as all public investment actions should be based on producing the maximum return and value for taxpayers, not advancing political or social agendas. Unfortunately, the bill did include a negative provision which infringes the right of private financial institutions to make their own lending decisions on the basis of factors such as political belief or business sector (ex. firearms or fossil fuels) - which goes against the principles of limited government. 28-12 on April 19, 2023.

3. **SB 4-B Increasing Election Integrity by Strengthening the Ability of the State to Prosecute Election-Related Crimes.**

This bill strengthens the ability of the Office of Statewide Prosecution (OSP) to prosecute election-related crimes. The bill clarifies OSP has the power to prosecute any crime involving voter registration, petition activities for a referendum, a candidate for federal or state office, or voting in an election if the crime falls in more than one judicial circuit. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as combatting and prosecuting voter fraud is a critical aspect of ensuring free and fair elections, an essential component of democracy under our nation's constitutional republic. 27-12 on February 10, 2023.

4. **HJR 31 Increasing Transparency and Parental Control over Education Through a Constitutional Amendment to Transition to Partisan School Board Elections.**

This resolution amends the state's Constitution to require partisan school board elections, which will be presented before voters in the 2024 election. Under existing law, the state has non-partisan school boards. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this bill helps increase transparency of school board candidates and their beliefs, ultimately empowering parents to select the candidate who best aligns with their views. Such information is critical for voters considering how large an impact school board decisions have on students and society, and the fact such decisions have increasingly fallen along political lines. 29-11 on April 19, 2023.

5. **HB 95 Increasing Government Integrity and Due Process for Law Enforcement Officers Accused of Misconduct Through Reforms to the "Brady List".**

This bill implements a series of reforms to usage of the "Brady List" (tracks officer misconduct across the country) by law enforcement agencies. For example, the bill prohibits agencies from firing or taking disciplinary action against an officer solely because of their inclusion on the list, as well as provides officers the ability to petition the court to remove their name. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure strengthens government integrity and due process rights, while helping ensure good officers are not harmed by unjust actions in anti-police jurisdictions and also ensuring bad actors are known and accounted for. 39-0 on April 27, 2023.

6. **SB 102 Forcing Taxpayers to Spend \$711 Million on Various Government "Affordable Housing" Programs to Enrich Select Developers and Special Interests.**

This bill, known as the "Live Local Act," appropriates \$711 million in taxpayer funds to fund various "affordable housing" initiatives. The bill including \$259 million in loans to certain developers and a sales tax credit of up to \$5,000 for materials used to build affordable housing units. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as not only does this bill fuel cronyism by enriching select developers through government central planning, but also represents a roughly \$34.00 unnecessary tax burden on every one of Florida's 22 million residents. Instead of growing government and central planning, lawmakers should empower the free market to make housing truly "affordable" by reducing stringent zoning regulations which a recent study by Florida State University found has significantly driven up housing costs. 40-0 on March 8, 2023.



SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

7. HB 121 Growing Government Dependency by Significantly Raising the Income Limit for Eligibility Under the Kidcare Welfare Program.

This bill expands eligibility for the Florida Kidcare (healthcare) welfare program by raising the income limit from 200% to 300% of the federal poverty level. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure traps additional families into government dependency by further expanding the welfare state. The private sector (through charitable endeavors) is best equipped to direct aid and assistance to those who truly need it, and help families become self-sufficient, rather than ineffective government welfare systems. 38-0 on May 4, 2023.

8. HB 133 Expanding the Freedom to Contract by Allowing Landlords to Offer Residential Tenants the Option to Pay a Fee in Lieu of a Security Deposit.

This bill allows landlords to offer residential tenants the option to pay a fee instead of a security deposit or to pay a security deposit in monthly installments as part of a rental agreement. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure strengthens the freedom to contract, and provides landlords and tenants greater flexibility to set housing agreements based on their individual needs. 31-7 on April 28, 2023.

9. SB 170 Combatting Overregulation by Local Governments by Requiring Business Impact Estimates Before Localities Enact Ordinances.

This bill requires local governments to produce a "business impact estimate" before enacting an ordinance. These estimates must contain information on the direct economic impact, compliance cost, and government regulatory cost of the ordinance. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure helps combat government overreach and growth by increasing transparency surrounding the impact new ordinances will have on local communities. 28-12 on May 3, 2023.

10. HB 225 Reducing a Barrier to School Choice by Ensuring Charter School Students May Participate in Extracurricular Activities.

This bill, part of the "Let Kids be Kids" legislative package, helps increase school choice by allowing private charter school, virtual school, and home school students participate in sports and other extracurricular activities at other public or private schools, regardless of zip code. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this bill improves educational outcomes by removing a barrier which may have prevented families from pursuing school choice. 28-12 on May 4, 2023.

11. SB 230 Invoking Government Overreach into the Private Sector Concerning the Usage of the Term "Physician" as Part of the "Eyeball Wars" between Optometrists and Ophthalmologists.

This bill establishes a series of new regulations pertaining to the usage of titles such as "Doctor" and "Physician". The bill is primarily intended to prohibit optometrists from calling themselves physicians, as part of the "eyeball wars" between optometrists and ophthalmologists who are medical doctors specializing in eyecare. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as like many other measures pertaining to title protection, product labeling, and licensing, this bill is primarily designed to utilize government power to restrict competition. The private sector through license issuance, certification and review systems is best equipped to protect and educate consumers on the most qualified and competent individuals in their respective fields. 37-0 on March 15, 2023.

12. SB 250 Strengthening Property Rights by Preventing Local Government Bans on Temporary Shelters Following a Hurricane or Other Natural Disaster.

This bill prohibits local governments from taking actions which prevent residential property owners from placing temporary shelters on their property for up to 36 months following property damage due to a natural disaster. The property owner must make a good faith effort to rebuild their home during this time period. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure strengthens property rights and helps protect individuals from unnecessary government burdens as they work to rebuild from a natural disaster. 39-0 on May 1, 2023.



SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

13. SB 256 Strengthening "Right to Work" Protections for Public Employees Through a Prohibition on Deducting Union Dues from Paychecks and Bargaining Agent Recertification.

This bill includes multiple provisions which strengthen "right to work" protections for public employees. For example, the bill no longer allows dues to be deducted from workers' paychecks, instead requiring members to make their payments to unions. Additionally, the bill requires recertification of unions whose membership includes fewer than 60 percent of employees. The bill includes exemptions for certain public-sector unions such as law enforcement. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as while the state should not collectively bargain with any union as such action unnecessarily drives up taxpayer costs, this measure helps reduce labor union power and strengthens the "right to work". 23-17 on March 29, 2023.

14. SB 258 Strengthening National Security by Banning TikTok and Other Chinese Government-Owned Applications from Being Accessed on State-Issued Devices or Networks.

This bill prevents state employees and officers from downloading or accessing TikTok or other applications controlled by U.S. foreign adversaries such as China or Russia on state devices or networks. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as the installation of such systems poses a significant and unnecessary threat to state and federal networks. Additionally, state employees should not be utilizing government equipment to access entertainment apps such as TikTok. 38-0 on April 11, 2023.

15. SB 262 Imposing a Series of New Costly and Overreaching Government Regulations on Large Tech Companies Through a "Digital Bill of Rights".

This bill establishes a "Digital Bill of Rights" through a series of new regulations on tech companies that generate over a billion dollars in revenue. The bill's provisions cover issues ranging from content moderation, targeted advertising, search engine operations and data privacy with expanded opt-out rules. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill further grows government power and the regulatory state. While there is a role of government to protect individuals from fraudulent practices this overreach significantly limits the ability of tech companies to provide targeted and low-cost advertising to consumers. Additionally, the bill applies the regulations to only certain companies resulting in market manipulation and competitive advantages. 40-0 on May 4, 2023.

16. SB 266 Protecting Taxpayer Funds from Being Utilized for Politicized "Diversity Equity and Inclusion" (DEI) Programs at Public College Campuses.

This bill prohibits public colleges and universities from utilizing state or federal funds on programs or activities that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion or political or social activism. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as while this bill may raise concerns over government moderation of speech on campus, taxpayers should not be forced to pay for college and university operational costs in the first place - especially for politicized activities. Such actions have led to the creation of countless worthless degree programs and administration waste which are born at the expense of individuals who chose to enter the trades or business and not pursue a degree. 27-12 on April 28, 2023.

17. SB 284 Protecting Taxpayers by Requiring State and Local Agency Vehicle Purchases to be "Based on the Lowest Lifetime Ownership Costs".

This bill updates state and local procurement requirements to allow agencies to purchase electric vehicles if they are the lowest cost option. Under the bill, vehicle purchases are to be based on "the lowest lifetime ownership costs" rather than "the greatest fuel efficiency available." **Support is the Limited Government Position** as government procurement should be based on providing the lowest cost and greatest value to taxpayers. While government should not favor electric vehicles for environmental or other politicized reasons, as EV costs decline, such vehicular option should be considered in procurement. 38-0 on May 3, 2023.

18. SB 304 Hiking Taxpayer-Funded Public Works and Infrastructure Costs as Much as 20% Through Protectionist "U.S. Made" Iron and Steel Procurement Mandates.

This bill requires any iron or steel materials utilized in public works projects to be sourced from the United States unless the sourcing drives up the total cost of the project by more than 20 percent. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this "protectionist" interference by government in the free market unnecessarily drives-up costs to taxpayers. Free trade has been a foundational principle of limited government dating back to Adam Smith, the father of modern economics, who identified the disastrous consequences of protectionist trade practices in the "Wealth of Nations" in 1776. 37-0 on April 27, 2023.



SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

20. SB 540 Strengthening Property Rights by Requiring Individuals and Activist Groups who Unsuccessfully Challenge a Development Plan to Reimburse the Legal Fees of the Developer.

This bill requires an individual or activist group who unsuccessfully challenges a local land development plan to reimburse the legal fees of the developer. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure strengthens property rights by helping reduce frivolous challenges by environmental activist groups that are designed to hinder land use and development and impose significant legal costs to developers and property owners. 29-10 on April 19, 2023.

21. HB 543 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights by Enacting "Constitutional Carry" thus Allowing Qualified Adults 21 and Older to Carry a Concealed Firearm without a Special Permit.

This bill authorizes qualifying adults 21 years and older to carry a concealed firearm without having to obtain a special permit from the state - a measure commonly referred to as "constitutional carry". **Support 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 helps reduce unnecessary barriers for lawful individuals wishing to exercise their Second Amendment rights, barriers which do nothing to deter criminals from engaging in unlawful behavior. 27-13 on March 30, 2023.

22. HB 605 Weakening Public Safety by Limiting the Ability of Communities to Protect Themselves from Repeat Criminals by Expanding the State's Expungement Law.

This bill further expands the application of the state's expungement law, which currently allows criminals to expunge one of their records in their lifetime. Under this bill, a criminal can expunge an additional record if the first one they expunged was as a minor. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this prevents individuals, particularly employers and landlords, from considering and protecting themselves from repeat criminals in their homes, businesses, and communities. Unfortunately, this bill represents one of many so-called criminal justice "reforms" which have led to skyrocketing crime rates and are being advanced in state legislatures by George Soros and other left-leaning Billionaires through their funding of liberal - and even some conservative - advocacy organizations. 38-0 on May 2, 2023.

23. HB 637 Hiking New Car Prices by Blocking Manufacturers from Selling Directly to Consumers and Imposing Dozens of New Mandates to Enrich Automobile Dealerships.

This bill bans automobile manufacturers from selling cars directly to consumers (with a carveout to select electric vehicle manufacturers) as well as enacts numerous new regulations concerning the contracting agreements between manufacturers and dealers. For example, the bill requires manufacturers to provide dealers an 8% cut of any revenue they receive through remote upgrades to vehicles, places controls on vehicle pricing agreements, and regulates the vehicle ordering process. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure represents one of the very worst examples of cronyism and utilization of government power to enrich one party (dealerships) at the expense of another party (manufacturers) in contracting agreements which should be privately negotiated without any government involvement. Furthermore, forcing consumers to go through dealers (middlemen) instead of giving them the option to buy direct from manufacturers hikes vehicle costs by thousands of dollars, while also providing select EV manufacturers a competitive advantage. 40-0 on May 2, 2023.

24. HB 657 Growing the Surveillance State and Authorizing "Taxation Through Citation" by Allowing Local Governments to Deploy Speed Cameras in School Zones.

This bill authorizes counties and municipalities to deploy speed cameras on roadways designated as school zones. Motorists would receive fines for exceeding a posted speed limit by 10mph. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as these systems have been abused by countless local governments across the nation to produce revenue, many of which place such devices not at spots closest to schools but at locations most likely to catch speeders. Additionally, the significant increases in automated traffic systems brings up valid concerns regarding civil liberties and the growth of government tracking and surveillance. 35-3 on April 28, 2023.



SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

25. SB 718 Strengthening Property Rights by Banning Local Voter Referendums Related to Land Development Which are Primarily Utilized by Environmental Activists to Hinder Growth.

This bill contains a key provision which prohibits the usage of local voter referendums or initiatives to challenge local land development. The bill is partially in response to a case in Miami beach where environmental activists blocked a hotel and condo project from being constructed. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure strengthens property rights and is especially necessary given actions taken by some environmental activists to block reasonable development initiatives. 35-4 on April 26, 2023.

26. HB 737 Exempting Bullion Businesses from Unnecessary "Secondhand Good" Regulations thus No Longer Requiring them to Hold Gold and Silver Coins for 30 Days.

This bill exempts gold, silver, platinum, and other bullion from the definition of "secondhand goods," thus allowing dealers to buy and sell precious metals and coins without having to hold them for 30 days. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure eliminates an unnecessary regulation and helps ensure gold and silver bullion can serve as a competitive currency to the dollar. This is especially critical considering the reckless policies of the Federal Reserve such as quantitative easing. 38-0 on May 1, 2023.

27. SB 774 Strengthening Government Transparency and Accountability by Increasing Financial Disclosure Requirements for Local Elected Officials.

This bill requires mayors and elected members of municipal governing boards to file more detailed financial disclosure reports, similar to ones required for state lawmakers, county commissioners and school board members. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure helps reduce corruption and conflicts of interest by strengthening transparency and accountability while helping ensure government is accountable to the people. 35-5 on April 12, 2023.

28. HB 837 Improving the State's Business Climate by Reducing the Statute of Limitation for Negligence Claims, Capping Plaintiff's Attorney Fees and Other Legal Reforms.

This tort reform bill makes several changes designed to limit lawsuit abuse by reforming the state's civil legal system. Specifically, the bill places caps on attorney's fees in certain cases, reduces the statute of limitations for negligence from 4 to 2 years, and reforms standards for comparative negligence cases. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this bill is designed to reduce frivolous lawsuits and lawsuit abuse, which places significant financial harm on businesses and individuals through exorbitant liability insurance premiums. 23-15 on March 23, 2023.

29. SB 892 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Incorporating Federal Minimum Wage Exemptions into State Law.

This bill amends the Florida Minimum Wage Act to incorporate exemptions that were enacted under the federal minimum wage law. As a result, minor league baseball players, babysitters, seasonal amusement workers, and border patrol agents are exempt from the state minimum wage. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as the minimum wage - like all price controls - distort the marketplace, increasing unemployment for individuals who lack experience or whose productivity does not meet the higher wage level set by government. This measure helps expand employment opportunities by protecting these occupations from the states lofty minimum wage mandate which is set to rise to \$12 an hour this year and \$15 an hour by 2026. 38-0 on April 27, 2023.



SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

30. HB 931 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund a New Bureaucracy at Public Universities and Pay for Debates and Candidate Forums. \$

This bill requires each public university in the state to establish an Office of Public Policy Events (OPPE) and hold at least 4 debates and forums on public policy issues each year. The bill also requires that if a school's OPPE can't "readily find an advocate from within the state university community who is well-versed in a perspective," the office can invite a speaker and provide a per-diem (no cap) and a reimbursement for travel expenses. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as just like what was stated in the bill position for SB 266 concerning DEI, taxpayers should not be forced to pay for college and university operational costs - especially for politicized activities.. While the bill contains a positive provision prohibiting political loyalty tests for employment and admission, this does not outweigh the political weaponization and expansion of government included in this bill. 33-5 on May 2, 2023.

31. SB 942 Combatting Government Overreach by Prohibiting Local Governments from Enacting Ordinances Which Bans Dog Ownership on the Basis of Size or Weight. 🏠

This bill prohibits local governments from enacting ordinances which ban an individual from owning a dog due to its size or weight. Additionally, the bill nullifies the grandfathered breed restrictions of Miami-Dade County and the City of Sunrise. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as individuals should have the freedom to own and care for the dog of their choice. Restrictions on dog breed and other characteristics oftentimes result in the placement of dogs in taxpayer-funded shelters and euthanasia. 39-1 on April 12, 2023.

32. HB 967 Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding the Medicaid Welfare Program to Now Cover Continuous Glucose Monitors. 🦋

This bill expands coverage under Medicaid (government-provided healthcare) to now include continuous glucose monitors, as opposed to just the less costly traditional monitors and test strips. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill further traps individuals into government dependency by growing benefits under the government welfare state. Enrollment in Florida's Medicaid system has ballooned to 5.5 million individuals with spending on the program spiraling to \$35 billion a year or nearly a third of the entire state budget. 39-0 on May 2, 2023.

33. SB 1070 Ensuring Equal Taxation for Roadway Usage by Establishing a \$200 Annual License Tax for Electric Vehicles and a \$50 Tax for Plug-in Hybrids. \$

This bill establishes a \$200 annual license tax for electric vehicles and a \$50 annual license tax for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, both of which will increase by \$50 in January 2028, with an exemption for vehicles with small batteries up to 5 kw hours. This measure serves as a replacement for reduced gasoline tax revenues, as the revenue from these new taxes are split 64/36 between the state and counties/municipalities. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure helps ensure all motorists contribute equally to infrastructure - regardless of the propulsion system of their vehicle. Failure to enact such a bill shifts tax burdens to drivers of internal combustion-powered vehicles due to the growing usage of electric-powered vehicles. 39-0 on April 28, 2023.

34. HJR 1157 Protecting the Right to Hunt and Fish Through a State Constitutional Amendment. 🦅

This resolution amends the state's Constitution to establish a right to hunt and fish, including the use of "traditional methods," which will be presented before voters in the 2024 election. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as government should not unduly infringe the right to responsibly and humanely hunt and fish, and this measure protects those liberties. 38-1 on April 28, 2023.

35. SB 1162 Hiking the Utility Costs of Floridians to Subsidize "Renewable Natural Gas and Hydrogen Fuels" and Enrich Utility Companies. 🏠

This bill lets the Public Service Commission authorize electric and natural gas public utilities to construct renewable natural gas facilities and hydrogen fuel infrastructure projects. The utility company would then be able to collect the cost of this more expensive fuel from their customers (plus a higher guaranteed profit for the utility). **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as all energy procurement by utility companies (government-granted monopolies) should be based on the lowest cost fuel source for their customers. This cronyism enriches entities involved with renewable natural gas and hydrogen - well as utility companies - at the expense of everyday Floridians and businesses. 40-0 on April 26, 2023.



SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

36. HB 1203 Imposing New Government Mandates on HVAC System Manufacturer Warranties which Limit Consumer Options.

This bill establishes new regulations on the warranty offerings of manufacturers of Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) systems. Under the bill, manufacturers may no longer provide warranty offerings that are tied to an individual, rather they may only offer warranties that are tied to properties and are transferable. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure further grows the government regulatory state to now dictate the private warranty offerings of manufactures. As a result, consumers will likely no longer be able to enjoy extended-term, lifetime and other promotional warranty options that companies may offer due to the reduced percentage of long-term product ownership by one individual. 39-0 on May 1, 2023.

37. HB 1205 Improving the State's Legal Climate Through Restrictions on Misleading Medical-Related Advertisements which Spark Frivolous Litigation.

This bill establishes restrictions on the advertising practices that some trial attorneys have utilized to draw customers for cases relating to medical devices and pharmaceuticals. Under the bill, legal service ads may not use language such as "medical alert" or "health alert," or use state of federal government logos. The bill is in response to some ads that made unfounded claims about products and scared individuals into discontinuing their medications. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as while the U.S. Constitution rightfully protects free speech, government also has a role to prevent defamation and ensure that the legal system is protected from abuse. Reforms such as this measure help improve the state's legal and business climate which has a reputation of being a "judicial hell hole". 26-11 on April 28, 2023.

38. HB 1267 Expanding Borrowing and Lending Opportunities by Raising the Maximum Allowable Interest Rate on Consumer Loans from 30% to 36%.

This bill makes a number of reforms to the state's Consumer Finance Law, including raising the maximum allowable interest rate on consumer loans from 30% to 36%. The bill is designed to slightly loosen government restrictions and price controls on interest due to high inflation and national interest rates. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as the free-market - not government price controls - is the best mechanism to ensure the lowest borrowing rates and greatest available credit options for all borrowers. This slight regulatory relief will help expand borrowing and lending opportunities. 22-9 on May 1, 2023.

39. HB 1281 Combatting Government Overreach by Preventing Local Government Bans on Gas-Powered Stoves and Other Appliances.

This bill prohibits localities from banning or restricting the use of gas stoves, grills and other appliances fueled by natural gas. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as a number of local governments across the country have infringed the rights of their residents to utilize natural gas in order to advance a politicized environmental agenda. While some may argue this bill undermines "local control", our founding fathers only recognized three entities within the U.S. Constitution - federal government, state government, and the individual. It is not the role for any level of government to unduly infringe the rights of individuals, therefore making preemption measures, such as this bill, necessary. 33-4 on April 28, 2023.

40. HB 1285 Strengthening State and National Security by Expanding the Size of the Florida State Guard and Improving Cooperation with Law Enforcement.

This bill expands the size of the Florida State Guard (FSG) from 400 to 1,500 members and makes the unit permanent (previously set to expire July 1). The bill also creates a specialized unit that is authorized to carry arms and assist law enforcement. The FSG is made up of volunteers and serves as an additional to Florida's National Guard. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as the promotion of an open-border immigration system by the Federal government has placed an immense strain on taxpayer resources and this unit is necessary to bolster law enforcement, combat human trafficking and improve the state's response in national disasters. 28-11 on May 5, 2023.



SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

41. HB 1305 Weakening Government Integrity by Imposing New Regulations on Disney's Monorail to Advance a Political Agenda. 📄

This bill requires the Florida Department of Transportation to start regulating and inspecting the Monorail transit system at the Walt Disney World theme parks. This measure would mark the first time the system has been subjected to regulations since its establishment over 50 years ago and has been operating without any safety incidents in nearly 15 years. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill harms the private sector by further growing the size and scope of the government regulatory state. All individuals and private businesses should be free to express their views as protected under the 1st Amendment - and face the repercussions of their actions in the marketplace. Disney has lost billions of dollars since its public opposition to a bill which strengthened parental rights in education. This bill establishes a dangerous precedent in which government is grown and weaponized to attack free speech and political opponents. 26-14 on May 2, 2023.

42. SB 1310 Ensuring Government Can Hire the Most Qualified and Talented Employees by Prohibiting Agencies from Requiring College Degrees. 🏛️

This bill prohibits a public employer from requiring a postsecondary degree as a baseline requirement. Instead, degrees may only be utilized as an alternative to the number of years of direct experience required for a position. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as government hiring decisions should be based on recruitment of the most talented and qualified applicant for the position. Degree requirements are especially unnecessary in recent years due to the growing number of programs that are politicized and fail to equip students for real-world employment and careers. 39-0 on April 28, 2023.

43. SB 1346 Strengthening Property Rights by Overriding Local Bans on Building Demolitions which Prevent New Development. 🏛️

The "Resiliency and Safe Structures Act" blocks localities from enacting any ordinances that would prohibit a property owner from demolishing an unsafe building in disrepair and redevelop the property with a new structure. The bill is in response to some property owners who have been unable to demolish their older buildings and redevelop the high-value real estate. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure strengthens property rights by ensuring owners and developers can maximize the usage of their land. While some may argue this bill undermines "local control", our founding fathers only recognized three entities within the U.S. Constitution - federal government, state government, and the

individual. It is not the role for any level of government to unduly infringe the rights of individuals, therefore making preemption measures, such as this bill, necessary. 33-6 on April 28, 2023.

44. HB 1379 Further Growing Government's Unsustainable Land Holdings Through a \$100 Million Annual Appropriation to the Florida Forever Program. 🏠

This bill dedicates \$100 million annually the Department of Environmental Protection to continually purchase additional land for the Florida Forever conservation and recreation program. The state is currently tasked with managing and maintaining over 4 million acres of land under its control. This is further worsened through other measures such as SB 106, which provided \$200 million to the Department of Transportation for Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network projects such as trails and bike paths. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the private sector is best equipped to manage and maximize land utilization - including for conservation purposes. Further growing government control and ownership of land merely drives up taxpayer costs and leads to further government spending initiatives, such as SB 106 which forces taxpayers to spend \$200 million to create trails and bike paths on the state's ballooning land holdings. 40-0 on May 2, 2023.

45. SM 1382 Urging Congress to End the Usage of "Woke" Social and Diversity Practices in the Military and Return to a Merit-Based System to Development and Composition. 🛡️

This Senate Memorial urges Congress to prohibit "'woke' social engineering and experimentation practices" in the U.S. military that overemphasize diversity and inclusion and instead return to a merit-based system for military force development and composition. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as military force recruitment, development and operations should be based on merit and ensuring servicemembers are best equipped to defend our nation. Politicized measures surrounding diversity, inclusion and social engineering should not be advanced in our armed forces. 34-5 on April 11, 2023.



SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

46. HB 1417 Combatting Government Overreach by Preventing Localities from Imposing Additional Regulations on Landlord-Tenant Contracts.

This bill prohibits localities from imposing any additional regulations on landlord-tenant relationships than what is already permitted by the state. This preemption bill includes issues relating to security deposits, rental applications and fees, and lease terms and conditions. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure protects against local government overreach when infringes contracting rights and ultimately drives up housing costs and rental rates. While some may argue this bill undermines "local control", our founding fathers only recognized three entities within the U.S. Constitution - federal government, state government, and the individual. It is not the role for any level of government to unduly infringe the rights of individuals, therefore making preemption measures, such as this bill, necessary. 29-8 on April 28, 2023.

47. SB 1478 Increasing Crime and Weakening Public Safety Through a Criminal Justice "Reform" Which Allows Criminals to Avoid Paying Restitution and Reduces Accountability within the Parole System.

This bill makes a series of changes to the parole system, generally reducing penalties on offenders who violate the terms of their probation while also placing limits on jail sentences. For example, probation officers can no longer return an offender to jail if they commit a range of offenses such as failing to make restitution payments, pay court costs, associate with people engaged in criminal activity, or leave the county without permission. Instead, the officer must send the offender to an "Alternative Sanctioning Program" which may include just curfew or support group attendance. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure advances further crime by limiting the ability of probation officers to hold offenders accountable and protect communities. Unfortunately, this bill represents one of many so-called criminal justice "reforms" which have led to skyrocketing crime rates and are being advanced in state legislatures by George Soros and other left-leaning billionaires through their funding of liberal - and even some conservative - advocacy organizations. 40-0 on May 3, 2023.

48. SB 1550 Growing Government Regulatory Power within the Pharmaceutical Industry by Imposing a Series of New Mandates on Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Drug Companies.

This bill known as the "Prescription Drug Reform Act" imposes a series of new regulations on Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and drug companies. For example, manufacturers must report to the government if the price of one of their drugs increases by more than 15% and PBMs must abide by multiple new provisions in their contracting agreements with local pharmacies as well as meet various insurance and reporting requirements. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the nation witnessed first-hand the disastrous consequences and cost of growing government regulatory power in healthcare (i.e. Obamacare). Instead of working to promote a freer market through regulatory reduction, lawmakers added a series of new layers of regulations through this measure, including utilizing government to provide local pharmacies with more favorable outcomes in their private contract negotiations with PBMs. 40-0 on May 2, 2023.

49. SB 1580 Protecting Religious Liberties of Healthcare Providers and Insurers by Establishing a "Right of Medical Conscience".

This bill allows healthcare providers, and payors to opt out of providing a healthcare service due to a sincerely held religious, moral, or ethical belief. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as businesses and individuals should have the freedom to contract and not be forced to provide a services that violates their beliefs. Unfortunately, this bill only serves as a step in the right direction as it contains a negative provision which infringes the contracting rights of private companies by forcing them to retain employees who refuse do perform their job because of their belief. 28-11 on April 28, 2023.



SENATE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

50. HB 1627 Strengthening Public Safety by Reforming Pre-Trial Bail Laws to Combat "Catch-and-Release" Practices. 🛡️

This bill makes several changes to pretrial bail release laws. For example the bill prohibits judicial circuits from establishing local bond amounts that are less than the uniform statewide amounts, while also prohibiting a person from being released before appearing before a judge if they were arrested for a felony and already on probation or arrested at least three times in the last six months for the same offense. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as upholding law and order and ensuring public safety serve as essential functions of government. This measure is especially necessary considering the rising crime rates that have resulted from catch-and-release policies and poorly crafted criminal justice "reforms". 36-3 on April 26, 2023.

51. SB 1718 Strengthening National Security Through a Series of New Policies to Combat Illegal Immigration and Human Trafficking. 🛡️

This bill is designed to curb illegal immigration by implementing a series of new policies. For example, the bill prohibits local governments from issuing ID cards to those residing in the country unlawfully, enhances penalties for human trafficking, requires DNA samples from those subject to federal detainers, and increases E-Verify requirements. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as the promotion of an open-border immigration system places an immense strain on U.S. infrastructure and taxpayer resources, ranging from welfare to the education system, while also creating serious national security and human trafficking issues. Lawmakers should focus on growing the U.S. economy through reforms to the immigration system that both increase the number of skilled individuals who may enter and work in our country and reduce human trafficking across our borders. 27-10 on April 28, 2023.

52. SB 2500 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a Record \$117 Billion Budget Bill which Represents a 7.5% Hike from the Prior Year. 💰

This appropriations bill funds government from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024. The bill hikes spending by 7.5% over the previous year, to a record level of over \$117 billion. The bill also contains another \$6 billion in the "back of the budget", which could further balloon spending to \$123 billion. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this reckless spending not only continues to grow the size and scope of government, but also places taxpayers in a precarious situation in the event of an economic downturn. Lawmakers should have instead held spending in check to the prior year and provided taxpayers with meaningful reductions as opposed to a sales tax cut for just certain government-favored items. 38-0 on May 5, 2023.

53. SB 7050 Strengthening Election Integrity Through a Series of Reforms to Prevent Wrongdoing by Voter Registration Groups. 🗳️

This bill contains a number of provisions that are designed to prevent wrongdoing by voter registration groups. For example, the bill prohibits organizations from mailing pre-filled voter registration applications and permits only U.S. citizens to collect the applications. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as maintaining safeguards to prevent voter fraud are critical aspects of ensuring free and fair elections, an essential component of democracy under our nation's constitutional republic. 28-12 on April 26, 2023.

54. SB 7054 Combatting Increased Government Control and Surveillance by Prohibiting Recognition of Federal "Central Bank Digital Currency" as Money Under State Law. 🏦

This bill serves as a proactive attempt to block Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) issued by the U.S. Federal Reserve System. The bill prohibits CBDC issued by the federal government from being regulated as money under the Florida Uniform Commercial Code. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as President Biden issued an executive order to study creation of such a currency under the guise of protecting consumers from decentralized cryptocurrencies and a way to crack down on financial crimes. The creation of a CBDC serves as an existential threat to individual liberties and privacy and will further grow government control over the economy. The Fed has already placed the U.S. dollar in dire jeopardy of destruction through its reckless quantitative easing and expansionary practices. 34-5 on April 26, 2023.



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

1. HB 1 Improving Educational Outcomes by Expanding School Choice Under the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program to all Families. 🎓

This bill expands eligibility for the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program to all residents and eliminates household income restrictions. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this bill improves educational outcomes for all students by fostering competition and a market in education, which encourages schools to provide the best education so they can attract parents to enroll their child and receive the associated funding. 83-27 on March 17, 2023.

2. HB 3 Protecting Taxpayers by Prohibiting ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Considerations in State and Local Investments. 💰

This bill prohibits the use of politicized ESG (environmental, social, and governance) considerations in state and local investments, such as pension systems, which may reduce taxpayer returns. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as all public investment actions should be based on producing the maximum return and value for taxpayers, not advancing political or social agendas. Unfortunately, the bill did include a negative provision which infringes the right of private financial institutions to make their own lending decisions on the basis of factors such as political belief or business sector (ex. firearms or fossil fuels) - which goes against the principles of limited government. 80-31 on March 24, 2023.

3. SB 4-B Increasing Election Integrity by Strengthening the Ability of the State to Prosecute Election-Related Crimes. 🗳️

This bill strengthens the ability of the Office of Statewide Prosecution (OSP) to prosecute election-related crimes. The bill clarifies OSP has the power to prosecute any crime involving voter registration, petition activities for a referendum, a candidate for federal or state office, or voting in an election if the crime falls in more than one judicial circuit. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as combatting and prosecuting voter fraud is a critical aspect of ensuring free and fair elections, an essential component of democracy under our nation's constitutional republic. 77-33 on February 10, 2023.

4. HJR 31 Increasing Transparency and Parental Control over Education Through a Constitutional Amendment to Transition to Partisan School Board Elections. 🎓

This resolution amends the state's Constitution to require partisan school board elections, which will be presented before voters in the 2024 election. Under existing law, the state has non-partisan school boards. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this bill helps increase transparency of school board candidates and their beliefs, ultimately empowering parents to select the candidate who best aligns with their views. Such information is critical for voters considering how large an impact school board decisions have on students and society, and the fact such decisions have increasingly fallen along political lines. 79-34 on March 31, 2023.

5. HB 95 Increasing Government Integrity and Due Process for Law Enforcement Officers Accused of Misconduct through Reforms to the "Brady List". 🏛️

This bill implements a series of reforms to usage of the "Brady List" (tracks officer misconduct across the country) by law enforcement agencies. For example, the bill prohibits agencies from firing or taking disciplinary action against an officer solely because of their inclusion on the list, as well as provides officers the ability to petition the court to remove their name. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure strengthens government integrity and due process rights, while helping ensure good officers are not harmed by unjust actions in anti-police jurisdictions and also ensuring bad actors are known and accounted for. 93-17 on April 13, 2023.

6. SB 102 Forcing Taxpayers to Spend \$711 Million on Various Government \$ "Affordable Housing" Programs to Enrich Select Developers and Special Interests.

This bill, known as the "Live Local Act," appropriates \$711 million in taxpayer funds to fund various "affordable housing" initiatives. The bill including \$259 million in loans to certain developers and a sales tax credit of up to \$5,000 for materials used to build affordable housing units. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as not only does this bill fuel cronyism by enriching select developers through government central planning, but also represents a roughly \$34.00 unnecessary tax burden on every one of Florida's 22 million residents. Instead of growing government and central planning, lawmakers should empower the free market to make housing truly "affordable" by reducing stringent zoning regulations which a recent study by Florida State University found has significantly driven up housing costs. 103-6 on March 24, 2023.



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

7. HB 121 Growing Government Dependency by Significantly Raising the Income Limit for Eligibility Under the Kidcare Welfare Program.

This bill expands eligibility for the Florida Kidcare (healthcare) welfare program by raising the income limit from 200% to 300% of the federal poverty level. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure traps additional families into government dependency by further expanding the welfare state. The private sector (through charitable endeavors) is best equipped to direct aid and assistance to those who truly need it, and help families become self-sufficient, rather than ineffective government welfare systems. 105-0 on April 13, 2023.

8. HJR 129 Protecting the State's Constitutional Amendment Process from Abuse by Raising the Citizen-led Threshold for Amendments to Two-Thirds Support (Currently 60%).

This resolution amends the state Constitution to require a vote of two-thirds (66.67%) of the electorate as opposed to three-fifths (60%) of the electorate for citizen-led amendments. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure helps protect the constitutional amendment process from abuse by special interests and other groups that seek to grow the size and scope of government. In recent years the amendment process has been utilized to raise the state's minimum wage and ban off-shore oil and gas drilling. 74-35 on April 28, 2023.

9. HB 133 Expanding the Freedom to Contract by Allowing Landlords to Offer Residential Tenants the Option to Pay a Fee in Lieu of a Security Deposit.

This bill allows landlords to offer residential tenants the option to pay a fee instead of a security deposit or to pay a security deposit in monthly installments as part of a rental agreement. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure strengthens the freedom to contract, and provides landlords and tenants greater flexibility to set housing agreements based on their individual needs. 89-22 on April 20, 2023.

10. SB 170 Combatting Overregulation by Local Governments by Requiring Business Impact Estimates Before Localities Enact Ordinances.

This bill requires local governments to produce a "business impact estimate" before enacting an ordinance. These estimates must contain information on the direct economic impact, compliance cost, and government regulatory cost of the ordinance. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure helps combat government overreach and growth by increasing transparency surrounding the impact new ordinances will have on local communities. 82-33 on May 3, 2023.

11. HB 225 Reducing a Barrier to School Choice by Ensuring Charter School Students May Participate in Extracurricular Activities.

This bill, part of the "Let Kids be Kids" legislative package, helps increase school choice by allowing private charter school, virtual school, and home school students participate in sports and other extracurricular activities at other public or private schools, regardless of zip code. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this bill improves educational outcomes by removing a barrier which may have prevented families from pursuing school choice. 93-22 on May 3, 2023.

12. SB 230 Invoking Government Overreach into the Private Sector Concerning the Usage of the Term "Physician" as Part of the "Eyeball Wars" between Optometrists and Ophthalmologists.

This bill establishes a series of new regulations pertaining to the usage of titles such as "Doctor" and "Physician". The bill is primarily intended to prohibit optometrists from calling themselves physicians, as part of the "eyeball wars" between optometrists and ophthalmologists who are medical doctors specializing in eyecare. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as like many other measures pertaining to title protection, product labeling, and licensing, this bill is primarily designed to utilize government power to restrict competition. The private sector through license issuance, certification and review systems is best equipped to protect and educate consumers on the most qualified and competent individuals in their respective fields. 78-34 on May 4, 2023.



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

13. SB 250 Strengthening Property Rights by Preventing Local Government Bans on Temporary Shelters Following a Hurricane or Other Natural Disaster.

This bill prohibits local governments from taking actions which prevent residential property owners from placing temporary shelters on their property for up to 36 months following property damage due to a natural disaster. The property owner must make a good faith effort to rebuild their home during this time period. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure strengthens property rights and helps protect individuals from unnecessary government burdens as they work to rebuild from a natural disaster. 109-4 on April 26, 2023.

14. SB 254 (Eskamani Amd. 531629) Forcing Taxpayers to Fund Sex-Reassignment Procedures and Hormone Therapies. \$

The Eskamani amendment #531629 to a bill relating to sex-reassignment procedures allows taxpayer funds to be utilized to provide sex-reassignment procedures or hormone therapies. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as while adults should have the freedom to obtain such services, taxpayers should not be forced to pay for sex change operations. 27-81 on April 18, 2023.

15. SB 256 Strengthening "Right to Work" Protections for Public Employees Through a Prohibition on Deducting Union Dues from Paychecks and Bargaining Agent Recertification.

This bill includes multiple provisions which strengthen "right to work" protections for public employees. For example, the bill no longer allows dues to be deducted from workers' paychecks, instead requiring members to make their payments to unions. Additionally, the bill requires recertification of unions whose membership includes fewer than 60 percent of employees. The bill includes exemptions for certain public-sector unions such as law enforcement. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as while the state should not collectively bargain with any union as such action unnecessarily drives up taxpayer costs, this measure helps reduce labor union power and strengthens the "right to work". 72-44 on April 26, 2023.

16. SB 258 Strengthening National Security by Banning TikTok and Other Chinese Government-Owned Applications from Being Accessed on State-Issued Devices or Networks.

This bill prevents state employees and officers from downloading or accessing TikTok or other applications controlled by U.S. foreign adversaries such as China or Russia on state devices or networks. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as the installation of such systems poses a significant and unnecessary threat to state and federal networks. Additionally, state employees should not be utilizing government equipment to access entertainment apps such as TikTok. 115-0 on May 3, 2023.

17. SB 262 Imposing a Series of New Costly and Overreaching Government Regulations on Large Tech Companies Through a "Digital Bill of Rights".

This bill establishes a "Digital Bill of Rights" through a series of new regulations on tech companies that generate over a billion dollars in revenue. The bill's provisions cover issues ranging from content moderation, targeted advertising, search engine operations and data privacy with expanded opt-out rules. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill further grows government power and the regulatory state. While there is a role of government to protect individuals from fraudulent practices this overreach significantly limits the ability of tech companies to provide targeted and low-cost advertising to consumers. Additionally, the bill applies the regulations to only certain companies resulting in market manipulation and competitive advantages. 110-2 on May 4, 2023.

18. SB 266 Protecting Taxpayer Funds from Being Utilized for Politicized "Diversity Equity and Inclusion" (DEI) Programs at Public College Campuses. \$

This bill prohibits public colleges and universities from utilizing state or federal funds on programs or activities that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion or political or social activism. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as while this bill may raise concerns over government moderation of speech on campus, taxpayers should not be forced to pay for college and university operational costs in the first place - especially for politicized activities. Such actions have led to the creation of countless worthless degree programs and administration waste which are born at the expense of individuals who chose to enter the trades or business and not pursue a degree. 81-34 on May 3, 2023.



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

19. SB 284 Protecting Taxpayers by Requiring State and Local Agency Vehicle Purchases to be "Based on the Lowest Lifetime Ownership Costs".

This bill updates state and local procurement requirements to allow agencies to purchase electric vehicles if they are the lowest cost option. Under the bill, vehicle purchases are to be based on "the lowest lifetime ownership costs" rather than "the greatest fuel efficiency available." **Support is the Limited Government Position** as government procurement should be based on providing the lowest cost and greatest value to taxpayers. While government should not favor electric vehicles for environmental or other politicized reasons, as EV costs decline, such vehicular option should be considered in procurement. 115-1 on May 3, 2023.

20. SB 360 Reducing Frivolous Litigation by Shortening the Statute of Limitations for Construction-Related Lawsuits.

This bill establishes a 4 year statute of limitation on certain types of lawsuits against home building contractors, while also reducing the statute of repose from 10 to 7 years. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure helps maintain housing affordability by reducing frivolous construction related litigation which drives up costs for developers and consumers. 89-8 on March 24, 2023.

21. HB 523 Expanding Consumer Choice and Reducing Anti-Competitive Regulations by Repealing the Size Limit of Individual Wine Containers.

This bill repeals a limitation placed on the size of individual wine containers. Prior law generally prohibited the sale of wine to consumers in containers larger than 1 gallon. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as government should not infringe individual liberties and drive up consumer costs through anti-competitive measures which limit alcohol sales. 105-0 on April 28, 2023.

22. SB 540 Strengthening Property Rights by Requiring Individuals and Activist Groups who Unsuccessfully Challenge a Development Plan to Reimburse the Legal Fees of the Developer.

This bill requires an individual or activist group who unsuccessfully challenges a local land development plan to reimburse the legal fees of the developer. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure strengthens property rights by helping reduce frivolous challenges by environmental activist groups that are designed to hinder land use and development and impose significant legal costs to developers and property owners. 87-30 on May 2, 2023.

23. HB 543 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights by Enacting "Constitutional Carry" thus Allowing Qualified Adults 21 and Older to Carry a Concealed Firearm without a Special Permit.

This bill authorizes qualifying adults 21 years and older to carry a concealed firearm without having to obtain a special permit from the state - a measure commonly referred to as "constitutional carry". **Support 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 helps reduce unnecessary barriers for lawful individuals wishing to exercise their Second Amendment rights, barriers which do nothing to deter criminals from engaging in unlawful behavior. 76-32 on March 24, 2023.

24. HB 605 Weakening Public Safety by Limiting the Ability of Communities to Protect Themselves from Repeat Criminals by Expanding the State's Expungement Law.

This bill further expands the application of the state's expungement law, which currently allows criminals to expunge one of their records in their lifetime. Under this bill, a criminal can expunge an additional record if the first one they expunged was as a minor. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this prevents individuals, particularly employers and landlords, from considering and protecting themselves from repeat criminals in their homes, businesses, and communities. Unfortunately, this bill represents one of many so-called criminal justice "reforms" which have led to skyrocketing crime rates and are being advanced in state legislatures by George Soros and other left-leaning Billionaires through their funding of liberal - and even some conservative - advocacy organizations. 107-2 on April 13, 2023.



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

25. HB 637 Hiking New Car Prices by Blocking Manufacturers from Selling Directly to Consumers and Imposing Dozens of New Mandates to Enrich Automobile Dealerships.

This bill bans automobile manufacturers from selling cars directly to consumers (with a carveout to select electric vehicle manufacturers) as well as enacts numerous new regulations concerning the contracting agreements between manufacturers and dealers. For example, the bill requires manufacturers to provide dealers an 8% cut of any revenue they receive through remote upgrades to vehicles, places controls on vehicle pricing agreements, and regulates the vehicle ordering process. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure represents one of the very worst examples of cronyism and utilization of government power to enrich one party (dealerships) at the expense of another party (manufacturers) in contracting agreements which should be privately negotiated without any government involvement. Furthermore, forcing consumers to go through dealers (middlemen) instead of giving them the option to buy direct from manufacturers hikes vehicle costs by thousands of dollars, while also providing select EV manufacturers a competitive advantage. 113-2 on April 26, 2023.

26. HB 657 Growing the Surveillance State and Authorizing "Taxation Through Citation" by Allowing Local Governments to Deploy Speed Cameras in School Zones.

This bill authorizes counties and municipalities to deploy speed cameras on roadways designated as school zones. Motorists would receive fines for exceeding a posted speed limit by 10mph. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as these systems have been abused by countless local governments across the nation to produce revenue, many of which place such devices not at spots closest to schools but at locations most likely to catch speeders. Additionally, the significant increases in automated traffic systems brings up valid concerns regarding civil liberties and the growth of government tracking and surveillance. 95-6 on April 28, 2023.

27. SB 718 Strengthening Property Rights by Banning Local Voter Referendums Related to Land Development Which are Primarily Utilized by Environmental Activists to Hinder Growth.

This bill contains a key provision which prohibits the usage of local voter referendums or initiatives to challenge local land development. The bill is partially in response to a case in Miami beach where environmental activists blocked a hotel and condo project from being constructed. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure strengthens property rights and is especially necessary given actions taken by some environmental activists to block reasonable development initiatives. 91-26 on May 2, 2023.

28. HB 737 Exempting Bullion Businesses from Unnecessary "Secondhand Good" Regulations thus No Longer Requiring them to Hold Gold and Silver Coins for 30 Days.

This bill exempts gold, silver, platinum, and other bullion from the definition of "secondhand goods," thus allowing dealers to buy and sell precious metals and coins without having to hold them for 30 days. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure eliminates an unnecessary regulation and helps ensure gold and silver bullion can serve as a competitive currency to the dollar. This is especially critical considering the reckless policies of the Federal Reserve such as quantitative easing. 108-1 on April 28, 2023.

29. SB 774 Strengthening Government Transparency and Accountability by Increasing Financial Disclosure Requirements for Local Elected Officials.

This bill requires mayors and elected members of municipal governing boards to file more detailed financial disclosure reports, similar to ones required for state lawmakers, county commissioners and school board members. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure helps reduce corruption and conflicts of interest by strengthening transparency and accountability while helping ensure government is accountable to the people. 113-2 on April 26, 2023.



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

30. HB 837 Improving the State's Business Climate by Reducing the Statute of Limitation for Negligence Claims, Capping Plaintiff's Attorney Fees and Other Legal Reforms. 🏛️

This tort reform bill makes several changes designed to limit lawsuit abuse by reforming the state's civil legal system. Specifically, the bill places caps on attorney's fees in certain cases, reduces the statute of limitations for negligence from 4 to 2 years, and reforms standards for comparative negligence cases. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this bill is designed to reduce frivolous lawsuits and lawsuit abuse, which places significant financial harm on businesses and individuals through exorbitant liability insurance premiums. 80-31 on March 17, 2023.

31. SB 892 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Incorporating Federal Minimum Wage Exemptions into State Law. 🏛️

This bill amends the Florida Minimum Wage Act to incorporate exemptions that were enacted under the federal minimum wage law. As a result, minor league baseball players, babysitters, seasonal amusement workers, and border patrol agents are exempt from the state minimum wage. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as the minimum wage - like all price controls - distort the marketplace, increasing unemployment for individuals who lack experience or whose productivity does not meet the higher wage level set by government. This measure helps expand employment opportunities by protecting these occupations from the state's lofty minimum wage mandate which is set to rise to \$12 an hour this year and \$15 an hour by 2026. 86-30 on May 2, 2023.

32. HB 931 Forcing Taxpayers to Fund a New Bureaucracy at Public Universities and Pay for Debates and Candidate Forums. 💰

This bill requires each public university in the state to establish an Office of Public Policy Events (OPPE) and hold at least 4 debates and forums on public policy issues each year. The bill also requires that if a school's OPPE can't "readily find an advocate from within the state university community who is well-versed in a perspective," the office can invite a speaker and provide a per-diem (no cap) and a reimbursement for travel expenses. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as just like what was stated in the bill position for SB 266 concerning DEI, taxpayers should not be forced to pay for college and university operational costs - especially for politicized activities.. While the bill contains a positive provision prohibiting political loyalty tests for employment and admission, this does not outweigh the political weaponization and expansion of government included in this bill. 82-34 on April 26, 2023.

33. SB 942 Combatting Government Overreach by Prohibiting Local Governments from Enacting Ordinances Which Bans Dog Ownership on the Basis of Size or Weight. 🏛️

This bill prohibits local governments from enacting ordinances which ban an individual from owning a dog due to its size or weight. Additionally, the bill nullifies the grandfathered breed restrictions of Miami-Dade County and the City of Sunrise. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as individuals should have the freedom to own and care for the dog of their choice. Restrictions on dog breed and other characteristics oftentimes result in the placement of dogs in taxpayer-funded shelters and euthanasia.

34. HB 967 Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding the Medicaid Welfare Program to Now Cover Continuous Glucose Monitors. 🏛️

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35. HB 1117 Expanding Competition and Lowering Costs for Pet Owners by Authorizing Veterinary Telemedicine. 📄

This bill authorizes "veterinary telemedicine", or the ability of a licensed veterinarian to connect with a pet owner over the internet or video call and prescribe medication. The bill repeals an outdated law which prevents the prescribing of medication without physically examining an animal. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this bill helps save the lives of animals and lower pet ownership costs by repealing an outdated law which is especially costly and burdensome for animal shelters and rural pet owners. 109-0 on April 13, 2023.



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

36. HJR 1157 Protecting the Right to Hunt and Fish Through a State Constitutional Amendment.

This resolution amends the state's Constitution to establish a right to hunt and fish, including the use of "traditional methods," which will be presented before voters in the 2024 election. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as government should not unduly infringe the right to responsibly and humanely hunt and fish, and this measure protects those liberties. 116-0 on April 25, 2023.

37. HB 1203 Imposing New Government Mandates on HVAC System Manufacturer Warranties which Limit Consumer Options.

This bill establishes new regulations on the warranty offerings of manufacturers of Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) systems. Under the bill, manufacturers may no longer provide warranty offerings that are tied to an individual, rather they may only offer warranties that are tied to properties and are transferable. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure further grows the government regulatory state to now dictate the private warranty offerings of manufactures. As a result, consumers will likely no longer be able to enjoy extended-term, lifetime and other promotional warranty options that companies may offer due to the reduced percentage of long-term product ownership by one individual. 116-0 on April 20, 2023.

38. HB 1205 Improving the State's Legal Climate Through Restrictions on Misleading Medical-Related Advertisements which Spark Frivolous Litigation.

This bill establishes restrictions on the advertising practices that some trial attorneys have utilized to draw customers for cases relating to medical devices and pharmaceuticals. Under the bill, legal service ads may not use language such as "medical alert" or "health alert," or use state or federal government logos. The bill is in response to some ads that made unfounded claims about products and scared individuals into discontinuing their medications. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as while the U.S. Constitution rightfully protects free speech, government also has a role to prevent defamation and ensure that the legal system is protected from abuse. Reforms such as this measure help improve the state's legal and business climate which has a reputation of being a "judicial hell hole". 79-37 on April 26, 2023.

39. HB 1267 Expanding Borrowing and Lending Opportunities by Raising the Maximum Allowable Interest Rate on Consumer Loans from 30% to 36%.

This bill makes a number of reforms to the state's Consumer Finance Law, including raising the maximum allowable interest rate on consumer loans from 30% to 36%. The bill is designed to slightly loosen government restrictions and price controls on interest due to high inflation and national interest rates. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as the free-market - not government price controls - is the best mechanism to ensure the lowest borrowing rates and greatest available credit options for all borrowers. This slight regulatory relief will help expand borrowing and lending opportunities. 96-18 on April 27, 2023.

40. HB 1281 Combatting Government Overreach by Preventing Local Government Bans Gas-Powered Stoves and Other Appliances.

This bill prohibits localities from banning or restricting the use of gas stoves, grills and other appliances fueled by natural gas. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as a number of local governments across the country have infringed the rights of their residents to utilize natural gas in order to advance a politicized environmental agenda. While some may argue this bill undermines "local control", our founding fathers only recognized three entities within the U.S. Constitution - federal government, state government, and the individual. It is not the role for any level of government to unduly infringe the rights of individuals, therefore making preemption measures, such as this bill, necessary. 98-16 on April 26, 2023.

41. HB 1285 Strengthening State and National Security by Expanding the Size of the Florida State Guard and Improving Cooperation with Law Enforcement.

This bill expands the size of the Florida State Guard (FSG) from 400 to 1,500 members and makes the unit permanent (previously set to expire July 1). The bill also creates a specialized unit that is authorized to carry arms and assist law enforcement. The FSG is made up of volunteers and serves as an additional to Florida's National Guard. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as the promotion of an open-border immigration system by the Federal government has placed an immense strain on taxpayer resources and this unit is necessary to bolster law enforcement, combat human trafficking and improve the state's response in national disasters. 91-20 on May 5, 2023.



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

42. HB 1305 Weakening Government Integrity by Imposing New Regulations on Disney's Monorail to Advance a Political Agenda.

This bill requires the Florida Department of Transportation to start regulating and inspecting the Monorail transit system at the Walt Disney World theme parks. This measure would mark the first time the system has been subjected to regulations since its establishment over 50 years ago and has been operating without any safety incidents in nearly 15 years. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this bill harms the private sector by further growing the size and scope of the government regulatory state. All individuals and private businesses should be free to express their views as protected under the 1st Amendment - and face the repercussions of their actions in the marketplace. Disney has lost billions of dollars since its public opposition to a bill which strengthened parental rights in education. This bill establishes a dangerous precedent in which government is grown and weaponized to attack free speech and political opponents. **83-32 on May 3, 2023.**

43. SB 1310 Ensuring Government Can Hire the Most Qualified and Talented Employees by Prohibiting Agencies from Requiring College Degrees.

This bill prohibits a public employer from requiring a postsecondary degree as a baseline requirement. Instead, degrees may only be utilized as an alternative to the number of years of direct experience required for a position. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as government hiring decisions should be based on recruitment of the most talented and qualified applicant for the position. Degree requirements are especially unnecessary in recent years due to the growing number of programs that are politicized and fail to equip students for real-world employment and careers. **114-0 on May 3, 2023.**

44. HB 1379 Further Growing Government's Unsustainable Land Holdings Through a \$100 Million Annual Appropriation to the Florida Forever Program.

This bill dedicates \$100 million annually the Department of Environmental Protection to continually purchase additional land for the Florida Forever conservation and recreation program. The state is currently tasked with managing and maintaining over 4 million acres of land under its control. This is further worsened through other measures such as SB 106, which provided \$200 million to the Department of Transportation for Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network projects such as trails and bike paths. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as the private sector is best equipped to manage and maximize land utilization - including for conservation purposes. Further growing government control and

ownership of land merely drives up taxpayer costs and leads to further government spending initiatives, such as SB 106 which forces taxpayers to spend \$200 million to create trails and bike paths on the state's ballooning land holdings. **116-0 on May 3, 2023.**

45. SM 1382 Urging Congress to End the Usage of "Woke" Social and Diversity Practices in the Military and Return to a Merit-Based System to Development and Composition.

This Senate Memorial urges Congress to prohibit "'woke' social engineering and experimentation practices" in the U.S. military that overemphasize diversity and inclusion and instead return to a merit-based system for military force development and composition. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as military force recruitment, development and operations should be based on merit and ensuring servicemembers are best equipped to defend our nation. Politicized measures surrounding diversity, inclusion and social engineering should not be advanced in our armed forces. **84-24 on May 1, 2023.**

46. HB 1417 Combatting Government Overreach by Preventing Localities from Imposing Additional Regulations on Landlord-Tenant Contracts.

This bill prohibits localities from imposing any additional regulations on landlord-tenant relationships than what is already permitted by the state. This preemption bill includes issues relating to security deposits, rental applications and fees, and lease terms and conditions. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as this measure protects against local government overreach when infringes contracting rights and ultimately drives up housing costs and rental rates. While some may argue this bill undermines "local control", our founding fathers only recognized three entities within the U.S. Constitution - federal government, state government, and the individual. It is not the role for any level of government to unduly infringe the rights of individuals, therefore making preemption measures, such as this bill, necessary. **81-33 on April 26, 2023.**



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

47. SB 1478 Increasing Crime and Weakening Public Safety Through a Criminal Justice "Reform" Which Allows Criminals to Avoid Paying Restitution and Reduces Accountability within the Parole System.

This bill makes a series of changes to the parole system, generally reducing penalties on offenders who violate the terms of their probation while also placing limits on jail sentences. For example, probation officers can no longer return an offender to jail if they commit a range of offenses such as failing to make restitution payments, pay court costs, associate with people engaged in criminal activity, or leave the county without permission. Instead, the officer must send the offender to an "Alternative Sanctioning Program" which may include just curfew or support group attendance. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this measure advances further crime by limiting the ability of probation officers to hold offenders accountable and protect communities. Unfortunately, this bill represents one of many so-called criminal justice "reforms" which have led to skyrocketing crime rates and are being advanced in state legislatures by George Soros and other left-leaning billionaires through their funding of liberal - and even some conservative - advocacy organizations. 116-0 on May 3, 2023.

48. HB 1543 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Restoring the Age to Purchase a Firearm back to 18 after Being Raised to 21 in 2018.

This bill restores the age in which an adult age 18 and older may purchase or receive a firearm after the age requirement was increased to 21 in 2018. **Support 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. The state should not infringe the individual liberties of adults who at age 18 can fight for our country, vote and enter into legally binding contracts. 69-36 on April 28, 2023.

49. SB 1550 Growing Government Regulatory Power within the Pharmaceutical Industry by Imposing a Series of New Mandates on Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Drug Companies.

This bill known as the "Prescription Drug Reform Act" imposes a series of new regulations on Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and drug companies. For example, manufacturers must report to the government if the price of one of their drugs increases by more than 15% and PBMs must abide by multiple new provisions in their contracting agreements with local pharmacies as well as meet various insurance and reporting requirements. **Oppose is the**

Limited Government Position as the nation witnessed first-hand the disastrous consequences and cost of growing government regulatory power in healthcare (i.e. Obamacare). Instead of working to promote a freer market through regulatory reduction, lawmakers added a series of new layers of regulations through this measure, including utilizing government to provide local pharmacies with more favorable outcomes in their private contract negotiations with PBMs. 118-0 on May 2, 2023.

50. HB 1543 (Bartleman Amd. 010837) Advancing Government Overreach by No Longer Allowing an Individual Under 21 from Receiving a Firearm Through a Family Transfer (Family Heirlooms).

The Bartleman amendment #010837 to a bill pertaining to the minimum age for firearm transfers. Under this amendment, individuals may no longer receive a firearm through a family transfer until they are 21 years of age (currently 18 years of age). **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 government overreach could create significant issues in cases of estates and the transfer of family heirlooms. 35-73 on April 28, 2023.

51. SB 1580 Protecting Religious Liberties of Healthcare Providers and Insurers by Establishing a "Right of Medical Conscience".

This bill allows healthcare providers, and payors to opt out of providing a healthcare service due to a sincerely held religious, moral, or ethical belief. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as businesses and individuals should have the freedom to contract and not be forced to provide a services that violates their beliefs. Unfortunately, this bill only serves as a step in the right direction as it contains a negative provision which infringes the contracting rights of private companies by forcing them to retain employees who refuse to perform their job because of their belief. 84-34 on May 2, 2023.



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

52. HB 1627 Strengthening Public Safety by Reforming Pre-Trial Bail Laws to Combat "Catch-and-Release" Practices.

This bill makes several changes to pretrial bail release laws. For example the bill prohibits judicial circuits from establishing local bond amounts that are less than the uniform statewide amounts, while also prohibiting a person from being released before appearing before a judge if they were arrested for a felony and already on probation or arrested at least three times in the last six months for the same offense. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as upholding law and order and ensuring public safety serve as essential functions of government. This measure is especially necessary considering the rising crime rates that have resulted from catch-and-release policies and poorly crafted criminal justice "reforms". 83-19 on April 13, 2023.

53. SB 1718 (Lopez Amd. 239391) Fueling Human Trafficking by Creating a Series of Loopholes Under the Immigration Enforcement Bill.

The Lopez amendment #239391 to the "human smuggling" section of the immigration enforcement bill. This amendment exempts a large number of individuals and entities from criminal penalties for willfully smuggling an individual unlawfully into the country, including charity and faith-based service providers, public and private commercial transportation providers, healthcare providers, and family members. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this amendment serves as a major loophole for entities to advance illegal immigration and creates additional avenues for human trafficking. A recent investigation by the Heritage Foundation's oversight project uncovered an enormous operation being conducted by Catholic Charities to aid illegal immigrants and move migrants across the county. 33-79 on May 1, 2023.

54. SB 1718 Strengthening National Security Through a Series of New Policies to Combat Illegal Immigration and Human Trafficking.

This bill is designed to curb illegal immigration by implementing a series of new policies. For example, the bill prohibits local governments from issuing ID cards to those residing in the country unlawfully, enhances penalties for human trafficking, requires DNA samples from those subject to federal detainers, and increases E-Verify requirements. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as the promotion of an open-border immigration system places an immense strain on U.S. infrastructure and taxpayer resources, ranging from welfare to the education system, while also creating serious national security and human

trafficking issues. Lawmakers should focus on growing the U.S. economy through reforms to the immigration system that both increase the number of skilled individuals who may enter and work in our country and reduce human trafficking across our borders. 83-36 on May 2, 2023.

55. SB 2500 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a Record \$117 Billion Budget Bill which Represents a 7.5% Hike from the Prior Year.

This appropriations bill funds government from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024. The bill hikes spending by 7.5% over the previous year, to a record level of over \$117 billion. The bill also contains another \$6 billion in the "back of the budget", which could further balloon spending to \$123 billion. **Oppose is the Limited Government Position** as this reckless spending not only continues to grow the size and scope of government, but also places taxpayers in a precarious situation in the event of an economic downturn. Lawmakers should have instead held spending in check to the prior year and provided taxpayers with meaningful reductions as opposed to a sales tax cut for just certain government-favored items. 111-0 on May 5, 2023.

56. SB 7050 Strengthening Election Integrity Through a Series of Reforms to Prevent Wrongdoing by Voter Registration Groups.

This bill contains a number of provisions that are designed to prevent wrongdoing by voter registration groups. For example, the bill prohibits organizations from mailing pre-filled voter registration applications and permits only U.S. citizens to collect the applications. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as maintaining safeguards to prevent voter fraud are critical aspects of ensuring free and fair elections, an essential component of democracy under our nation's constitutional republic. 76-34 on April 28, 2023.



HOUSE BILL DESCRIPTIONS

57. SB 7054 Combatting Increased Government Control and Surveillance by Prohibiting Recognition of Federal "Central Bank Digital Currency" as Money Under State Law.

This bill serves as a proactive attempt to block Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC) issued by the U.S. Federal Reserve System. The bill prohibits CBDC issued by the federal government from being regulated as money under the Florida Uniform Commercial Code. **Support is the Limited Government Position** as President Biden issued an executive order to study creation of such a currency under the guise of protecting consumers from decentralized cryptocurrencies and a way to crack down on financial crimes. The creation of a CBDC serves as an existential threat to individual liberties and privacy and will further grow government control over the economy. The Fed has already placed the U.S. dollar in dire jeopardy of destruction through its reckless quantitative easing and expansionary practices. 116-1 on May 2, 2023.



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