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2020

Tennessee State Economic Scorecard

See how Members of Tennessee's General Assembly are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the legislators who serve in state legislatures. It is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION
EDUCATES THE
PUBLIC ABOUT PRO-
GROWTH POLICIES.

THE FOUNDATION
CONDUCTS
COMPREHENSIVE
EXAMINATIONS OF
VOTING RECORDS.

THE FOUNDATION'S
GOAL IS TO INFORM
THE PUBLIC AND
BRING AWARENESS
TO LAWMAKERS.

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Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Tennessee’s elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker’s record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

The Foundation examined legislative votes related to the Foundation’s immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limited government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding school choice
- Implementing term limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examined votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation, and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN TENNESSEE IN 2020

The Foundation’s study examined over 4,000 floor votes and, in the end, included 20 Tennessee House votes and 20 Tennessee Senate votes.

COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). Absences are not counted – signified as an “X” on the scorecard – though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker’s position was otherwise discernible. If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an “I”.

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was

ranked. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0% scores are, by default, ranked #99 in the House and #33 in the Senate. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2020 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases “n.a.” for “not applicable” appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with “n.a.” listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without “n.a.” years may be misleading.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the Tennessee House and Tennessee Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

“Through the release of this series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity.”

- DAVID McINTOSH
PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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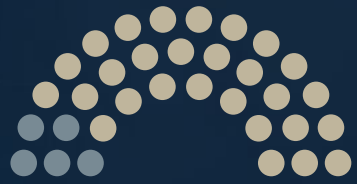
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Tennessee Senate Snapshot

28 Republicans

5 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 43%

Average Democrat Score: 18%



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Jon Lundberg (SD-04) | 54%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Steven Dickerson (SD-20) | 30%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Sara Kyle (SD-30) | 23%



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Raumesh Akbari (SD-29) | 13%

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POINTS					6	3	3	2	2	6	3	7	5	5	5	4	8	1	5	8	8	9	8	2	
Akbari, Raumesh	SD-29	D	13%	25%	-	-	-	X	-	6	-	X	-	X	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	32
Bailey, Paul	SD-15	R	42%	47%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	14
Bell, Mike	SD-09	R	49%	64%	-	3	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	X	-	-	9	8	2	3
Bowling, Janince	SD-16	R	52%	60%	-	-	-	-	-	6	X	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	X	X	9	8	-	2
Briggs, Richard	SD-07	R	42%	44%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	14
Crowe, Rusty	SD-03	R	37%	53%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	X	-	25
Dickerson, Steven	SD-20	R	30%	41%	-	X	X	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	9	X	-	27
Gardenhire, Todd	SD-10	R	44%	44%	-	X	-	-	2	6	X	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	X	9	-	2	7
Gilmore, Brenda	SD-19	D	15%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	X	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Gresham, Dolores	SD-26	R	45%	53%	-	3	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	4
Haile, Ferrell	SD-18	R	42%	60%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	14
Hensley, Joey	SD-28	R	43%	58%	-	X	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	12
Jackson, Edward	SD-27	R	42%	55%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	14
Johnson, Jack	SD-23	R	42%	55%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	14
Kelsey, Brian	SD-31	R	44%	56%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	2	7
Kyle, Sara	SD-30	D	23%	33%	-	X	X	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	X	-	-	-	2	28
Lundberg, Jon	SD-04	R	54%	64%	-	-	X	-	-	6	X	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	X	X	9	8	-	1
Massey, Becky	SD-06	R	42%	50%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	14
McNally, Randy	SD-05	R	42%	55%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	14
Niceley, Frank	SD-08	R	42%	50%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	14

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POINTS					6	3	3	2	2	6	3	7	5	5	5	4	8	1	5	8	8	9	8	2	
Pody, Mark	SD-17	R	34%	53%	-	-	-	X	-	6	-	7	-	X	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	26
Powers, Bill	SD-22	R	42%	47%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	14
Reeves, Shane	SD-14	R	42%	57%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	14
Roberts, Kerry	SD-25	R	43%	57%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	X	12
Robinson, Katrina	SD-33	D	18%	26%	-	X	X	-	-	6	-	X	-	-	X	4	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	2	30
Rose, Paul	SD-32	R	42%	54%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	14
Southerland, Steve	SD-01	R	44%	50%	-	X	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	X	7
Stevens, John	SD-24	R	44%	56%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	2	7
Swann, Art	SD-02	R	n/a	57%	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	7	X	-	-	X	8	X	X	X	X	9	8	X	
Watson, Bo	SD-11	R	45%	56%	-	X	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	2	4
White, Dawn	SD-13	R	44%	56%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	2	7
Yager, Ken	SD-12	R	45%	51%	-	-	-	X	-	6	-	7	-	X	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	4
Yarbro, Jeff	SD-21	D	20%	30%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	29

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HB 1622

INCREASE BORROWING LIMITS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the amount of principal for which the Tennessee Housing Development Agency can issue bonds from \$2.93 billion to \$4 billion for its mortgage program. Governments need to live within their means rather than borrowing money on the backs of future taxpayers. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 32-0, on June 4, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 87-4, on June 17, 2020.

HB 1708

LOCAL PRIVILEGE TAX INCREASE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows Tracy City to levy a 5 percent hotel privilege tax with the proceeds going towards the promotion of tourism and economic development. This tax-and-spend scheme is not a core function of government. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 69-13, on June 10, 2020. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 23-2, June 11, 2020.

HB 2926

HOTEL TAX FOR CORPORATE WELFARE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows for a portion of Madison County's hotel/motel tax revenues to be diverted for a corporate welfare tourism project with a two-thirds vote by the county commission. Forcing taxpayers to pay for corporate welfare is not a core function of government. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 71-12, on June 16, 2020. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 28-0, on June 18, 2020.

SB 1123

COMPLY WITH MILK REGS AND RECEIVE MONEY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill attempts to shut down raw milk consumption by preventing people from consuming milk from animals they directly own. Worse, compliance is rewarded with access to grant money for dairy and processing equipment. This bill violates private property rights, reducing individual liberty, and is not a core function of

government. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 30-0, on March 5, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 62-24, on June 9, 2020.

SB 1632

PAY FOR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows for the splitting of pay for county commissioners between base salary and meeting attendance, allowing for unfair treatment of commissioners not favored by leadership. For example, a commissioner not assigned to any committee would receive less pay. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 32-1, on February 20, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 99-0, on March 2, 2020.

SB 1727

PROHIBIT UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITIES

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill requires local governments not participating in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System to 100% fund their pensions and requires that any deficits must be made

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up in the current year. This pro-growth move protects pension holders and prevents lawmakers from diverting funds to pet projects. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 32-0, on June 4, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 88-0, on June 18, 2020.

SB 1778

TAX HIKE FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the prevailing hotel/motel tax to include short-term rentals on residential properties. It also forces companies like AirBNB and VRBO to hand over information about the owners of these properties. Rather than raise taxes on more businesses, government should be lowering taxes. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 73-11, on June 18, 2020. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 29-0, the same day.

SB 1934

ALLOWS CUSTOMERS CONTINUED ACCESS TO NATURAL GAS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits Tennessee's local governments from limiting customers' freedom to choose

natural gas as a fuel source, as some local governments have in California and Massachusetts. Interfering with voluntary exchange in pursuit of a social-engineering agenda is an abuse of power. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 29-2, on March 2, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 87-8, March 9, 2020.

SB 1956

EXPANDS CORPORATE WELFARE FOR TOURISM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill empowers industrial development corporations to now offer incentives to hotels when they previously couldn't. Even though it has statewide application, this abuse of power appears to be for the immediate benefit of one politically-connected company, the Great Wolf Lodge, in the city of Jackson. The Tennessee Senate passed the bill, 32-0, on June 4, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 90-0, on June 16, 2020.

SB 1961

MANDATED CORPORATE WELFARE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Current law allows municipally-owned natural gas utilities to donate surplus revenues to economic development organizations or chambers of commerce rather than returning that money to consumers. This bill would mandate that donation, preventing pro-growth rate reductions. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 30-0, on March 5, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 90-0, on June 17, 2020.

SB 2158

EXPANDS BROWNFIELD CORPORATE WELFARE HANDOUT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the power of government to dole out corporate welfare to politically-connected entities by reducing the land requirements and increasing the tax credits for the private development of brownfield properties. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 32-0, on February 27, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 95-0, March 12, 2020.

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SB 2313

PROHIBITION OF DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits a government entity from authorizing the destruction of public records known to be the subject of a pending public records request. It also adds the option of a fine for violations and does not absolve a public official from criminal liability for intentionally or knowingly destroying public records. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 30-0, on June 11, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 93-0, June 16, 2020.

SB 2317

EXPANDS MEDICAL CARE AGREEMENTS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

Known as the “Healthcare Empowerment Act,” the bill expands current law to allow patients to enter into medical care agreements with any licensed medical professional. This pro-growth legislation increases healthcare freedom and consumer choice by removing burdensome regulations and bureaucracy. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 29-0, on March 2, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 90-0, June 10, 2020.

SB 2771

TAX HIKE FOR SPORTSMAN LICENSE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill is a revenue grab that increases the cost of a lifetime sportsman license for persons under 3 years of age from \$200 to \$317.64, and then indexes the price to inflation. Supporters of this bill pushed for its passage because this tax hike would allow the state to extract more federal dollars for the program. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 32-0, on June 4, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 68-14, on June 17, 2020.

SB 2826

TAX HIKES TO PAY FOR CORPORATE WELFARE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows a local government to levy a 5% privilege tax on the sale of any vocation, business or business activity within a Tourism Development Zone to pay for the debt used to fund certain corporate welfare projects. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 31-0, June 4, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 72-8, on June 10, 2020.

SB 2932

MAJOR TAX HIKE CONFERENCE REPORT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases state revenues by reducing the threshold for the collection of sales tax from marketplace facilitators on internet sales from \$500,000 to \$100,000 per year. The sales tax holiday weekend was expanded to additional items as well as restaurants and bars, and the legislature forfeited a pay raise for themselves, but overall, state and local governments will increase collections by more than \$42 million per year starting this year. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 29-0, on June 18, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 91-0, on June 19, 2020.

SB 2935

INCREASE BORROWING FOR CORPORATE WELFARE (CFGF OPPOSES)

The state previously authorized direct cash payments for two corporate welfare projects. This bill allows the state to instead issue bonds to fund \$65 million for the Amazon project in Nashville and \$50 million for a Volkswagen

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project in Chattanooga. The government should not be picking winners and losers in the marketplace, especially by borrowing money on the backs of future taxpayers. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 29-0, on June 18, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 91-0, on June 19, 2020.

SB 8002

LEGAL LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR COVID (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This pro-growth legislation protects small businesses, non-profits, hospitals, manufacturers, schools and others by setting high standards for a plaintiff to prevail in COVID liability lawsuits. Because of the pandemic, this is a much-needed bill to protect the public from frivolous lawsuits. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 27-4, on August 12, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 80-10, the same day.

SJR 648

REAFFIRM "RIGHT TO WORK" STATUS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This resolution is the first step to adding an amendment to the Constitution of Tennessee

protecting the right of Tennesseans to join or refuse to join a labor union or employee organization as a fundamental individual right. This resolution must be considered again in the next legislative session. If it successfully passes, then it can go on the statewide ballot for voter consideration in 2022. The Tennessee Senate passed this resolution, 24-5, on February 10, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 68-22, on June 17, 2020.

SJR 836

TAX HIKE FOR 911 SERVICE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This resolution ratifies the increase to the monthly statewide surcharge for 911 services from \$1.16 to \$1.50 - nearly 30 percent - as requested by the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board. With very little justification for the need of this large tax increase, the state will nevertheless collect over \$25 million a year starting next year. The Tennessee Senate passed this resolution, 20-8, on March 19, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 83-5, on the same day.

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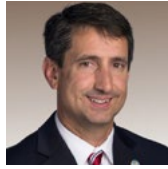
73 Republicans

26 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 45%

Average Democrat Score: 32%



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Justin Lafferty (HD-89) | 69%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Glen Casada (HD-63) | 30%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. John Windle (HD-41) | 54%



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Gloria Johnson (HD-13) | 21%

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POINTS					6	3	3	2	2	6	3	7	5	5	5	4	8	1	5	8	8	9	8	2	
Baum, Charlie	HD-37	R	44%	53%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	31
Beck, Bill	HD-51	D	22%	22%	-	-	X	-	-	6	3	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94
Boyd, Clark	HD-46	R	43%	55%	-	X	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	40
Bricken, Rush	HD-47	R	42%	50%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Byrd, David	HD-71	R	47%	56%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	X	-	-	9	8	-	15
Calfee, Kent	HD-32	R	47%	50%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	5	-	-	9	8	-	15
Camper, Karen	HD-87	D	n/a	35%	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	7	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Carr, Dale	HD-12	R	40%	47%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	X	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	65
Carter, Mike	HD-29	R	39%	55%	-	-	-	X	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	X	8	2	69
Casada, Glen	HD-63	R	30%	47%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	X	8	-	86
Cepicky, Scott	HD-64	R	45%	60%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	-	-	-	9	8	-	26
Chism, Jesse	HD-85	D	44%	38%	-	3	-	-	-	6	-	7	X	X	-	4	8	-	X	-	-	9	-	-	31
Clemmons, John	HD-55	D	29%	29%	-	3	3	2	-	6	3	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88
Cochran, Mark	HD-23	R	46%	52%	-	3	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	-	-	-	9	8	-	20
Coley, Jim	HD-97	R	35%	44%	X	X	-	-	-	6	X	X	-	X	X	4	8	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	76
Cooper, Barbara	HD-86	D	n/a	32%	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	7	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Crawford, John	HD-01	R	49%	66%	-	3	-	-	-	6	X	7	-	-	-	4	8	X	X	-	-	9	8	-	11
Curcio, Michael	HD-69	R	40%	54%	-	-	-	2	-	X	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	65
Daniel, Martin	HD-18	R	44%	57%	-	X	X	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	X	-	X	-	-	9	8	-	31
DeBerry, John	HD-90	D	44%	56%	X	-	X	-	-	6	-	7	X	X	-	X	8	X	-	-	-	9	X	-	31

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Dixie, Vincent	HD-54	D	26%	23%	-	3	X	-	-	6	3	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	91
Doggett, Clay	HD-70	R	56%	65%	-	3	-	2	-	6	3	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	5	-	-	9	8	-	4
Dunn, Bill	HD-16	R	42%	59%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Eldridge, Rick	HD-10	R	45%	53%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	-	-	-	9	8	-	26
Faison, Jeremy	HD-11	R	42%	53%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Farmer, Andrew	HD-17	R	38%	52%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	70
Freeman, Bob	HD-56	D	34%	33%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	80
Gant, Ron	HD-94	R	42%	50%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Garrett, Johnny	HD-45	R	42%	55%	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	7	-	-	-	4	8	X	-	-	-	9	8	2	45
Griffey, Bruce	HD-75	R	47%	51%	-	-	X	X	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	X	-	-	9	8	-	15
Grills, Rusty	HD-77	R	49%	49%	-	-	X	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	X	5	-	-	9	8	-	11
Hakeem, Yusuf	HD-28	D	22%	31%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	X	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94
Halford, Curtis	HD-79	R	42%	48%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Hall, Mark	HD-24	R	47%	60%	-	-	X	-	-	6	-	7	X	-	-	4	8	1	-	-	-	9	8	-	15
Hardaway, G	HD-93	D	33%	31%	X	3	-	-	-	6	3	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81
Haston, Kirk	HD-72	R	46%	51%	-	X	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	X	-	-	9	8	-	20
Hawk, David	HD-05	R	42%	46%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Hazlewood, Patsy	HD-27	R	42%	55%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Helton, Esther	HD-30	R	42%	55%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Hicks, Gary	HD-09	R	42%	48%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45

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Hill, Matthew	HD-07	R	46%	62%	-	X	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	-	-	-	9	8	-	20
Hill, Timothy	HD-03	R	42%	69%	X	X	-	X	-	6	-	7	-	X	-	4	X	X	X	-	-	9	X	-	45
Hodges, Jason	HD-67	D	24%	32%	-	X	3	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	92
Holsclaw, John	HD-04	R	42%	43%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Holt, Andy	HD-76	R	61%	71%	6	3	3	X	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	X	5	-	-	9	8	-	2
Howell, Dan	HD-22	R	46%	57%	-	-	X	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	X	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	20
Hulsey, Bud	HD-02	R	46%	63%	-	-	-	2	-	6	3	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	X	-	-	9	X	X	20
Hurt, Chris	HD-82	R	44%	59%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	31
Jernigan, Darren	HD-60	D	32%	36%	-	-	3	-	-	6	-	X	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	X	X	X	-	X	83
Johnson, Curtis	HD-68	R	44%	56%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	31
Johnson, Gloria	HD-13	D	21%	19%	-	-	3	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96
Keisling, Kelly	HD-38	R	45%	53%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	-	-	-	9	8	-	26
Kumar, Sabi	HD-66	R	38%	53%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	70
Lafferty, Justin	HD-89	R	69%	68%	6	-	X	2	-	X	X	7	-	-	-	4	8	X	5	X	X	9	8	-	1
Lamar, London	HD-91	D	35%	29%	-	X	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	76
Lamberth, William	HD-44	R	43%	55%	-	-	-	-	-	6	X	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	40
Leatherwood, Tom	HD-99	R	47%	61%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	-	-	-	9	8	2	15
Littleton, Mary	HD-78	R	51%	63%	-	-	X	X	-	6	3	7	-	-	-	4	8	X	X	-	-	9	8	-	10
Love, Harold	HD-58	D	23%	28%	-	X	-	-	-	6	X	X	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	93
Lynn, Susan	HD-57	R	40%	60%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	X	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	X	65

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POINTS					6	3	3	2	2	6	3	7	5	5	5	4	8	1	5	8	8	9	8	2	
Marsh, Pat	HD-62	R	42%	54%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Miller, Larry	HD-88	D	35%	37%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	-	X	76
Mitchell, Bo	HD-50	D	31%	33%	-	-	3	-	-	6	3	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85
Moody, Debra	HD-81	R	49%	69%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	X	-	-	9	8	2	11
Moon, Jerome	HD-08	R	42%	55%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Ogles, Brandon	HD-61	R	58%	66%	-	X	-	X	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	X	X	X	X	9	8	-	3
Parkinson, Antonio	HD-98	D	30%	32%	-	3	3	-	-	6	-	-	X	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	X	-	2	86
Potts, Jason	HD-59	D	40%	43%	-	X	3	X	-	X	X	7	-	-	-	4	X	-	X	X	X	9	-	-	65
Powell, Jason	HD-53	D	27%	29%	-	-	-	-	-	6	X	7	X	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Powers, Dennis	HD-36	R	43%	60%	-	-	-	X	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	40
Ragan, John	HD-33	R	43%	55%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	X	40
Ramsey, Bob	HD-20	R	38%	43%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	X	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	70
Reedy, Jay	HD-74	R	45%	55%	-	-	X	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	26
Rudd, Tim	HD-34	R	55%	70%	-	X	X	2	-	6	3	7	-	-	-	4	8	X	X	-	-	9	8	X	6
Rudder, Iris	HD-39	R	44%	52%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	31
Russell, Lowell	HD-21	R	37%	52%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	74
Sexton, Cameron	HD-25	R	43%	50%	-	-	-	-	-	6	X	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	40
Sexton, Jerry	HD-35	R	56%	67%	6	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	5	-	-	9	8	-	4
Shaw, Johnny	HD-80	D	35%	43%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	-	X	76
Sherrell, Paul	HD-43	R	45%	60%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	-	-	-	9	8	-	26

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POINTS					6	3	3	2	2	6	3	7	5	5	5	4	8	1	5	8	8	9	8	2	
Smith, Robin	HD-26	R	42%	55%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Sparks, Mike	HD-49	R	49%	62%	-	X	X	-	-	6	X	7	-	-	-	4	8	X	X	-	-	9	8	-	11
Staples, Rick	HD-15	D	33%	29%	-	X	-	-	-	6	-	7	X	-	-	4	X	-	X	-	-	9	-	-	81
Stewart, Mike	HD-52	D	36%	26%	-	3	3	-	-	6	3	7	-	-	X	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
Terry, Bryan	HD-48	R	n/a	89%	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	7	-	X	-	4	X	X	5	X	X	9	X	X	
Thompson, Dwayne	HD-96	D	27%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	89
Tillis, Rick	HD-92	R	42%	51%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Todd, Chris	HD-73	R	44%	54%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	X	-	-	9	8	-	31
Towns, Joe	HD-84	D	32%	34%	-	3	3	X	-	6	3	-	-	X	-	4	8	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	83
Travis, Ron	HD-31	R	53%	54%	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	7	-	X	-	4	8	X	-	X	X	9	X	-	8
Van Huss, James	HD-06	R	53%	60%	-	3	3	2	-	6	X	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	-	-	-	9	8	-	8
Vaughan, Kevin	HD-95	R	42%	43%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Weaver, Terri Lynn	HD-40	R	46%	56%	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	7	X	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	20
White, Mark	HD-83	R	42%	53%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Whitson, Sam	HD-65	R	44%	48%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	X	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	31
Williams, Ryan	HD-42	R	38%	47%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	70
Windle, John	HD-41	D	54%	59%	6	3	3	2	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	1	5	-	-	9	-	-	7
Wright, Dave	HD-19	R	42%	59%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45
Zachary, Jason	HD-14	R	42%	59%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	45

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HB 1622

INCREASE BORROWING LIMITS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the amount of principal for which the Tennessee Housing Development Agency can issue bonds from \$2.93 billion to \$4 billion for its mortgage program. Governments need to live within their means rather than borrowing money on the backs of future taxpayers. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 32-0, on June 4, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 87-4, on June 17, 2020.

HB 1708

LOCAL PRIVILEGE TAX INCREASE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows Tracy City to levy a 5 percent hotel privilege tax with the proceeds going towards the promotion of tourism and economic development. This tax-and-spend scheme is not a core function of government. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 69-13, on June 10, 2020. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 23-2, June 11, 2020.

HB 2926

HOTEL TAX FOR CORPORATE WELFARE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows for a portion of Madison County's hotel/motel tax revenues to be diverted for a corporate welfare tourism project with a two-thirds vote by the county commission. Forcing taxpayers to pay for corporate welfare is not a core function of government. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 71-12, on June 16, 2020. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 28-0, on June 18, 2020.

SB 1123

COMPLY WITH MILK REGS AND RECEIVE MONEY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill attempts to shut down raw milk consumption by preventing people from consuming milk from animals they directly own. Worse, compliance is rewarded with access to grant money for dairy and processing equipment. This bill violates private property rights, reducing individual liberty, and is not a core function of

government. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 30-0, on March 5, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 62-24, on June 9, 2020.

SB 1632

PAY FOR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows for the splitting of pay for county commissioners between base salary and meeting attendance, allowing for unfair treatment of commissioners not favored by leadership. For example, a commissioner not assigned to any committee would receive less pay. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 32-1, on February 20, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 99-0, on March 2, 2020.

SB 1727

PROHIBIT UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITIES

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill requires local governments not participating in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System to 100% fund their pensions and requires that any deficits must be made

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up in the current year. This pro-growth move protects pension holders and prevents lawmakers from diverting funds to pet projects. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 32-0, on June 4, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 88-0, on June 18, 2020.

SB 1778

TAX HIKE FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the prevailing hotel/motel tax to include short-term rentals on residential properties. It also forces companies like AirBNB and VRBO to hand over information about the owners of these properties. Rather than raise taxes on more businesses, government should be lowering taxes. The Tennessee House passed this bill, 73-11, on June 18, 2020. The Tennessee Senate passed it, 29-0, the same day.

SB 1934

ALLOWS CUSTOMERS CONTINUED ACCESS TO NATURAL GAS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits Tennessee's local governments from limiting customers' freedom to choose

natural gas as a fuel source, as some local governments have in California and Massachusetts. Interfering with voluntary exchange in pursuit of a social-engineering agenda is an abuse of power. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 29-2, on March 2, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 87-8, March 9, 2020.

SB 1956

EXPANDS CORPORATE WELFARE FOR TOURISM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill empowers industrial development corporations to now offer incentives to hotels when they previously couldn't. Even though it has statewide application, this abuse of power appears to be for the immediate benefit of one politically-connected company, the Great Wolf Lodge, in the city of Jackson. The Tennessee Senate passed the bill, 32-0, on June 4, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 90-0, on June 16, 2020.

SB 1961

MANDATED CORPORATE WELFARE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Current law allows municipally-owned natural gas utilities to donate surplus revenues to economic development organizations or chambers of commerce rather than returning that money to consumers. This bill would mandate that donation, preventing pro-growth rate reductions. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 30-0, on March 5, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 90-0, on June 17, 2020.

SB 2158

EXPANDS BROWNFIELD CORPORATE WELFARE HANDOUT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the power of government to dole out corporate welfare to politically-connected entities by reducing the land requirements and increasing the tax credits for the private development of brownfield properties. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 32-0, on February 27, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 95-0, March 12, 2020.

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SB 2313

PROHIBITION OF DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits a government entity from authorizing the destruction of public records known to be the subject of a pending public records request. It also adds the option of a fine for violations and does not absolve a public official from criminal liability for intentionally or knowingly destroying public records. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 30-0, on June 11, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 93-0, June 16, 2020.

SB 2317

EXPANDS MEDICAL CARE AGREEMENTS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

Known as the “Healthcare Empowerment Act,” the bill expands current law to allow patients to enter into medical care agreements with any licensed medical professional. This pro-growth legislation increases healthcare freedom and consumer choice by removing burdensome regulations and bureaucracy. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 29-0, on March 2, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 90-0, June 10, 2020.

SB 2771

TAX HIKE FOR SPORTSMAN LICENSE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill is a revenue grab that increases the cost of a lifetime sportsman license for persons under 3 years of age from \$200 to \$317.64, and then indexes the price to inflation. Supporters of this bill pushed for its passage because this tax hike would allow the state to extract more federal dollars for the program. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 32-0, on June 4, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 68-14, on June 17, 2020.

SB 2826

TAX HIKES TO PAY FOR CORPORATE WELFARE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows a local government to levy a 5% privilege tax on the sale of any vocation, business or business activity within a Tourism Development Zone to pay for the debt used to fund certain corporate welfare projects. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 31-0, June 4, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 72-8, on June 10, 2020.

SB 2932

MAJOR TAX HIKE CONFERENCE REPORT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases state revenues by reducing the threshold for the collection of sales tax from marketplace facilitators on internet sales from \$500,000 to \$100,000 per year. The sales tax holiday weekend was expanded to additional items as well as restaurants and bars, and the legislature forfeited a pay raise for themselves, but overall, state and local governments will increase collections by more than \$42 million per year starting this year. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 29-0, on June 18, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 91-0, on June 19, 2020.

SB 2935

INCREASE BORROWING FOR CORPORATE WELFARE (CFGF OPPOSES)

The state previously authorized direct cash payments for two corporate welfare projects. This bill allows the state to instead issue bonds to fund \$65 million for the Amazon project in Nashville and \$50 million for a Volkswagen

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project in Chattanooga. The government should not be picking winners and losers in the marketplace, especially by borrowing money on the backs of future taxpayers. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 29-0, on June 18, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 91-0, on June 19, 2020.

SB 8002

LEGAL LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR COVID (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This pro-growth legislation protects small businesses, non-profits, hospitals, manufacturers, schools and others by setting high standards for a plaintiff to prevail in COVID liability lawsuits. Because of the pandemic, this is a much-needed bill to protect the public from frivolous lawsuits. The Tennessee Senate passed this bill, 27-4, on August 12, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 80-10, the same day.

SJR 648

REAFFIRM "RIGHT TO WORK" STATUS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This resolution is the first step to adding an amendment to the Constitution of Tennessee

protecting the right of Tennesseans to join or refuse to join a labor union or employee organization as a fundamental individual right. This resolution must be considered again in the next legislative session. If it successfully passes, then it can go on the statewide ballot for voter consideration in 2022. The Tennessee Senate passed this resolution, 24-5, on February 10, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 68-22, on June 17, 2020.

SJR 836

TAX HIKE FOR 911 SERVICE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This resolution ratifies the increase to the monthly statewide surcharge for 911 services from \$1.16 to \$1.50 - nearly 30 percent - as requested by the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board. With very little justification for the need of this large tax increase, the state will nevertheless collect over \$25 million a year starting next year. The Tennessee Senate passed this resolution, 20-8, on March 19, 2020. The Tennessee House passed it, 83-5, on the same day.

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