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Indiana State Economic Scorecard

See how Members of Indiana'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. This 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.

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Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Indiana’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 examines 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 examines 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 INDIANA IN 2023

The Foundation’s study examined over 950 floor votes and, in the end, included 15 Indiana House votes and 15 Indiana 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 #100 in the House and #50 in the Senate if all lawmakers are present. 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 2023 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 Indiana House and Indiana 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,
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Indiana Senate Snapshot

50 MEMBERS

40 Republicans

10 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 40%

(Down from 52% in 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 22%

(Down from 39% in 2022)



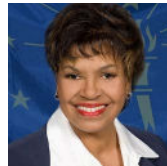
HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Sen. Michael Young (SD-35) | **71%**



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Sen. Eric Bassler (SD-39) | **19%**



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Sen. Jean Breaux (SD-34) | **32%**



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Sen. David Niezgodski (SD-10) | **4%**

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
POINTS					6	6	10	6	4	8	8	8	8	8	6	4	9	4	5	
Alexander, Scott	SD-26	R	57%	57%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	8	8	-	-	9	X	-	6
Alting, Ronnie	SD-22	R	32%	37%	-	6	-	6	4	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Baldwin, Scott	SD-20	R	30%	39%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Bassler, Eric	SD-39	R	19%	42%	X	X	-	X	4	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	9	-	-	46
Becker, Vaneta	SD-50	R	34%	38%	-	6	10	6	4	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Bohacek, Mike	SD-08	R	23%	33%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	44
Bray, Rodric	SD-37	R	30%	38%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Breaux, Jean	SD-34	D	32%	31%	-	-	10	-	4	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	25
Brown, Liz	SD-15	R	38%	48%	6	6	-	6	4	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Buchanan, Brian	SD-07	R	39%	41%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	17
Buck, James	SD-21	R	30%	43%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Busch, Justin	SD-16	R	39%	45%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	17
Byrne, Gary	SD-47	R	47%	56%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	8	-	-	-	9	-	-	8
Charbonneau, Ed	SD-05	R	30%	38%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Crane, John	SD-24	R	65%	60%	6	6	-	X	4	8	-	8	8	8	-	-	9	4	-	3
Crider, Michael	SD-28	R	39%	41%	6	6	-	6	4	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	17
Deery, Spencer	SD-23	R	40%	40%	6	6	-	6	4	8	-	8	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	16
Dernulc, Daniel	SD-01	R	43%	43%	6	6	-	6	4	8	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	5	14
Donato, Stacey	SD-18	R	38%	49%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Doriot, Blake	SD-12	R	46%	43%	6	6	-	6	4	8	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	12

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POINTS					6	6	10	6	4	8	8	8	8	8	6	4	9	4	5	
Ford, J.D.	SD-29	D	31%	31%	-	-	10	-	4	-	8	-	-	8	-	-	-	X	-	28
Ford, Jon	SD-38	R	29%	38%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	-	43
Freeman, Aaron	SD-32	R	58%	55%	6	6	-	6	4	8	8	8	-	8	-	-	-	4	-	5
Garten, Chris	SD-45	R	30%	46%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Gaskill, Mike	SD-25	R	47%	63%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	8	-	-	-	9	-	-	8
Glick, Susan	SD-13	R	30%	38%	6	6	-	6	4	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Holdman, Travis	SD-19	R	30%	39%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Hunley, Andrea	SD-46	D	31%	31%	-	-	10	-	4	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	28
Johnson, Tyler	SD-14	R	67%	67%	6	6	-	6	4	8	-	8	8	8	-	4	9	-	-	2
Koch, Eric	SD-44	R	30%	45%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Leising, Jean	SD-42	R	47%	52%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	9	-	-	8
Melton, Eddie	SD-03	D	15%	32%	-	-	10	-	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	47
Messmer, Mark	SD-48	R	30%	37%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Mishler, Ryan	SD-09	R	41%	41%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	X	X	-	X	X	-	15
Niemeyer, Rick	SD-06	R	44%	52%	6	6	-	6	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	5	13
Niezgodski, David	SD-10	D	4%	22%	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Perfect, Chip	SD-43	R	31%	47%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	28
Pol, Rodney	SD-04	D	14%	28%	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Qaddoura, Fady	SD-30	D	30%	36%	-	-	10	-	4	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Raatz, Jeff	SD-27	R	51%	49%	6	6	-	6	4	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	9	4	-	7

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Randolph, Lonnie	SD-02	D	12%	28%	-	-	10	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Rogers, Linda	SD-11	R	30%	39%	6	6	-	6	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Sandlin, Jack	SD-36	R	38%	47%	6	6	-	6	4	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Taylor, Greg	SD-33	D	22%	29%	-	-	10	-	4	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
Tomes, James	SD-49	R	39%	51%	6	6	-	6	4	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	17
Walker, Greg	SD-41	R	47%	50%	6	6	-	6	4	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	8
Walker, Kyle	SD-31	R	32%	40%	-	6	-	6	4	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Yoder, Shelli	SD-40	D	30%	36%	-	-	10	-	4	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Young, R. Michael	SD-35	R	71%	63%	6	6	X	6	4	8	8	-	8	-	-	-	9	4	5	1
Zay, Andy	SD-17	R	59%	58%	6	6	-	6	4	8	-	8	8	-	-	-	9	4	-	4

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HB 1001 AMDT 20

COST-DRIVING CLIMATE AMENDMENT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This amendment to the budget creates a new task force predicated on central planning climate zealotry. Specifically, the legislation creates a statewide task force to develop a plan to curtail the timber industry, implement an onerous carbon credit system that will raise the cost of goods and services for all Hoosiers, expand subsidized mass transit systems, enact green energy mandates for schools, and fund a “statewide climate action plan” that will ultimately reward progressive interests with millions in taxpayer subsidies. The Indiana Senate rejected the amendment, 13-36, on April 17, 2023.

HB 1001 AMDT 16

EDUCATION SPENDING BINGE AMENDMENT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This amendment to the budget increases K-12 education spending for a biennial budget that

is already 19.3 percent higher than the previous budget agreement. Specifically, the Ford amendment appropriates an additional \$425 million for K-12 education spending despite the budget’s record \$21 billion in K-12 spending over the FY2024-2025 biennium. The Indiana Senate rejected the amendment, 10-39, on April 17, 2023.

HB 1001

PROFLIGATE BIENNIAL BUDGET AGREEMENT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$44.6 billion in spending for the State General Fund for FY2024-25. This is a 19.3 percent increase over the previous biennial budget. The legislation includes a 58 percent increase from the previous biennium for crony economic development initiatives, a 44 percent increase in Medicaid spending equal to \$2.5 billion, and an 11 percent increase in K-12 spending that includes expanded access to existing school choice programs. Additionally, the budget expedites the previous income tax

reduction over five years instead of seven years which will provide an estimated \$430 million in tax relief over the next two years. Nevertheless, the substantial increase in baseline spending threatens the long-term fiscal outlook of the state and saddles hardworking Hoosiers with potential future tax-and-spend burdens. The Indiana House passed the bill, 70-27, on April 28, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 39-10, on the same day.

HB 1008

PROHIBITION ON TAXPAYER-FINANCED ESG INVESTMENTS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill enacts safeguards ensuring asset managers responsible for overseeing the portfolios of Indiana’s \$46 billion pension fund remain faithful to their fiduciary duty. Specifically, the legislation empowers the state Treasurer to identify and publicly list investment managers that prioritize woke Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) practices and prohibits the Indiana Retirement System Board

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from entering into contracts with such firms. The bill could be stronger, as it carves out the state's defined-contribution plans from its oversight and provides exemptions for private equity that could provide loopholes exposing taxpayers to ideologically driven investments. The Indiana House passed the bill, 66-30, on February 27, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 38-9, on April 13, 2023.

HB 1343

AGENCY OCCUPATIONAL REGULATORY REVIEW

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a mandatory review process for occupational regulations. Specifically, the legislation confines occupational regulations to policies that are demonstrably necessary to protect public health, safety, or welfare. Additionally, the bill requires every state agency to undertake a review of all its occupational regulations and issue recommendations for repeal or reform of any regulation that does not conform to the new standard. Further, the bill provides a pathway for individuals in a licensed profession to petition an agency

for regulatory relief or removal. The Indiana House passed the bill, 86-4, on April 18, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed the bill, 48-0, on April 11, 2023.

HB 1420

MONOPOLY PROTECTIONS FOR UTILITY COMPANIES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill affirmatively implements statutory favoritism for existing electric utility providers. Specifically, the legislation gives incumbent utility companies the right of first refusal for the construction or upgrade of electric transmission facilities approved through a regional transmission organization. This monopolistic approach effectively eliminates competitive bidding processes when it comes to transmission facilities, opening the door for prospective rate increases on Hoosiers as well as cost increases for project development. The Indiana House passed the bill, 55-39, on April 20, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 32-17, on April 18, 2023.

HB 1454

SPECIAL INTEREST OMNIBUS TAX PACKAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements and expands multiple tax credits, exemptions, and carve-outs while also facilitating numerous local tax increases. Specifically, the legislation implements a \$10 million crony state historic rehabilitation tax credit equal to 30 percent of qualified expenses for the federal credit, a new \$3.4 million tax credit for employers who hire disabled workers equal to 20 percent of the worker's wages, increases taxes on cigar distribution by imposing a \$1 tax cap per cigar, authorizes four new municipal food and beverage taxes, and greenlights two new municipal tourism taxes. While the bill includes some pro-growth measures, it is swamped by the grab bag of special interest handouts and niche tax hikes. The Indiana House passed the bill, 76-20, on April 28, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 35-15, on the same day.

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HB 1623

SIGNIFICANT STATE REGULATORY REFORM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements significant reforms to administrative rulemaking and oversight. Specifically, the legislation requires the Office of Management and Budget to review and analyze the impact of all regulations, requires the Budget Committee to review all rules that increase fees or fines, mandates that all adopted regulations be affirmatively readopted after five years, and curbs specific and excessive regulatory efforts on coal ash and pesticides. Additionally, the bill creates a process for fee recovery against agencies that unlawfully act outside their regulatory scope. These measures greatly increase oversight of unelected bureaucrats who often promulgate rules that overly burden hardworking taxpayers. The Indiana House passed the bill, 66-28, on April 27, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 29-19, on the same day.

SB 4

MASSIVE PUBLIC HEALTH SPENDING PACKAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the authority and scope of state public health departments in Indiana. Specifically, the legislation empowers the Indiana Department of Health to impose directives on local health departments, mandates new onerous reporting requirements, creates a new trauma commission, and requires local health boards to establish local funds to receive newly appropriated state funding. The estimated cost of this public health expansion is \$225 million over the first two years with future spending determined by the legislature. While streamlining and modernizing public health remains laudable, this legislation creates a more centralized structure, curtails the independence of local departments, expands bureaucracy, and creates a new permanent funding stream for the expanded bureaucratic structure. The Indiana House passed the bill, 74-21, on April 27, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 39-10, on the same day.

SB 155

EPA AIR POLLUTION BLACKMAIL SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill accedes to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's demand to increase state air pollution fees or face a federal takeover. Specifically, the legislation increases annual air operating permit fees from \$2,381 to \$6,100 per year—an increase of 156 percent. This environmental penalty is estimated to cost Indiana businesses \$21.5 million over five years—with the prospect of future increases every five years. Instead of imposing costly and onerous burdens onto the backs of Hooser businesses in perpetuity to appease a federal bureaucracy, lawmakers should instead look for ways to scale back Title V requirements, curtail green energy mandates, or challenge federal policies in court if necessary. The Indiana House passed the bill, 76-19, on March 28, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 42-6, on April 4, 2023.

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SB 265

EXPANDED WELFARE ELIGIBILITY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands both eligibility and benefits for a state welfare program, undercutting the stronger work requirements enacted the previous year. Specifically, this bill increases taxpayer-funded benefits in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program by 60 percent per month while raising the eligibility threshold to 50 percent of the federal poverty level from its current level of 16 percent. Instead of expanding welfare programs, lawmakers should enact policy reforms that encourage re-employment which leads to a healthier and more productive workforce that reduces poverty and serves as a foundation for sustainable growth. The Indiana House passed the bill, 93-4, on April 4, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 48-0, on April 10, 2023.

SB 326

EXPANDED SPORTS TAXATION SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes an expanded tax grab through the Professional Sports and Convention

Development program for minor league baseball facilities in South Bend. Specifically, the legislation increases the sales tax cap from \$2 million to \$5 million per year within the city of South Bend to renovate the Four Winds Field and its complex. Additionally, the bill creates a new sports development area in Fishers and authorizes up to \$2 million per year in approved new sales taxes. These renovations are better left to private investors and the free market instead of imposing new and increased tax burdens on hardworking Hoosiers and their families. The Indiana House passed the bill, 86-8, on April 12, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 46-1, on April 24, 2023.

SB 390

GREEN NEW DEAL EXPANSION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill establishes a new program within the Indiana Office of Energy Development designed to expand costly wind and solar energy projects at the local level. Specifically, the legislation empowers the new Solar and Wind Energy Ready Communities Development Center to certify and incentivize counties and

municipalities to adopt costly and unreliable green energy projects. Additionally, the bill creates a new taxpayer-financed grant program for local governments to develop such projects equal to \$1 per megawatt hour of electricity generated. Hardworking Hoosiers are already facing persistent inflation and high energy costs without lawmakers attempting to coerce local officials to compound their pain. The Indiana House passed the bill, 86-8, on March 28, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 32-16, on April 4, 2023.

SB 417

NEW LOCAL INCOME TAXES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes the imposition of new local income taxes (LITs) across Indiana. Specifically, the legislation authorizes counties to impose a 0.2 percent LIT to pay for county staff expenses related to the state judicial system in the associated county, in effect creating potentially 92 new local income taxes across the state. While the legislation also expands exemptions for nonprofits for the collection of sales taxes, lawmakers should logroll charitable

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exemptions with a blanket authorization to further tax hardworking Hoosiers. If localities need to pay for operating and staff expenses, they should better prioritize existing spending decisions. The Indiana House passed it, 94-3, on April 4, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 37-5, on April 19, 2023.

SB 428

NEW FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAXES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes the creation of two new local taxes. Specifically, the legislation allows the cities of Jasper and Merrillville to impose food and beverage taxes for capital construction and tourism promotion efforts. Estimates suggest the bill would impose \$3.6 million in new taxation on tourists and consumers in Merrillville in FY2024-25 and \$1 million in Jasper over the same period. Lawmakers should focus on attracting business and facilitating growth through low regulation and taxation as opposed to targeted efforts to engage in revenue grabs. The Indiana Senate passed the bill, 46-3, on February 27, 2023. The Indiana House did not take it up.

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100 MEMBERS

70 Republicans

30 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 39%

(Down from 53% in 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 24%

(Down from 36% in 2022)



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Becky Cash (HD-37) | 76%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Robert Cherry (HD-53) | 18%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Ryan Dvorak (HD-8) | 42%



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Ragen Hatcher (HD-3) | 12%

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POINTS					7	10	6	4	6	4	8	8	8	8	8	6	4	9	4	
Abbott, David	HD-018	R	38%	44%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	9	-	29
Andrade, Mike	HD-012	D	18%	22%	-	10	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Aylesworth, Michael	HD-011	R	29%	42%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Baird, Beau	HD-044	R	50%	51%	7	-	X	4	-	X	8	-	8	8	8	-	X	-	-	18
Barrett, Bradford	HD-056	R	29%	39%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Bartels, Steve	HD-074	R	43%	44%	7	-	6	X	-	4	8	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	25
Bartlett, John	HD-095	D	20%	28%	X	10	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86
Bauer, Maureen	HD-006	D	30%	31%	-	10	-	-	-	4	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49
Behning, Robert	HD-091	R	32%	42%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	X	-	41
Borders, Bruce	HD-045	R	57%	53%	7	-	6	4	-	4	8	-	8	8	8	-	4	-	-	8
Boy, Patricia	HD-009	D	14%	28%	-	10	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98
Campbell, Chris	HD-026	D	22%	27%	-	10	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
Carbaugh, Martin	HD-081	R	32%	45%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	X	-	-	-	-	41
Cash, Becky	HD-025	R	76%	76%	X	-	6	4	-	4	8	8	8	8	8	-	4	9	4	1
Cherry, Robert	HD-053	R	18%	38%	X	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	89
Clere, Edward	HD-072	R	31%	41%	7	-	-	4	-	4	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Criswell, Cory	HD-054	R	46%	46%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	9	-	19
Culp, Kendell	HD-016	R	29%	29%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Davis, Michelle	HD-058	R	53%	52%	7	-	6	4	-	4	8	-	8	8	8	-	-	-	-	14
DeLaney, Edward	HD-086	D	22%	29%	-	10	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82

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DeVon, Dale	HD-005	R	29%	39%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Dvorak, Ryan	HD-008	D	42%	47%	-	10	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	8	-	4	-	4	26
Engleman, Karen	HD-070	R	29%	42%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Errington, Sue	HD-034	D	34%	30%	-	10	-	4	-	4	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Fleming, Rita	HD-071	D	16%	33%	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	96
Frye, Randall	HD-067	R	29%	41%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Garcia Wilburn, Victoria	HD-032	D	18%	18%	-	10	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Genda, Mark	HD-041	R	29%	29%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
GiaQuinta, Philip	HD-080	D	34%	31%	-	10	-	4	-	4	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Goodrich, Chuck	HD-029	R	45%	46%	7	-	6	4	-	4	8	-	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	20
Gore, Mitchell	HD-089	D	28%	26%	-	10	-	4	X	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	68
Greene, Robb	HD-047	R	54%	54%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	8	8	-	-	9	-	13
Haggard, Craig	HD-057	R	53%	53%	7	-	6	4	-	4	8	-	8	8	8	-	-	-	-	14
Hall, David	HD-062	R	29%	29%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Hamilton, Carey	HD-087	D	34%	37%	-	10	-	4	-	4	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Harris, Earl	HD-002	D	20%	26%	-	10	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	86
Hatcher, Ragen	HD-003	D	12%	29%	X	10	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99
Hatfield, Ryan	HD-077	D	38%	36%	-	10	X	4	-	X	8	8	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	29
Heaton, Robert	HD-046	R	29%	42%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Heine, Dave	HD-085	R	29%	39%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51

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POINTS					7	10	6	4	6	4	8	8	8	8	8	6	4	9	4	
Hostettler, Matt	HD-064	R	55%	62%	7	-	6	4	-	4	X	-	8	8	X	-	4	X	-	11
Huston, Todd	HD-037	R	n/a	38%	X	-	6	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Jackson, Carolyn	HD-001	D	18%	25%	-	10	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Jeter, Christopher	HD-088	R	53%	59%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	8	8	8	8	-	-	-	-	14
Johnson, Blake	HD-100	D	34%	30%	-	10	-	4	-	4	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Jordan, Jack	HD-017	R	37%	48%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	32
Judy, Christopher	HD-083	R	38%	53%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	9	-	29
Karickhoff, Michael	HD-030	R	23%	39%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
King, Joanna	HD-049	R	41%	49%	X	-	6	4	-	4	8	-	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	27
Klinker, Sheila	HD-027	D	26%	30%	-	10	-	4	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Lauer, Ryan	HD-059	R	29%	42%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Ledbetter, Cindy	HD-075	R	30%	41%	7	-	6	4	-	X	X	-	8	-	-	-	X	-	-	49
Lehman, Matthew	HD-079	R	32%	44%	7	-	6	4	-	4	X	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Lindauer, Shane	HD-063	R	37%	52%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	32
Lucas, Jim	HD-069	R	61%	49%	7	-	6	4	-	4	X	8	8	X	8	6	-	-	-	4
Lyness, Randy	HD-068	R	29%	44%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Manning, Ethan	HD-023	R	32%	44%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	X	-	41
May, Chris	HD-065	R	27%	37%	7	-	6	4	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	-	X	-	-	69
Mayfield, Peggy	HD-060	R	37%	45%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	32
McGuire, Julie	HD-093	R	57%	57%	7	-	6	4	X	4	-	-	8	8	8	-	-	9	-	8

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POINTS					7	10	6	4	6	4	8	8	8	8	8	6	4	9	4	
McNamara, Wendy	HD-076	R	26%	44%	7	-	6	X	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Meltzer, Jennifer	HD-073	R	37%	37%	7	-	6	4	-	4	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Miller, Doug	HD-048	R	37%	43%	7	-	6	4	-	4	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Miller, Kyle	HD-082	D	18%	18%	-	10	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Moed, Justin	HD-097	D	23%	34%	-	X	-	4	-	X	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
Morris, Robert	HD-084	R	53%	52%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	8	8	8	8	-	-	-	-	14
Morrison, Alan	HD-042	R	45%	50%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	8	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	20
Moseley, Chuck	HD-010	D	18%	28%	-	10	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Negele, Sharon	HD-013	R	32%	43%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	X	-	-	X	41
O'Brien, Timothy	HD-078	R	32%	41%	7	-	6	4	-	4	X	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Olthoff, Julie	HD-019	R	29%	40%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Pack, Renee	HD-092	D	26%	31%	-	10	-	4	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Patterson, Lindsay	HD-055	R	41%	41%	X	-	6	4	-	4	8	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	27
Payne, Zach	HD-066	R	71%	81%	7	X	6	4	-	4	8	X	X	X	8	6	4	-	-	2
Pfaff, Tonya	HD-043	D	26%	31%	-	10	-	4	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Pierce, Kyle	HD-036	R	59%	59%	7	-	6	4	-	4	8	X	8	-	8	-	-	9	-	6
Pierce, Matt	HD-061	D	18%	30%	-	10	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Porter, Gregory	HD-096	D	26%	32%	-	10	-	4	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Prescott, John	HD-033	R	55%	59%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	8	8	8	-	6	4	-	-	11
Pressel, Jim	HD-020	R	29%	40%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51

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Pryor, Cherrish	HD-094	D	23%	29%	-	10	-	4	-	X	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
Rowray, Elizabeth	HD-035	R	26%	38%	7	-	6	4	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
Schaibley, Donna	HD-024	R	32%	43%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	8	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Shackleford, Robin	HD-098	D	22%	28%	-	10	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
Slager, Harold	HD-015	R	29%	43%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Smaltz, Ben	HD-052	R	29%	44%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Smith, Vernon	HD-014	D	15%	31%	-	X	-	4	-	X	8	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Snow, Craig	HD-022	R	24%	37%	X	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
Soliday, Edmond	HD-004	R	20%	38%	X	-	6	X	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	86
Speedy, Mike	HD-090	R	57%	48%	7	-	X	4	-	4	8	-	8	X	8	X	4	-	X	8
Steuerwald, Gregory	HD-040	R	29%	42%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	51
Summers, Vanessa	HD-099	D	23%	28%	-	10	-	X	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
Sweet, Lorissa	HD-050	R	70%	70%	7	-	6	4	-	4	8	-	8	8	8	-	4	9	4	3
Teshka, Jake	HD-007	R	61%	56%	7	-	6	4	-	4	8	8	8	8	8	-	-	-	-	4
Thompson, Jeffrey	HD-028	R	23%	41%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
Torr, Gerald	HD-039	R	45%	46%	7	-	6	4	-	4	8	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
VanNatter, Heath	HD-038	R	58%	54%	X	-	6	4	-	4	8	8	8	8	-	6	X	-	-	7
Vermilion, Ann	HD-031	R	45%	50%	7	-	6	4	-	4	8	-	8	-	X	-	-	X	-	20
Wesco, Timothy	HD-021	R	45%	50%	7	-	6	4	-	4	-	-	8	8	8	-	-	-	-	20
Zent, Dennis	HD-051	R	21%	39%	7	-	X	X	-	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	85

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HB 1001 AMDT 14

BUDGET BUSTING PORTER AMENDMENT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This amendment to the budget substantially increases spending for a biennial budget that is already 19.3 percent higher than the previous budget. Specifically, the Porter amendment appropriates \$50 million for the government to acquire new land, includes a 1,150 percent increase for historic preservation grants totaling \$20 million, a 50 percent increase in crony economic development manufacturing subsidies totaling \$60 million, greenlights a 1,567 percent increase in low-income development account subsidies equal to \$20 million, and provides a \$40 million increase in transit subsidies equal to \$130 million among numerous other spending binges. The Indiana House rejected the amendment, 28-62, on February 22, 2023. The Indiana Senate did not take it up.

HB 1001

PROFLIGATE BIENNIAL BUDGET AGREEMENT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$44.6 billion in spending for the State General Fund for FY2024-25. This is a 19.3 percent increase over the previous biennial budget. The legislation includes a 58 percent increase from the previous biennium for crony economic development initiatives, a 44 percent increase in Medicaid spending equal to \$2.5 billion, and an 11 percent increase in K-12 spending that includes expanded access to existing school choice programs. Additionally, the budget expedites the previous income tax reduction over five years instead of seven years which will provide an estimated \$430 million in tax relief over the next two years. Nevertheless, the substantial increase in baseline spending threatens the long-term fiscal outlook of the state and saddles hardworking Hoosiers with potential future tax-and-spend burdens. The Indiana House passed the bill, 70-27, on April 28, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 39-10, on the same day.

HB 1008

PROHIBITION ON TAXPAYER-FINANCED ESG INVESTMENTS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill enacts safeguards ensuring asset managers responsible for overseeing the portfolios of Indiana's \$46 billion pension fund remain faithful to their fiduciary duty. Specifically, the legislation empowers the state Treasurer to identify and publicly list investment managers that prioritize woke Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) practices and prohibits the Indiana Retirement System Board from entering into contracts with such firms. The bill could be stronger, as it carves out the state's defined-contribution plans from its oversight and provides exemptions for private equity that could provide loopholes exposing taxpayers to ideologically driven investments. The Indiana House passed the bill, 66-30, on February 27, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 38-9, on April 13, 2023.

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HB 1179

MODEST LICENSING REFORMS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements several common-sense occupational licensing changes. Specifically, the legislation allows for the reinstatement of professional licenses that were retired or inactive so long as the license holder was not under conduct review and eliminates random continuing education audits. Additionally, the bill automatically licenses an individual with a provisional license or reciprocity certificate if a specific board has not made a determination after one year and adds several non-health professions including realtors, home inspectors, cosmetologists, and surveyors to the general reciprocity agreement. The Indiana House passed the bill, 86-7, on February 16, 2023. The Indiana Senate did not take it up.

HB 1290

FRAUD-PRONE WELFARE PROGRAM EXPANSION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands Indiana's earned income tax credit (EITC) welfare program and couples it

with the federal credit. Specifically, the legislation increases the amount of the state credit from 10 percent of the federal EITC to 12 percent for lower-income households—a subsidy estimated to cost between \$40 and \$46 million each year. Previous analyses have shown that nearly 33 percent of federal EITC payments are fraudulent—equal to more than \$18 billion in unnecessary spending in 2023 alone. Instead of expanding welfare programs, lawmakers should enact policy reforms that encourage full employment without exposing hardworking families and households to subsidizing programs that lead to fraud and cycles of dependency. The Indiana House passed the bill, 97-0, on February 6, 2023. The Indiana Senate did not take it up.

HB 1343

AGENCY OCCUPATIONAL REGULATORY REVIEW

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a mandatory review process for occupational regulations. Specifically, the legislation confines occupational regulations to policies that are demonstrably necessary to protect public health, safety, or welfare.

Additionally, the bill requires every state agency to undertake a review of all its occupational regulations and issue recommendations for repeal or reform of any regulation that does not conform to the new standard. Further, the bill provides a pathway for individuals in a licensed profession to petition an agency for regulatory relief or removal. The Indiana House passed the bill, 86-4, on April 18, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed the bill, 48-0, on April 11, 2023.

HB 1420

MONOPOLY PROTECTIONS FOR UTILITY COMPANIES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill affirmatively implements statutory favoritism for existing electric utility providers. Specifically, the legislation gives incumbent utility companies the right of first refusal for the construction or upgrade of electric transmission facilities approved through a regional transmission organization. This monopolistic approach effectively eliminates competitive bidding processes when it comes to transmission facilities, opening the door for prospective rate increases on Hoosiers as well as cost increases

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for project development. The Indiana House passed the bill, 55-39, on April 20, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 32-17, on April 18, 2023.

HB 1454

SPECIAL INTEREST OMNIBUS TAX PACKAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements and expands multiple tax credits, exemptions, and carve-outs while also facilitating numerous local tax increases. Specifically, the legislation implements a \$10 million crony state historic rehabilitation tax credit equal to 30 percent of qualified expenses for the federal credit, a new \$3.4 million tax credit for employers who hire disabled workers equal to 20 percent of the worker's wages, increases taxes on cigar distribution by imposing a \$1 tax cap per cigar, authorizes four new municipal food and beverage taxes, and greenlights two new municipal tourism taxes. While the bill includes some pro-growth measures, it is swamped by the grab bag of special interest handouts and niche tax hikes. The Indiana House passed the bill, 76-20, on April 28, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 35-15, on the same day.

HB 1623

SIGNIFICANT STATE REGULATORY REFORM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements significant reforms to administrative rulemaking and oversight. Specifically, the legislation requires the Office of Management and Budget to review and analyze the impact of all regulations, requires the Budget Committee to review all rules that increase fees or fines, mandates that all adopted regulations be affirmatively readopted after five years, and curbs specific and excessive regulatory efforts on coal ash and pesticides. Additionally, the bill creates a process for fee recovery against agencies that unlawfully act outside their regulatory scope. These measures greatly increase oversight of unelected bureaucrats who often promulgate rules that overly burden hardworking taxpayers. The Indiana House passed the bill, 66-28, on April 27, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 29-19, on the same day.

SB 4

MASSIVE PUBLIC HEALTH SPENDING PACKAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the authority and scope of state public health departments in Indiana. Specifically, the legislation empowers the Indiana Department of Health to impose directives on local health departments, mandates new onerous reporting requirements, creates a new trauma commission, and requires local health boards to establish local funds to receive newly appropriated state funding. The estimated cost of this public health expansion is \$225 million over the first two years with future spending determined by the legislature. While streamlining and modernizing public health remains laudable, this legislation creates a more centralized structure, curtails the independence of local departments, expands bureaucracy, and creates a new permanent funding stream for the expanded bureaucratic structure. The Indiana House passed the bill, 74-21, on April 27, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 39-10, on the same day.

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SB 155

EPA AIR POLLUTION BLACKMAIL SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill accedes to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s demand to increase state air pollution fees or face a federal takeover. Specifically, the legislation increases annual air operating permit fees from \$2,381 to \$6,100 per year—an increase of 156 percent. This environmental penalty is estimated to cost Indiana businesses \$21.5 million over five years—with the prospect of future increases every five years. Instead of imposing costly and onerous burdens onto the backs of Hooser businesses in perpetuity to appease a federal bureaucracy, lawmakers should instead look for ways to scale back Title V requirements, curtail green energy mandates, or challenge federal policies in court if necessary. The Indiana House passed the bill, 76-19, on March 28, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 42-6, on April 4, 2023.

SB 265

EXPANDED WELFARE ELIGIBILITY (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands both eligibility and benefits for a state welfare program, undercutting the stronger work requirements enacted the previous year. Specifically, this bill increases taxpayer-funded benefits in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program by 60 percent per month while raising the eligibility threshold to 50 percent of the federal poverty level from its current level of 16 percent. Instead of expanding welfare programs, lawmakers should enact policy reforms that encourage re-employment which leads to a healthier and more productive workforce that reduces poverty and serves as a foundation for sustainable growth. The Indiana House passed the bill, 93-4, on April 4, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 48-0, on April 10, 2023.

SB 326

EXPANDED SPORTS TAXATION SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes an expanded tax grab through the Professional Sports and Convention Development program for minor league baseball facilities in South Bend. Specifically, the legislation increases the sales tax cap from \$2 million to \$5 million per year within the city of South Bend to renovate the Four Winds Field and its complex. Additionally, the bill creates a new sports development area in Fishers and authorizes up to \$2 million per year in approved new sales taxes. These renovations are better left to private investors and the free market instead of imposing new and increased tax burdens on hardworking Hoosiers and their families. The Indiana House passed the bill, 86-8, on April 12, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 46-1, on April 24, 2023.

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SB 390

GREEN NEW DEAL EXPANSION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill establishes a new program within the Indiana Office of Energy Development designed to expand costly wind and solar energy projects at the local level. Specifically, the legislation empowers the new Solar and Wind Energy Ready Communities Development Center to certify and incentivize counties and municipalities to adopt costly and unreliable green energy projects. Additionally, the bill creates a new taxpayer-financed grant program for local governments to develop such projects equal to \$1 per megawatt hour of electricity generated. Hardworking Hoosiers are already facing persistent inflation and high energy costs without lawmakers attempting to coerce local officials to compound their pain. The Indiana House passed the bill, 86-8, on March 28, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 32-16, on April 4, 2023.

SB 417

NEW LOCAL INCOME TAXES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes the imposition of new local income taxes (LITs) across Indiana. Specifically, the legislation authorizes counties to impose a 0.2 percent LIT to pay for county staff expenses related to the state judicial system in the associated county, in effect creating potentially 92 new local income taxes across the state. While the legislation also expands exemptions for nonprofits for the collection of sales taxes, lawmakers should logroll charitable exemptions with a blanket authorization to further tax hardworking Hoosiers. If localities need to pay for operating and staff expenses, they should better prioritize existing spending decisions. The Indiana House passed it, 94-3, on April 4, 2023. The Indiana Senate passed it, 37-5, on April 19, 2023.

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