



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 Legislative and Missed Votes Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of legislators who serve in state legislatures and to bring awareness to lawmakers. The Foundation's State Legislative Scorecards, such as this scorecard, specifically inform the public about the positions taken by legislators in a particular state on economic growth issues.

# 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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# Methodology | Arizona 2021

Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Arizona'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 Club'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.

### **2021 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN ARIZONA**

The Foundation's study examined over 1,500 floor votes and, in the end, included 15 Arizona House votes and 18 Arizona 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 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 2021 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 Arizona House and Arizona 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 progrowth 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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**30 MEMBERS** 

# Arizona Senate Snapshot



**16 Republicans** 

14 Democrats

**O Vacancies** 

**Average Republican Score: 88%** (Up from 73% in 2020)

**Average Democrat Score: 2%** 

(Down from 5% in 2020)



**HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN** Senator Warren Petersen (SD-12) | 100%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN Senator Thomas Shope (SD-08) | 70%



**HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT** Senator Juan Mendez (SD-26) | 11%



**LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS** Multiple with 1%

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Name	District	Party	Score	Life- score	HB2570	HB2820	HB2906	HCR2023	SB1040	SB1041	SB1108	SB1124	SB1149	SB1176	SB1268	SB1327	SB1452	SB1713	SB1783	SB1828	SCR1003	SCR1024	Rank
PRO-GROWTH POSITION					Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Y	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
POINTS					4	7	6	2	5	5	7	6	1	2	6	4	11	5	7	10	6	6	
Alston, Lela	SD-24	D	1%	1%	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	21
Barto, Nancy	SD-15	R	91%	85%	4	-	6	2	5	5	7	6	1	-	6	4	11	5	7	10	6	6	4
Borrelli, Sonny	SD-05	R	83%	77%	4	7	6	2	-	5	7	-	1	-	6	-	11	5	7	10	6	6	11
Bowie, Sean	SD-18	D	8%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Boyer, Paul	SD-20	R	86%	78%	4	-	6	2	-	5	7	6	1	-	6	4	11	5	7	10	6	6	9
Contreras, Lupe	SD-19	D	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Engel, Kirsten	SD-10	D	1%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Fann, Karen	SD-01	R	83%	76%	4	7	6	2	-	5	7	-	1	-	6	-	11	5	7	10	6	6	11
Gabaldon, Rosanna	SD-02	D	1%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Gonzales, Sally Ann	SD-03	D	1%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Gowan, David	SD-14	R	83%	79%	4	7	6	2	-	5	7	-	1	-	6	-	11	5	7	10	6	6	11
Gray, Rick	SD-21	R	89%	79%	4	7	6	2	-	5	7	6	1	-	6	-	11	5	7	10	6	6	5
Kerr, Sine	SD-13	R	87%	78%	4	7	6	2	-	5	7	-	1	-	6	4	11	5	7	10	6	6	7
Leach, Vince	SD-11	R	87%	84%	4	7	6	2	-	5	7	-	1	-	6	4	11	5	7	10	6	6	7
Livingston, David	SD-22	R	83%	84%	4	7	6	2	-	5	7	-	1	-	6	-	11	5	7	10	6	6	11
Marsh, Christine	SD-28	D	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Mendez, Juan	SD-26	D	11%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Mesnard, J.D.	SD-17	R	93%	83%	4	7	6	2	-	5	7	6	1	-	6	4	11	5	7	10	6	6	3
Navarrete, Tony	SD-30	D	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Otondo, Lisa	SD-04	D	1%	3%	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21

## **Arizona 2021 | Senate Scorecard (Continued)**

Name	District	Party	Score	Life- score	HB2570	HB2820	HB2906	HCR2023	SB1040	SB1041	SB1108	SB1124	SB1149	SB1176	SB1268	SB1327	SB1452	SB1713	SB1783	SB1828	SCR1003	SCR1024	Rank
PRO-GROWTH POSITION					Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
POINTS					4	7	6	2	5	5	7	6	1	2	6	4	11	5	7	10	6	6	
Pace, Tyler	SD-25	R	81%	74%	4	7	6	2	-	5	7	-	1	-	6	4	11	5	7	10	-	6	15
Peshlakai, Jamescita	SD-07	D	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Petersen, Warren	SD-12	R	100%	100%	4	7	6	2	5	5	7	6	1	2	6	4	11	5	7	10	6	6	1
Quezada, Martin	SD-29	D	5%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Rios, Rebecca	SD-27	D	1%	1%	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	21
Rogers, Wendy	SD-06	R	86%	86%	4	-	6	2	-	5	7	6	1	-	6	4	11	5	7	10	6	6	9
Shope, Thomas	SD-08	R	70%	72%	4	-	6	2	-	5	7	-	1	-	6	-	11	5	7	10	-	6	16
Steele, Victoria	SD-09	D	1%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	1	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	21
Townsend, Kelly	SD-16	R	88%	81%	4	-	6	2	-	5	7	6	1	2	6	4	11	5	7	10	6	6	6
Ugenti-Rita, Michelle	SD-23	R	94%	88%	4	7	6	2	5	5	7	6	Х	Х	6	4	11	5	7	10	-	6	2

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### **HB 2570**

### PANDEMIC LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR **BUSINESSES**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill provides pandemic liability protection for businesses who operated during a state of emergency and who refused to comply with any emergency order. Specifically, the bill prevents state agencies and local governments from revoking a business license unless clear and convincing evidence can be provided that a business caused transmission of the virus through willful misconduct or gross negligence. It also sets up an appeals process that puts the burden on government agencies. Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. Ensuring they are not punished by the government for keeping their doors open and Arizonans employed is vital for both freedom and continued economic growth. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 16-14, on May 10, 2021. The Arizona House passed it, 31-28, on May 13, 2021.

### **HB 2820**

### **NEW LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR NUTRITIONISTS**

### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill introduces an expansive and onerous new licensing scheme for dietitians and nutritionists. Incredibly, the legislation specifies a restrictive list of what duties dietitians and nutritionists are allowed to perform when it comes to interacting with patients and creates a new advisory committee capable of disciplining those who operate outside these new guidelines. This heavy-handed approach not only serves as an arbitrary barrier to entry, but also doubles down on archaic scope-ofpractice measures that do little more than protect the interests of the medical lobby. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 19-11, on May 3, 2021. The Arizona House passed it, 47-13, on May 5, 2021.

### HB 2906

### CRITICAL RACE THEORY BAN IN **GOVERNMENT**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits the state, state agencies, and political subdivisions from using taxpayer money to engage in training, orientations, or therapy that espouses key tenets of Critical Race Theory (CRT). CRT is a radical theory rooted in Marxism that espouses the notion that all of society is racialized and should be collectively viewed through identity groups that are separated into oppressed and oppressors. This legislation prohibits government entities from engaging in training that teaches that one race or ethnic group is inherently racist or morally or intellectually superior to another. The Arizona House passed this bill, 31-25, on June 25, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 16-12, on June 30, 2021.

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### **HCR 2023**

### **ELECTION SOVEREIGNTY RESOLUTION**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This concurrent resolution asserts Arizona's opposition to the attempted federal takeover of state elections implemented in the authoritarian 'For the People' Act in the U.S. House and Senate. The resolution states that members of the Arizona Legislature oppose any attempt by Washington to interfere with state legislative authority over elections and urges Congress to oppose these measures. The Arizona House passed this resolution, 31-29, on March 4, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 16-14, on April 7, 2021.

### **SB 1040**

### EITC ADD-ON

### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill establishes a new state tax credit at a rate of 5 percent of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for individuals who are eligible to receive the EITC subsidy. Aside from further expanding the welfare state, this reinforces failed categorical eligibility approaches to assisting

low-income households and legitimizes from the state level a federal program estimated to have a 25 percent fraud rate. Lawmakers should focus on lowering tax rates, repealing existing taxes, reforming welfare programs, and eliminating harmful regulations and licensing schemes if they are truly interested in impactful, long-lasting improvements for low-income families. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 26-3, on February 4, 2021. The bill died in the Arizona House.

### **SB 1041**

## SCHOOL CHOICE FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill serves as yet another strong school choice effort by Arizona lawmakers. It increases the aggregate dollar amount of the cap on the School Tuition Organizations for Displaced or Disabled Students from \$5 million to \$20 million over the next three years. This program is funded through voluntary taxpayer contributions who notify the STO of their intended donation which is then approved by the state Department of Revenue.

This program would offer more opportunities for students struggling in failing government schools by allowing taxpayers to redirect their tax dollars toward better educational options. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 16-14 on February 1, 2021. The bill died in the Arizona House.

### **SB 1108**

### **PRO-GROWTH TAX CUTS**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill lowers commercial property taxes by reducing the assessment ratio of class one commercial property from 18 percent to 17 percent. Furthermore, the legislation cuts the capital gains tax by 25 percent and implements a 100 percent instant depreciation. Lowering taxes on businesses opens up new work opportunities, helps grow small businesses, and is critical for attracting new start-ups. Cutting taxes and tax rates is a far cleaner and more effective policy approach than creating new crony tax credits designed to serve special interests and pit one group against another. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 17-13, on March 3, 2021. The bill died in the Arizona House.

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### **SB 1124**

## TWO-PRONGED SPECIAL INTEREST TAX CREDITS

### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill, rife with profligate spending on fraudulent welfare programs, was sneaked through the Arizona legislature in the final days of the session. The legislation implements a \$200 million double-whammy on taxpayers in the guise of special carve-outs for both the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and Angel Investors Tax Credit. The LIHTC has practically zero oversight from either the IRS and HUD, resulting in exorbitant subsidized construction costs and diminished housing for low-income families that pad the profits of well-connected firms at the expense of taxpayers. Additionally, the 'angel investors' credit provides wealthy investors and venture capitalists with up to a 100 percent tax break on low-income projects, serving as "welfare for the wealthy." The Arizona House passed this bill, 36-22, on June 28, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 20-9, on June 29, 2021.

### **SB 1149**

## MODEST OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING RECIPROCITY

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill marginally increases the promotion of occupational licensing reciprocity by requiring the state to print a notice on licenses and certificate applications that individuals will be granted an occupational or professional license if they meet certain conditions. Specifically, the notice states that individuals who have been certified in another state for at least one year in the same discipline and at the same qualification level will receive licensing reciprocity. Occupational licensing serves as an arbitrary barrier to entry that disproportionately impacts lower-income households and professions. These onerous regulatory schemes mostly exist to prop up government bureaucrats and should be eliminated. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 29-0, on January 28, 2021. The Arizona House passed it, 46-13, on February 4, 2021.

### **SB 1176**

### MISGUIDED FOOD STAMP EXPANSION

### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands food stamps in Arizona by creating a new "produce incentive" program that provides up to \$20 per transaction in matching funds for enrollees in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to purchase Arizonagrown produce at SNAP-authorized sites. The federal government spent over \$70 billion in 2020 on food stamps and the USDA just announced a 21 percent increase in taxpayer-funded "benefits" in the largest-ever increase of the program. At a time when there are more jobs available than unemployed individuals, state lawmakers should be looking to reduce the number of Arizonans on food stamps, not increase its reach. The Arizona House passed this bill, 46-13, on May 25, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 27-2, on May 26, 2021.

### **SB 1268**

### **PRO-WORKER LABOR REFORMS**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements strong transparency requirements on labor unions that forces them

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to provide their members with an accounting of how they spend their funds. Additionally, it provides labor union members with the option to receive benefits from entities outside the union, requires unions to utilize accounting methods identical to employer benefit plans, and prohibits labor unions from mandating dues or benefit contributions from those who have not joined the union. Increasingly, labor union accountability empowers workers and better protects them from abuse. The Arizona House passed this bill, 31-29, on April 27, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 16-14, on May 3, 2021.

### **SB 1327**

### **NEW HOUSING TAX CREDIT**

### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a state Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) to mirror the fraudulent and wasteful federal LIHTC program. The tax credit would provide up to \$8 million to eligible recipients per year for seven years. These housing programs are rife with fraud, benefit well-connected developers at the expense of taxpayers, result in inflated costs, and often

fail to provide the very affordable housing that supposedly justifies their existence. Lawmakers should address low-income housing needs through lower taxes and regulatory fees on builders, which can amount to up to one-third of building costs. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 17-13, on February 17, 2021. The bill died in the Arizona House.

### SB 1452

### **EXPAND PARENTAL CHOICE IN EDUCATION**

### **CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This bill expands Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) to over 700,000 students in an effort to accelerate school choice and empower parents in Arizona. This would have been the largest school choice expansion in Arizona history. At a time when record numbers of students are leaving failing public schools and seeking better education options, this bill nearly tripled the number of eligible students able to use these ESAs to go to better schools. Empowering parents, not government schools, is the best way to provide quality education

for students. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 16-14, on February 15, 2021. The bill died in the Arizona House.

### SB 1713

### **VOTER ID FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS** (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implemented a series of improved voting and election integrity protections for Arizonans. Among these provisions are voter ID requirements for mail-in ballots, improved concealment for early ballot affidavits, and date of birth and driver's license identification requirements for early ballot affidavits. With efforts underway in Washington, D.C. to usurp state sovereignty on elections and make voter fraud a permanent element of elections, these measures are critical for ensuring a functioning republic. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 16-14, on March 8, 2021. The Arizona House failed to pass it, 29-31, on May 26, 2021.

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### **SB 1783**

### **SMALL BUSINESS TAX CUT**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill establishes an alternative approach to the constitutionally-dubious Prop 208 tax hike ballot initiative. The legislation allows business owners to separate wage income from business income when filing or paying taxes, which could save small businesses up to \$378 million in taxes. This approach provides a means for circumventing the income tax surcharge proposed in Prop 208 and further refines the tax code in favor of fewer taxes on job-creating small business owners. This is a cleaner and more effective policy method to promote growth instead of creating distortive tax credits that only further complicate the tax code and serve niche special interests. The Arizona House passed this bill, 31-25, on June 25, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 16-13, on June 29, 2021.

### **SB 1828**

### PRO-GROWTH STATE BUDGET

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

The omnibus budget bill serves as a solid example

of how to pass a state budget that reduces the overall tax burden on both current and future hard-working taxpayers. The legislation includes a \$1.7 billion tax cut for all taxpayers and pays down over \$2 billion in debt. Additionally, the budget bill includes a reduction in the number of weeks available for unemployment benefits from 26 to 24, which will help move citizens back into the workforce, and enhances school choice by raising the contribution caps and scholarship amounts within the School Tuition Organizations. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 16-14, on June 22, 2021. The Arizona House passed it, 31-29, on June 24, 2021.

### **SCR 1003**

### PROHIBIT "FOREVER EMERGENCY **ORDERS**"

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This concurrent resolution would provide for a ballot initiative that amends the state constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the Legislature within 10 days of proclaiming a state of emergency. Additionally, it would allow the Legislature to amend or potentially end the

order. The Arizona House passed this resolution, 31-25, on June 25, 2021. The Arizona Senate failed to pass it, 13-15, on June 30, 2021.

### **SCR 1024**

### TWO-THIRDS REQUIREMENT FOR TAX HIKES

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This concurrent resolution would require that ballot initiatives intended to increase taxes on Arizonans pass with two-thirds support as opposed to a simple majority, bringing the threshold in line with the Legislature. This would immensely decrease the power of out-of-state political operatives and corporate entities seeking to use ballot initiatives to circumvent duly-elected representatives to raise taxes on small businesses and hardworking Arizona taxpayers. The Arizona Senate passed this resolution, 16-14, on February 17. 2021. The resolution died in the Arizona House.

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**60 MEMBERS** 

# Arizona House Snapshot



31 Republicans

29 Democrats

**O Vacancies** 

**Average Republican Score: 86%** (Up from 78% in 2020)

**Average Democrat Score: 5%** (Down from 21% in 2020)

### **HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICANS**

Multiple with 100%



Rep. Joel John (HD-04)



(HD-25)

### LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICANS Rep. Joel John (HD-04) | 51%

Rep. Michelle Udall (HD-25) | 51%



### **HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT**

Rep. Melody Hernandez (HD-26) | 25%



Blackwater-Nygren



Rep. Cesar Chavez (HD-29)

### **LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS**

Rep. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren (HD-07) | 0%

Rep. Cesar Chavez (HD-29) | 0%

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Name	District	Party	Score	Lifescore	HB2161	HB2405	HB2570	HB2820	HB2898-1	HB2906	HCR2023	SB1124	SB1149	SB1176	SB1268	SB1713	SB1783	SB1828	SCR1003	Rank
PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
POINTS					4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	
Andrade, Richard	HD-29	D	12%	21%	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Barton, Brenda	HD-06	R	82%	82%	4	-	6	-	13	7	2	7	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	18
Biasiucci, Leo	HD-05	R	93%	87%	4	5	6	-	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	11
Blackman, Walter	HD-06	R	87%	83%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	-	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	13
Blackwater-Nygren, Jasmine	HD-07	D	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ı	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Bolding, Reginald	HD-27	D	7%	13%	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Bolick, Shawnna	HD-20	R	100%	95%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	1
Bowers, Russell	HD-25	R	77%	79%	-	-	6	-	13	7	2	-	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	22
Burges, Judy	HD-01	R	100%	100%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	1
Butler, Kelli	HD-28	D	11%	12%	-	5	-	-	Х	х	-	-	2	-	-	-	х	-	Х	36
Cano, Andres	HD-03	D	5%	9%	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Carroll, Frank	HD-22	R	87%	83%	4	5	6	-	13	7	2	7	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	13
Chaplik, Joseph	HD-23	R	100%	100%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	1
Chavez, Cesar	HD-29	D	0%	12%	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Cobb, Regina	HD-05	R	71%	70%	-	-	6	-	13	7	2	-	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	25
Cook, David	HD-08	R	76%	78%	-	-	6	-	13	7	2	-	2	х	6	7	9	13	6	23
Dalessandro, Andrea	HD-02	D	7%	8%	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
DeGrazia, Domingo	HD-10	D	12%	15%	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Dunn, Timothy	HD-13	R	71%	72%	-	-	6	-	13	7	2	-	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	25
Epstein, Mitzi	HD-18	D	5%	17%	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	
POINTS					4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	
Espinoza, Diego	HD-19	D	2%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Fernandez, Charlene	HD-04	D	5%	17%	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Fillmore, John	HD-16	R	100%	88%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	1
Finchem, Mark	HD-11	R	93%	85%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	-	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	11
Friese, Randall	HD-09	D	8%	19%	-	5	-	-	Х	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	х	-	х	37
Grantham, Travis	HD-12	R	100%	96%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	1
Griffin, Gail	HD-14	R	87%	83%	4	5	6	-	13	7	2	7	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	13
Hernandez, Alma	HD-03	D	2%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Hernandez, Daniel	HD-02	D	2%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Hernandez, Melody	HD-26	D	25%	25%	4	5	-	-	Х	Х	-	7	-	-	-	-	Х	-	х	32
Hoffman, Jake	HD-12	R	100%	100%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	1
Jermaine, Jennifer	HD-18	D	2%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
John, Joel	HD-04	R	51%	51%	-	-	6	-	-	7	2	-	2	-	6	-	9	13	6	30
Kaiser, Steve	HD-15	R	78%	78%	-	-	6	-	13	7	2	7	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	20
Kavanagh, John	HD-23	R	78%	76%	-	-	6	-	13	7	2	7	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	20
Lieberman, Aaron	HD-28	D	2%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Longdon, Jennifer	HD-24	D	2%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Meza, Robert	HD-30	D	2%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Nguyen, Quang	HD-01	R	87%	87%	4	5	6	-	13	7	2	7	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	13
Nutt, Becky	HD-14	R	83%	80%	-	5	6	-	13	7	2	7	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	17

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POINTS					4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	
Osborne, Joanne	HD-13	R	58%	63%	-	-	6	-	-	7	2	-	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	29
Parker, Jacqueline	HD-16	R	100%	100%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	Х	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	1
Pawlik, Jennifer	HD-17	D	2%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Payne, Kevin	HD-21	R	100%	95%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	1
Pingerelli, Beverly	HD-21	R	100%	100%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	1
Powers Hannley, Pamela	HD-09	D	7%	16%	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Pratt, Frank	HD-08	R	71%	70%	-	-	6	-	13	7	2	-	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	25
Roberts, Bret	HD-11	R	100%	91%	4	5	6	7	13	7	2	7	2	6	6	7	9	13	6	1
Rodriguez, Diego	HD-27	D	5%	10%	Х	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Salman, Athena	HD-26	D	16%	18%	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Schwiebert, Judy	HD-20	D	2%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Shah, Amish	HD-24	D	2%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Sierra, Lorenzo	HD-19	D	7%	10%	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Stahl Hamilton, Stephanie	HD-10	D	5%	5%	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Teran, Raquel	HD-30	D	8%	19%	-	5	-	-	Х	х	-	-	-	-	-	-	х	-	х	37
Toma, Ben	HD-22	R	82%	78%	4	-	6	7	13	7	2	-	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	18
Tsosie, Myron	HD-07	D	2%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Udall, Michelle	HD-25	R	51%	60%	-	-	6	-	-	7	2	-	2	-	6	-	9	13	6	30
Weninger, Jeff	HD-17	R	71%	74%	-	-	6	-	13	7	2	-	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	25
Wilmeth, Justin	HD-15	R	76%	76%	-	5	6	-	13	7	2	-	2	-	6	7	9	13	6	23

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### HB 2161

### **NEW TOURISM TAXING AUTHORITY**

### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows counties and municipalities with fewer than 2 million residents to create a tourism marketing authority that would behave as a private taxing entity. Specifically, this legislation provides for these tourism authorities to charge and collect assessments on transient lodging rooms as well as impose a levy on the assessment. Utilizing the power of government to create private taxation entities for the explicit purpose of bolstering "tourism" only serves niche special interest groups at the expense of taxpayers, citizens, and business owners. The Arizona House passed this bill, 38-20, on March 3, 2021. The bill died in the Arizona Senate.

### **HB 2405**

### SPECIAL INTEREST HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new taxpayer-funded program through the state Department of Education that

would provide continuing education for adult learners to receive a high school diploma or industry-approved credentials at an approved public school or charter school. Additionally, school districts that are program participants receive base level support funding. Aside from creating potentially corrupt incentives between school administrators and niche business industries, this legislation creates an obvious disincentive for current and future high school students to graduate and enter the workforce. The Arizona House failed to pass this bill, 27-33, on March 11, 2021.

### HB 2570

### PANDEMIC LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR BUSINESSES

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill provides pandemic liability protection for businesses who operated during a state of emergency and who refused to comply with any emergency order. Specifically, the bill prevents state agencies and local governments from

revoking a business license unless clear and convincing evidence can be provided that a business caused transmission of the virus through willful misconduct or gross negligence. It also sets up an appeals process that puts the burden on government agencies. Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. Ensuring they are not punished by the government for keeping their doors open and Arizonans employed is vital for both freedom and continued economic growth. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 16-14. on May 10, 2021. The Arizona House passed it, 31-28, on May 13, 2021.

### HB 2820

### **NEW LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR NUTRITIONISTS**

### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill introduces an expansive and onerous new licensing scheme for dietitians and nutritionists. Incredibly, the legislation specifies a restrictive list of what duties dietitians and nutritionists are allowed to perform when it

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### **HB 2898**

### **AMDT 1 - PARENTAL CHOICE IN EDUCATION**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This amendment to the Education Budget expanded Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) to over 700,000 students in an effort to accelerate school choice and empower parents in Arizona. At a time when record numbers of students are leaving failing public schools and seeking better education options, this amendment nearly tripled the number of eligible students able to use these ESAs to go to better schools. Empowering parents, not government schools,

is the best way to provide quality education for students. The Arizona House failed to pass this amendment, 28-28, on June 25, 2021.

### **HB 2906**

### CRITICAL RACE THEORY BAN IN **GOVERNMENT**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits the state, state agencies, and political subdivisions from using taxpayer money to engage in training, orientations, or therapy that espouses key tenets of Critical Race Theory (CRT). CRT is a radical theory rooted in Marxism that espouses the notion that all of society is racialized and should be collectively viewed through identity groups that are separated into oppressed and oppressors. This legislation prohibits government entities from engaging in training that teaches that one race or ethnic group is inherently racist or morally or intellectually superior to another. The Arizona House passed this bill, 31-25, on June 25, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 16-12, on June 30, 2021.

### **HCR 2023**

### **ELECTION SOVEREIGNTY RESOLUTION**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This concurrent resolution asserts Arizona's opposition to the attempted federal takeover of state elections implemented in the authoritarian 'For the People' Act in the U.S. House and Senate. The resolution states that members of the Arizona Legislature oppose any attempt by Washington to interfere with state legislative authority over elections and urges Congress to oppose these measures. The Arizona House passed this resolution, 31-29, on March 4, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 16-14, on April 7, 2021.

### **SB 1124**

### TWO-PRONGED SPECIAL INTEREST TAX **CREDITS**

### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill, rife with profligate spending on fraudulent welfare programs, was sneaked through the Arizona legislature in the final days of the session. The legislation implements a \$200 million double-whammy on taxpayers

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in the guise of special carve-outs for both the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and Angel Investors Tax Credit. The LIHTC has practically zero oversight from either the IRS and HUD, resulting in exorbitant subsidized construction costs and diminished housing for low-income families that pad the profits of well-connected firms at the expense of taxpayers. Additionally, the 'angel investors' credit provides wealthy investors and venture capitalists with up to a 100 percent tax break on low-income projects, serving as "welfare for the wealthy." The Arizona House passed this bill, 36-22, on June 28, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 20-9, on June 29, 2021.

### SB 1149

### MODEST OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING RECIPROCITY

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill marginally increases the promotion of occupational licensing reciprocity by requiring the state to print a notice on licenses and certificate applications that individuals will be granted an occupational or professional license if they meet certain conditions. Specifically, the notice states that individuals who have been certified in another state for at least one year in the same discipline and at the same qualification level will receive licensing reciprocity. Occupational licensing serves as an arbitrary barrier to entry that disproportionately impacts lowerincome households and professions. These onerous regulatory schemes mostly exist to prop up government bureaucrats and should be eliminated. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 29-0, on January 28, 2021. The Arizona House passed it, 46-13, on February 4, 2021.

### **SB 1176**

### MISGUIDED FOOD STAMP EXPANSION (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands food stamps in Arizona by creating a new "produce incentive" program that provides up to \$20 per transaction in matching funds for enrollees in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to purchase Arizonagrown produce at SNAP-authorized sites. The federal government spent over \$70 billion in 2020 on food stamps and the USDA just announced a 21 percent increase in taxpayer-funded "benefits" in the largest-ever increase of the program. At a time when there are more jobs available than unemployed individuals, state lawmakers should be looking to reduce the number of Arizonans on food stamps, not increase its reach. The Arizona House passed this bill, 46-13, on May 25, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 27-2, on May 26, 2021.

### **SB 1268**

### **PRO-WORKER LABOR REFORMS**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements strong transparency requirements on labor unions that forces them to provide their members with an accounting of how they spend their funds. Additionally, it provides labor union members with the option to receive benefits from entities outside the union, requires unions to utilize accounting methods identical to employer benefit plans, and prohibits labor unions from mandating dues or benefit contributions from those who have not joined the union. Increasingly, labor union accountability empowers workers and better protects them from abuse. The Arizona House passed this bill, 31-29, on April 27, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 16-14, on May 3, 2021.

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### SB 1713

### **VOTER ID FOR MAIL-IN BALLOTS**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implemented a series of improved voting and election integrity protections for Arizonans. Among these provisions are voter ID requirements for mail-in ballots, improved concealment for early ballot affidavits, and date of birth and driver's license identification requirements for early ballot affidavits. With efforts underway in Washington, D.C,. to usurp state sovereignty on elections and make voter fraud a permanent element of elections, these measures are critical for ensuring a functioning republic. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 16-14. on March 8, 2021. The Arizona House failed to pass it, 29-31, on May 26, 2021.

### SB 1783

### **SMALL BUSINESS TAX CUT**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill establishes an alternative approach to the constitutionally-dubious Prop 208 tax hike ballot initiative. The legislation allows business owners to separate wage income from business income when filing or paying taxes, which could save small businesses up to \$378 million in taxes. This approach provides a means for circumventing the income tax surcharge proposed in Prop 208 and further refines the tax code in favor of fewer taxes on job-creating small business owners. This is a cleaner and more effective policy method to promote growth instead of creating distortive tax credits that only further complicate the tax code and serve niche special interests. The Arizona House passed this bill, 31-25, on June 25, 2021. The Arizona Senate passed it, 16-13, on June 29, 2021.

### **SB 1828**

### **PRO-GROWTH STATE BUDGET**

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

The omnibus budget bill serves as a solid example of how to pass a state budget that reduces the overall tax burden on both current and future hard-working taxpayers. The legislation includes a \$1.7 billion tax cut for all taxpayers and pays down over \$2 billion in debt. Additionally, the budget bill includes a reduction in the number of weeks available for unemployment benefits from 26 to 24, which will help move citizens back into the workforce, and enhances school choice by raising the contribution caps and scholarship amounts within the School Tuition Organizations. The Arizona Senate passed this bill, 16-14, on June 22, 2021. The Arizona House passed it, 31-29, on June 24, 2021.

### **SCR 1003**

### PROHIBIT "FOREVER EMERGENCY **ORDERS**"

### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This concurrent resolution would provide for a ballot initiative that amends the state constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the Legislature within 10 days of proclaiming a state of emergency. Additionally, it would allow the Legislature to amend or potentially end the order. The Arizona House passed this resolution, 31-25, on June 25, 2021. The Arizona Senate failed to pass it, 13-15, on June 30, 2021.

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