



2023

# Ohio State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Ohio'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.

# 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 Ohio'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 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 OHIO IN 2023

The Foundation’s study examined 223 floor votes and, in the end, included 10 Ohio House votes and 9 Ohio 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 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 Ohio House and Ohio 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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# Ohio Senate Snapshot

27 Republicans

6 Democrats

0 Vacancies

**Average Republican Score: 51%**

(Up from 20% in 2022)

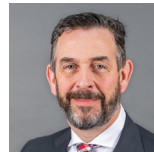
**Average Democrat Score: 17%**

(Up from 15% in 2022)



### HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Niraj Antani (SD-6) | **60%**



### LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Michael Rulli (SD-33) | **47%**



### HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator William DeMora (SD-25) | **31%**



### LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Vernon Sykes (SD-28) | **0%**

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<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	
<b>POINTS</b>					10	16	3	10	8	5	17	15	16	
Antani, Niraj	SD-06	R	60%	64%	-	-	-	10	X	X	17	I	16	1
Antonio, Nickie	SD-23	D	16%	16%	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
Blessing III, Louis	SD-08	R	49%	40%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Brenner, Andrew	SD-19	R	49%	45%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Chavez, Brian	SD-30	R	n/a	n/a	I	I	3	I	I	I	I	I	I	
Cirino, Jerry	SD-18	R	49%	34%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Craig, Hearcel	SD-15	D	16%	16%	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
DeMora, William	SD-25	D	31%	31%	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	26
Dolan, Matthew	SD-24	R	49%	40%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Gavarone, Theresa	SD-02	R	49%	43%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Hackett, Robert	SD-10	R	49%	45%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Hicks-Hudson, Paula	SD-11	D	18%	23%	X	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Hoagland, Frank	SD-30	R	52%	45%	-	-	X	10	X	5	-	15	16	6
Huffman, Matt	SD-12	R	49%	48%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Huffman, Stephen	SD-05	R	49%	49%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Ingram, Catherine	SD-09	D	19%	18%	-	16	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Johnson, Terry	SD-14	R	49%	46%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Kunze, Stephanie	SD-16	R	49%	41%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Landis, Al	SD-31	R	49%	49%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Lang, George	SD-04	R	53%	51%	-	-	3	10	X	5	-	15	16	5
Manning, Nathan	SD-13	R	49%	44%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7

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McColley, Robert	SD-01	R	59%	54%	-	-	3	10	-	5	X	15	16	2
O'Brien, Sandra	SD-32	R	49%	34%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Reineke, Bill	SD-26	R	59%	51%	-	-	3	10	-	5	X	15	16	2
Reynolds, Michele	SD-03	R	49%	49%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Roegner, Kristina	SD-27	R	49%	53%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Romanchuk, Mark	SD-22	R	56%	61%	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	15	16	4
Rulli, Michael	SD-33	R	47%	47%	-	-	X	10	-	5	-	15	16	25
Schaffer, Tim	SD-20	R	49%	43%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Schuring, Kirk	SD-29	R	n/a	41%	X	X	X	10	-	5	X	I	16	
Smith, Kent	SD-21	D	16%	23%	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
Sykes, Vernon	SD-28	D	0%	16%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Wilkin, Shane	SD-17	R	49%	48%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7
Wilson, Steve	SD-07	R	49%	46%	-	-	3	10	-	5	-	15	16	7

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## HB 23

### BRENT SPENCE TRANSPORTATION

#### SPENDING BINGE

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates funding for the Ohio Department of Transportation (DOT) over the next biennium. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$13.5 billion in FY2024 and FY2025 to DOT and related agencies—a 57 percent increase from the previous biennium and an 85 percent year-over-year increase from FY2023 levels. The bill authorizes \$2.9 billion in one-time expenditures for the Brent Spence bridge project with neighboring Kentucky and a 37 percent increase in the Department of Development’s roadwork grant program. While infrastructure development is an important state function, overreliance on federal funding streams creates an artificial baseline once federal funds are tapped out leading to future spending increases and tax hikes. This is evidenced by the FY2025 DOT baseline being 13.5 percent higher than FY2023 levels. The Ohio House passed the bill,

93-2, on March 29, 2023. The Ohio Senate passed it, 30-1, on the same day.

## HB 33

### MIXED BAG BUDGET AGREEMENT

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$86.1 billion in spending for the FY2024-25 budget cycle. It is a 17.3 percent increase in total federal and state spending over the biennium. Specifically, the bill incorporates a projected 23 percent increase in Medicaid spending over the next two years equal to \$8.2 billion, creates a new state Department of Children and Youth to oversee numerous welfare programs, establishes a new tax carveout for well-connected home-building firms, and implements a \$5,000 across-the-board meritless salary increase for teachers. It should be noted that the budget contains significant school choice expansions as well as tax reforms. This includes consolidation of individual tax brackets, lowering the top individual rate from 3.99 percent to 3.5 percent,

and elimination of the commercial activities tax for most small businesses. However, the budget ultimately inflates the baselines of key agencies and welfare programs that will burden hardworking Ohioans in the years ahead. The Ohio House passed the bill, 67-30, on June 30, 2023. The Ohio Senate passed it, 25-6, on the same day.

## HB 201

### MUDDLED CALIFORNIA EMISSIONS

#### STANDARD PROHIBITION

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits onerous regulatory measures regarding motor vehicle emissions standards. Specifically, the legislation prohibits any political subdivision or government agency in Ohio from adopting the California emissions standards, which recently implemented criteria to prohibit the sale of gas-powered vehicles by 2035, effectively banning the internal combustion engine. Unfortunately, the bill undercuts itself by broadening a crony economic development

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carveout for natural gas companies, expanding the definition of what constitutes “infrastructure development” and authorizing natural gas utilities to foist planning and development costs on the backs of its customers. The Ohio House passed the bill, 60-31, on December 13, 2023. The Ohio Senate passed it, 23-8, on the same day.

### SB 6

#### PROHIBITION ON TAXPAYER-FINANCED ESG INVESTMENTS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prevents the public employees’ retirement board, which is responsible for managing the portfolios of taxpayer-funded pensions, from abandoning their fiduciary duty in favor of a political agenda. Specifically, the legislation requires the state board charged with overseeing the nearly \$106 billion in Ohio’s pension system to only make investment decisions with the sole purpose of maximizing shareholder value as opposed to prioritizing woke Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices. The Ohio Senate passed the bill, 26-7, on May 10, 2023. The Ohio House did not take it up in 2023.

### SB 10

#### EXPANDED SPECIAL INTEREST HANDOUTS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements revisions to subsidized housing and special interest programs. Specifically, the legislation loosens eligibility restrictions for “performing arts organizations” to receive \$50 million in subsidized “economic development” grants and expands eligibility to receive \$161 million in subsidized rental assistance stemming from federal ARPA funding. Government funding for the arts should not exist and lawmakers should refrain from distorting the housing market even further by artificially propping up rent and utility costs. The Ohio House passed the bill, 88-7, on March 1, 2023. The Ohio Senate passed it, 30-0, on February 8, 2023.

### SB 30

#### MODEST TEENAGE WORK OPPORTUNITY REFORM (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill amends existing labor laws to provide more flexibility for teenagers seeking employment. Specifically, the legislation allows

14 and 15-year-olds to work from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. during the school year so long as the teenager has permission from his or her parents or guardians. As hardworking families experience persistent inflation, high prices, and increasing difficulty making ends meet, eliminating archaic regulations that restrict the work opportunities for households is a common sense policy that fosters economic growth and puts decisions back in the hands of parents instead of government bureaucrats. The Ohio Senate passed the bill, 25-7, on March 8, 2023. The Ohio House did not take it up in 2023.

### SB 75

#### SIGNIFICANT MUNICIPAL TAX EXPANSION (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the ability of municipalities to impose new taxes on residents. Specifically, the legislation authorizes the creation of joint economic development districts (JEDDs) composed solely of municipal governments if such subdivisions meet minimal economic distress criteria and are in close proximity to one another. JEDDs allow for the imposition of new income taxes on residents for crony

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economic development purposes and are overseen by an unaccountable board. Hardworking Ohioans should not face the prospect of new burdensome taxes to fund projects for politically well-connected entities while they struggle with persistent inflation and high costs of living. The Ohio Senate passed the bill, 29-1, on October 11, 2023. The Ohio House did not take it up in 2023.

### SB 158

#### PROHIBITING SOCIALIST MUNICIPAL SPENDING

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits municipal governments from spending money based on popular vote. Specifically, the legislation preempts efforts in cities like Cleveland to implement a city budget allowing residents to bypass their elected officials and spend the money directly as they desire through popular referendum. Such measures are antithetical to a republic and encourage voters to view hard-earned taxpayer money as financial troves for direct redistribution. So-called “people’s budgets” are explicit theft operations aimed at families and

working households. The Ohio Senate passed the bill, 25-6, on September 27, 2023. The Ohio House did not take it up in 2023.

### SJR 2

#### INCREASED THRESHOLD FOR AMENDING STATE CONSTITUTION

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This joint resolution changes the ballot referenda threshold necessary to amend the Ohio state constitution. Specifically, the legislation amends current law which only requires a simple majority of voters to approve changes to the constitution to instead require a 60 percent supermajority. This is an important and worthwhile safeguard to protect hardworking Ohioans from attempts to circumvent the legislature and impose new taxes, onerous mandates, or expanded government power. The Ohio House passed the resolution, 62-37, on May 10, 2023. The Ohio Senate passed it, 26-7, on the same day.

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# Ohio House Snapshot

67 Republicans

32 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 36%

(Up from 33% in 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 13%

(Down from 20% in 2022)



**HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN**  
Rep. Jena Powell (HD-80) | 100%



**LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICANS** (clockwise from left)  
Rep. Jamie Callender (HD-57) | 2%  
Rep. Jay Edwards (HD-94) | 2%  
Rep. Brett Hudson Hillyer (HD-51) | 2%  
Rep. Thomas Patton (HD-17) | 2%



**HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRATS**  
Rep. Dontavius Jarrells (HD-1) | 25%  
Rep. Joseph Miller (HD-53) | 25%



**LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS**  
Multiple Reps. at 0%

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<b>POINTS</b>					7	9	16	8	7	7	2	20	8	16	
Abdullahi, Munira	HD-09	D	17%	17%	-	-	16	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Abrams, Cindy	HD-29	R	21%	47%	I	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	X	16	43
Baker, Rachel	HD-27	D	0%	0%	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	91
Barhorst, Tim	HD-85	R	33%	33%	7	-	-	8	-	-	2	-	-	16	32
Bird, Adam	HD-63	R	46%	35%	-	-	-	8	-	-	2	20	-	16	20
Blackshear, Willis	HD-38	D	18%	15%	-	X	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
Brennan, Sean	HD-14	D	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91
Brent, Juanita	HD-22	D	16%	24%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Brewer, Darnell	HD-18	D	18%	18%	-	-	16	-	I	-	X	-	-	-	44
Brown, Richard	HD-05	D	16%	23%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Callender, Jamie	HD-57	R	2%	36%	-	-	-	-	I	-	2	-	-	-	87
Carruthers, Sara	HD-47	R	18%	41%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Claggett, Thaddeus	HD-68	R	60%	60%	7	-	-	8	-	7	2	20	-	16	11
Click, Gary	HD-88	R	25%	24%	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	37
Creech, Rodney	HD-40	R	25%	25%	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	37
Cross, Jon	HD-83	R	38%	48%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	-	16	25
Cutrona, Alessandro	HD-58	R	18%	38%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Dean, Bill	HD-71	R	86%	79%	7	9	16	8	-	-	2	20	8	16	4
Dell'Aquila, Richard	HD-15	D	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91
Demetriou, Steve	HD-35	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Denson, Sedrick	HD-26	D	0%	21%	I	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	91

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Dobos, David	HD-10	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Edwards, Jay	HD-94	R	2%	35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	87
Ferguson, Ron	HD-96	R	89%	95%	7	-	16	8	7	7	-	20	8	16	2
Forhan, Elliot	HD-21	D	24%	24%	-	-	16	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Fowler Arthur, Sarah	HD-99	R	53%	46%	-	-	-	8	-	7	2	20	-	16	15
Galonski, Tavia	HD-33	D	17%	18%	-	-	16	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Ghanbari, Haraz	HD-75	R	18%	36%	-	-	-	-	I	-	X	-	-	16	44
Grim, Michele	HD-43	D	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91
Gross, Jennifer	HD-45	R	87%	82%	7	-	X	8	7	7	-	20	8	16	3
Hall, Thomas	HD-46	R	18%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Holmes, Adam	HD-97	R	46%	49%	-	-	-	8	-	-	2	20	-	16	20
Hoops, James	HD-81	R	38%	45%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	-	16	25
Hudson Hillyer, Brett	HD-51	R	2%	36%	-	-	-	-	I	-	2	-	-	-	87
Humphrey, Latyna	HD-02	D	16%	17%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Isaacsohn, Dani	HD-24	D	16%	16%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Jarrells, Dontavius	HD-01	D	25%	23%	-	-	16	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	37
John, Marilyn	HD-76	R	53%	39%	7	-	-	8	-	-	2	20	-	16	15
Johnson, Mark	HD-92	R	18%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Jones, Don	HD-95	R	18%	39%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Kick, Darrell	HD-98	R	68%	67%	7	-	-	8	7	-	2	20	8	16	8
King, Angela	HD-84	R	38%	38%	7	-	-	X	-	X	2	X	-	16	25
Klopfenstein, Roy	HD-82	R	53%	53%	7	-	-	8	-	-	2	20	-	16	15

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<b>POINTS</b>					7	9	16	8	7	7	2	20	8	16	
Lampton, Brian	HD-70	R	18%	21%	-	-	-	-	I	-	X	-	-	16	44
LaRe, Jeff	HD-73	R	22%	45%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	-	-	42
Lear, Beth	HD-61	R	76%	76%	7	-	16	8	-	7	2	20	-	16	6
Lightbody, Mary	HD-04	D	16%	32%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Lipps, Scott	HD-55	R	45%	42%	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	-	16	23
Liston, Beth	HD-08	D	16%	29%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Lorenz, Brian	HD-60	R	61%	61%	I	I	-	8	-	-	2	20	I	16	10
Loychik, Mike	HD-65	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Manchester, Susan	HD-78	R	53%	58%	7	-	-	8	-	-	2	20	-	16	15
Manning, Gayle	HD-52	R	18%	37%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Mathews, Adam	HD-56	R	38%	38%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	-	16	25
McClain, Riordan	HD-87	R	60%	65%	7	-	-	8	7	-	2	20	-	16	11
McNally, Lauren	HD-59	D	16%	16%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Merrin, Derek	HD-42	R	60%	61%	7	-	-	8	7	-	2	20	-	16	11
Miller, Adam	HD-06	D	18%	39%	-	-	16	-	I	-	X	-	-	-	44
Miller, Joseph	HD-53	D	25%	19%	-	-	16	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	37
Miller, Kevin	HD-69	R	18%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Miller, Melanie	HD-67	R	62%	62%	7	9	-	8	-	-	2	20	-	16	9
Miranda, Jessica	HD-28	D	8%	30%	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	86
Mohamed, Ismail	HD-03	D	16%	16%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Oelslager, W. Scott	HD-48	R	18%	39%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Patton, Thomas	HD-17	R	2%	29%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	87

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<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	
<b>POINTS</b>					7	9	16	8	7	7	2	20	8	16	
Pavliga, Gail	HD-72	R	18%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Peterson, Bob	HD-91	R	46%	44%	-	-	-	8	-	-	2	20	-	16	20
Pizzulli, Justin	HD-90	R	26%	26%	I	I	-	X	-	-	2	-	I	16	34
Plummer, Phil	HD-39	R	18%	39%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Powell, Jena	HD-80	R	100%	89%	7	X	16	8	7	7	2	20	8	16	1
Ray, Sharon	HD-66	R	18%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Richardson, Tracy	HD-86	R	18%	42%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Robb Blasdel, Monica	HD-79	R	38%	38%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	-	16	25
Robinson, Phil	HD-19	D	n/a	30%	-	-	16	X	I	X	X	X	-	-	99
Roemer, Bill	HD-31	R	18%	42%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Rogers, Elgin	HD-44	D	16%	11%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Russo, Allison	HD-07	D	16%	28%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Santucci, Nick	HD-64	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Schmidt, Jean	HD-62	R	16%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	73
Seitz, Bill	HD-30	R	38%	44%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	-	16	25
Skindell, Michael	HD-13	D	16%	25%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Somani, Anita	HD-11	D	18%	18%	-	-	16	-	I	-	X	-	-	-	44
Stein, Dick	HD-54	R	38%	41%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	-	16	25
Stephens, Jason	HD-93	R	18%	40%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Stewart, Brian	HD-12	R	53%	42%	7	-	-	8	-	-	2	20	-	16	15
Stoltzfus, Reggie	HD-50	R	84%	74%	7	-	16	8	7	-	2	20	8	16	5
Swearingen, D.J.	HD-89	R	18%	43%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44

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<b>POINTS</b>					7	9	16	8	7	7	2	20	8	16	
Sweeney, Bride	HD-16	D	0%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91
Thomas, Cecil	HD-25	D	16%	16%	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73
Thomas, Jim	HD-49	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	16	44
Troy, Daniel	HD-23	D	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91
Upchurch, Terrence	HD-20	D	18%	18%	-	-	16	-	I	-	X	-	-	-	44
Weinstein, Casey	HD-34	D	0%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91
White, Andrea	HD-36	R	45%	35%	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	-	16	23
Wiggam, Scott	HD-77	R	55%	66%	-	-	16	8	7	-	-	-	8	16	14
Williams, Josh	HD-41	R	33%	33%	-	-	-	8	-	7	2	-	-	16	32
Willis, Bernard	HD-74	R	76%	76%	7	-	16	8	-	7	2	20	-	16	6
Young, Bob	HD-32	R	26%	25%	-	-	-	8	I	-	X	-	-	16	34
Young, Tom	HD-37	R	26%	22%	-	-	-	8	-	-	2	-	-	16	34

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## HB 23 HOOPS AMDT

### WEAKENING COUNTY COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This amendment to the transportation appropriation bill weakens competitive bidding criteria. Specifically, the legislation lowers existing competitive bidding requirements for county engineering projects by replacing the monetary threshold with a “scope of work” threshold. This change ultimately diminishes cost-benefit evaluations and encourages counties to engage in no-contract bids with well-connected firms and contractors. The Ohio House passed the amendment, 73-22, on March 1, 2023. The Ohio Senate did not take it up.

## HB 23

### BRENT SPENCE TRANSPORTATION SPENDING BINGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates funding for the Ohio Department of Transportation (DOT) over the next biennium. Specifically, the legislation

appropriates \$13.5 billion in FY2024 and FY2025 to DOT and related agencies—a 57 percent increase from the previous biennium and an 85 percent year-over-year increase from FY2023 levels. The bill authorizes \$2.9 billion in one-time expenditures for the Brent Spence bridge project with neighboring Kentucky and a 37 percent increase in the Department of Development’s roadwork grant program. While infrastructure development is an important state function, overreliance on federal funding streams creates an artificial baseline once federal funds are tapped out leading to future spending increases and tax hikes. This is evidenced by the FY2025 DOT baseline being 13.5 percent higher than FY2023 levels. The Ohio House passed the bill, 93-2, on March 29, 2023. The Ohio Senate passed it, 30-1, on the same day.

## HB 33

### MIXED BAG BUDGET AGREEMENT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$86.1 billion in spending for the FY2024-25 budget cycle. It is a 17.3 percent

increase in total federal and state spending over the biennium. Specifically, the bill incorporates a projected 23 percent increase in Medicaid spending over the next two years equal to \$8.2 billion, creates a new state Department of Children and Youth to oversee numerous welfare programs, establishes a new tax carveout for well-connected home-building firms, and implements a \$5,000 across-the-board meritless salary increase for teachers. It should be noted that the budget contains significant school choice expansions as well as tax reforms. This includes consolidation of individual tax brackets, lowering the top individual rate from 3.99 percent to 3.5 percent, and elimination of the commercial activities tax for most small businesses. However, the budget ultimately inflates the baselines of key agencies and welfare programs that will burden hardworking Ohioans in the years ahead. The Ohio House passed the bill, 67-30, on June 30, 2023. The Ohio Senate passed it, 25-6, on the same day.

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## HB 129

### EXPANDED LICENSING SCHEME FOR ROOFERS

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill creates a new licensing scheme for contract roofers. Specifically, the legislation requires commercial roofers engaged in projects costing \$20,000 or more to be licensed under the increasingly powerful Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (OCLIB) and imposes a \$1,000 fine per day for noncompliance. While the bill requires OCLIB to incur costs for this new licensing approach, the bill provides for the board to impose numerous fees on roofers to recoup those expenditures. Licensing schemes often serve as barriers to entry that disproportionately impact low-income populations while propping up government bureaucrats. The Ohio House passed the bill, 63-28, on June 21, 2023. The Ohio Senate did not take it up in 2023.

## HB 141

### NEW MISGUIDED COST-SHARING RESTRICTION

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill imposes a new occupational-specific

health mandate. Specifically, the legislation prohibits the daily cost-sharing requirement placed on chiropractors, occupational therapists, and physical therapists from being higher than the existing requirement on primary care physicians. This new restriction constrains flexible pricing options for health benefit plans. Government-imposed mandates on health insurers remain the primary drivers of increasing healthcare costs as insurers pass on such costs to consumers. The Ohio House passed the bill, 81-8, on December 13, 2023. The Ohio Senate did not take it up in 2023.

## HB 152

### NEW HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATE

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill creates a new mandate for health insurers. Specifically, the legislation requires health benefit plans for government workers in Ohio to cover hearing aids up to \$2,500 for individuals 22 years old or younger who are covered by their employer or parent's employer. The estimated fiscal impact of the new mandate is \$3.6 million in the first year and roughly \$1 million each year thereafter.

Government-imposed mandates on health insurers remain the primary drivers of increasing healthcare costs as insurers pass on such costs to consumers, or in this case, taxpayers. The Ohio House passed the bill, 86-8, on June 21, 2023. The Ohio Senate did not take it up in 2023.

## HB 201

### MUDDLED CALIFORNIA EMISSIONS STANDARD PROHIBITION

**(CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This bill prohibits onerous regulatory measures regarding motor vehicle emissions standards. Specifically, the legislation prohibits any political subdivision or government agency in Ohio from adopting the California emissions standards, which recently implemented criteria to prohibit the sale of gas-powered vehicles by 2035, effectively banning the internal combustion engine. Unfortunately, the bill undercuts itself by broadening a crony economic development carveout for natural gas companies, expanding the definition of what constitutes "infrastructure development" and authorizing natural gas utilities to foist

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planning and development costs on the backs of its customers. The Ohio House passed the bill, 60-31, on December 13, 2023. The Ohio Senate passed it, 23-8, on the same day.

### HB 205

#### BIG LABOR CONTRACTING MANDATES

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill imposes new regulations and government-mandated training requirements on certain construction projects at the behest of labor unions. Specifically, the legislation requires that contractors who perform construction or work on stationary source energy projects utilize hiring quotas that employ a specific percentage of class A and class B journeymen. These regulations empower both the state’s burdensome licensing bureaucracy and effectively mandate that such projects employ labor unions by placing hiring policies in the hands of the government. Additionally, the bill carves out one of the state’s four big petroleum refineries from its mandates and sets a precedent for future industry-specific hiring quotas imposed by the government that

will raise costs and restrict the labor market. The Ohio House passed the bill, 64-30, on June 21, 2023. The Ohio Senate did not take it up in 2023.

### SB 10

#### EXPANDED SPECIAL INTEREST HANDOUTS

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements revisions to subsidized housing and special interest programs. Specifically, the legislation loosens eligibility restrictions for “performing arts organizations” to receive \$50 million in subsidized “economic development” grants and expands eligibility to receive \$161 million in subsidized rental assistance stemming from federal ARPA funding. Government funding for the arts should not exist and lawmakers should refrain from distorting the housing market even further by artificially propping up rent and utility costs. The Ohio House passed the bill, 88-7, on March 1, 2023. The Ohio Senate passed it, 30-0, on February 8, 2023.

### SJR 2

#### INCREASED THRESHOLD FOR AMENDING STATE CONSTITUTION

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This joint resolution changes the ballot referenda threshold necessary to amend the Ohio state constitution. Specifically, the legislation amends current law which only requires a simple majority of voters to approve changes to the constitution to instead require a 60 percent supermajority. This is an important and worthwhile safeguard to protect hardworking Ohioans from attempts to circumvent the legislature and impose new taxes, onerous mandates, or expanded government power. The Ohio House passed the resolution, 62-37, on May 10, 2023. The Ohio Senate passed it, 26-7, on the same day.

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