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2021

South Dakota State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of South Dakota'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
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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 South Dakota'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
- Limiting 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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The Foundation’s study examined over 575 floor votes and, in the end, included 16 South Dakota House votes and 22 South Dakota 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 #70 in the House and #35 in the Senate. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 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 South Dakota House and South Dakota 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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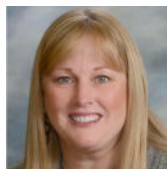
South Dakota Senate Snapshot

32 Republicans

3 Democrats

Average Republican Score: 35%

Average Democrat Score: 15%



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Julie Frye-Mueller (SD-30) | 59%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Blake Curd (SD-12) | 16%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Troy Heinert (SD-26) | 19%



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Red Dawn Foster (SD-27) | 11%

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	
POINTS					3	2	4	10	6	4	3	1	6	6	1	7	3	9	5	5	5	5	2	3	4	6	
Bolin, Jim	SD-16	R	47%	47%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	6	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	2
Breitling, Bryan	SD-23	R	28%	28%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	24
Cammack, Gary	SD-29	R	41%	41%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	8
Castleberry, Jessica	SD-35	R	42%	42%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	6	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	5
Crabtree, Casey	SD-08	R	41%	41%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	8
Curd, R. Blake	SD-12	R	16%	16%	3	-	X	X	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	33
Diedrich, Michael	SD-34	R	29%	29%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	21
Duhamel, Helene	SD-32	R	20%	20%	3	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	6	29
Duvall, Mary	SD-24	R	41%	41%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	8
Foster, Red Dawn	SD-27	D	11%	11%	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	6	35
Frye-Mueller, Julie	SD-30	R	59%	59%	X	-	4	10	-	4	3	1	X	6	1	-	X	X	-	5	-	X	-	-	4	6	1
Greenfield, Brock	SD-02	R	41%	41%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	8
Heinert, Troy	SD-26	D	19%	19%	3	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	31
Hunhoff, Jean	SD-18	R	24%	24%	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	27
Johns, Timothy	SD-31	R	20%	20%	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	29
Johnson, David	SD-33	R	29%	29%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	21
Klumb, Joshua	SD-20	R	42%	42%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	X	-	6	5
Kolbeck, Jack	SD-13	R	38%	38%	3	-	4	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	16
Maher, Ryan	SD-28	R	43%	43%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	1	-	6	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	4
Nesiba, Reynold	SD-15	D	14%	14%	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	34

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Novstrup, Al	SD-03	R	41%	41%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	8
Otten, Herman	SD-06	R	24%	24%	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	27
Rohl, Michael	SD-01	R	34%	34%	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	X	-	1	-	-	-	X	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	20
Rusch, Arthur	SD-17	R	27%	27%	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	25
Schoenbeck, Lee	SD-05	R	39%	39%	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	X	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	15
Schoenfish, Kyle	SD-19	R	29%	29%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	21
Smith, VJ	SD-07	R	26%	26%	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	6	26
Stalzer, Jim	SD-11	R	38%	38%	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	16
Steinhauer, Wayne	SD-09	R	37%	37%	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	18
Sutton, Maggie	SD-10	R	42%	42%	3	X	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	5
Symens, Marsha	SD-25	R	47%	47%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	6	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	2
Tobin, Erin	SD-21	R	40%	40%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	14
Wheeler, David	SD-22	R	37%	37%	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	18
Wiik, John	SD-04	R	41%	41%	3	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	6	8
Zikmund, Larry	SD-14	R	19%	19%	3	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	X	-	-	-	6	31

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SB 134

EXPANSION OF GREEN CONSTRUCTION MANDATE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands a green energy mandate to include new construction authorized by the State Board of Regents, requiring projects that cost \$1 million or more to achieve a “high-performance green building standard” as certified by the Bureau of Administration. Such a mandate already exists for new construction authorized by state agencies. Although this legislation requires that construction meet a 10 point lesser standard than the existing legislation, because the legislation expands the scope of new construction to which the mandate applies, it will increase costs for hardworking taxpayers who are forced to fund these government mandates, as is already occurring in states like California and Colorado. While the legislation maintains a waiver process, it still grants the Bureau of Administration veto authority over waiver

approvals. The South Dakota Senate passed the bill 34-1, on February 9, 2021. The South Dakota House passed it, 63-6, on March 1, 2021.

SB 139

SALARY INCREASE FOR STATE SUPREME COURT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the salary of state Supreme Court justices by six percent in 2021 and another six percent in 2022. This increase is in addition to any other across-the-board salary increases. As South Dakotans face rising costs due to inflation and foolhardy federal spending and energy policies, state officials should resist further gouging their constituents to increase their own salaries. The South Dakota Senate passed the bill, 33-0, on February 25, 2021. The South Dakota House passed it, 62-7, on March 4, 2021.

SB 162

TAXPAYER-FINANCED CRONY GRANTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$4.4 million in grant handouts to small and mid-range airports in South Dakota under the auspices of “economic development.” In reality, these programs are the purest form of cronyism and ensure that mostly well-connected interests in the air service industry receive taxpayer funds doled out directly through the governor’s office. The South Dakota Senate passed this bill, 34-1, on March 3, 2021. The South Dakota House passed it, 47-21, on March 8, 2021.

SB 175

MODEST SCHOOL CHOICE EXPANSION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill removes previous eligibility criteria for South Dakota’s Education Tax Credit program. The legislation requires only that a student going into grades K-12 come from a household whose

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total annual income did not exceed 150 percent of threshold eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch and that the student resides in the state. This reform makes it easier for some children to receive scholarships from organizations participating in this program and therefore serves as a modest step toward empowering parents and students over education bureaucrats. The South Dakota Senate passed this bill, 30-5, on February 22, 2021. The South Dakota House passed it, 60-9, on March 4, 2021.

SB 34
CRONY BROADBAND SUBSIDY GIVEAWAY
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$75 million to the Governor’s Office of Economic Development to expand rural broadband in South Dakota. Funding broadband access is not a core function of government, and the free market, not government handouts, should drive any broadband expansion. The South Dakota Senate passed this bill, 34-0, on March 3, 2021. The South Dakota House passed it, 52-16, on March 8, 2021.

SB 64
MASSIVE APPROPRIATIONS SPENDING INCREASE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill revised appropriations by \$63 million above the governor’s introduced recommendation for the general fund as part of the state’s \$1.8 billion total spending increase over FY2021 expenditures. Like many other states, legislators used the influx of federal funding during the pandemic to justify across-the-board spending boosts for government agencies and programs. For example, this legislation increases the operating expenses of the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications by nearly 3,000 percent. Lawmakers should keep spending below population plus inflation rates in order to protect taxpayers from harmful tax-and-spend efforts in the future. The South Dakota Senate passed this bill, 34-0, on March 11, 2021. The South Dakota House passed it, 58-11, on the same day.

SB 93
CORPORATE HANDOUT FOR RAIL LINE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$20 million to modernize a single rail line from the city of Fort Pierre to Rapid City, pending a federal grant to offset the expenditure. Initially, the legislature appropriated \$6 million, but enacted a 230 percent increase upon final approval. The railroad is owned and operated by a single company, meaning the legislature rewarded one business entity with millions in direct taxpayer subsidies for a single project. This anti-competitive, anti-market behavior where elected officials dole out taxpayer money to well-connected interests is a major contributing factor to America’s currently \$30 trillion in debt. The South Dakota Senate passed this bill, 34-0, on March 3, 2021. The South Dakota House passed it, 57-11, on March 8, 2021.

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SB 99

STATE FAIR SUBSIDY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$20 million to the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of constructing a new equestrian and livestock complex at the State Fairgrounds. Additionally, the legislation allows for an additional \$5 million in taxpayer-backed expenditures should additional costs arise. Lawmakers should not waste money from hardworking taxpayers to finance niche projects that benefit specific industries and political interests in the state. The South Dakota Senate passed this bill, 34-1, on March 2, 2021. The South Dakota House passed it, 59-9, on March 8, 2021.

HB 1004

RED TAPE ROLLBACK FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill repeals a licensing regime for medical assistants in South Dakota. Specifically, the legislation removes the requirement that medical assistants register with the state Board

of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners. Such boards serve to create onerous government-imposed licensing schemes on various industries and professions, creating barriers to entry in fields that disproportionately impact those in lower income brackets and increasing costs to consumers. This is a positive development in rolling back needless occupational regulations. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 68-0, on January 22, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 34-0, on February 2, 2021.

HB 1021

TAXPAYER-FUNDED SUBSIDY FOR RURAL DOCTORS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill provides for a \$521,000 appropriation from the state’s general fund to reimburse three doctors and two nurses for complying with the requirements of a rural health care recruitment program. Using taxpayer money to subsidize medical professionals with six-figure payments to provide care in specific parts of the state through a program intentionally designed to centrally-plan health care delivery

is not only a misuse of taxpayer funds, but also entrenches government involvement in the provision of care. This harms future efforts to establish patient-centered care free from costly and harmful bureaucratic meddling. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 66-0, on February 11, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 34-0, on March 3, 2021.

HB 1037

ELECTRICAL COMMISSION FEE-AND-CASH GRAB

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill imposes numerous licensing and installation fee increases under the State Electrical Commission. Specifically, the legislation increases licensing application fees by 100 percent, increases the biennial licensing fee for electrical contractors and journeymen by 100 percent, raises inspector and maintenance licensing fees by 300 percent, and increases Class B licenses by an astounding 500 percent. This is targeted taxation on specific professions, which creates barriers to entry, increases costs, and enriches the state bureaucracy. The South

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Dakota House passed the bill, 51-15, on January 28, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 31-2, on February 8, 2021.

HB 1046
COVID-19 LIABILITY PROTECTIONS
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill provides civil immunity to businesses, health care providers, and other entities from claims that an individual contracted or was exposed to COVID-19 at these locations. The bill makes an exception if a party can provide clear and convincing evidence that exposure to the virus was intentional, but otherwise protects business owners and civil institutions from frivolous lawsuits. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 60-10, on January 26, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 29-3, on February 8, 2021.

HB 1131
FLAWED DIRECT PRIMARY CARE
PROPOSAL
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes the establishment of direct primary care (DPC) services in the state of South Dakota. This is a critical development for health care freedom and the ability of patients and doctors to interact without third-party interference from big government and crony big insurance bureaucrats. However, the legislation contains a fatal flaw by prohibiting DPC practitioners from determining whether they will accept new patients based on that patient’s health status. This is identical to Obamacare’s destructive guaranteed issue regulation, which undercuts the purpose of DPC in freeing doctors from government edicts. Such a requirement forces a physician, who may not be equipped to handle a patient’s particular medical issues, to accept all patients. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 63-2, on February 24, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 35-0, on March 8, 2021.

HB 1140
PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill restricts conservation officers from entering private land without a warrant or the permission of the owner. The legislation makes a few exceptions that include reasonable suspicion that a crime is happening or has been committed, the need to dispatch visibly distressed or crippled wildlife, and a response to an emergency situation. Private property ownership and property rights are integral to a free society. This bill improves protections for landowners while respecting the appropriate role of conservation officers. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 41-28, on February 17, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 21-14, on March 8, 2021.

HB 1143
CORPORATE CRONYISM INCENTIVE
PROGRAM
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes second and third-class municipalities to craft special rebates on municipal property taxes for hand-selected

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industries. This is little more than a special interest carve-out that incentivizes some 293 municipalities in South Dakota with 5,000 or fewer people to develop a program to benefit well-connected friends and businesses. Instead of the state giving subdivisions the greenlight to advance cronyism, industrial development should be promoted through low tax rates and minimal regulatory interference. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 58-10, on February 10, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 32-1, on March 4, 2021.

HB 1169

FUNDING FOR ARTS COUNCIL

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$250,000 to the South Dakotan Arts Council to generally “promote the arts,” with no specifications beyond that. Funding for the arts is not a core function of government and should be eliminated. Private funding and philanthropy are more than sufficient to maintain the arts. The South Dakota House passed this bill, 49-17, on February 25, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 33-2, on March 8, 2021.

HB 1210

LOCAL CORPORATE WELFARE PACKAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill earmarks \$20 million to be doled out by the Board of Regents in taxpayer-funded competitive grants for the design, construction, and furnishing of a new bioproducts facility in the city of Brookings. The government should not be forcing taxpayers to subsidize special niche projects for well-connected interests concentrated in a university town. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 47-19, on February 25, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 32-0, on March 8, 2021.

HB 1232

PAY RAISE FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the salaries of statewide government officials including the secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, commissioner of school and public lands, attorney general, and the governor. Specifically, the legislation perpetuates the formula basis for salary increases as established under previous

law, but institutes a fake cap by requiring future salary increases to total the base increase amount for 2023. As South Dakotans face rising costs due to inflation and foolhardy federal spending and energy policies, state officials should resist further gouging their constituents to increase their own salaries. The South Dakota House passed this bill, 48-17, on February 24, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 27-8, on March 2, 2021.

HCR 6010

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTI-ENERGY AGENDA

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This resolution calls on the Biden administration to support reliable and affordable energy and cease policies elevating politically favored, costly, and unreliable green energy schemes. Specifically, the resolution calls on the administration to rescind both Executive Order 13990 and Executive Order 14008, which revoked the Keystone XL permit and halted all oil and gas leases on public lands as part of a radical anti-growth climate change agenda.

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The South Dakota House passed the resolution, 60-7, on February 24, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 32-3, on March 3, 2021.

HJR 5003

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
PROTECTING TAXPAYERS**
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This joint resolution establishes a ballot initiative to amend the South Dakota Constitution. The amendment requires a three-fifths supermajority of voters to approve any future ballot measure that attempts to impose taxes or fees or obligates the state to spend \$10 million or more within any of its first five fiscal years. This is an important and worthwhile safeguard to curb attempted tax increases through constitutional fiat. The South Dakota Senate passed the resolution, 18-17, on March 2, 2021. The South Dakota House passed it, 51-17, on March 4, 2021.

SB 117

**INTEREST-FREE HOUSING DISASTER
LOANS**
(CFGF OPPOSES)

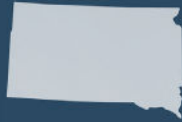
This bill allows either the legislature through statute or the governor by way of an executive order to declare a housing emergency. Those affected by natural or man-made disasters, wherein their homes are rendered uninhabitable, are then eligible for interest-free loans through the South Dakota Housing Development Authority. This bill creates a substantial moral hazard for hardworking South Dakotans who will be on the hook for bailing out homeowners' mortgages due to unforeseen events. This is the role of the market, not the government. The entire concept of insurance is intended for such events. This bill failed in the South Dakota Senate, 11-24, on February 16, 2021. The South Dakota House did not take it up.

SB 125

STATEWIDE MASK MANDATE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill institutes a statewide mask mandate and requires that all individuals (with limited exceptions) wear a mask indoors at any retail business or government-owned buildings where six-foot social distancing cannot be maintained. The legislation expires at the end of April 2021, underscoring the apparent belief of some lawmakers that COVID is no longer transmissible indoors following that date. The South Dakota Senate failed to pass this bill, 7-25, on February 4, 2021. The South Dakota House did not take it up.

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62 Republicans

8 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 54%

Average Democrat Score: 40%



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICANS

Rep. Aaron Aylward (HD-6) | 77%

Rep. Liz May (HD-27) | 77%

Rep. Tony Randolph (HD-35) | 77%



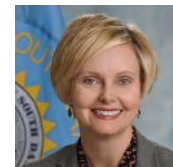
LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Mike Stevens (HD-18) | 32%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Oren Lesmeister (HD-28A) | 62%



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Rep. Jennifer Keintz (HD-1) | 26%

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POINTS					4	4	2	5	11	7	6	7	5	1	9	8	10	10	2	9	
Anderson, David	HD-016	R	43%	43%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	9	47
Aylward, Aaron	HD-006	R	77%	77%	4	4	-	5	11	7	-	7	-	1	9	8	10	-	2	9	1
Bartels, Hugh	HD-005	R	43%	43%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	9	47
Barthel, Doug	HD-010	R	43%	43%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	9	47
Beal, Arch	HD-012	R	69%	69%	4	-	-	-	11	7	X	7	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	9	11
Blare, Rocky	HD-021	R	69%	69%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	10	10	2	9	11
Bordeaux, Shawn	HD-26A	D	31%	31%	4	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	-	-	68
Chaffee, Kirk	HD-029	R	59%	59%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	-	10	2	9	19
Chase, Roger	HD-022	R	34%	34%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	61
Cwach, Ryan	HD-018	D	49%	49%	4	-	-	-	-	7	6	7	5	-	-	-	10	10	-	-	38
Davis, Sydney	HD-017	R	43%	43%	4	-	-	X	11	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	47
Dennert, Drew	HD-003	R	73%	73%	4	-	-	5	11	7	-	7	-	1	9	8	10	-	2	9	9
Derby, Mike	HD-034	R	49%	49%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	-	-	2	9	38
Deutsch, Fred	HD-004	R	35%	35%	4	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	2	9	58
Drury, Becky	HD-032	R	59%	59%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	-	10	2	9	19
Duba, Linda	HD-015	D	39%	39%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	54
Finck, Caleb	HD-021	R	52%	52%	4	-	-	-	11	7	X	7	-	-	9	-	-	-	2	9	32
Fitzgerald, Mary	HD-031	R	56%	56%	4	-	-	5	11	7	-	-	-	1	9	8	-	-	2	9	30
Goodwin, Tim	HD-030	R	74%	74%	4	-	-	5	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	10	10	2	9	8
Gosch, Spencer	HD-023	R	76%	76%	4	4	X	5	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	X	10	-	2	9	4

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Greenfield, Lana	HD-002	R	55%	55%	4	-	-	5	11	7	X	-	-	-	9	-	X	-	X	9	31
Gross, Randy	HD-008	R	57%	57%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	8	-	-	2	9	28
Hansen, Jon	HD-025	R	62%	62%	4	-	-	5	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	8	-	-	2	9	16
Haugaard, Steven	HD-010	R	51%	51%	4	4	-	-	-	7	-	7	-	1	9	8	-	-	2	9	34
Healy, Erin	HD-014	D	37%	37%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	56
Hoffman, Charlie	HD-023	R	49%	49%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	-	-	2	9	38
Howard, Taffy	HD-033	R	71%	71%	4	-	-	5	11	7	-	-	5	1	9	8	10	-	2	9	10
Jamison, Greg	HD-012	R	59%	59%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	-	10	2	9	19
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Jensen, Phil	HD-033	R	75%	75%	4	4	-	5	11	7	-	-	5	X	9	8	10	-	2	9	6
Johnson, Chris	HD-032	R	59%	59%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	-	10	2	9	19
Karr, Chris	HD-011	R	45%	45%	X	-	X	-	-	7	-	7	-	-	9	8	-	-	2	9	45
Keintz, Jennifer	HD-001	D	26%	26%	4	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	70
Koth, Lance	HD-020	R	50%	50%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	9	36
Ladner, Trish	HD-030	R	59%	59%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	-	10	2	9	19
Lesmeister, Oren	HD-28A	D	62%	62%	4	-	-	-	11	7	X	7	5	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	16
Marty, Sam	HD-28B	R	75%	75%	4	4	-	5	11	7	-	X	-	1	9	8	10	-	2	9	6
May, Liz	HD-027	R	77%	77%	4	4	-	5	11	7	-	7	-	1	9	8	10	-	2	9	1
Mills, John	HD-004	R	40%	40%	4	-	-	5	11	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	2	9	53
Milstead, Rhonda	HD-009	R	48%	48%	X	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	-	2	9	43

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Miskimins, Paul	HD-020	R	43%	43%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	9	47
Mortenson, Will	HD-024	R	59%	59%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	-	10	2	9	19
Mulally, Tina	HD-035	R	59%	59%	4	4	-	5	-	-	-	7	-	1	9	8	10	-	2	9	19
Odenbach, Scott	HD-031	R	62%	62%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	5	-	9	8	-	-	2	9	16
Olson, Jess	HD-034	R	35%	35%	4	-	X	-	11	7	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	10	2	-	58
Otten, Ernie	HD-006	R	43%	43%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	2	9	47
Overweg, Marty	HD-019	R	59%	59%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	10	-	2	9	19
Perry, Carl	HD-003	R	57%	57%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	8	-	-	2	9	28
Peterson, Kent	HD-019	R	51%	51%	4	-	X	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	9	34
Peterson, Sue	HD-013	R	59%	59%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	-	10	2	9	19
Pischke, Tom	HD-025	R	66%	66%	4	4	-	5	-	7	-	7	-	1	9	8	10	-	2	9	14
Pourier, Peri	HD-027	D	31%	31%	4	-	-	-	-	7	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	10	-	X	68
Randolph, Tony	HD-035	R	77%	77%	4	4	-	-	11	7	-	7	5	1	9	8	10	-	2	9	1
Reed, Tim	HD-007	R	36%	36%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	57
Rehfeldt, Taylor	HD-014	R	35%	35%	4	-	-	X	11	7	-	-	-	X	9	-	-	-	2	-	58
Reimer, Rebecca	HD-26B	R	66%	66%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	X	10	2	9	14
Schneider, Lynn	HD-022	R	34%	34%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	61
Smith, Jamie	HD-015	D	46%	46%	4	-	-	X	11	7	-	7	5	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	44
Soye, Bethany	HD-009	R	68%	68%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	1	9	8	10	-	2	9	13
St John, Tamara	HD-001	R	44%	44%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	X	-	9	-	-	-	2	9	46

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Stevens, Mike	HD-018	R	32%	32%	4	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	9	67
Thomason, Richard	HD-013	R	34%	34%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	61
Tidemann, Larry	HD-007	R	34%	34%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	61
Vasgaard, Richard	HD-017	R	38%	38%	4	-	-	-	-	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	-	-	2	9	55
Weis, Kaleb	HD-002	R	76%	76%	4	-	-	5	11	7	-	7	5	1	9	8	10	-	2	X	4
Weisgram, Mike	HD-024	R	34%	34%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	61
Wiese, Marli	HD-008	R	52%	52%	4	-	-	X	11	7	-	7	-	-	9	-	-	-	2	9	32
Willadsen, Mark	HD-011	R	49%	49%	4	-	-	-	11	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	9	38
Wink, Dean	HD-029	R	50%	50%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	9	36
York, Nancy	HD-005	R	34%	34%	4	-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	61

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HB 1004

RED TAPE ROLLBACK FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill repeals a licensing regime for medical assistants in South Dakota. Specifically, the legislation removes the requirement that medical assistants register with the state Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners. Such boards serve to create onerous government-imposed licensing schemes on various industries and professions, creating barriers to entry in fields that disproportionately impact those in lower income brackets and increasing costs to consumers. This is a positive development in rolling back needless occupational regulations. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 68-0, on January 22, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 34-0, on February 2, 2021.

HB 1015

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REVENUE GRAB (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill adds a new regulatory apparatus for South Dakota appraisers to empower bureaucrats with yet another revenue stream through the imposition of burdensome occupational barriers. Specifically, the legislation expands the Department of Labor's ability to regulate the appraisal industry by adding an appraiser experience training program necessary to "obtain" requisite hours of training. Furthermore, the bill provides for the promulgation of new rules that require fees for participating in the program, thereby enriching the very bureaucrats in charge of developing the rule. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 61-9, on January 26, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 34-0, on February 10, 2021.

HB 1021

TAXPAYER-FUNDED SUBSIDY FOR RURAL DOCTORS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill provides for a \$521,000 appropriation from the state's general fund to reimburse three doctors and two nurses for complying with the requirements of a rural health care recruitment program. Using taxpayer money to subsidize medical professionals with six-figure payments to provide care in specific parts of the state through a program intentionally designed to centrally-plan health care delivery is not only a misuse of taxpayer funds, but also entrenches government involvement in the provision of care. This harms future efforts to establish patient-centered care free from costly and harmful bureaucratic meddling. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 66-0, on February 11, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 34-0, on March 3, 2021.

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HB 1037

ELECTRICAL COMMISSION FEE-AND-CASH GRAB

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill imposes numerous licensing and installation fee increases under the State Electrical Commission. Specifically, the legislation increases licensing application fees by 100 percent, increases the biennial licensing fee for electrical contractors and journeymen by 100 percent, raises inspector and maintenance licensing fees by 300 percent, and increases Class B licenses by an astounding 500 percent. This is targeted taxation on specific professions, which creates barriers to entry, increases costs, and enriches the state bureaucracy. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 51-15, on January 28, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 31-2, on February 8, 2021.

HB 1046

COVID-19 LIABILITY PROTECTIONS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill provides civil immunity to businesses, health care providers, and other entities from claims that an individual contracted or was exposed to COVID-19 at these locations. The bill makes an exception if a party can provide clear and convincing evidence that exposure to the virus was intentional, but otherwise protects business owners and civil institutions from frivolous lawsuits. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 60-10, on January 26, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 29-3, on February 8, 2021.

HB 1077

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING RECIPROCITY (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill requires South Dakota licensing boards to approve licensure applicants in certain professions so long as they hold a current permit or license from another state, have at least two years experience, and have not committed

any act that would constitute grounds for suspension. The legislation applies to speech pathologists, counselors, ambulance drivers, surgeons, occupational therapists, nurses, and other medical professionals. Occupational licensing serves as an arbitrary barrier to entry that disproportionately impacts lower-income households and professions. These onerous regulatory schemes increase costs, decrease competition, and should be eliminated. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 67-3, on February 1, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 34-1, on February 10, 2021.

HB 1131

FLAWED DIRECT PRIMARY CARE PROPOSAL

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes the establishment of direct primary care (DPC) services in the state of South Dakota. This is a critical development for health care freedom and the ability of patients and doctors to interact without third-party interference from big government and crony big

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insurance bureaucrats. However, the legislation contains a fatal flaw by prohibiting DPC practitioners from determining whether they will accept new patients based on that patient’s health status. This is identical to Obamacare’s destructive guaranteed issue regulation, which undercuts the purpose of DPC in freeing doctors from government edicts. Such a requirement forces a physician, who may not be equipped to handle a patient’s particular medical issues, to accept all patients. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 63-2, on February 24, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 35-0, on March 8, 2021.

HB 1140
PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill restricts conservation officers from entering private land without a warrant or the permission of the owner. The legislation makes a few exceptions that include reasonable suspicion that a crime is happening or has been committed, the need to dispatch visibly

distressed or crippled wildlife, and a response to an emergency situation. Private property ownership and property rights are integral to a free society. This bill improves protections for landowners while respecting the appropriate role of conservation officers. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 41-28, on February 17, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 21-14, on March 8, 2021.

HB 1143
CORPORATE CRONYISM INCENTIVE PROGRAM
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes second and third-class municipalities to craft special rebates on municipal property taxes for hand-selected industries. This is little more than a special interest carve-out that incentivizes some 293 municipalities in South Dakota with 5,000 or fewer people to develop a program to benefit well-connected friends and businesses. Instead of the state giving subdivisions the greenlight to advance cronyism, industrial development

should be promoted through low tax rates and minimal regulatory interference. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 58-10, on February 10, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 32-1, on March 4, 2021.

HB 1169
FUNDING FOR ARTS COUNCIL
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$250,000 to the South Dakotan Arts Council to generally “promote the arts,” with no specifications beyond that. Funding for the arts is not a core function of government and should be eliminated. Private funding and philanthropy are more than sufficient to maintain the arts. The South Dakota House passed this bill, 49-17, on February 25, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 33-2, on March 8, 2021.

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HB 1194
PROTECTION AGAINST
UNCONSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill provides protections to South Dakotans from federal overreach implemented via executive order. Specifically, the bill authorizes the review of presidential executive orders that have not been affirmed by Congress or signed into law and provides for the attorney general to determine their constitutionality. The bill also restricts any agency, political group, or employee of the South Dakota government from enforcing unconstitutional orders. These protections apply not only to enumerated constitutional rights, but also to issue areas involving pandemics, natural resources, agriculture, and general land use. The South Dakota House passed this bill, 43-25, on February 25, 2021. The South Dakota Senate did not take it up.

HB 1210
LOCAL CORPORATE WELFARE PACKAGE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill earmarks \$20 million to be doled out by the Board of Regents in taxpayer-funded competitive grants for the design, construction, and furnishing of a new bioproducts facility in the city of Brookings. The government should not be forcing taxpayers to subsidize special niche projects for well-connected interests concentrated in a university town. The South Dakota House passed the bill, 47-19, on February 25, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 32-0, on March 8, 2021.

HB 1232
PAY RAISE FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the salaries of statewide government officials including the secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, commissioner of school and public lands, attorney general, and the governor. Specifically,

the legislation perpetuates the formula basis for salary increases as established under previous law, but institutes a fake cap by requiring future salary increases to total the base increase amount for 2023. As South Dakotans face rising costs due to inflation and foolhardy federal spending and energy policies, state officials should resist further gouging their constituents to increase their own salaries. The South Dakota House passed this bill, 48-17, on February 24, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 27-8, on March 2, 2021.

HB 1255
TAXPAYER “FOREVER” SLUSH FUND
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new \$200 million fund known as the “South Dakota Forever” Trust Fund. The fund is designed to facilitate the use of taxpayer money to fund projects “for the improvement of South Dakota.” Each year starting in 2024, four percent of the market value of the fund is eligible to be spent by the legislature in what is tantamount to a vaguely defined slush fund.

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Such schemes benefit well-connected industries and constituencies at the expense of hard-working taxpayers and often transform into open-ended money pits. This bill failed in the South Dakota House, 33-35, on February 25, 2021. The South Dakota Senate did not take it up.

HCR 6010

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTI-ENERGY AGENDA

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This resolution calls on the Biden administration to support reliable and affordable energy and cease policies elevating politically favored, costly, and unreliable green energy schemes. Specifically, the resolution calls on the administration to rescind both Executive Order 13990 and Executive Order 14008, which revoked the Keystone XL permit and halted all oil and gas leases on public lands as part of a radical anti-growth climate change agenda. The South Dakota House passed the resolution, 60-7, on February 24, 2021. The South Dakota Senate passed it, 32-3, on March 3, 2021.

HJR 5003

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

PROTECTING TAXPAYERS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This joint resolution establishes a ballot initiative to amend the South Dakota Constitution. The amendment requires a three-fifths supermajority of voters to approve any future ballot measure that attempts to impose taxes or fees or obligates the state to spend \$10 million or more within any of its first five fiscal years. This is an important and worthwhile safeguard to curb attempted tax increases through constitutional fiat. The South Dakota Senate passed the resolution, 18-17, on March 2, 2021. The South Dakota House passed it, 51-17, on March 4, 2021.

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