



2023

# West Virginia State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of West Virginia's State  
Legislature 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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# Methodology | West Virginia 2023

Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of West Virginia’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 WEST VIRGINIA IN 2023

The Foundation’s study examined over 1,800 floor votes and, in the end, included 15 West Virginia House votes and 14 West Virginia Senate votes.

### COMPUTATION

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

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was ranked. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0%

scores are, by default, ranked #100 in the House and #34 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 West Virginia House and West Virginia Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

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

**- DAVID McINTOSH**

PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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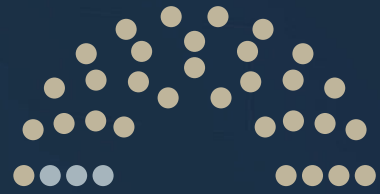
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31 Republicans

3 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 39%

(Down from 43% in 2022)

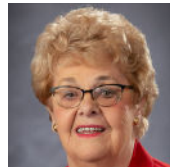
Average Democrat Score: 26%

(Up from 16% in 2022)



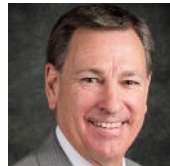
**HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN**

Senator Patrick Martin (SD-12) | 60%



**LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN**

Senator Donna Boley (SD-3) | 26%



**HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRATS**

Senator Robert Plymale (SD-5) | 31%

Senator Mike Woelfel (SD-5) | 31%



**LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT**

Senator Michael Caputo (SD-13) | 16%

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Name	District	Party	Score	Life-score	HB128	HB2024	HB2526	HB2759	HB2883	HB3036	HB3135	HB3370	HB3428	SB59	SB129	SB292	SB523	SB585	Rank
<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	
<b>POINTS</b>					7	11	11	11	7	5	4	5	6	8	5	7	8	5	
Azinger, Mike	SD-03	R	47%	49%	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	7
Barrett, Jason	SD-16	R	36%	38%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10
Blair, Craig	SD-15	R	36%	40%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10
Boley, Donna	SD-03	R	26%	34%	-	-	11	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	5	X	-	5	32
Caputo, Michael	SD-13	D	16%	11%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	33
Clements, Charles	SD-02	R	36%	40%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10
Deeds, Vince	SD-10	R	36%	36%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10
Grady, Amy	SD-04	R	32%	37%	X	-	11	-	-	-	4	-	-	X	5	X	-	5	24
Hamilton, Bill	SD-11	R	28%	28%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	-	5	31
Hunt, Mark	SD-08	R	36%	36%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10
Jeffries, Glenn	SD-08	R	n/a	27%	-	X	11	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	5	X	-	5	34
Karnes, Robert	SD-11	R	51%	53%	-	-	11	11	-	-	4	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	3
Maroney, Mike	SD-02	R	31%	38%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	X	-	5	25
Martin, Patrick	SD-12	R	60%	55%	X	-	11	11	-	5	4	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	1
Maynard, Mark	SD-06	R	51%	48%	-	-	11	11	-	-	4	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	3
Nelson, Eric	SD-17	R	36%	37%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10
Oliverio, Mike	SD-13	R	36%	36%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10
Phillips, Rupert	SD-07	R	59%	45%	X	X	11	X	-	X	-	X	-	8	5	7	-	5	2
Plymale, Robert	SD-05	D	31%	30%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	7	-	5	25
Queen, Ben	SD-12	R	36%	40%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10
Roberts, Rollan	SD-09	R	36%	41%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10

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<b>POINTS</b>					7	11	11	11	7	5	4	5	6	8	5	7	8	5	
Rucker, Patricia	SD-16	R	44%	43%	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	8	X	7	-	5	8
Smith, Randy	SD-14	R	29%	33%	-	-	X	-	-	-	4	-	-	8	5	7	-	X	30
Stover, David	SD-09	R	30%	33%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	7	-	5	29
Stuart, Mike	SD-07	R	51%	51%	-	-	11	11	-	-	4	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	3
Swope, Chandler	SD-06	R	36%	42%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10
Takubo, Tom	SD-17	R	36%	43%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10
Tarr, Eric	SD-04	R	31%	38%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	X	-	5	25
Taylor, Jay	SD-14	R	42%	42%	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	-	9
Trump IV, Charles	SD-15	R	36%	40%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10
Wakim Chapman, Laura	SD-01	R	51%	51%	-	-	11	11	-	-	4	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	3
Weld, Ryan	SD-01	R	35%	37%	-	-	11	-	-	-	4	-	-	8	5	X	-	5	23
Woelfel, Mike	SD-05	D	31%	30%	-	-	11	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	7	-	5	25
Woodrum, Jack	SD-10	R	36%	40%	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	7	-	5	10

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## HB 128

### SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR GOVERNOR'S PERSONAL PIGGY BANK

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates additional funding for the governor's Civil Contingent Fund. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$85 million in additional taxpayer-funded resources to a little-known fund in the governor's office that allows the executive branch to spend on whatever pet projects he or she desires. The base budget includes roughly \$9 million in state funds for the program—excluding federal grant money—and this supplemental increases that total amount by an astonishing 845 percent. At a time of persistent inflation and high costs, lawmakers should not pilfer hardworking West Virginians with exponential increases in ridiculous programs with minimal oversight that exclusively benefit interests at the sole discretion of the executive. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 70-22, on August 8, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 31-0, on the same day.

## HB 2024

### MISSED OPPORTUNITY BUDGET AGREEMENT

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates funding for the FY2024 budget. Specifically, the legislation spends \$4.87 billion for the FY2024 fiscal year, a 4.7 percent increase over state spending in FY2023. Furthermore, the bill includes 10 percent more in spending than the Senate alternative, a \$2,300 annual pay raise for all executive branch employees, a \$67 million raid of the state's surplus fund for crony tourism initiatives, a taxpayer bailout for the government employee insurance agency, and nearly \$1.2 billion in back-of-the-budget gimmicks to fund bureaucracies and programs using prospective surplus dollars that should go back to hardworking taxpayers instead. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 91-6, on March 10, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 32-0, on March 9, 2023.

## HB 2526

### SIGNIFICANT INCOME TAX REDUCTION

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill significantly reduces income taxes across all six brackets. Specifically, the legislation reduces income taxes by 21.25 percent retroactive to January 1, 2023, and includes a formula-based trigger for future reductions. These prospective cuts are capped at no more than 10 percent per year. Additionally, the bill provides a 100 percent rebate on vehicle tangible personal property taxes, however, the rebate is pegged to personal income taxes. It also provides small businesses with a 50 percent corporate income tax rebate on machinery, equipment, and inventory. The bill is estimated to cut taxes on hardworking West Virginians by \$750 million on an annual basis over the next five years. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 89-4, on March 4, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 33-0, on February 25, 2023.

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### HB 2759

#### MEDICAID PROVIDER TAX INCREASE

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill increases the provider tax on certain acute care facilities. Specifically, the legislation increases the tax rate on gross receipts of specified acute care hospitals from 0.13 percent to 0.18 percent to increase revenue for the Medicaid State Share Fund. It is estimated to increase state Medicaid funding by a minimum of \$4.5 million for FY2024 and FY2025. Lawmakers should not further entrench the costly and fraud-prone Medicaid welfare program in a state where Medicaid expansion is consuming 30 percent of the state budget and 33 percent of West Virginians are enrolled in the program. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 79-12, on February 25, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 23-8, on March 8, 2023.

### HB 2883

#### COVID SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING BINGE

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill appropriates federal COVID funds to numerous state agencies. Specifically,

the legislation appropriates \$685 million in unspent federal ARPA funds to be doled out to various agencies, including \$482 million for crony economic development initiatives at the Economic Development Authority, \$20 million for the abandoned property fund, and \$5 million for corporate welfare handouts through the “site ready” program. The \$2 trillion price tag on ARPA is one of the primary drivers of the record inflation eating into household budgets and straining family finances. Earmarking federal money wrongly seen as “free” for myriad big government projects creates a false spending floor for future legislative sessions, building pressure for future spending and tax hikes. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 79-17, on March 10, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 33-0, on March 11, 2023.

### HB 3036

#### SIGNIFICANT HOUSING SUBSIDY EXPANSION

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill expands the BUILD WV Act under the Department of Economic Development. Specifically, the legislation increases the number of subsidized housing districts by 300 percent

and the aggregate sum of approved costs from \$40 million to \$150 million every fiscal year—a whopping 275 percent increase. The BUILD WV Act provides a 100 percent sales tax exemption for building supply materials and a \$100,000 per project property tax adjustment credit against income tax liability for well-connected contractors and builders operating in centrally-planned economic development districts. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 80-15, on February 9, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 31-1, on March 9, 2023.

### HB 3135

#### PERMANENT STATEWIDE OFFICIAL SALARY INCREASES

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill ties the salaries of statewide elected officials to federal pay schedules. Specifically, the legislation ties the governor, attorney general, auditor, treasurer, secretary of state, secretary of transportation, and agriculture commissioner’s salaries to federal pay schedules set by the Office of Personnel Management beginning January 1, 2025. This bill increases the governor’s taxpayer-funded salary by 18.7

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percent and the six other officers' salaries by 36 percent while also providing for automatic salary increases every four years thereafter. At a time when hardworking families are facing persistent inflation and high costs, lawmakers should prioritize alleviating economic hardships on their citizens instead of increasing burdens. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 53-40, on March 11, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 24-8, on the same day.

### HB 3370

#### ABSURD TAXPAYER-BACKED LOAN PROGRAM

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill creates a new taxpayer-backed loan program for economic development. Specifically, the legislation implements the State Parks Enhancement Loan program for eligible private entities to engage in development efforts on state parks, Army Corps property, or resorts with taxpayer-backed loan guarantees of up to \$5 million per project. Lawmakers should not expose hardworking taxpayers to prospective bailouts through programs that necessitate moral hazard. The West Virginia House passed

the bill, 91-6, on March 11, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 31-1, on March 8, 2023.

### HB 3428

#### PERMANENT CORPORATE WELFARE PROGRAM

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill makes the Business Ready Sites program permanent. Specifically, the legislation repeals the existing pilot program and makes the authorization permanent. The program authorizes the Department of Commerce to certify hand-selected industrial businesses seeking development applications and grants the Public Service Commission wide latitude in determining contracts for utility infrastructure at a specific site that is at least 50 acres in size. Utilities operating at a "business ready" site are authorized to set rates to help recover investment costs, posing price hike risks to consumers. This legislation rewards well-connected special interests at the expense of hardworking West Virginians and centrally plans West Virginia's economic growth. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 83-14, on March 2, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 33-0, on February 27, 2023.

### SB 59

#### SIGNIFICANT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORMS

**(CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This bill implements reforms in the state's unemployment insurance program. Specifically, the legislation pegs the number of weeks individuals may receive benefits to the state's unemployment rate, limiting benefits to a new lowered minimum of 12 weeks and a new lowered maximum of 20 weeks. Additionally, the bill requires monthly cross-checks with state death records to maintain program integrity and enhanced work search requirements to maintain eligibility. Policy reforms encouraging re-employment lead to a healthier and more productive workforce while serving as a foundation for sustainable growth. The West Virginia Senate passed the bill, 27-5, on January 23, 2023. The West Virginia House did not take it up.

### SB 129

#### MODEST SPENDING REFORM MEASURE

**(CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This bill implements new parameters for spending federal funds. Specifically, the legislation requires the West Virginia legislature to appropriate all

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federal funds and prevents federal expenditures above such appropriations unless such federal funds occur during an emergency or after the legislative session has ended. Further, the bill curbs the governor’s ability to unilaterally spend such funding if it is more than \$10 million, creates a new program, or drastically changes an existing program. With the nation sitting at more than \$32 trillion in debt and hardworking families dealing with persistent inflation, this is an important structural change ensuring that the governor cannot bypass the legislature to spend federal money wrongfully seen as “free.” The West Virginia Senate passed the bill, 30-3, on January 11, 2023. The West Virginia House did not take it up.

### SB 292

#### SHARING MINISTRY PROTECTIONS

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill protects health care sharing ministries from certain state regulations. Specifically, the legislation carves out protections for sharing ministries by prohibiting such entities from being classified as insurance or third-party payers, thereby subjected to onerous Obamacare regulations. Since the implementation of Obamacare, premiums have

more than doubled and in some states–tripled–due to cost-driving Title I regulations. Sharing ministries act as a non-profit “risk pool” that can pay down medical bills for its members on a priority basis, operating outside heavy-handed, government-regulated insurance markets. The West Virginia Senate passed the bill 27-1, on January 27, 2023. The West Virginia House did not take it up.

### SB 523

#### MASSIVE CORPORATE WELFARE LOAN PROGRAM

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill further empowers the West Virginia Economic Development Authority. Specifically, the legislation authorizes the Economic Development Project Fund to issue up to \$300 million per year in taxpayer-backed “high impact” loans or grants to large corporations for business expansion, \$250 million per year in “traditional” taxpayer-backed loans, and \$50 million per year in taxpayer-funded “business retention” loans to large businesses already established in the state. This type of flagrant cronyism benefits the well-connected at the expense of hardworking families, picking winners and losers while showering large

companies with taxpayer-backed benefits. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 83-14, on March 10, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 34-0, on February 22, 2023.

### SB 585

#### PREEMPTING LOCAL AGRICULTURE REGULATIONS

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill preempts municipalities from enacting onerous regulations. Specifically, the legislation prohibits county commissions from adopting or enacting ordinances, rules, or licensing schemes relating to agricultural operations that are stricter than state regulations. Further, the bill revokes any existing county agricultural regulation more stringent than state law. This is an important measure for preventing patchwork regulatory schemes that unduly burden farms and other agricultural operations in West Virginia. The West Virginia Senate passed the bill, 32-1, on February 25, 2023. The West Virginia House did not take it up.

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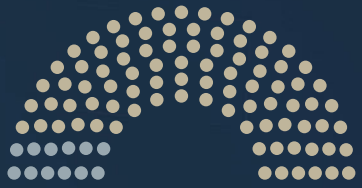
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100 MEMBERS

# West Virginia House Snapshot

88 Republicans

12 Democrats

0 Vacancies

**Average Republican Score: 29%**  
(Down from 47% in 2022)

**Average Democrat Score: 23%**  
(Up from 20% in 2022)



**HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN**  
Rep. Henry Dillon (HD-29) | **92%**



**LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN**  
Rep. Erikka Storch (HD-4) | **0%**



**HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT\***  
Rep. David Pritt (HD-50) | **71%**



**LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT**  
Rep. John Williams (HD-80) | **5%**

\*David Pritt later switched to the Republican Party in April 2023

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<b>POINTS</b>					7	6	11	5	5	11	11	7	3	5	4	6	5	6	8	
Adkins, David	HD-030	R	24%	24%	7	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Anderson, William	HD-010	R	17%	31%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Barnhart, Trenton	HD-009	R	17%	31%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Bridges, Jordan	HD-033	R	n/a	36%	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	4	X	-	-	X	
Brooks, Eric	HD-045	R	43%	43%	7	6	-	-	-	11	-	7	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	16
Burkhammer, Adam	HD-064	R	34%	39%	-	6	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	25
Butler, Jim	HD-018	R	39%	39%	7	6	-	-	5	11	-	-	-	-	4	6	-	-	-	21
Cannon, Jarred	HD-021	R	27%	27%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	4	6	-	-	-	37
Capito, Moore	HD-055	R	21%	33%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	49
Chiarelli, Geno	HD-078	R	39%	39%	7	6	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	21
Clark, Wayne	HD-099	R	18%	30%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	55
Coop-Gonzalez, Elias	HD-067	R	65%	65%	7	6	-	5	-	11	-	7	-	-	4	6	5	6	8	6
Cooper, Roy	HD-040	R	18%	28%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	55
Criss, Vernon	HD-012	R	17%	30%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Crouse, Kathie	HD-019	R	24%	34%	7	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Dean, Mark	HD-034	R	59%	41%	7	6	-	5	-	11	-	7	-	5	4	-	-	6	8	10
DeVault, Mike	HD-074	R	17%	17%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Dillon, Henry	HD-029	R	92%	92%	7	6	11	5	5	11	11	7	-	5	4	6	-	6	8	1
Dittman, Lori	HD-063	R	17%	17%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Ellington, Joe	HD-038	R	19%	28%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	53
Espinosa, Paul	HD-098	R	17%	33%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64

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<b>POINTS</b>					7	6	11	5	5	11	11	7	3	5	4	6	5	6	8	
Fast, Tom	HD-051	R	33%	45%	-	6	-	5	-	11	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	-	27
Fehrenbacher, Bob	HD-011	R	17%	17%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Ferrell, Dana	HD-060	R	5%	28%	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	96
Fluharty, Shawn	HD-005	D	29%	21%	7	-	-	-	-	11	-	7	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	33
Foggin, Dave	HD-014	R	23%	23%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	42
Forsht, Don	HD-091	R	17%	31%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Foster, Geoff	HD-020	R	74%	65%	7	6	11	-	5	11	11	-	-	-	4	6	5	-	8	4
Garcia, Joey	HD-076	D	11%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	92
Gearheart, Marty	HD-037	R	42%	59%	-	6	-	5	-	11	-	-	-	5	4	6	5	-	-	18
Griffith, Ric	HD-027	D	17%	24%	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	X	-	4	-	-	-	X	64
Hall, Anita	HD-036	R	60%	60%	7	6	-	5	5	11	11	-	-	-	4	-	5	6	-	9
Hall, Walter	HD-058	R	23%	23%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	X	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	42
Hamilton, Anitra	HD-081	D	n/a	n/a	-	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	
Hanna, Caleb	HD-048	R	18%	34%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	55
Hansen, Evan	HD-079	D	9%	10%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	94
Hanshaw, Roger	HD-062	R	15%	32%	-	X	-	-	X	11	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	89
Hardy, John	HD-097	R	24%	34%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	X	-	39
Heckert, Scot	HD-013	R	17%	17%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Hillenbrand, Rick	HD-088	R	30%	30%	-	6	X	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	4	6	-	-	-	31
Hite, Michael	HD-092	R	22%	22%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	46
Holstein, Joshua	HD-032	R	31%	38%	-	6	-	-	5	11	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	-	-	29
Honaker, Michael	HD-046	R	18%	32%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	55

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Hornbuckle, Sean	HD-025	D	15%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	89
Hornby, Michael	HD-093	R	18%	18%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Horst, Chuck	HD-095	R	43%	45%	X	6	-	X	X	11	X	-	X	-	4	X	-	6	-	16
Hott, John	HD-085	R	10%	31%	-	6	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	93
Householder, Eric	HD-096	R	28%	39%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	X	4	6	-	-	-	35
Howell, Gary	HD-087	R	18%	32%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	55
Jeffries, Dean	HD-061	R	28%	37%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	5	-	6	-	-	-	35
Jennings, D. Roland	HD-084	R	17%	34%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Keaton, Riley	HD-015	R	23%	34%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	42
Kelly, David	HD-008	R	17%	31%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Kimble, Laura	HD-071	R	48%	52%	-	6	-	5	-	11	-	7	-	5	-	6	-	-	8	12
Kirby, Todd	HD-044	R	53%	53%	7	-	11	5	-	11	-	7	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	11
Kump, Larry	HD-094	R	45%	45%	X	6	-	5	-	11	11	7	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	15
Linville, Daniel	HD-022	R	41%	42%	X	6	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	4	6	-	-	-	19
Longanacre, Todd	HD-047	R	65%	60%	X	-	-	5	5	11	11	-	-	5	4	-	5	6	8	6
Lucas, Patrick	HD-024	R	17%	17%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Mallow, Phil	HD-075	R	26%	37%	-	6	X	-	-	11	-	X	-	-	X	-	X	-	X	38
Marple, Keith	HD-069	R	17%	17%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Martin, Carl	HD-065	R	30%	50%	X	6	-	5	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	31
Maynor, Jordan	HD-041	R	17%	31%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Mazzocchi, Margitta	HD-031	R	17%	30%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
McGeehan, Pat	HD-001	R	47%	65%	-	6	-	5	-	11	-	7	X	-	-	-	X	6	8	13

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<b>POINTS</b>					7	6	11	5	5	11	11	7	3	5	4	6	5	6	8	
Miller, George	HD-090	R	17%	31%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Nestor, Ty	HD-066	R	17%	31%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Petitto, Mickey	HD-070	R	17%	17%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Phillips, Chris	HD-068	R	18%	33%	X	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Pinson, Jonathan	HD-017	R	18%	34%	X	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Pritt, Christopher	HD-053	R	76%	73%	7	6	-	5	-	11	11	7	-	5	4	6	-	6	8	3
Pritt, David	HD-050	D	71%	71%	7	-	11	X	X	11	X	7	-	X	4	X	-	-	8	5
Pushkin, Mike	HD-054	D	29%	21%	7	-	11	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	33
Reynolds, Charlie	HD-006	R	7%	26%	-	6	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95
Ridenour, William	HD-100	R	64%	64%	7	6	X	5	-	11	11	-	-	-	X	6	-	-	8	8
Riley, Clay	HD-072	R	18%	38%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Rohrbach, Matthew	HD-026	R	21%	36%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	49
Ross, Mark	HD-028	R	47%	47%	7	6	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	4	6	-	6	8	13
Rowe, Larry	HD-052	D	22%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	7	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	46
Shamblin, Andy	HD-059	R	21%	21%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	49
Sheedy, Charles	HD-007	R	17%	17%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Skaff, Doug	HD-057	D	19%	18%	-	-	-	X	X	11	X	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	53
Smith, Douglas	HD-039	R	23%	37%	-	6	-	X	X	11	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	42
Statler, Joe	HD-077	R	17%	31%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Steele, Brandon	HD-042	R	37%	43%	-	X	-	5	-	11	11	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	23
Storch, Erika	HD-004	R	0%	23%	I	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98
Street, George	HD-083	R	34%	34%	7	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	6	-	25

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<b>POINTS</b>					7	6	11	5	5	11	11	7	3	5	4	6	5	6	8	
Summers, Amy	HD-073	R	22%	33%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	46
Thorne, Darren	HD-089	R	33%	33%	-	6	-	-	5	11	-	-	-	5	-	6	-	-	-	27
Toney, Christopher	HD-043	R	21%	27%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	49
Tully, Heather	HD-049	R	17%	31%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Vance, Adam	HD-035	R	86%	86%	7	6	11	5	5	11	11	7	-	-	4	-	5	6	8	2
Walker, Danielle	HD-081	D	12%	12%	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	91
Ward, Bryan	HD-086	R	40%	45%	7	6	-	-	5	11	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6	-	20
Warner, Debbie	HD-082	R	17%	17%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Westfall, Steve	HD-016	R	n/a	44%	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	
Williams, John	HD-080	D	5%	9%	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	4	X	-	-	-	96
Willis, Jimmy	HD-003	R	17%	17%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Winzenreid, Diana	HD-004	R	n/a	n/a	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Worrell, Evan	HD-023	R	35%	39%	7	6	-	-	-	11	-	7	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	24
Young, Kayla	HD-056	D	31%	27%	7	-	-	-	-	11	-	7	-	X	4	-	-	-	-	29
Zatezalo, Mark	HD-002	R	17%	31%	-	6	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64

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## HB 128

### SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR GOVERNOR'S PERSONAL PIGGY BANK

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill appropriates additional funding for the governor's Civil Contingent Fund. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$85 million in additional taxpayer-funded resources to a little-known fund in the governor's office that allows the executive branch to spend on whatever pet projects he or she desires. The base budget includes roughly \$9 million in state funds for the program—excluding federal grant money—and this supplemental increases that total amount by an astonishing 845 percent. At a time of persistent inflation and high costs, lawmakers should not pilfer hardworking West Virginians with exponential increases in ridiculous programs with minimal oversight that exclusively benefit interests at the sole discretion of the executive. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 70-22, on August 8, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 31-0, on the same day.

## HB 2024 ROWE AMDT 1

### COVID WELFARE SPENDING SPLURGE

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This amendment to the budget appropriates remaining federal COVID funds to counties for low-income household distribution. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$300 million in unspent federal ARPA welfare subsidies to be doled out through the Low-Income Assistance Program. The \$2 trillion price tag on ARPA is one of the primary drivers of the record inflation eating into household budgets and straining family finances. Earmarking federal money wrongly seen as “free” for myriad big government projects creates a false spending floor for future legislative sessions, building pressure for future spending and tax hikes. The West Virginia House rejected the amendment, 14-80, on March 4, 2023. The West Virginia Senate did not take it up.

## HB 2024

### MISSED OPPORTUNITY BUDGET AGREEMENT

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill allocates funding for the FY2024 budget. Specifically, the legislation spends \$4.87 billion for the FY2024 fiscal year, a 4.7 percent increase over state spending in FY2023. Furthermore, the bill includes 10 percent more in spending than the Senate alternative, a \$2,300 annual pay raise for all executive branch employees, a \$67 million raid of the state's surplus fund for crony tourism initiatives, a taxpayer bailout for the government employee insurance agency, and nearly \$1.2 billion in back-of-the-budget gimmicks to fund bureaucracies and programs using prospective surplus dollars that should go back to hardworking taxpayers instead. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 91-6, on March 10, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 32-0, on March 9, 2023.

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### HB 2064

#### NEW CRONY TOURISM TAX CREDIT

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill creates a new tourism and commercial opportunity zone program. Specifically, the legislation provides for the creation of tourism zones designated by a special committee wherein government-selected projects can receive a \$50,000 annual tax credit against an individual's income tax liability so long as a minimum investment of \$250,000 is maintained over 10 years. Further, the bill does not adequately define qualified investments, includes no aggregate cap on the new tax credit, and does not specify how the collection of sales taxes interacts with the credit. Lawmakers should not further distort the tax code to benefit well-connected interests with special tax benefits for activities better left to the private sector. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 75-17, on February 25, 2023. The West Virginia Senate did not take it up.

### HB 2483

#### RIDICULOUS HISTORIC REHABILITATION TAX CREDITS

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill creates two new tax credits for historic district structures. Specifically, the legislation creates a tax credit against personal income tax equal to 25 percent of the replacement cost of non-historic structural facades located in historic districts. This personal credit is placed on a decreasing modification formula. Additionally, the bill creates a rehabilitation tax credit against corporate income tax equal to 25 percent of the total cost of non-historic structural facades located in historic districts. There is no established aggregate annual cap on the credits and no criteria for eligibility. Once again, lawmakers should not create new distortions in the tax code that benefit well-connected interests at the expense of hardworking families and households. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 82-9, on February 25, 2023. The West Virginia Senate did not take it up.

### HB 2526

#### SIGNIFICANT INCOME TAX REDUCTION

**(CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This bill significantly reduces income taxes across all six brackets. Specifically, the legislation reduces income taxes by 21.25 percent retroactive to January 1, 2023, and includes a formula-based trigger for future reductions. These prospective cuts are capped at no more than 10 percent per year. Additionally, the bill provides a 100 percent rebate on vehicle tangible personal property taxes, however, the rebate is pegged to personal income taxes. It also provides small businesses with a 50 percent corporate income tax rebate on machinery, equipment, and inventory. The bill is estimated to cut taxes on hardworking West Virginians by \$750 million on an annual basis over the next five years. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 89-4, on March 4, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 33-0, on February 25, 2023.

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### HB 2759

#### MEDICAID PROVIDER TAX INCREASE

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the provider tax on certain acute care facilities. Specifically, the legislation increases the tax rate on gross receipts of specified acute care hospitals from 0.13 percent to 0.18 percent to increase revenue for the Medicaid State Share Fund. It is estimated to increase state Medicaid funding by a minimum of \$4.5 million for FY2024 and FY2025. Lawmakers should not further entrench the costly and fraud-prone Medicaid welfare program in a state where Medicaid expansion is consuming 30 percent of the state budget and 33 percent of West Virginians are enrolled in the program. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 79-12, on February 25, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 23-8, on March 8, 2023.

### HB 2883

#### COVID SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING BINGE

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates federal COVID funds to numerous state agencies. Specifically,

the legislation appropriates \$685 million in unspent federal ARPA funds to be doled out to various agencies, including \$482 million for crony economic development initiatives at the Economic Development Authority, \$20 million for the abandoned property fund, and \$5 million for corporate welfare handouts through the “site ready” program. The \$2 trillion price tag on ARPA is one of the primary drivers of the record inflation eating into household budgets and straining family finances. Earmarking federal money wrongly seen as “free” for myriad big government projects creates a false spending floor for future legislative sessions, building pressure for future spending and tax hikes. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 79-17, on March 10, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 33-0, on March 11, 2023.

### HB 2941

#### CRONY COMMISSION SUNSET EXTENSION

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the authorization for a government council on post-college and post-high school career development. Specifically,

the legislation extends the sunset for the State Advisory Council on Postsecondary Attainment Goals from 2023 to 2025. Lawmakers should not prop up a bureaucracy designed to centrally plan West Virginia’s workforce development to benefit government-preferred industries. The statutory authorization for this council should be repealed or allowed to lapse. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 92-1, on February 3, 2023. The West Virginia Senate did not take it up.

### HB 3036

#### SIGNIFICANT HOUSING SUBSIDY EXPANSION

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the BUILD WV Act under the Department of Economic Development. Specifically, the legislation increases the number of subsidized housing districts by 300 percent and the aggregate sum of approved costs from \$40 million to \$150 million every fiscal year—a whopping 275 percent increase. The BUILD WV Act provides a 100 percent sales tax exemption for building supply materials and a \$100,000 per project property tax adjustment credit against income tax liability for well-connected

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contractors and builders operating in centrally-planned economic development districts. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 80-15, on February 9, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 31-1, on March 9, 2023.

### HB 3135

#### PERMANENT STATEWIDE OFFICIAL SALARY INCREASES

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill ties the salaries of statewide elected officials to federal pay schedules. Specifically, the legislation ties the governor, attorney general, auditor, treasurer, secretary of state, secretary of transportation, and agriculture commissioner's salaries to federal pay schedules set by the Office of Personnel Management beginning January 1, 2025. This bill increases the governor's taxpayer-funded salary by 18.7 percent and the six other officers' salaries by 36 percent while also providing for automatic salary increases every four years thereafter. At a time when hardworking families are facing persistent inflation and high costs, lawmakers should prioritize alleviating economic hardships on their citizens instead of increasing

burdens. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 53-40, on March 11, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 24-8, on the same day.

### HB 3274

#### CONTINUED MEDICAID EXPANSION

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill seeks a federal Medicaid waiver to establish a new program. Specifically, the legislation seeks a waiver from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to create an expanded government-controlled coverage option called a "basic health plan" for households whose income fluctuates beyond the Medicaid eligibility range—between 138 and 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The expansion of the Medicaid welfare program to able-bodied adults has devoured state budgets all across the country and West Virginia is no exception with nearly 30 percent of state spending devoted to the program. Lawmakers should focus on moving West Virginians off the costly and poor-quality Medicaid program. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 73-19, on February 25, 2023. The West Virginia Senate did not take it up.

### HB 3370

#### ABSURD TAXPAYER-BACKED LOAN PROGRAM

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill creates a new taxpayer-backed loan program for economic development. Specifically, the legislation implements the State Parks Enhancement Loan program for eligible private entities to engage in development efforts on state parks, Army Corps property, or resorts with taxpayer-backed loan guarantees of up to \$5 million per project. Lawmakers should not expose hardworking taxpayers to prospective bailouts through programs that necessitate moral hazard. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 91-6, on March 11, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 31-1, on March 8, 2023.

### HB 3428

#### PERMANENT CORPORATE WELFARE PROGRAM

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill makes the Business Ready Sites program permanent. Specifically, the legislation repeals the existing pilot program and makes

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the authorization permanent. The program authorizes the Department of Commerce to certify hand-selected industrial businesses seeking development applications and grants the Public Service Commission wide latitude in determining contracts for utility infrastructure at a specific site that is at least 50 acres in size. Utilities operating at a “business ready” site are authorized to set rates to help recover investment costs, posing price hike risks to consumers. This legislation rewards well-connected special interests at the expense of hardworking West Virginians and centrally plans West Virginia’s economic growth. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 83-14, on March 2, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 33-0, on February 27, 2023.

### SB 523

#### MASSIVE CORPORATE WELFARE LOAN PROGRAM

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill further empowers the West Virginia Economic Development Authority. Specifically, the legislation authorizes the Economic Development Project Fund to issue up to \$300 million per

year in taxpayer-backed “high impact” loans or grants to large corporations for business expansion, \$250 million per year in “traditional” taxpayer-backed loans, and \$50 million per year in taxpayer-funded “business retention” loans to large businesses already established in the state. This type of flagrant cronyism benefits the well-connected at the expense of hardworking families, picking winners and losers while showering large companies with taxpayer-backed benefits. The West Virginia House passed the bill, 83-14, on March 10, 2023. The West Virginia Senate passed it, 34-0, on February 22, 2023.

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