THE CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

2023

Wisconsin State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Wisconsin's State Legislature are voting on economic growth issues.

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THE CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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.

Methodology | Wisconsin 2023

Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Wisconsin'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 WISCONSIN IN 2023

The Foundation's study examined over 280 floor votes and, in the end, included 14 Wisconsin House votes and 13 Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin House and Wisconsin 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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33 MEMBERS

Wisconsin Senate Snapshot

22 Republicans

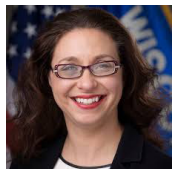
11 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 69%
(Down from 78% in 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 19%
(Up from 10% in 2022)

HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN
Senator Sen. Rob Hutton (SD-5) | 85%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN
Senator Sen. Rachel Cabral-Guevara (SD-19) | 59%

HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT
Senator Sen. Lena Taylor (SD-4) | 36%

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS
Multiple Senators at 12%

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	
POINTS					5	5	8	8	10	8	10	7	10	12	5	6	6	
Agard Sargent, Melissa	SD-16	D	12%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	28
Ballweg, Joan	SD-14	R	65%	63%	-	5	8	8	-	-	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	13
Bradley, Julian	SD-28	R	73%	79%	-	5	8	8	-	8	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	3
Cabral-Guevara, Rachael	SD-19	R	59%	73%	-	5	8	8	-	-	10	7	10	-	5	-	6	22
Carpenter, Tim	SD-03	D	30%	19%	-	-	-	-	10	8	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	24
Cowles, Robert	SD-02	R	73%	79%	-	5	8	8	-	8	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	3
Czaja Felzkowski, Mary	SD-12	R	65%	71%	-	5	8	8	-	-	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	13
Feyen, Dan	SD-18	R	65%	71%	-	5	8	8	-	-	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	13
Hesselbein, Dianne	SD-27	D	22%	12%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	26
Hutton, Rob	SD-05	R	85%	85%	-	5	8	8	-	8	10	7	10	12	5	6	6	1
Jacque, Andre	SD-01	R	67%	72%	-	5	8	8	-	8	10	7	10	-	5	6	-	12
Jagler, John	SD-13	R	65%	71%	-	5	8	8	-	-	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	13
James, Jesse	SD-23	R	65%	76%	-	5	8	8	-	-	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	13
Johnson, LaTonya	SD-06	D	12%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	28
Kapenga, Chris	SD-33	R	78%	82%	5	5	8	8	-	8	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	2
Knodl, Dan	SD-08	R	73%	80%	-	5	8	8	-	8	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	3
Larson, Chris	SD-07	D	30%	19%	-	-	-	-	10	8	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	24
LeMahieu, Devin	SD-09	R	65%	71%	-	5	8	8	-	-	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	13
Marklein, Howard	SD-17	R	65%	71%	-	5	8	8	-	-	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	13
Nass, Steve	SD-11	R	70%	70%	-	5	8	8	-	8	-	7	10	12	-	6	6	10
Pfaff, Brad	SD-32	D	12%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	28

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POINTS					5	5	8	8	10	8	10	7	10	12	5	6	6	
Quinn, Romaine	SD-25	R	73%	73%	-	5	8	8	-	8	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	3
Roys, Kelda	SD-26	D	22%	15%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	26
Smith, Jeff	SD-31	D	12%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	28
Spreitzer, Mark	SD-15	D	12%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	28
Stafsholt, Rob	SD-10	R	73%	75%	-	5	8	8	-	8	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	3
Stroebel, Duey	SD-20	R	65%	79%	-	5	8	8	-	-	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	13
Taylor, Lena	SD-04	D	36%	24%	-	-	X	-	-	8	X	-	-	12	5	X	X	23
Testin, Patrick	SD-24	R	73%	79%	-	5	8	8	-	8	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	3
Tomczyk, Cory	SD-29	R	70%	70%	5	5	8	8	-	-	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	10
Wanggaard, Van	SD-21	R	73%	68%	-	5	8	8	-	8	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	3
Wimberger, Eric	SD-30	R	65%	71%	-	5	8	8	-	-	10	7	10	-	5	6	6	13
Wirch, Robert	SD-22	D	12%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	28

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AB 133

CRONY AGRICULTURE TAX HANDOUTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands an existing agriculture tax handout. Specifically, the legislation expands the farmland preservation tax credit from $10.00 per acre to $12.50 per acre for farmland subjected to a preservation agreement and located in a preservation zoning district and increases two other credits from $7.50 and $5.00 per acre to $10.00 each. Estimates for payouts under this subsidy program suggest an increase from $16.4 million in FY2024 to $22 million in FY2024 under the expanded per-acre payments–an increase of 34 percent in programmatic expenditures. Lawmakers should not expand a costly subsidy program that implements land use restrictions and essentially bribes farmers to maintain their agricultural developments under centralized planning criteria. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 98-0, on November 14, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 31-2, on the same day.

AB 142

PROHIBITION ON GREEN MANDATES FOR VEHICLES

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill preempts efforts to impose destructive green energy mandates on vehicles. Specifically, the legislation prohibits state agencies and municipalities from restricting the sale or use of motor vehicles based on the type of energy used to power the vehicle. This policy prevents zealous political subdivisions from attempting to mirror costly and destructive emissions policies created in states like California that effectively ban the internal combustion engine, imposing new costs on hardworking families and entrepreneurs. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 63-35, on April 18, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 22-11, on June 7, 2023. Governor Evers vetoed the bill.

AB 146

BLOCKING UNEARNED GUARANTEED INCOME HANDOUTS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill preempts efforts to implement socialist guaranteed income payments. Specifically, the legislation prohibits municipalities and other political subdivisions from using revenue for unearned income payments to residents through the guise of providing guaranteed “basic income.” Such policies punish hardworking taxpayers and families, discourage the dignity of work, and promulgate freeloading behavior from otherwise able-bodied individuals who should be operating in the workforce. Socialist policies like universal basic income strike at the very heart of freedom and opportunity. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 60-34, on April 25, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 22-10, on October 17, 2023. Governor Evers vetoed the bill.

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AB 150

ENHANCED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORMS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements stricter work search requirements in the state UI program. Specifically, the legislation requires claimants to engage in two direct contacts with employers per week for job search activities, maintain an updated resume on the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) website, and complete a reemployment counseling session before the expiration of UI payments. Additionally, the bill requires DWD to put claimants through employment workshops and mandates that claimants apply for job referrals from the department. Further, the bill requires the department to promulgate rules for mandatory drug testing. Policy reforms that encourage re-employment lead to a healthier and more productive workforce while serving as a foundation for sustainable growth. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 60-35, on April 25, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 22-11, on June 7, 2023. Governor Evers vetoed the bill.

AB 245

SUPPLEMENTAL MUNICIPAL TAX-AND-WELFARE SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements myriad new spending measures and tax changes. Specifically, the legislation alters the existing formula for "shared revenue" municipal aid programs resulting in $207 million in new supplemental payments to towns and cities equal to an immediate 33 percent spending increase, and $68 million in new supplemental payments to counties equal to an immediate 55 percent spending increase. In total, the new formula spends $274 million in supplemental spending for municipal subsidies, bails out the failed leadership of Milwaukee, authorizes new sales taxes in Milwaukee County estimated to increase taxes by $73 million per year, and authorizes $300 million in crony municipal innovation grants. While the bill repeals the tangible personal property tax, the tax accounts for just 2 percent of the state's total property tax burden and is outweighed by the imposition of both new taxes and spending measures. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 68-26, on June 14, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 29-4, on the same day.

AB 439

ABSURD PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL SUBSIDIES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates significant taxpayer funds for the Milwaukee Brewers. Specifically, the legislation appropriates roughly $411 million in taxpayer grant subsidies over the next 20 years for the development, construction, and repair of facilities associated with professional baseball franchises, namely the Milwaukee Brewers. Additionally, the bill provides for $35 million in loan authority for similar purposes. These renovations and expenses are better left to private investors and the free market instead of imposing new and increased spending burdens on hardworking Wisconsinites and their families. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 72-26, on November 14, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 19-14, on the same day.

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SB 1

PRO-GROWTH WORKFORCE RELIEF PACKAGE

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements numerous pro-growth measures for hardworking taxpayers and families. Specifically, the legislation cuts the income tax rate for middle-class households from 5.3 percent to 4.4 percent saving households nearly $2.9 billion, expands the state child tax credit from 50 percent to 100 percent of the federal credit, pegs private school tuition deduction to inflation, implements widespread occupational licensing reciprocity, and proposes significant welfare reforms to unemployment insurance. This bill is a substitute for the Governor's proposed legislation and successfully stripped funding for a new $365 million taxpayer-funded childcare subsidy program, $265 million in new spending for the University of Wisconsin, and $243 million for a new sick leave mandate on employers. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 62-36, on November 14, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 21-11, on October 17, 2023.

SB 49

PREEMPTING MUNICIPAL UTILITY REGULATIONS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill preempts local governments from regulating utility services predicated on the source of energy provided to a consumer. Specifically, the legislation ensures that municipalities cannot restrict or prohibit the connection or reconnection of utility services that use reliable sources of energy. Some municipal governments across the country have attempted to force costly Green New Deal-style mandates on their citizens that curb natural gas and coal in favor of expensive and unreliable solar and wind power. This measure protects hardworking Wisconsinites from that emerging threat. The Wisconsin Senate passed the bill, 22-11, on June 7, 2023. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill by unanimous consent. Governor Evers vetoed the bill.

SB 70 AMDT 9

TABLING COSTLY MEDICAID EXPANSION AMENDMENT

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This amendment to the budget expands the state Medicaid program. Specifically, the legislation expands Medicaid to able-bodied, healthy adults through Obamacare–driving up state and federal spending, and supercharging welfare enrollment. Medicaid costs 64 percent more per person on average, with a total taxpayer-funded price tag of well over $800 billion. Medicaid as a program results in worse patient outcomes and diminished quality of care due to low provider participation. Wisconsin is one of just 10 states that has wisely refused to expand Medicaid under Obamacare. The Wisconsin Senate tabled the amendment, 22-11, on June 28, 2023. The Wisconsin Assembly tabled it under a different amendment number. A vote in favor of this amendment is a vote against Medicaid expansion.

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SB 70

MIXED BAG BUDGET AGREEMENT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates spending for the annual budget. Specifically, the legislation spends $43.7 billion in state general funds for the FY2024-25 fiscal biennium, a 12 percent increase in general fund spending over the previous biennial budget. Furthermore, the package includes over $1.2 billion in increased government school funding, a 6 percent across-the-board meritless pay raise for state employees, over $500 million in expanded government housing programs, significant expansion of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) welfare program, and $385 million in increased Medicaid spending. While the initial budget delivers roughly $3.5 billion in tax cuts, state lawmakers should not impose additional burdens on taxpayers and employers with ever-increasing spending baselines for government programs. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 63-34, on June 29, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 20-13, on June 28, 2023. Governor Evers partially vetoed the bill including reductions for the top two income tax brackets.

SB 135

EXPANDED OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING RECIPROCITY

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements broader licensing reciprocity. Specifically, the legislation eliminates the requirement that an individual be an active duty or former service member or spouse of a service member to receive occupational licensing reciprocity in Wisconsin under the Department of Safety and Professional Services, the various credentialing boards within the department, and the Veterinary Examining Board. While licensing schemes too often create barriers to entry, decrease competition, and increase costs, reciprocity ensures that professionals are not punished with additional regulatory burdens for practicing their craft in a different state. The Wisconsin Senate passed the bill, 22-11, on September 14, 2023. The Wisconsin Assembly did not take it up.

SB 224

PROHIBITING SICK LEAVE BENEFITS FOR LEGISLATORS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements paid sick leave reforms for legislators. Specifically, the legislation curbs the accrual of any new sick leave benefits following the date of enactment. Lawmakers are not indispensable on the individual level and should not view their election certificates as long-term career paths. This bill appropriately recognizes that if a lawmaker is too sick to do his or her job, resignation is the answer, not new and continuous taxpayer-conferred benefits. The Wisconsin Senate passed the bill, 21-11, on October 17, 2023. The Wisconsin Assembly did not take it up.

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SB 436

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT DEREGULATION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill repeals numerous onerous regulations on youth workforce participation. Specifically, the legislation repeals the requirement for 14 and 15-year-olds to obtain a permit authorizing their employment, eliminates the state fee for the permitting process, and repeals the appropriation for the permitting process. As hardworking families and households face persistent inflation and increased costs, providing new opportunities to supplement income is an important pro-growth and pro-family policy that will help offset the failed tax-and-spend policies of the government. The Wisconsin Senate passed the bill, 21-11, on October 17, 2023. The Wisconsin Assembly did not take it up in 2023.

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99 MEMBERS

Wisconsin House Snapshot

63 Republicans

35 Democrats

1 Vacancy

Average Republican Score: 69%
(Down from 87% in 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 18%
(Up from 0% in 2022)

HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICANS

(from top)

Rep. Ty Bodden (HD-59) | 85%

Rep. Janel Brandtjen (HD-22) | 85%

Rep. Chuck Wichgers (HD-82) | 85%

LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Scott Allen (HD-97) | 53%

HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Francesca Hong (HD-76) | 30%

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

Multiple Reps. at 10%

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
POINTS					5	5	8	5	8	10	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	10	
Allen, Scott	HD-97	R	53%	72%	-	X	X	X	X	-	8	8	5	5	-	5	8	-	63
Anderson, Clinton	HD-45	D	10%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Anderson, Jimmy	HD-47	D	28%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	65
Andraca, Deb	HD-23	D	10%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Armstrong, David	HD-75	R	67%	74%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
August, Tyler	HD-32	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Baldeh, Samba	HD-48	D	20%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	74
Bare, Mike	HD-80	D	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	74
Behnke, Elijah	HD-89	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Billings, Jill	HD-95	D	10%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Binsfeld, Amy	HD-27	R	67%	67%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Bodden, Ty	HD-59	R	85%	85%	-	5	8	5	8	10	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	1
Born, Mark	HD-39	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Brandtjen, Janel	HD-22	R	85%	86%	-	5	8	5	8	10	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	1
Brooks, Robert	HD-60	R	58%	74%	-	5	X	X	X	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	61
Cabrera, Marisabel	HD-09	D	13%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	84
Callahan, Calvin	HD-35	R	75%	81%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	6
Clancy, Ryan	HD-19	D	28%	28%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	65
Conley, Sue	HD-44	D	20%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	74
Considine, Dave	HD-81	D	20%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	74
Dallman, Alex	HD-41	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21

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POINTS					5	5	8	5	8	10	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	10	
Dittrich, Barbara	HD-38	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Donovan, Bob	HD-84	R	67%	67%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Doyle, Steve	HD-94	D	10%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Drake, Dora	HD-11	D	28%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	65
Duchow, Cindi	HD-99	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Edming, James	HD-87	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Emerson, Jodi	HD-91	D	20%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	74
Goeben, Joy	HD-05	R	75%	75%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	6
Goyke, Evan	HD-18	D	28%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	65
Green, Chanz	HD-74	R	75%	75%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	6
Gundrum, Rick	HD-58	R	67%	79%	-	5	X	X	X	X	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Gustafson, Nate	HD-55	R	75%	75%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	6
Haywood, Kalan	HD-16	D	10%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Hong, Francesca	HD-76	D	30%	15%	-	-	X	-	-	10	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	64
Hurd, Karen	HD-68	R	67%	67%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Jacobson, Jenna	HD-43	D	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	74
Joers, Alex	HD-79	D	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	74
Johnson, Scott	HD-33	R	67%	67%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Katsma, Terry	HD-26	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Kitchens, Joel	HD-01	R	64%	71%	-	5	8	5	8	-	X	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	60
Knodl, Daniel	HD-24	R	n/a	80%	I	5	8	5	8	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	

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POINTS					5	5	8	5	8	10	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	10	
Krug, Scott	HD-72	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Kurtz, Tony	HD-50	R	74%	81%	X	5	8	5	8	-	8	X	5	5	X	5	8	-	17
Macco, John	HD-88	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Madison, Darrin	HD-10	D	28%	28%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	65
Magnafici, Gae	HD-28	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Maxey, Dave	HD-15	R	67%	67%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
McGuire, Tip	HD-64	D	10%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Melotik, Paul	HD-24	R	n/a	n/a	-	I	I	I	I	I	8	-	5	5	10	I	I	I	
Michalski, Tom	HD-13	R	77%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	10	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	4
Moore-Omokunde, Supreme	HD-17	D	28%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	65
Moses, Clint	HD-29	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Murphy, David	HD-56	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Mursau, Jeffrey	HD-36	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Myers, LaKeshia	HD-12	D	20%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	74
Nedweski, Amanda	HD-61	R	67%	67%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Neubauer, Greta	HD-66	D	20%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	74
Neylon, Adam	HD-98	R	72%	80%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	X	X	10	5	8	-	19
Novak, Todd	HD-51	R	75%	81%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	6
O'Connor, Jerry	HD-52	R	72%	72%	-	5	8	5	8	I	X	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	19
Ohnstad, Tod	HD-65	D	10%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Oldenburg, Loren	HD-96	R	67%	70%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21

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POINTS					5	5	8	5	8	10	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	10	
Ortiz-Velez, Sylvia	HD-08	D	10%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Palmeri, Lori	HD-54	D	10%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Penterman, William	HD-37	R	67%	67%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Petersen, Kevin	HD-40	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Petryk, Warren	HD-93	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Plumer, Jon	HD-42	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Pronschinske, Treig	HD-92	R	58%	74%	-	5	X	X	X	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	61
Ratcliff, Melissa	HD-46	D	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	74
Rettinger, Nik	HD-83	R	67%	67%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Riemer, Daniel	HD-07	D	28%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	65
Rodriguez, Jessie	HD-21	R	77%	82%	-	5	8	5	8	10	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	4
Rozar, Donna	HD-69	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Sapik, Angie	HD-73	R	75%	75%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	6
Schmidt, Peter	HD-06	R	67%	67%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Schraa, Michael	HD-53	R	75%	81%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	6
Schutt, Ellen	HD-31	R	75%	75%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	6
Shankland, Katrina	HD-71	D	10%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Shelton, Kristina	HD-90	D	28%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	65
Sinicki, Christine	HD-20	D	10%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Snodgrass, Lee	HD-57	D	10%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Snyder, Patrick	HD-85	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21

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POINTS					5	5	8	5	8	10	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	10	
Sortwell, Shae	HD-02	R	75%	81%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	6
Spiros, John	HD-86	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Steffen, David	HD-04	R	75%	81%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	6
Stubbs, Shelia	HD-77	D	10%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	86
Subeck, Lisa	HD-78	D	11%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	85
Summerfield, Rob	HD-67	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Swearingen, Rob	HD-34	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Tittl, Paul	HD-25	R	75%	78%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	6
Tranel, Travis	HD-49	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Tusler, Ron	HD-03	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
VanderMeer, Nancy	HD-70	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Vining, Robyn	HD-14	D	28%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	65
Vos, Robin	HD-63	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Wichgers, Chuck	HD-82	R	85%	86%	-	5	8	5	8	10	8	8	5	5	10	5	8	-	1
Wittke, Robert	HD-62	R	67%	77%	-	5	8	5	8	-	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	21
Zimmerman, Shannon	HD-30	R	74%	81%	-	5	8	5	8	X	8	-	5	5	10	5	8	-	17

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AB 133

CRONY AGRICULTURE TAX HANDOUTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands an existing agriculture tax handout. Specifically, the legislation expands the farmland preservation tax credit from $10.00 per acre to $12.50 per acre for farmland subjected to a preservation agreement and located in a preservation zoning district and increases two other credits from $7.50 and $5.00 per acre to $10.00 each. Estimates for payouts under this subsidy program suggest an increase from $16.4 million in FY2024 to $22 million in FY2024 under the expanded per-acre payments–an increase of 34 percent in programmatic expenditures. Lawmakers should not expand a costly subsidy program that implements land use restrictions and essentially bribes farmers to maintain their agricultural developments under centralized planning criteria. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 98-0, on November 14, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 31-2, on the same day.

AB 142

PROHIBITION ON GREEN MANDATES FOR VEHICLES

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill preempts efforts to impose destructive green energy mandates on vehicles. Specifically, the legislation prohibits state agencies and municipalities from restricting the sale or use of motor vehicles based on the type of energy used to power the vehicle. This policy prevents zealous political subdivisions from attempting to mirror costly and destructive emissions policies created in states like California that effectively ban the internal combustion engine, imposing new costs on hardworking families and entrepreneurs. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 63-35, on April 18, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 22-11, on June 7, 2023. Governor Evers vetoed the bill.

AB 146

BLOCKING UNEARNED GUARANTEED INCOME HANDOUTS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill preempts efforts to implement socialist guaranteed income payments. Specifically, the legislation prohibits municipalities and other political subdivisions from using revenue for unearned income payments to residents through the guise of providing guaranteed “basic income.” Such policies punish hardworking taxpayers and families, discourage the dignity of work, and promulgate freeloading behavior from otherwise able-bodied individuals who should be operating in the workforce. Socialist policies like universal basic income strike at the very heart of freedom and opportunity. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 60-34, on April 25, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 22-10, on October 17, 2023. Governor Evers vetoed the bill.

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AB 148

INCREASED MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY EVALUATIONS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements new requirements for eligibility determinations in Medicaid. Specifically, the legislation requires the Department of Health Services to apply for a waiver from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to require eligibility redeterminations for BadgerCare Plus, the state Medicaid program, every six months instead of every year. Medicaid costs 64 percent more per person on average, with a total taxpayer-funded price tag of well over $800 billion. Additionally, the program is rife with fraud, results in worse patient outcomes, and routinely delivers reduced quality of care due to low provider participation. This is an important reform that will help move individuals off the rolls who are both ineligible and soak up care for the truly indigent. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 60-35, on April 25, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate did not take it up.

AB 150

ENHANCED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORMS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements stricter work search requirements in the state UI program. Specifically, the legislation requires claimants to engage in two direct contacts with employers per week for job search activities, maintain an updated resume on the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) website, and complete a reemployment counseling session before the expiration of UI payments. Additionally, the bill requires DWD to put claimants through employment workshops and mandates that claimants apply for job referrals from the department. Further, the bill requires the department to promulgate rules for mandatory drug testing. Policy reforms that encourage re-employment lead to a healthier and more productive workforce while serving as a foundation for sustainable growth. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 60-35, on April 25, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 22-11, on June 7, 2023. Governor Evers vetoed the bill.

AB 245

SUPPLEMENTAL MUNICIPAL TAX-AND-WELFARE SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements myriad new spending measures and tax changes. Specifically, the legislation alters the existing formula for "shared revenue" municipal aid programs resulting in $207 million in new supplemental payments to towns and cities equal to an immediate 33 percent spending increase, and $68 million in new supplemental payments to counties equal to an immediate 55 percent spending increase. In total, the new formula spends $274 million in supplemental spending for municipal subsidies, bails out the failed leadership of Milwaukee, authorizes new sales taxes in Milwaukee County estimated to increase taxes by $73 million per year, and authorizes $300 million in crony municipal innovation grants. While the bill repeals the tangible personal property tax, the tax accounts for just 2 percent of the state's total property tax burden and is outweighed by the imposition of both new taxes and spending

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measures. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 68-26, on June 14, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 29-4, on the same day.

AB 387

INNOVATIVE CHILDCARE SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements an innovative savings account approach for childcare. Specifically, the legislation creates the equivalent of a 529 savings account for qualifying childcare expenses, allowing parents to establish tax-free savings accounts capped at $10,000 per child on an annual basis. These accounts allow individuals to deduct the amount contributed from state income taxes, reducing exposure to burdensome tax policies while providing meaningful market-based avenues for childcare services. This is a far more effective method of addressing childcare needs than new subsidies, onerous employer mandates, or distortionary credits. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 62-35, on September 14, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate did not take it up.

AB 439

ABSURD PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL SUBSIDIES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates significant taxpayer funds for the Milwaukee Brewers. Specifically, the legislation appropriates roughly $411 million in taxpayer grant subsidies over the next 20 years for the development, construction, and repair of facilities associated with professional baseball franchises, namely the Milwaukee Brewers. Additionally, the bill provides for $35 million in loan authority for similar purposes. These renovations and expenses are better left to private investors and the free market instead of imposing new and increased spending burdens on hardworking Wisconsinites and their families. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 72-26, on November 14, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 19-14, on the same day.

AJR 6

NEW CONSTRAINTS ON EXECUTIVE SPENDING

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that restores power to the state legislature. Specifically, the resolution proposes an amendment that prohibits the legislature from delegating its power to determine how federal money gets spent in the state. Under existing Wisconsin statute, the governor has the authority to accept federal funds and then unilaterally determine how it gets spent–undermining the critical separation of powers at the expense of hardworking Wisconsinites who ultimately bear the burden of one individual's spending addiction. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the resolution, 63-35, on September 12, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate did not take it up in 2023.

AJR 66

TAXPAYER PROTECTION RESOLUTION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that protects taxpayers from

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future tax increases. Specifically, the resolution proposes an amendment that requires a two-thirds supermajority in both legislative chambers to increase the state income or sales tax. This is an important safeguard for hardworking families and households increasingly burdened by profligate spending, persistent inflation, and high taxes and ensures that any attempt at implementing new revenue grabs must reach a higher legislative threshold. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the resolution, 63-35, on September 12, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate did not take it up.

SB 1

PRO-GROWTH WORKFORCE RELIEF PACKAGE

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements numerous pro-growth measures for hardworking taxpayers and families. Specifically, the legislation cuts the income tax rate for middle-class households from 5.3 percent to 4.4 percent saving households nearly $2.9 billion, expands the state child tax credit from 50 percent to 100 percent of the federal credit, pegs private school tuition deduction to inflation, implements widespread occupational licensing reciprocity, and proposes significant welfare reforms to unemployment insurance. This bill is a substitute for the Governor's proposed legislation and successfully stripped funding for a new $365 million taxpayer-funded childcare subsidy program, $265 million in new spending for the University of Wisconsin, and $243 million for a new sick leave mandate on employers. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 62-36, on November 14, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 21-11, on October 17, 2023.

SB 70 AMDT 8

TABLING TAXPAYER-FUNDED DEI INFRASTRUCTURE AMENDMENT

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This amendment to the budget appropriates significant funding to the University of Wisconsin system for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) bureaucracy. Specifically, the legislation appropriates $31.9 million over the FY 2024-25 biennium for discriminatory DEI programs and positions. Hardworking taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize institutions and programs explicitly aimed at promoting race essentialism and unraveling the fundamental American idea. The Wisconsin Assembly tabled the amendment, 63-34, on June 29, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate did not take it up. A vote in favor of this amendment is a vote against subsidized DEI programs at the University of Wisconsin system.

SB 70 AMDT 6

TABLING COSTLY MEDICAID EXPANSION AMENDMENT

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This amendment to the budget expands the state Medicaid program. Specifically, the legislation expands Medicaid to able-bodied, healthy adults through Obamacare–driving up state and federal spending, and supercharging welfare enrollment. Medicaid expansion costs 64 percent more per person on average, with a total taxpayer-funded price tag of well over $800 billion. Medicaid as a program results in worse patient outcomes and diminished quality of care due to low provider participation. Wisconsin is one of just 10 states that has wisely refused to expand Medicaid under Obamacare. The Wisconsin Assembly tabled

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the amendment, 63-34, on June 29, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate tabled it under a different amendment number. A vote in favor of this amendment is a vote against Medicaid expansion.

SB 70

MIXED BAG BUDGET AGREEMENT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates spending for the annual budget. Specifically, the legislation spends $43.7 billion in state general funds for the FY2024-25 fiscal biennium, a 12 percent increase in general fund spending over the previous biennial budget. Furthermore, the package includes over $1.2 billion in increased government school funding, a 6 percent across-the-board meritless pay raise for state employees, over $500 million in expanded government housing programs, significant expansion of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) welfare program, and $385 million in increased Medicaid spending. While the initial budget delivers roughly $3.5 billion in tax cuts, state lawmakers should not impose additional burdens on taxpayers and employers with ever-increasing spending baselines for government programs. The Wisconsin Assembly passed the bill, 63-34, on June 29, 2023. The Wisconsin Senate passed it, 20-13, on June 28, 2023. Governor Evers partially vetoed the bill including reductions for the top two income tax brackets.

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