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2022

# South Carolina State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of South Carolina's General Assembly are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the legislators who serve in state legislatures. This is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

# Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ABOUT PRO-GROWTH POLICIES.

THE FOUNDATION CONDUCTS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS OF VOTING RECORDS.

THE FOUNDATION'S GOAL IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND BRING AWARENESS TO LAWMAKERS.

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# Methodology | South Carolina 2022

Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of South Carolina'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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## 2022 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The Foundation’s study examined over 1,200 floor votes and, in the end, included 19 South Carolina House votes and 13 South Carolina 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 #124 in the House and #46 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 2022 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 Carolina House and South Carolina 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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16 Democrats

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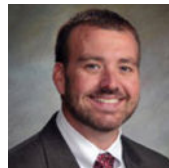
Average Republican Score: 45%

Average Democrat Score: 27%



### HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Shane Massey (SD-25) | 74%



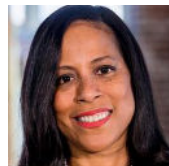
### LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Stephen Goldfinch (SD-34) | 25%



### HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Michael Fanning (SD-17) | 43%



### LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Mia McLeod (SD-22) | 8%

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<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	
<b>POINTS</b>					7	6	6	4	12	8	11	7	7	7	8	9	8	
Adams, Brian	SD-44	R	45%	45%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7	8	9	8	14
Alexander, Thomas	SD-01	R	38%	38%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	9	8	25
Allen, Karl	SD-07	D	24%	24%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	8	38
Bennett, Sean	SD-38	R	45%	45%	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	9	8	14
Campsen, George	SD-43	R	40%	40%	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	X	8	22
Cash, Richard	SD-03	R	49%	49%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	7	8	9	8	5
Climer, Wes	SD-15	R	64%	64%	7	6	-	4	X	-	-	7	-	7	8	9	8	2
Corbin, Thomas	SD-05	R	56%	56%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	7	7	7	8	9	8	4
Cromer, Ronnie	SD-18	R	42%	42%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	9	8	19
Davis, Thomas	SD-46	R	39%	39%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	8	9	8	24
Fanning, Michael	SD-17	D	43%	43%	-	6	-	-	-	-	11	7	X	-	8	-	8	17
Gambrell, Michael	SD-04	R	43%	43%	-	6	-	-	X	-	-	7	-	-	8	9	8	17
Garrett, Billy	SD-10	R	45%	45%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7	8	9	8	14
Goldfinch, Stephen	SD-34	R	25%	25%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	X	X	37
Grooms, Lawrence	SD-37	R	32%	32%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	9	8	31
Gustafson, Penry	SD-27	R	59%	59%	7	6	-	4	X	-	X	7	-	-	8	9	X	3
Harpootlian, Richard	SD-20	D	40%	40%	-	6	-	-	-	-	X	7	-	X	8	X	8	22
Hembree, Greg	SD-28	R	38%	38%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	9	8	25
Hutto, C. Bradley	SD-40	D	27%	27%	X	6	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	8	36
Jackson, Darrell	SD-21	D	33%	33%	X	6	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	X	8	-	8	30

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<b>POINTS</b>					7	6	6	4	12	8	11	7	7	7	8	9	8	
Johnson, Kevin	SD-36	D	22%	22%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8	40
Johnson, Michael	SD-16	R	49%	49%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	7	8	9	8	5
Kimbrell, Joshua	SD-11	R	49%	49%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	7	8	9	8	5
Kimpson, Marlon	SD-42	D	n/a	n/a	X	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	
Loftis, Dwight	SD-06	R	49%	49%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	7	8	9	8	5
Malloy, Gerald	SD-29	D	31%	31%	X	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	-	8	32
Martin, Shane	SD-13	R	36%	36%	-	X	-	4	-	-	-	7	7	-	8	-	8	29
Massey, A. Shane	SD-25	R	74%	74%	7	6	-	4	-	-	11	7	7	7	8	9	8	1
Matthews, Margie	SD-45	D	24%	24%	-	6	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	8	-	X	38
McElveen, Thomas	SD-35	D	22%	22%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8	40
McLeod, Mia	SD-22	D	8%	8%	X	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	45
Peeler, Harvey	SD-14	R	42%	42%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	9	8	19
Rankin, Luke	SD-33	R	37%	37%	-	6	-	-	-	-	X	7	-	-	X	9	8	28
Reichenbach, Mike	SD-31	R	47%	47%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	7	7	7	8	X	1	11
Rice, Rex	SD-02	R	49%	49%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	7	8	9	8	5
Sabb, Ronnie	SD-32	D	22%	22%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8	40
Scott, John	SD-19	D	30%	30%	-	6	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	8	-	8	33
Senn, Sandra	SD-41	R	46%	46%	-	6	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	8	9	8	13
Setzler, Nikki	SD-26	D	28%	28%	-	6	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	8	X	8	35
Shealy, Katrina	SD-23	R	29%	29%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	X	8	34

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Stephens, Vernon	SD-39	D	22%	22%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8	40
Talley, Scott	SD-12	R	49%	49%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	7	X	X	8	9	8	5
Turner, Ross	SD-08	R	38%	38%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	9	8	25
Verdin, Danny	SD-09	R	47%	47%	-	6	X	4	-	-	-	7	X	X	8	9	X	11
Williams, Kent	SD-30	D	22%	22%	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8	40
Young, Thomas	SD-24	R	42%	42%	-	6	-	4	-	-	-	7	-	-	8	9	8	19

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## H. 3340

### INFRASTRUCTURE TAX CREDIT EXPANSION

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands a preexisting tax credit for utility companies. Specifically, the legislation increases the annual licensing credit from \$400,000 to \$600,000 for eligible infrastructure projects. Additionally, the bill expands the definition of what constitutes a qualified project and provides for an additional graduated credit equal to \$150,000 in Tier II through Tier IV counties. The average annual handout of this program is nearly \$8 million—serving as an uncapped taxpayer-backed gift for government-preferred special interests. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 104-6, on April 6, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 36-5, on May 11, 2022.

## H. 3599

### LICENSING COMPACT FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill adopts an interstate compact for licensing occupational therapy. Specifically, the legislation ensures reciprocity between South Carolina and member states so that licensed occupational therapists in member states are recognized to practice in South Carolina and vice-versa. 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 South Carolina House passed the bill, 103-3, on February 23, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 44-0, on May 10, 2022.

## H. 3606

### PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT REGULATIONS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill substantially increases regulations on residential home improvements by preventing specialty contractors from making renovations without first being supervised by a residential builder or another licensee. This includes professions like plumbers, electricians, roofers, and carpenters. Additionally, the legislation prohibits specialty contractors from operating outside the scope of their license, including employing, hiring, or subcontracting with others to perform work on a project. This regulatory framework creates barriers to entry that protect larger firms and licensing bureaucracies at the expense of entrepreneurial South Carolinians. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 89-13, on April 26, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 44-0, on April 20, 2022.

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### H. 3948

#### NEW COUNTY DOUBLE TAXATION SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill provides counties in South Carolina with the ability to levy an additional 1 percent sales tax on top of a preexisting sales tax. Specifically, the legislation amends Chapter 37, Title 4 of state law to open up an explicit double taxation scheme for citizens and consumers. The additional sales tax has no stated parameters and may be issued for a purpose determined by county officials. While lawmakers lower income taxes at the state level, the creation of entirely new and arbitrary taxation schemes is yet another harmful burden on hardworking South Carolinians and their families. The South Carolina Senate passed the bill, 26-17 on May 11, 2022. The South Carolina House passed it, 75-21, on April 6, 2021.

### H. 4408

#### SUPPLEMENTAL COVID SPENDING SPLURGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$1.9 billion in federal tax dollars through the dubiously-titled “American

Rescue Plan.” Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$800 million to create three new competitive grant programs for local government and municipalities to fight over and \$400 million to the Office of Regulatory Staff tasked with developing a broadband development boondoggle. The \$2 trillion price tag on ARPA is one of the primary drivers of the record inflation eating into household budgets and family finance. Earmarking 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 South Carolina House passed the bill, 99-11, on February 16, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 41-0, on April 19, 2022.

### H. 4831

#### GREEN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION (CFGF OPPOSES)

This resolution directs the Department of Commerce to conduct an economic development study on South Carolina’s ability

to compete for offshore wind energy industries. Specifically, the resolution authorizes state universities, the Office of Regulatory Staff, and other state agencies to develop a roadmap for new wind energy projects off the coast of South Carolina—including relevant manufacturing and supply chain development in other parts of the state. Aside from its heavy subsidization, wind energy is both unreliable and difficult to store, which threatens grid efficiency. Any effort to curb natural gas and coal in favor of expensive and unreliable wind power is a direct threat to hardworking South Carolinians, who will bear the brunt of price hikes. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 85-21, on February 2, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 45-0, on May 11, 2022.

### H. 5150

#### BIG SPENDING BUDGET BINGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$13.8 billion in spending for the state budget. This is the largest annual budget in South Carolina history. The legislation includes a \$4,000 increase in the minimum teacher

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salary, a 3 percent across-the-board pay raise for state employees along with a \$1,500 bonus check, a \$300 million appropriation for new crony spending touted as “economic development,” and bribes colleges to freeze tuition. The bill also includes some good measures including \$1 billion in tax rebates as well as consolidated and lower tax rates. However, in an environment marked by skyrocketing inflation and high costs due to profligate spending, this bill foists yet another undue burden on hardworking South Carolina taxpayers. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 107-8, on June 15, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 40-2, on the same day.

### Veto Override 5

#### EDUCATION EARMARK FOR GAMING COMPANY

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This override reverses the governor’s veto of a \$1.5 million earmark for a corporate provider of third-party education services. The spending was supposed to go through a Grant Committee at the Department of Education as part of an effort to increase transparency and accountability for

education program spending. Instead, lawmakers made a direct appropriation for the benefit of a single recipient, Plasma Games, and bypassed the transparency process. The South Carolina House overrode the veto, 78-29, on June 28, 2022. The South Carolina Senate sustained the veto, 7-29, on the same day.

### Veto Override 9

#### FOOD MANUFACTURING TAX EXEMPTION

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This override reverses the governor’s veto of a “temporary” one-year specialized tax carve-out for food manufacturing equipment. The continued creation of new carve-outs and tax benefits for politically well-connected industries and companies distorts the tax code and pits citizens against one another. Such cronyism disadvantages middle-class and working South Carolinians who cannot afford to hire lobbyists to sway lawmakers to provide them with taxpayer-backed handouts. The South Carolina House sustained the veto, 65-41, on June 28, 2022. The South Carolina Senate overrode the veto, 33-4, on the same day.

### Veto Override 18

#### ORANGEBURG WELCOME CENTER

#### EARMARK

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This override reverses the governor’s veto of a \$7 million cultural welcome center for the city of Orangeburg. With a population of roughly 12,000 people, this earmark is a clear attempt to exploit hardworking South Carolina taxpayers across the state to fund a lawmaker’s parochial project. Earmarks grease the skids for higher spending and serve as a currency of corruption whether in Washington D.C. or Columbia. Such practices should be abolished to protect taxpayers and working families. The South Carolina House overrode the veto, 73-32, on June 28, 2022. The South Carolina Senate overrode the veto, 25-11, on the same day.

### S. 506

#### COTTAGE FOOD EMPOWERMENT

**(CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This bill reduces the regulatory oversight on the burgeoning cottage food industry. Specifically, the legislation expands the ability of home-based

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food operations to sell their goods online, by mail, or to retail establishments. Furthermore, the bill creates a process to protect cottage food operations' privacy while still reassuring customers that the operation retains some accountability regarding food safety. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 109-0, on April 26, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 42-0, on March 12, 2022.

### S. 935

#### EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PILOT PROGRAM

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill creates a new school choice pilot program targeted at low-income households. Specifically, the legislation allocates \$75 million for up to 5,000 students in grades K-8 to attend any private or public school of their choice, utilizing ESA dollars to pay for tuition, books, tutoring, and other education-related expenses. Eligible students must be in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) with each student receiving funding equal to the state's per-pupil allocation. Additionally, 500

children of active-duty military servicemembers are also eligible for the pilot program, which expires in 2026. While the original Senate version included much-needed scalability, the bill lays the foundation for a future that empowers parents, focuses on student outcomes, and diminishes the grip of the destructive education bureaucracy. The Senate passed it, 25-15, on March 30, 2022. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 66-38, on May 10, 2022.

### S. 1087

#### MODEST TAX CUT EFFORT

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a modest personal income tax rate reduction. Specifically, the legislation lowers the top rate from 7 percent to 6 percent over a five-year period and includes a \$700 tax rebate. Additionally, the bill streamlines the number of brackets from six to three total with rates set at 6 percent, 3 percent, and zero respectively. The bill also provides property tax relief for manufacturers without a fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreement reducing their effective rate down to 6 percent from 9 percent. With the

highest individual income tax rate in the South and one of the highest in the country, a reduction—even a modest one—is a welcome development for hardworking South Carolinians. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 110-0, on May 10, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 39-0, on March 15, 2022.

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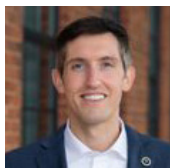
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Average Republican Score: 41%

Average Democrat Score: 15%



## HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICANS

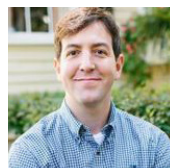
*Clockwise from left*

Rep. Victor Dabney (HD-52) | 96%

Rep. Josiah Magnuson (HD-38) | 96%

Rep. Robert May (HD-88) | 96%

Rep. Adam Morgan (HD-20) | 96%



## LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Gil Gatch (HD-94) | 12%



## HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Terry Alexander (HD-59) | 24%



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Rep. Leonidas Stavrakis (HD-119) | 5%

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<b>POINTS</b>					5	4	4	4	10	4	3	6	3	3	9	5	5	5	6	5	5	8	6	
Alexander, Terry	HD-059	D	24%	24%	-	4	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	5	X	6	61
Allison, Merita	HD-036	R	40%	40%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	X	-	5	-	-	5	5	8	6	31
Anderson, Carl	HD-103	D	16%	16%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	-	6	88
Atkinson, Lucas	HD-057	D	21%	21%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	X	6	72
Bailey, William	HD-104	R	29%	29%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	49
Ballentine, Nathan	HD-071	R	29%	29%	-	4	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	8	6	49
Bamberg, Justin	HD-090	D	15%	15%	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	-	6	97
Bannister, Bruce	HD-024	R	24%	24%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	8	6	61
Bennett, Linda	HD-114	R	44%	44%	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	5	5	X	-	5	8	X	24
Bernstein, Beth	HD-078	D	15%	15%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	97
Blackwell, Bart	HD-081	R	33%	33%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	5	8	6	42
Bradley, Jeffrey	HD-123	R	29%	29%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	5	8	6	49
Brawley, Wendy	HD-070	D	21%	21%	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	72
Brittain, Thomas	HD-107	R	24%	24%	-	4	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	61
Bryant, Bruce	HD-048	R	34%	34%	-	4	-	4	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	6	39
Burns, James	HD-017	R	50%	50%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	6	3	X	-	X	X	X	-	5	5	8	6	18
Bustos, Joseph	HD-112	R	29%	29%	-	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	8	6	49
Calhoon, Paula	HD-087	R	33%	33%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	5	X	-	-	5	8	6	42
Carter, Jerry	HD-003	R	18%	18%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	5	-	6	82
Caskey, Micajah	HD-089	R	40%	40%	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	5	5	-	X	5	8	6	31
Chumley, William	HD-035	R	58%	58%	-	X	X	4	-	-	-	6	3	X	-	5	5	5	-	5	5	8	6	11

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POINTS					5	4	4	4	10	4	3	6	3	3	9	5	5	5	6	5	5	8	6	
Clyburn, William	HD-082	D	15%	15%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	97
Cobb-Hunter, Gilda	HD-066	D	16%	16%	X	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	88
Cogswell, William	HD-110	R	n/a	n/a	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	5	X	X	
Collins, Neal	HD-005	R	20%	20%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	6	75
Cox, Bobby	HD-021	R	48%	48%	-	X	X	4	10	-	-	-	3	-	-	5	5	5	X	-	X	X	X	19
Cox, Westley	HD-010	R	25%	25%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	8	6	59
Crawford, Heather	HD-068	R	31%	31%	X	4	X	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	46
Dabney, Victor	HD-052	R	96%	96%	5	4	4	-	10	4	3	6	3	3	X	5	5	5	6	5	5	8	6	1
Daning, Joseph	HD-092	R	45%	45%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	X	-	5	5	5	-	X	5	8	6	22
Davis, Sylleste	HD-100	R	48%	48%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	5	5	5	-	-	5	8	6	19
Dillard, Chandra	HD-023	D	17%	17%	-	4	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	83
Elliott, Jason	HD-022	R	41%	41%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	5	5	5	-	-	5	8	6	29
Erickson, Shannon	HD-124	R	24%	24%	-	4	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	61
Felder, Raye	HD-026	R	29%	29%	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	6	49
Finlay, Kirkman	HD-075	R	20%	20%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	8	6	75
Forrest, Cally	HD-039	R	46%	46%	-	X	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	5	8	6	21
Fry, Russell	HD-106	R	56%	56%	-	X	4	4	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	X	5	5	-	5	5	8	6	15
Gagnon, Craig	HD-011	R	34%	34%	-	4	-	-	X	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	8	6	39
Garvin, Kambrell	HD-077	D	15%	15%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	97
Gatch, Gil	HD-094	R	12%	12%	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	X	X	112
Gilliam, Leon	HD-042	R	54%	54%	-	4	4	4	-	-	X	6	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	5	5	8	6	16

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Gilliard, Wendell	HD-111	D	16%	16%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	-	6	88
Govan, Jerry	HD-095	D	19%	19%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	X	5	-	6	78
Haddon, Patrick	HD-019	R	91%	91%	5	4	4	4	10	4	-	6	3	X	9	5	5	5	-	5	5	8	6	5
Hardee, Kevin	HD-105	R	34%	34%	-	4	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	5	8	6	39
Hart, Christopher	HD-073	D	19%	19%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	5	X	6	78
Hayes, Jackie	HD-055	D	10%	10%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	X	X	114
Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn	HD-031	D	13%	13%	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	-	6	108
Henegan, Patricia	HD-054	D	11%	11%	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	6	113
Herbkersman, William	HD-118	R	24%	24%	-	4	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	61
Hewitt, Lee	HD-108	R	28%	28%	-	4	X	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	54
Hill, Jonathon	HD-008	R	82%	82%	-	-	4	X	10	-	-	6	3	3	9	5	5	5	6	5	5	X	6	8
Hiott, Davey	HD-004	R	57%	57%	-	4	X	4	-	-	-	6	X	-	-	5	5	5	-	5	5	8	6	14
Hixon, William	HD-083	R	42%	42%	X	4	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	5	8	6	27
Hosey, Lonnie	HD-091	D	16%	16%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	-	6	88
Howard, Leon	HD-076	D	19%	19%	-	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	5	-	6	78
Huggins, Chip	HD-085	R	40%	40%	-	4	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	5	5	X	-	-	5	8	6	31
Hyde, Max	HD-032	R	23%	23%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	69
Jefferson, Joseph	HD-102	D	15%	15%	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	97
Johnson, Jeffrey	HD-058	R	28%	28%	X	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	54
Johnson, Jermaine	HD-080	D	17%	17%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	5	-	6	83
Johnson, Kimberly	HD-064	D	15%	15%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	97

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<b>POINTS</b>					5	4	4	4	10	4	3	6	3	3	9	5	5	5	6	5	5	8	6	
Jones, Stewart	HD-014	R	80%	80%	-	4	4	4	10	-	X	6	3	X	-	5	5	5	6	X	5	8	6	9
Jordan, Jay	HD-063	R	24%	24%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	61
King, John	HD-049	D	16%	16%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	5	-	6	88
Kirby, Roger	HD-061	D	19%	19%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	5	-	6	78
Ligon, Thomas	HD-043	R	24%	24%	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	61
Long, Steven	HD-037	R	58%	58%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	6	3	X	-	5	5	5	-	5	5	8	6	11
Lowe, Phillip	HD-060	R	28%	28%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	54
Lucas, James	HD-065	R	23%	23%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	69
Magnuson, Josiah	HD-038	R	96%	96%	5	4	4	4	10	-	X	6	3	3	9	5	5	5	6	5	5	8	6	1
Matthews, Krystle	HD-117	D	13%	13%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	X	5	-	X	108
May, Robert	HD-088	R	96%	96%	5	-	4	4	10	4	3	6	3	3	9	5	5	5	6	5	5	8	6	1
McCabe, Donald	HD-096	R	84%	84%	5	-	4	X	-	4	3	6	3	3	9	5	5	5	6	5	5	X	6	6
McCravy, John	HD-013	R	52%	52%	-	4	4	4	-	-	-	X	3	-	-	-	5	5	-	5	5	8	6	17
McDaniel, Annie	HD-041	D	15%	15%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	97
McGarry, Sandra	HD-044	R	32%	32%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	8	6	45
McGinnis, Timothy	HD-056	R	33%	33%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	5	-	-	5	X	X	42
McKnight, Cezar	HD-101	D	7%	7%	X	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	115
Moore, JA	HD-015	D	13%	13%	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	6	108
Moore, Travis	HD-033	R	28%	28%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	8	6	54
Morgan, Adam	HD-020	R	96%	96%	5	4	4	4	10	-	X	6	3	3	9	5	5	5	6	5	5	8	6	1
Morgan, T.	HD-018	R	n/a	n/a	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	9	5	5	5	I	I	I	I	I	

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Moss, Dennis	HD-029	R	43%	43%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	5	-	5	-	5	5	-	6	25
Moss, V. Steve	HD-030	R	38%	38%	X	4	X	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	5	X	8	6	35
Murphy, Christopher	HD-098	R	n/a	n/a	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	5	8	6	
Murray, Chardale	HD-116	D	13%	13%	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	108
Newton, Brandon	HD-045	R	20%	20%	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	8	6	75
Newton, Weston	HD-120	R	21%	21%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	8	6	72
Nutt, Roger	HD-034	R	58%	58%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	6	3	X	-	5	5	5	-	5	5	8	6	11
Oremus, Melissa	HD-084	R	61%	61%	-	4	4	-	10	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	5	5	-	5	5	8	6	10
Ott, Russell	HD-093	D	16%	16%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	-	6	88
Parks, Anne	HD-012	D	n/a	n/a	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	6	
Pendarvis, Marvin	HD-113	D	16%	16%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	-	6	88
Pope, Thomas	HD-047	R	23%	23%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	69
Rivers, Michael	HD-121	D	15%	15%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	97
Robbins, Robby	HD-097	R	n/a	n/a	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	-	-	5	-	I	I	I	I	I	
Robinson-Simpson, Leola	HD-025	D	n/a	n/a	-	4	X	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	6	
Rose, Seth	HD-072	D	15%	15%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	97
Rutherford, J. Todd	HD-074	D	17%	17%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	-	6	83
Sandifer, William	HD-002	R	24%	24%	-	4	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	61
Simrill, J. Gary	HD-046	R	27%	27%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	8	6	58
Smith, G. Murrell	HD-067	R	25%	25%	-	4	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	59
Smith, Garry	HD-027	R	43%	43%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	5	5	-	6	X	5	X	X	25

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<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	
<b>POINTS</b>					5	4	4	4	10	4	3	6	3	3	9	5	5	5	6	5	5	8	6	
Smith, Marvin	HD-099	R	37%	37%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	8	6	36
Stavrinakis, Leonidas	HD-119	D	5%	5%	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	117
Taylor, Bill	HD-086	R	45%	45%	-	4	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	5	5	-	-	5	8	6	22
Tedder, Deon	HD-109	D	15%	15%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	97
Thayer, Anne	HD-009	R	42%	42%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	5	8	6	27
Thigpen, Ivory	HD-079	D	16%	16%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	-	6	88
Trantham, Ashley	HD-028	R	84%	84%	-	4	4	4	10	-	-	X	X	-	9	5	5	5	6	5	5	8	6	6
Weeks, J. David	HD-051	D	17%	17%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	X	6	83
West, John	HD-007	R	37%	37%	X	4	-	X	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	5	8	6	36
Wetmore, Elizabeth	HD-115	D	15%	15%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	97
Wheeler, William	HD-050	D	17%	17%	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	83
White, W. Brian	HD-006	R	40%	40%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	X	X	X	-	X	5	8	6	31
Whitmire, William	HD-001	R	30%	30%	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	8	6	48
Williams, Robert	HD-062	D	16%	16%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	6	88
Williams, Shedron	HD-122	D	7%	7%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	X	X	115
Willis, Mark	HD-016	R	31%	31%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	5	8	6	46
Wooten, Christopher	HD-069	R	41%	41%	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	5	5	-	5	5	8	6	29
Yow, Richard	HD-053	R	36%	36%	-	X	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	-	5	5	8	6	38

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## H. 3340

### INFRASTRUCTURE TAX CREDIT EXPANSION

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands a preexisting tax credit for utility companies. Specifically, the legislation increases the annual licensing credit from \$400,000 to \$600,000 for eligible infrastructure projects. Additionally, the bill expands the definition of what constitutes a qualified project and provides for an additional graduated credit equal to \$150,000 in Tier II through Tier IV counties. The average annual handout of this program is nearly \$8 million—serving as an uncapped taxpayer-backed gift for government-preferred special interests. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 104-6, on April 6, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 36-5, on May 11, 2022.

## H. 3599

### LICENSING COMPACT FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill adopts an interstate compact for licensing occupational therapy. Specifically, the legislation ensures reciprocity between South Carolina and member states so that licensed occupational therapists in member states are recognized to practice in South Carolina and vice-versa. 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 South Carolina House passed the bill, 103-3, on February 23, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 44-0, on May 10, 2022.

## H. 3606

### PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT REGULATIONS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill substantially increases regulations on residential home improvements by preventing specialty contractors from making renovations without first being supervised by a residential builder or another licensee. This includes professions like plumbers, electricians, roofers, and carpenters. Additionally, the legislation prohibits specialty contractors from operating outside the scope of their license, including employing, hiring, or subcontracting with others to perform work on a project. This regulatory framework creates barriers to entry that protect larger firms and licensing bureaucracies at the expense of entrepreneurial South Carolinians. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 89-13, on April 26, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 44-0, on April 20, 2022.

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### H. 4082

#### ABSURD HAIR DESIGNER REGULATIONS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill imposes significant occupational burdens on hair designers. Specifically, the legislation creates an expansive definition of ‘hair designer’ in statute and then imposes a new licensing requirement of 1,200 hours at a board-approved school followed by passage of a board-approved exam before a license can be issued. On top of paying a predetermined licensing fee, these new regulations are excessive, onerous, and serve as unnecessary barriers to entry that harm lower-income populations while empowering unelected government bureaucrats. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 76-32, on March 2, 2022. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### H. 4408

#### SUPPLEMENTAL COVID SPENDING SPLURGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$1.9 billion in federal tax dollars through the dubiously-titled “American

Rescue Plan.” Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$800 million to create three new competitive grant programs for local government and municipalities to fight over and \$400 million to the Office of Regulatory Staff tasked with developing a broadband development boondoggle. The \$2 trillion price tag on ARPA is one of the primary drivers of the record inflation eating into household budgets and family finance. Earmarking 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 South Carolina House passed the bill, 99-11, on February 16, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 41-0, on April 19, 2022.

### H. 4805

#### CORPORATE FEE CARVE OUT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a specialized tax carve out for licensing taxes on corporations in South Carolina. Specifically, the legislation allows corporations that have headquarters or

conduct their principal place of business in the state to exclude the first \$50 million of equity contributions with regard to the annual licensing tax. Lawmakers should not wield the tax code to reward a handful of powerful and well-connected special interests at the expense of hardworking blue-collar and middle-class taxpayers. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 108-6, on April 6, 2022. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### H. 4817

#### CRONY RAILROAD TAX CREDIT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new railroad rehabilitation tax credit to benefit only a handful of entities to offset the state income tax, bank tax, or insurance premium tax. Specifically, the legislation creates a specialized tax credit equal to 50 percent of qualified railroad rehabilitation expenditures. The credit is available through 2026 and is expected to cost an estimated \$1.4 million annually. Once again, lawmakers should not wield the tax code to benefit well-connected special interests at the expense

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of hardworking middle-class households and families. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 106-3, on April 6, 2022. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### H. 4831

#### GREEN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This resolution directs the Department of Commerce to conduct an economic development study on South Carolina's ability to compete for offshore wind energy industries. Specifically, the resolution authorizes state universities, the Office of Regulatory Staff, and other state agencies to develop a roadmap for new wind energy projects off the coast of South Carolina—including relevant manufacturing and supply chain development in other parts of the state. Aside from its heavy subsidization, wind energy is both unreliable and difficult to store, which threatens grid efficiency. Any effort to curb natural gas and coal in favor of expensive and unreliable wind power is a direct threat to hardworking South Carolinians, who will bear

the brunt of price hikes. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 85-21, on February 2, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 45-0, on May 11, 2022.

### H. 4985

#### I-95 CORRIDOR CENTRAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill creates a new government agency known as the I-95 Corridor Authority and tasks it with carrying out economic development, health, and education improvement activities. Specifically, the bill provides for taxpayer funding of this new entity through an unspecified amount of appropriations and allows the newly-appointed bureaucrats on the board to determine the efficacy of these improvement projects with minimal oversight. While the bill is admirably intended to fight poverty, in reality, the legislation is nothing more than a central-planning scheme designed to initiate tax-and-spend cycles on middle-class workers and households for the benefit of a select few counties in the state. The South

Carolina House passed the bill, 77-27, on April 6, 2022. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### H. 5086

#### APPROPRIATIONS RULE CHANGES

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill implements changes to House Rule 5.3B with regard to the state budget and associated appropriations bills. Specifically, the legislation alters the House rules to require a three-fifths majority of House members to make permanent changes to statutes in the appropriations process. Additionally, the new changes prohibit any changes—be they temporary or permanent—to state tax laws through the appropriations process. These changes are designed specifically to thwart state legislators attempting to cut spending while further centralizing power in the hands of State House leaders. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 102-6, on March 10, 2022. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

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### H. 5150

#### BIG SPENDING BUDGET BINGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$13.8 billion in spending for the state budget. This is the largest annual budget in South Carolina history. The legislation includes a \$4,000 increase in the minimum teacher salary, a 3 percent across-the-board pay raise for state employees along with a \$1,500 bonus check, a \$300 million appropriation for new crony spending touted as “economic development,” and bribes colleges to freeze tuition. The bill also includes some good measures including \$1 billion in tax rebates as well as consolidated and lower tax rates. However, in an environment marked by skyrocketing inflation and high costs due to profligate spending, this bill foists yet another undue burden on hardworking South Carolina taxpayers. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 107-8, on June 15, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 40-2, on the same day.

### Veto Override 5

#### EDUCATION EARMARK FOR GAMING COMPANY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This override reverses the governor’s veto of a \$1.5 million earmark for a corporate provider of third-party education services. The spending was supposed to go through a Grant Committee at the Department of Education as part of an effort to increase transparency and accountability for education program spending. Instead, lawmakers made a direct appropriation for the benefit of a single recipient, Plasma Games, and bypassed the transparency process. The South Carolina House overrode the veto, 78-29, on June 28, 2022. The South Carolina Senate sustained the veto, 7-29, on the same day.

### Veto Override 9

#### FOOD MANUFACTURING TAX EXEMPTION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This override reverses the governor’s veto of a “temporary” one-year specialized tax carve-out for food manufacturing equipment. The continued creation of new carve-outs and tax

benefits for politically well-connected industries and companies distorts the tax code and pits citizens against one another. Such cronyism disadvantages middle-class and working South Carolinians who cannot afford to hire lobbyists to sway lawmakers to provide them with taxpayer-backed handouts. The South Carolina House sustained the veto, 65-41, on June 28, 2022. The South Carolina Senate overrode the veto, 33-4, on the same day.

### Veto Override 18

#### ORANGEBURG WELCOME CENTER EARMARK

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This override reverses the governor’s veto of a \$7 million cultural welcome center for the city of Orangeburg. With a population of roughly 12,000 people, this earmark is a clear attempt to exploit hardworking South Carolina taxpayers across the state to fund a lawmaker’s parochial project. Earmarks grease the skids for higher spending and serve as a currency of corruption whether in Washington D.C. or Columbia. Such practices should be abolished

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to protect taxpayers and working families. The South Carolina House overrode the veto, 73-32, on June 28, 2022. The South Carolina Senate overrode the veto, 25-11, on the same day.

### H. 5252

#### GREEN ENERGY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This resolution calls for the Public Utility Commission to negotiate specialized rates for selected business interests. Specifically, the resolution identifies green energy as essential for attracting commercial and industrial businesses to the state and empowers the commission to engage in “economic development” rate assessments for specific manufacturing entities that are lower than the rates paid by businesses that have not received preferential treatment. This is flagrant cronyism—built on a costly and false premise of the allure and efficacy of green energy—designed to pit industries against one another. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 99-9, on May 4, 2022. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### S. 152

#### NEW COUNTY SALES TAX SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes the creation of 1 percent county sales taxes for the purpose of “preservation procurement.” Specifically, the legislation cites a lengthy environmentalist rationale for the imposition of new taxes for the preservation of green spaces and land to protect against sea level rise, flooding, and overdevelopment. While lawmakers lower income taxes, the creation of entirely new and arbitrary taxation schemes is yet another harmful burden on hardworking South Carolinians and their families. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 67-28, on May 11, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 41-3, in 2021.

### S. 506

#### COTTAGE FOOD EMPOWERMENT (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill reduces the regulatory oversight on the burgeoning cottage food industry. Specifically, the legislation expands the ability of home-

based food operations to sell their goods online, by mail, or to retail establishments. Furthermore, the bill creates a process to protect cottage food operations’ privacy while still reassuring customers that the operation retains some accountability regarding food safety. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 109-0, on April 26, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 42-0, on March 12, 2022.

### S. 935

#### EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT PILOT PROGRAM (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill creates a new school choice pilot program targeted at low-income households. Specifically, the legislation allocates \$75 million for up to 5,000 students in grades K-8 to attend any private or public school of their choice, utilizing ESA dollars to pay for tuition, books, tutoring, and other education-related expenses. Eligible students must be in Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) with each student receiving funding equal to the state’s per-pupil allocation.

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Additionally, 500 children of active-duty military servicemembers are also eligible for the pilot program, which expires in 2026. While the original Senate version included much-needed scalability, the bill lays the foundation for a future that empowers parents, focuses on student outcomes, and diminishes the grip of the destructive education bureaucracy. The Senate passed it, 25-15, on March 30, 2022. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 66-38, on May 10, 2022.

### S. 1087

#### MODEST TAX CUT EFFORT

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a modest personal income tax rate reduction. Specifically, the legislation lowers the top rate from 7 percent to 6 percent over a five-year period and includes a \$700 tax rebate. Additionally, the bill streamlines the number of brackets from six to three total with rates set at 6 percent, 3 percent, and zero respectively. The bill also provides property tax relief for manufacturers without a fee-in-lieu-of-tax agreement reducing their effective

rate down to 6 percent from 9 percent. With the highest individual income tax rate in the South and one of the highest in the country, a reduction—even a modest one—is a welcome development for hardworking South Carolinians. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 110-0, on May 10, 2022. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 39-0, on March 15, 2022.

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