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CT Legislative Scorecard 2025

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional ? Did not Vote

Vote

1. HJ67 Environmental Conservation Plan (passed 33 to 1 on 3/5/25). Adopts the "Connecticut Conservation & Development Policies Plan 2025-2030," prepared by the Office of Policy and Management.

YES



2. HJ49 Con-Con Rescission (passed 35 to 0 on 5/8/25). Rescinds prior applications for an Article V constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

YES



3. HB7213 Contraceptives for Children (passed 31 to 5 on 5/27/25). Allows minors to consent to reproductive health services related to pregnancy and pregnancy prevention without parental consent or notification.

NO



4. SB1 State-funded Pre-K (passed 31 to 4 on 5/30/25). Establishes the Early Childhood Education Endowment to fund early-childhood care and education programs using state budget surpluses.

YES



5. HB5002 Affordable-housing Mandate (passed 20 to 15 on 5/31/25). Mandates affordable housing units and support for homeless population. Additionally, it removes local control over zoning policy, and requires fair-rent commissions in towns with a population greater than 15,000.

NO



6. HB5004 Climate-change Mandate (passed 26 to 10 on 6/4/25). Mandates that state agencies reduce greenhouse-gas emissions, funds the renewable-energy industry, and requires a statewide net-zero carbon-emissions goal by 2050.

NO



Scorecard Votes: 67%



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Why do these votes matter?

1. Environmental Conservation Plan

HJ67 adopts the “Connecticut Conservation & Development Policies Plan 2025-2030,” prepared by the Office of Policy and Management. This plan adopts climate-change and critical-race-theory propaganda as state policy. Its guiding principles include “recognizing the ongoing impacts of past state, local, and private actions and addressing resulting disparities ... and ensuring historically excluded populations benefit from state actions.”

We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill expands the hoax of “climate change” and adopts a state plan that promotes centralized government control. Additionally, the diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) movement promotes divisive myths and false historical narratives propagated by critical race theorists, feminists, and LGBTQIA+ activists. States should reject United Nations Agenda 2030-style environmental governance.

2. Con-Con Rescission

HJ49 rescinds prior applications for an Article V constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this legislation rescinds Connecticut's previous applications to Congress to “call a convention” under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, including one from 1949 that would propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution authorizing the federal government to participate in a “world federal government.” An Article V convention would have the ability to make major changes to the Constitution, or even completely rewrite it. A convention could not only be used to promote goals contrary and subversive to our nation's republican form of government and independence. Instead, the Connecticut General Assembly should consider Article VI and nullify unconstitutional laws. Article V was designed to correct potential errors or defects in the Constitution, not to “misconstrue or abuse its powers.”

3. Contraceptives for Children

HB7213 allows minors to consent to reproductive health services related to pregnancy and pregnancy prevention without parental consent or notification.

We have assigned pluses to the nays because birth control drugs, devices, and “morning-after” pills unction not only as “contraceptives,” but also as abortifacients. The care of human life is the greatest responsibility of government, Connecticut ought to forbid abortion. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and “unalienable” right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Additionally, this legislation violates parental rights by permitting minors under 18 to access these services without informing or obtaining consent from their parents.

4. State-funded Pre-K

SB1 establishes the Early Childhood Education Endowment to fund early-childhood care and education programs using state budget surpluses.

We have assigned pluses to the nays because education is not the role of government. This legislation expands government control over education by diverting taxpayer surpluses to the Early Childhood Education Endowment, rather than returning those funds to taxpayers. This overreach interferes with parental rights and weakens the family by promoting state-sponsored early-childhood initiatives, fostering dependency on government services. A child's education is *the* responsibility of, and a right of choice retained by, his or her parents. Using Connecticut taxpayer funds to expand a compulsory, failing, and government-run K-12 school system violates their individual liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

5. Affordable-housing Mandate

HB5002 mandates affordable housing units and support for homeless population. Additionally, it removes local control over zoning policy, and requires fair-rent commissions in towns with a population greater than 15,000.

We have assigned pluses to the nays because the State of Connecticut no business subsidizing “low-income housing.” This legislation misuses taxpayer funds, imposes zoning mandates on local municipalities, and infringes on free-market housing development. Lawmakers should enact policies that reduce regulatory barriers, uphold property rights, and encourage voluntary, free-market solutions rather than socialist central planning.

6. Climate-change Mandate

HB5004 mandates that state agencies reduce greenhouse-gas emissions, funds the renewable-energy industry, and requires a statewide net-zero carbon-emissions goal by 2050.

We have assigned pluses to the nays because climate-change programs aligned with the United Nations' Agenda 2030 expand government bureaucracy and undermine both national and state sovereignty. This bill imposes unrealistic energy requirements and forces a costly transition to unreliable renewable energy sources, prioritizing ideological goals and reducing state sovereignty. States should reject UN environmental agendas that infringe on economic freedom and local control.