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HI Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

✓ Pro-Freedom ✗ Anti-Freedom — Did not Vote

Vote

1. Raised the minimum wage to \$18 an hour.

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB2510 · 05/03/2022



2. Will establish the LGBTQIA plus commission to provide programs and outreach to gay and trans individuals.

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB2670 · 05/03/2022



3. Extends the time period in which an approved handgun permit may be used to make an acquisition 10 days to 30 days. It also eliminates the requirement that authorities physically examine firearms upon registration for transfers by licensed dealers.

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · HB2075 · 05/03/2022



4. Requires any Hawaii hospital in a county with an area greater than 4,000 square miles establish diversity and inclusion training for all staff.

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB1285 · 03/09/2021



5. Requires publicly held domestic corporations to have a gender-diverse board of directors.

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB193 · 03/05/2021



6. Codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB694 · 03/09/2021



Scorecard Votes: 17%



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\$295,579

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Why do these votes matter?

1. \$18 Minimum Wage

HB2510 raised the minimum wage to \$18 an hour.

The Hawaii State House of Representatives passed HB2510 by a vote of 25 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill violates free-market principles. Minimum wage laws and especially high minimum wage laws limit employment opportunities especially for young, disabled, and elderly workers. Emerging AI and robotics technologies are now competing with low-skilled workers. High minimum wage laws remove work opportunities and causes prices to go up.

2. Establishing LGBTQIA+ Bureaucracy

HB2670 will establish the LGBTQIA plus commission to provide programs and outreach to gay and trans individuals.

The Hawaii State Senate passed HB2670 by a vote of 25 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because establishing a feel-good bureaucracy around gay issues is a gross misuse of public funds that is unlikely to serve any useful purpose. Gay issues are heavily politicized, and the formation of this commission is likely a virtue signaling and political gesture for the benefit of lawmakers' vanity, only to leave taxpayers footing the bill.

3. Gun Restrictions

HB2075 extends the time period in which an approved handgun permit may be used to make an acquisition 10 days to 30 days. It also eliminates the requirement that authorities physically examine firearms upon registration for transfers by licensed dealers.

The Hawaii State Senate passed HB2075 by a vote of 22 to 3. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this is a continuous violation of our 2nd Amendment rights. The fundamental right of the American people to keep and bear arms is protected by the U.S. Constitution, particularly in the 2nd, 9th, and 10th Amendments, and should not be infringed.

4. Diversity & Inclusion

SB1285 requires any Hawaii hospital in a county with an area greater than 4,000 square miles that serves Compact of Free Association benefit recipients to establish diversity and inclusion training for all staff.

The Hawaii State Senate passed SB1285 by a vote of 25 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation embraces the woke Marxist culture that is ruining our country. These policies only pit Americans of different races and religions against each other, becoming a catalyst for more racism.

5. Woke Discrimination

SB193 requires publicly held domestic corporations to have a gender-diverse board of directors. It establishes reporting requirements for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, along with penalties for noncompliance.

The Hawaii State Senate passed SB193 by a vote of 24 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation keeps less qualified individuals off boards and forces publicly held domestic corporations to embrace the woke culture. This is also a gross amount of government overreach, interfering in business and the free market.

6. UN Agenda 2030

SB694 codifies sustainable development goals based on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

The Hawaii State Senate by a vote of 25 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because these agreements infringe on the sovereignty of the United States. The U.S. Constitution does not allow for these agreements to be made with other countries, taking power away from congress to make these decisions.