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HI Legislative Scorecard 2024

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

1. Amends the prohibition on certain assault weapons to include .50 caliber rifles and assault-weapon attachments. —

Pro-Freedom: **No** · SB3196 · 03/05/2024

2. Allocated an emergency appropriation of \$20 million to the state Department of Education to address a significant shortfall in its school food service operations. —

Estimated cost per household: -\$35.00/year.

Pro-Freedom: **No** · SB3091 · 05/01/2024

3. Aligns Hawaii's building codes with federal EPA regulations by allowing substitute refrigerants, supporting climate goals and easing compliance with the phasedown of HFCs under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020. —

Pro-Freedom: **No** · SB2753 · 05/01/2024

4. Authorizes the use of fixed speed cameras in up to 10 school zones statewide, allowing the state or counties to administer the system. —

Estimated cost per household: -\$0.40/year.

Pro-Freedom: **No** · SB2443 · 05/01/2024

5. Prohibits operating weed whackers within 100 feet of residential zones, with exceptions for government entities during emergencies, and extends permissible usage times for leaf blowers and weed whackers in or near residential zones. —

Pro-Freedom: **No** · SB3011 · 05/01/2024

6. Allows minors aged 14 and older to consent to medical care related to sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and preventive measures like HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis without requiring parental approval. —

Pro-Freedom: **No** · SB3125 · 04/25/2024

Scorecard Votes: %

Why do these votes matter?

1. Weapons Ban Expansion

SB3196 amends the prohibition on certain assault weapons to include .50 caliber rifles and assault-weapon attachments. Additionally, it prohibits firearms other than pistols with a detachable magazine with over a twenty-round capacity.

The Hawaii State Senate passed SB3196 on March 5, 2024 by a vote of 17 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill is yet another blatant infringement on the Second Amendment, pushed by gun-control zealots who believe disarming law-abiding citizens will somehow stop criminals.

2. School Food Cost Increase

SB3091 allocated an emergency appropriation of \$20 million to the state Department of Education to address a significant shortfall in its school food service operations. This funding ensures the continuation of approximately 20,000 breakfasts and 80,000 lunches served daily to students and staff.

The Hawaii State Senate passed SB3091 on May 1, 2024 by a vote of 25 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because neither feeding children nor educating them is the role of the government. These responsibilities belong to a child's parents or family. Not only does charity have no part in the duty of government, but there is no such thing as a meal that comes "free of charge." The hard-working people of Hawaii must not be forced to fund a compulsory, failing, and government-run K-12 school system.

3. State and Federal Code Alignment

SB2753 ensures that state and county building codes cannot prohibit the use of substitute refrigerants approved by the EPA. This legislation aligns Hawaii's building codes with federal efforts under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020, which mandates an 85% reduction in potent greenhouse gases by 2035.

The Hawaii State Senate passed SB2753 on May 1, 2024 by a vote of 25 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill surrenders state sovereignty to federal bureaucrats and global environmental agendas. By aligning state policy with mandates from the EPA—laws rooted in the broader goals of the UN's Agenda 2030—it invites federal and international control over private industry. Such overreach infringes on the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

4. Speed Enforcement Cameras

SB2443 establishes the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program. The program authorizes the use of fixed speed cameras in up to 10 school zones statewide, allowing the state or counties to administer the system. Violations detected by these cameras will result in citations sent by mail, with fines based on the extent to which the speed limit was exceeded.

The Hawaii State Senate passed SB2443 on May 1, 2024 by a vote of 21 to 4. We have assigned pluses to the nays because traffic cameras undermine due process by removing human interaction and presuming guilt before innocence—principles protected by the Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

5. Draconian Noise Regulation

SB3011 prohibits operating weed whackers within 100 feet of residential zones, extends permissible usage times for leaf blowers and weed whackers in or near residential zones, and allows counties to implement stricter regulations than those outlined in the bill.

The Hawaii State Senate passed SB3011 on May 1, 2024 by a vote of 22 to 3. We have assigned pluses to the nays because it criminalizes basic property maintenance near one's own home — of course, the government, conveniently exempts itself. This isn't about noise control; it's about government control. Giving counties the power to go even further opens the door for even more draconian and anti-property-rights ordinances. It's intrusive, nanny-state nonsense that punishes private citizens while empowering bureaucrats.

6. Consent and Medical Care for Minors

SB3125 allows minors aged 14 and older to consent to medical care related to sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and preventive measures like HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis without requiring parental approval and ensures healthcare providers and insurers maintain confidentiality.

The Hawaii State Senate passed SB3125 on April 25, 2024 by a vote of 21 to 3. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill undermines parental rights by allowing minors as young as 14 to consent to medical treatments without parental knowledge or approval. This is yet another push by Marxists and leftists to sideline parents and insert the state into deeply personal family matters. The upbringing, education, and medical care of children are the responsibility of parents, not the government. These parental rights are protected under the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment—and laws like SB3125 trample on that constitutional foundation.