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2019-2020 ID Legislative Scorecard

✓ Pro-Freedom	✗ Anti-Freedom	— Did not Vote	Vote
1. Augments an existing ban on partial-birth abortions by updating the code to make the ban enforceable.			✗
Pro-Freedom: Yes · Cast: No · S1049 · 03/01/2019			
2. Lowers the age limit for concealed carrying of a handgun inside of city limits.			✗
Pro-Freedom: Yes · Cast: No · H0206 · 03/14/2019			
3. Expanding public school administrative bureaucracy in the form of creating a "School Turnaround Committee" in failing schools.			✓
Pro-Freedom: No · Cast: No · S1029 · 03/22/2019			
4. Creates the Criminal Justice Integrated Data System and the Data Oversight Council.			—
Pro-Freedom: No · H0432 · 02/28/2020			
5. Changes regulations as related to credit unions, but not financial institutions more generally.			—
Pro-Freedom: No · H0473 · 03/03/2020			
6. Prevents biological males from participating in women's sports.			—
Pro-Freedom: Yes · H0500 · 03/18/2020			

Scorecard Votes: 33%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Banning Partial-Birth Abortion

SB1049 augments an existing ban on partial-birth abortions by updating the code to make the ban enforceable.

The Idaho State House of Representatives passed SB1049 on March 1, 2019 by a vote of 50 to 11. We have assigned pluses to the yeas because the U.S. Congress determined that partial-birth abortion is "a gruesome and inhumane procedure that is never medically necessary and should be prohibited." Though this bill does not protect the unborn absolutely, it is a step in the direction of respecting life. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the 5th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

2. Strengthening Concealed Carry

HB206 lowers the age limit for concealed carrying of a handgun inside of city limits.

The Idaho State House of Representatives passed HB206 on March 14, 2019 by a vote of 53 to 14. We have assigned pluses to the yeas this bill is a win for gun rights. The right to own, possess, and carry a firearm is enshrined absolutely in the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Additionally, this bill is a common-sense measure that would standardize concealed carry law by making existing rules apply statewide.

3. Expanding Public School Bureaucracy

SB1029 would expand public school administrative bureaucracy in the form of creating a "School Turnaround Committee" in failing schools.

The Idaho State House of Representatives passed SB1029 on March 22, 2019 by a vote of 20 to 49. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill would mandate that failing Idaho public schools individually hire a "School Turnaround Professional," and form a "School Turnaround Committee." It would also create a statewide "School Leadership Development Program" to hire and train new bureaucrats. Public schools are failing in America, in part, due to bureaucratic excess. This bill attempts to fix a school system by doubling down on an existing problem.

4. Government Data Collection

HB432 creates the Criminal Justice Integrated Data System and the Data Oversight Council.

The Idaho State House of Representatives passed HB432 on February 28, 2020 by a vote of 35 to 23. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill would create an unnecessary new government program called the Criminal Justice Integrated Data System. It is designed to house and transmit sensitive information between government agencies. This new program requires dedicated staffing and financial expenditure, while also creating new security vulnerabilities. It represents an unnecessary – and potentially dangerous – expansion of government.

5. Targeting Credit Unions

HB473 changes regulations as related to credit unions, but not financial institutions more generally.

The Idaho State House of Representatives passed HB473 on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 51 to 18. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill creates onerous new legal and administrative burdens on credit unions. This bill would hold credit unions to a different and higher standard than for-profit financial institutions and conventional banks. This bill also expands the power of the state to investigate credit unions, their service providers, and even their customers. "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures," is guaranteed in the 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

6. Fairness in Women's Sports

HB500 prevents biological males from participating in women's sports.

The Idaho State House of Representatives passed HB500 on March 18, 2020 by a vote of 54 to 16. We have assigned pluses to the yeas because this bill defends women's organized sports in public institutions from unfair and inappropriate participation by biological men. This bill asserts that there are "inherent differences between men and women...which result in men being able to generate higher speed and power during physical activity." This bold bill is a strong defense of the integrity of women's games while pushing back on the radical gender ideology overtaking our public and private institutions.