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OK Legislative Scorecard 2025

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
1. HB2764 Eliminating Income Taxes (passed 34 to 11 on 5/22/2025). Cuts the state's individual income tax rate by 0.25% beginning in 2026, and creates a process for reducing the income tax rate to zero when revenues hit certain triggers. Estimated benefit per household: +\$83.00/year.			NO ✗
2. SB176 Year-round "Contraceptive" Coverage (passed 30 to 16 on 5/21/2025). Requires health benefit plans that offer coverage for FDA-approved "contraceptive drugs" to cover an initial three-month supply and then a recurrent six-month supply.			YES ✗
3. SB1126 Government-school Budget (passed 31 to 15 on 5/20/2025). Allocates approximately \$3.98 billion in funding to the State Department of Education from the General Appropriations bill for FY 2025-26. Estimated cost per household: -\$2,484.00/year.			YES ✗
4. SB269 Carbon Capture (passed 27 to 15 on 5/13/2025). Gives the Oklahoma Corporation Commission exclusive jurisdiction over Class VI CO2 injection wells and related storage units.			NONE ?
5. HB2110 Subsidizing Hollywood (passed 31 to 14 on 5/6/2025). Establishes, as the "Bringing Sitcoms Home from Hollywood Pilot Program Act," tax-incentive rebate payments for live audience episodic television in Oklahoma.			YES ✗
6. SB990 Recall Elections (passed 31 to 15 on 3/27/2025). Would authorize the Legislature to initiate a recall election to remove a statewide elected official from office.			YES ✗

Scorecard Votes: **0%**

Why do these votes matter?

1. Eliminating Income Taxes

HB2764 cuts the state's individual income tax rate by 0.25% beginning in 2026, and creates a process for reducing the income tax rate to zero.

The income tax is an immoral anti-constitutional act of government-imposed theft that takes from people the wages they have rightfully earned. It turns citizens into slaves. A person's property, including their income, belongs solely to them—not the state. The Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment expressly affirm that "No State" shall unjustly "deprive any person" of "liberty, or property." Oklahoma must reject tyrannical, big government by protecting the "pursuit of Happiness," particularly the right to enjoy the fruit of one's own labor.

2. Year-round "Contraceptive" Coverage

SB176 requires health benefit plans that offer coverage for FDA-approved "contraceptive drugs" to cover a recurrent six-month supply.

This bill permits year-round insurance coverage for at-home abortions. Hormonal birth-control drugs, which include the "morning-after" pill (e.g., Plan B), function not only as "contraceptives," but as abortifacients. Abortion is murder, and no person has a right to kill a preborn child. Since the care of human life—not its destruction—is the greatest responsibility of government, Oklahoma ought to abolish abortion entirely. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and "unalienable" right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence and secured by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

3. Government-school Budget

SB1126 allocates approximately \$3.98 billion in funding to the State Department of Education from the General Appropriations bill for FY 2025-26.

Education is not the role of government—it is the responsibility of a child's parents or family. Schools can be privatized, without any need for public funding (e.g., property taxes). If not dismantled, the government's monopoly on preK-12 education will continue to displace private schools and homeschooling in favor of universal state-sponsored schooling. The best "school choice," by far, is for parents to choose not to place their child's education in the hands of the state. Educational and economic freedom cannot be achieved by forcing other citizens to give up their hard-earned tax dollars for a compulsory, failing, and government-run school system.

4. Carbon Capture

SB269 gives the Oklahoma Corporation Commission exclusive jurisdiction over Class VI CO2 injection wells and related storage units.

Carbon capture in the United States is closely connected to the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for "sustainable development," which seeks to codify extreme "environmental justice" measures into state law. Its push for a "decarbonized" economy is nothing other than an attempt by globalist elites to increase their taxing power and authority. The abuse of eminent domain for carbon capture encroaches upon constitutionally protected property rights. Oklahomans should reject the hoax of "climate change" and put an end to the global war on farmers and ranchers.

5. Subsidizing Hollywood

HB2110, the "Bringing Sitcoms Home from Hollywood Pilot Program Act," establishes tax-incentive rebate payments for live audience episodic television in Oklahoma.

Government has absolutely no business subsidizing the entertainment industry. Multi-millionaire Hollywood producers can more than afford to pay their own taxes, and deserve no special carve-out. "Economic development" is too often simply a cliché or code word used to finance crony elite-driven "pork-barrel" projects that violate the principles of free-market enterprise. The U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment were written to promote the "general Welfare" of all Americans, not to pick economic "winners" and "losers."

6. Statewide Recall Elections

SB990 would authorize the Legislature to initiate a recall election to remove a statewide elected official from office.

Recall elections are illegitimate populist measures designed to circumvent the longstanding constitutional remedies of impeachment and expulsion. As with referendums and "citizens' initiatives," they relegate the solemn duties of the people's elected representatives to the will of the masses at large, replacing checks and balances with chaos and instability. Article VIII, Section 1 of the Oklahoma Constitution reserves impeachment for statewide officials who engage in unlawful activity or fail to fulfill their responsibilities. Moreover, Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution guarantees to "every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government," meaning government limited to the "rule of law," as opposed to the unbridled whims of "majority rule." Recall elections are one of the many "dangers of democracy" that subject citizens and lawmakers alike to the "tyranny of the majority."