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OR Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
1. HB5201 Fees on Farmers (Passed 34 to 23 on 3/4/2022). Creates new or increases fees adopted by the State Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Health Authority.			NO ★
2. SB1501 Private Forest Protection (Passed 43 to 15 on 3/3/2022). Pushes to stop deforestation and climate change, regulating private land owners from logging and provides tax credits to land owners who grow their trees longer before logging.			YES ✗
3. HB4105 Red Light Cameras (Passed 36 to 23 on 3/2/2022). Authorizes traffic enforcement agents to review and issue citations based on photographs taken by photo red light cameras.			NONE ?
4. HB4031 Diversity Goals (Passed 36 to 21 on 2/16/2022). Establishes state goal that percentage of diverse employees employed by Department of Education reflects percentage of diverse students in public schools.			YES ✗
5. SB1560 Woke Terminology (Passed 48 to 9 on 3/4/2022). Updates statutory references to individual who is not citizen or national of United States to replace "alien" with "noncitizen."			YES ✗
6. HB2323 Free Speech (Passed 54 to 3 on 5/10/2021). Prohibits knowingly communicating false statements regarding elections.			YES ✗

Scorecard Votes: 20%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Fees on Farmers

HB5201 creates new or increases fees adopted by the State Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Health Authority.

The Oregon State House of Representatives passed HB5201 on March 4, 2022 by a vote of 34 to 23. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this negatively affects farmers. This is another way the government interferes in business and the free market. The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" and government interference in entrepreneurship and private business is in violation of that belief.

2. Private Forest Protection

SB1501 pushes to stop deforestation and climate change, regulating private land owners from logging and provides tax credits to land owners who grow their trees longer before logging.

The Oregon House of Representatives passed SB1501 on March 3, 2022 by a vote of 43 to 15. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill will kill thousands of logging jobs due to government interference in the market. This bill also invades property rights of land owners and provides unconstitutional incentives to adhere to the progressive climate change agenda.

3. Red Light Cameras

HB4105 authorizes traffic enforcement agents to review and issue citations based on photographs taken by photo red light cameras or photographs taken by photo radar cameras.

The Oregon State House of Representatives passed HB4105 on March 2, 2022 by a vote of 36 to 23. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation is a strong move by the government to interfere even more in our lives. This is an invasion of privacy and we must make sure we stop the government from going further.

4. Diversity Goals

HB4031 establishes state goal that percentage of diverse employees employed by Department of Education reflects percentage of diverse students in public schools.

The Oregon State House of Representatives passed HB4031 on February 16, 2022 by a vote of 36 to 21. We have assigned pluses to the nays because taxpayer funds should not be used to feed into the woke culture. Taxpayers should expect the best and most qualified people to fill positions that they are funding, not to reach diversity goals.

5. Woke Terminology

SB1560 updates statutory references to individual who is not citizen or national of United States to replace "alien" with "noncitizen."

The Oregon State House of Representatives passed SB1560 on March 4, 2022 by a vote of 48 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill is conforming to the woke leftist culture that focuses on virtue signaling and being politically correct.

6. Free Speech

HB2323 prohibits knowingly communicating false statements regarding elections, including by electronic or telephonic means, with intent to mislead electors about date of election, deadline for delivering ballot, voter registration deadline, method of registering to vote, locations at which elector may deposit ballot, qualifications of electors or voter registration status within 30 days of primary election or special election or within 60 days of general election. Violations of this legislation may lead to a fine of \$10,000

The Oregon State House of Representatives passed HB2323 on May 10, 2021 by a vote of 54 to 3. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation is another step towards regulating an individual's free speech. No one should be punished or fined for expressing their constitutional rights.