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Chuck Thomsen

Oregon

State Senator, SD-026 (R)

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Score

OR Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

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

Vote

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

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Pro-Freedom: **No** · HB5201 · 04/14/2022

2. 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.

✓

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · SB1501 · 03/02/2022

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

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Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · HB4031 · 04/01/2022

4. Directs the DOR to provide assistance payments to low-income households due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

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Pro-Freedom: **No** · HB4157 · 03/02/2022

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

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Pro-Freedom: **No** · SB1560 · 03/04/2022

6. Prohibits knowingly communicating false statements regarding elections.

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Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB2323 · 09/25/2021

Scorecard Votes: 67%

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 Senate passed HB5201 on March 4, 2022 by a vote of 18 to 7. 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 State Senate passed SB1501 on March 2, 2022 by a vote of 22 to 5. 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. 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 Senate passed HB4031 on February 28, 2022 by a vote of 17 to 9. 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.

4. Socialist Housing Program

HB4157 directs the Department of Revenue to handle a program to provide one-time assistance payments to low-income households to address negative economic impacts of COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Oregon State Senate passed HB4157 on March 2, 2022 by a vote of 23 to 2. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this is a blatant socialist program where taxpayer dollars and wealth are distributed to only benefit the poor.

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 25 to 0. 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 Senate passed HB2323 on June 3, 2021 by a vote of 26 to 3. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation is another step towards regulating an individuals free speech. No one should be punished or fined for expressing their constitutional rights.