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OR Legislative Scorecard 2024

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

| ★ Constitutional | ✗ Unconstitutional | ? Did not Vote | \$/Year | Vote |
|--|--------------------|----------------|-----------|------|
| ★ | | | -\$0.36 | NO |
| 1. SB1532 Illegal Immigrant Public Education (Passed 46 to 11 on 3/6/2024). Directs the Oregon Department of Education to create and implement a statewide education plan for students who are asylum seekers, refugees, or immigrants, regardless of their status. | | | | |
| | | | | YES |
| | ✗ | | | |
| 2. HB4083 Green State Investments (Passed 34 to 21 on 3/6/2024). Mandates that the State Treasurer and the Oregon Investment Council divest the state's Public Employees Retirement Fund from thermal coal companies. | | | | |
| | | | -\$3.00 | NO |
| 3. HB4098 Childcare Program (Passed 46 to 9 on 3/6/2024). Establishes the CHIPS Child Care Fund, a government fund, to support childcare funding. | | | | |
| | | | -\$0.20 | NO |
| 4. SB1533 Election Languages (Passed 45 to 9 on 3/6/2024). Expands election language support by increasing translated voter pamphlets from five to ten languages. | | | | |
| | | | -\$0.62 | NO |
| 5. HB4127 Private Business Interference (Passed 42 to 15 on 3/6/2024). Regulates warehouse productivity quotas, including prohibiting quotas that violate meal breaks, restroom use, or safety standards, with enforcement by bureaucrats. | | | | |
| | | | -\$164.00 | NO |
| 6. SB1530 Program Funding (Passed 51 to 6 on 3/4/2024). Allocates nearly \$300 million to various state agencies on top of what was originally budgeted. | | | | |

Scorecard Votes: 83%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Illegal Immigrant Public Education

SB1532 directs the Oregon Department of Education to create and implement a statewide education plan for students who are asylum seekers, refugees, or immigrants, regardless of their status, awarding grants for education.

The Oregon State House of Representatives passed SB1532 on March 6, 2024 by a vote of 46 to 11. We have assigned pluses to the nays because persons who enter the U.S. illegally—which is a crime—ought not to be permitted sanctuary or residency, let alone be considered for taxpayer funded education. We encourage parents to remove their children from government-run schools and seek sound alternatives, such as *FreedomProject Academy*.

2. Green State Investments

HB4083 mandates that the State Treasurer and the Oregon Investment Council divest the state's Public Employees Retirement Fund from thermal coal companies. Investments may be retained if the companies are transitioning to clean energy.

The Oregon State House of Representatives passed HB4083 on March 6, 2024 by a vote of 34 to 21. We have assigned pluses to the nays because prioritizing political agendas over financial returns threatens investments made by employees. Divesting from thermal coal companies based on ideology, rather than sound economic principles, is a push to advance the green agenda, including initiatives such as the United Nations' Agenda 2030. Retirement funds should be handled by the private sector.

3. Childcare Program

HB4098 establishes the CHIPS Child Care Fund to support childcare funding. The bill directs government agencies to develop and manage a financial support program for the construction workforce. Additionally, it creates a work group to recommend requiring certain businesses to contribute financially to the CHIPS Child Care Fund.

The Oregon State House of Representatives passed HB4098 on March 6, 2024 by a vote of 46 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because it is not the government's or taxpayers' responsibility to subsidize childcare. This program embraces socialism by using taxpayer funds to support childcare, which disrupts the free market. Government agencies and bureaucracies should not impose financial obligations on businesses to fund such programs.

4. Election Languages

SB1533 would expand foreign-language support in election materials. The bill increases the number of the most commonly spoken languages in each county, other than English, that the Secretary of State must include on voters' pamphlets from five to ten.

The Oregon State House of Representatives passed SB1533 on March 6, 2024 by a vote of 45 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because promoting multilingualism at the expense of English proficiency undermines the unifying role of a common language. Our founding documents and historical texts are written in English. If voters cannot understand who they are voting for, it raises concerns about the integrity of the election process.

5. Private Business Interference

HB4127 regulates warehouse productivity quotas, ensuring they don't violate workers' rights to breaks, safety, or bathroom use. Under the bill, employers must provide transparency, and the Bureau of Labor and Industries enforces compliance with penalties for violations.

The Oregon State House of Representatives passed HB4127 on March 6, 2024 by a vote of 42 to 15. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill expands government interference in commerce. It interjects government into business operations, violating free-market principles, and forcing warehouses to comply with government-imposed quotas and work conditions instead of allowing market-driven products and jobs.

6. Program Funding

SB1530 allocates \$300 million in funds to various state agencies—including the Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services, State Department of Energy, Oregon Business Development Department, Department of Transportation, Water Resources Department, and the Department of Administrative Services—for a range of programs.

The Oregon State House of Representatives passed SB1530 on March 4, 2024 by a vote of 51 to 6. We have assigned pluses to the nays because these appropriations are a gross abuse of taxpayer funds. Expanding bureaucratic agencies and pouring money into government-controlled housing, healthcare, energy, transportation, and business development programs are not the proper roles of government. This bill funds wasteful spending under the guise of community services while pushing a big government agenda. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to grow government power, interfere in the market, or fund programs that should be left to the private sector. Oregon legislators should cut taxes and shrink government.