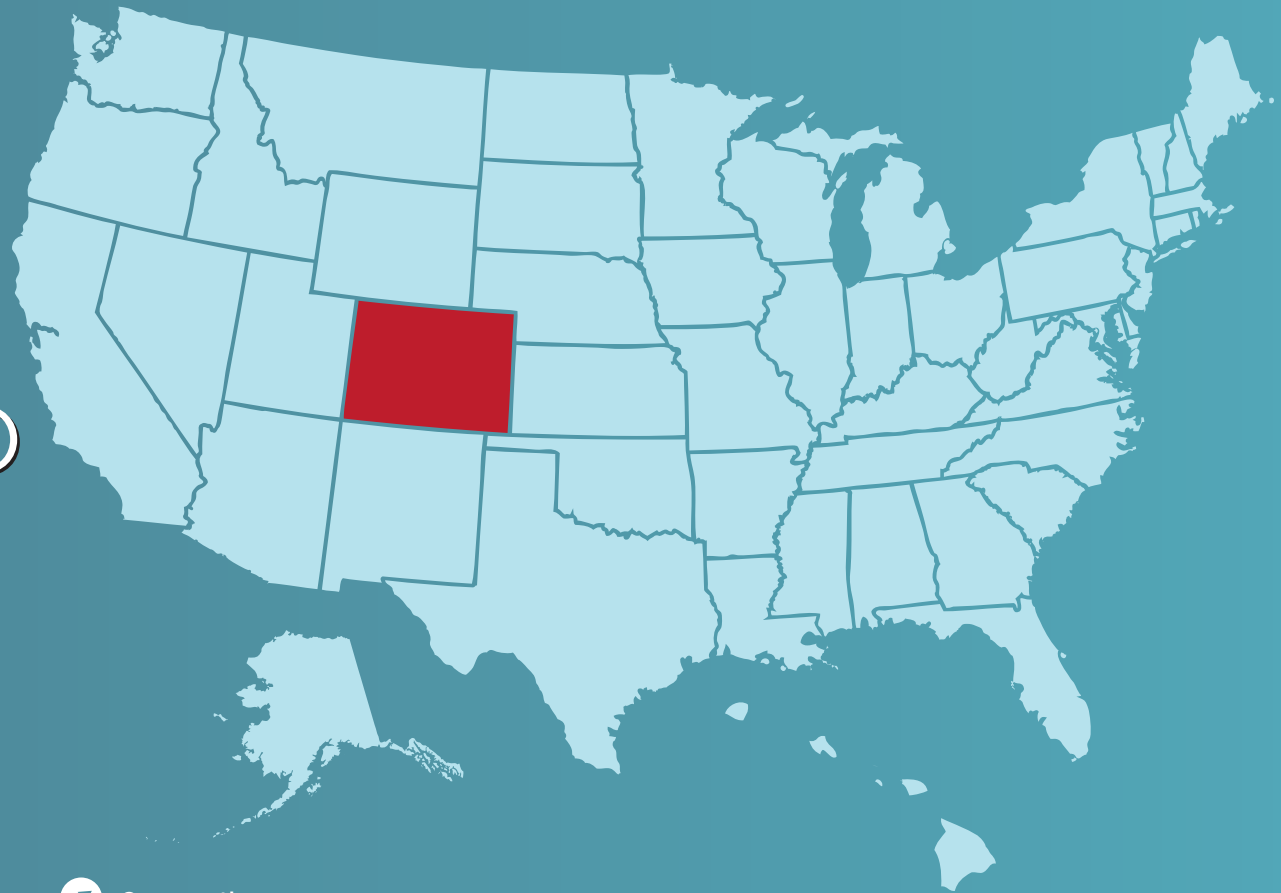




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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Conservatives,

We are pleased to present the American Conservative Union Foundation's ratings for the 2016 meeting of the Colorado General Assembly. Like our Congressional Ratings, our State Ratings reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The Colorado legislators with the highest scores voted most consistently with the ideals articulated in the U.S. Constitution: limited and transparent government, individual rights, personal responsibility, and lasting cultural values.

In 2015, ACU Foundation was proud to make history by being the first organization to rate every single state legislature across the full spectrum of issues, helping each voter understand how his or her state ranks among the rest.

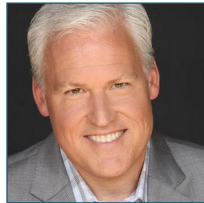
Ultimately, we are trying to help people understand what conservatism *is* and how it improves the lives of everyday Americans. Conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. We think that understanding this idea is essential if Americans are to successfully govern themselves again.

Working with our policy centers and fellows, the ACU Foundation engages in deep policy analysis to help create our annual state scorecards. We have enhanced the vote descriptions this year to show this effort more clearly.

By examining all 50 of our State Ratings, we can see which states have most effectively promoted conservative solutions and which have struggled. Our ratings also help identify legislators who have courageously fought against liberal majorities. We hope that this guide helps you learn how well, or poorly, your legislators work to preserve the values we share.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp
Chairman
American Conservative Union





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SELECTING THE VOTES

ACU researched and selected a range of bills before the Colorado General Assembly that determine a member's adherence to conservative principles. We selected bills that focus on Ronald Reagan's philosophy of the "three-legged stool": 1) *fiscal and economic*: taxes, budgets, regulation, spending, healthcare, and property; 2) *social and cultural*: 2nd amendment, religion, life, welfare, and education; and 3) *government integrity*: voting, individual liberty, privacy, and transparency. This wide range of issues are designed to give citizens an accurate assessment that conveys which of Colorado's elected leaders best defend the principles of a free society: Life, Liberty and Property.



2016 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100%

AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE



SENATE

BAUMGARDNER
 HOLBERT
 MARBLE
 NEVILLE
 SONNENBERG

HOUSE

BECKER, J.	LAWRENCE	RANSOM
BUCK	LEONARD	SAINÉ
CARVER	LUNDEEN	VAN WINKLE
DeIGROSSO	NAVARRO-RAT-ZLAFF	WILLETT
EVERETT	NEVILLE	WIST
HUMPHREY	NORDBERG	
KLINGENSCHMITT		

80-89%

AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT



SENATE

COOKE
 LAMBERT
 LUNDBERG

HOUSE

DORE	WILSON
JOSHI	WINDHOLZ
SIAS	
THURLOW	

<= 10%

COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT



SENATE

Heath
 Hodge
 Johnston
 Jones
 Kerr
 Merrifield
 Newell
 Ulibarri

HOUSE

Arndt	Hullinghorst	Primavera
Becker, K.	Kagan	Rosenthal
Buckner	Kraft-Tharp	Ryden
Court	Lebsock	Salazar
Danielson	Lee	Singer
Duran	Lontine	Tyler
Esgar	McCann	Vigil
Fields	Melton	Winter
Foote	Mitsch Bush	Young
Garnett	Moreno	
Ginal	Pabon	
Hamner	Pettersen	



COLORADO SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **SB 11 Motor Vehicle Fee Allocation.** This bill repeals the statutory provision requiring a portion of the revenue from motor vehicle fees to be used for transit projects. ACU believes that user fees should be used to benefit the users – in this case, that such funds should be used for road and bridge projects – and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 3, 2016 by a vote of 18-16.

2. **SB 70 Right to Work.** This bill prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to join or pay dues to a union as a requirement of employment. ACU supports the right to work and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 22, 2016 by a vote of 18-16.

3. **SB 17 Concealed Carry.** This bill allows law-abiding persons to carry a concealed handgun without a permit. It preserves laws restricting the practice on school grounds and a few other locations. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 23, 2016 by a vote of 18-17.

4. **SB 122 Government Oversight.** This bill strengthens oversight of the state Department of Transportation (DOT). This includes a risk-based audit, requires prior authorization from the General Assembly for any DOT lease-purchasing agreement over \$500,000, closes projects within one year following their completion, and imposes reporting requirements regarding funds spent. ACU supports increased oversight of government spending and improved transparency, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 29, 2016 by a vote of 23-12.

5. **SB 21 Public Lands Day.** This bill creates a new state holiday on the third Saturday in May called Public Lands Day. ACU opposes a holiday to celebrate the government ownership of land rather than the private ownership of land, which is the foundation for our free society, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 2, 2016 by a vote of 28-7.

6. **SJR 11 Barring Guantanamo Detainees from Colorado.** This resolution states the Senate's position that the now-vacant Centennial Correctional Facility South Campus (located in Fremont County, CO) should not be transferred to the federal government for the housing of Guantanamo detainees. ACU opposes moving terrorists held at Guantanamo to the U.S. and supported this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on March 10, 2016 by a vote of 28-7.

7. **SB 83 Voter ID.** This bill requires a photo-identification for voting. ACU supports voter ID laws to help prevent voter fraud and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 16, 2016 by a vote of 18-17.

8. **SB 157 EPA Power Plant Rules.** This bill requires that the state suspend work on complying with the federal Environmental Protection Agency's power plant rules while there is a federal injunction against implementing the rules. ACU opposes these rules that will drive up the cost of energy for everyone and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 29, 2016 by a vote of 18-17.

9. **HB 1405 Kefalas Amendment "Affordable Housing" Grants.** The Kefalas amendment to the appropriation bill increases spending on "affordable housing" grants and loans by \$5 million, a 60% increase. Increased government spending has a negative effect on both the public and private sectors of a community, which reduces family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes these grants, which often go to political activist organizations that then lobby for more taxpayer funds, and opposed this amendment. The Senate defeated the amendment on April 7, 2016 by a vote of 16-19.

10. **HB 1405 Neville and Woods Amendment Family Planning Spending.** The Neville and Woods amendment to the "long" appropriation bill reduces funding for family planning services by \$2.5 million. ACU opposes this funding that goes to organizations that perform abortions, such as Planned Parenthood, and supported this amendment. The Senate defeated the amendment on April 7, 2016 by a vote of 14-21.

11. **SB 113 Ammunition Bans.** This bill repeals a ban on the possession of the so-called "large" capacity ammunition magazines. ACU opposes these arbitrary definitions of ammunition magazines, supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2016 by a vote of 20-13.

12. **SB 176 Firearms in Emergencies.** This bill repeals the Governor's authority to suspend the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms during a state of disaster emergency. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 19, 2016 by a vote of 18-16.

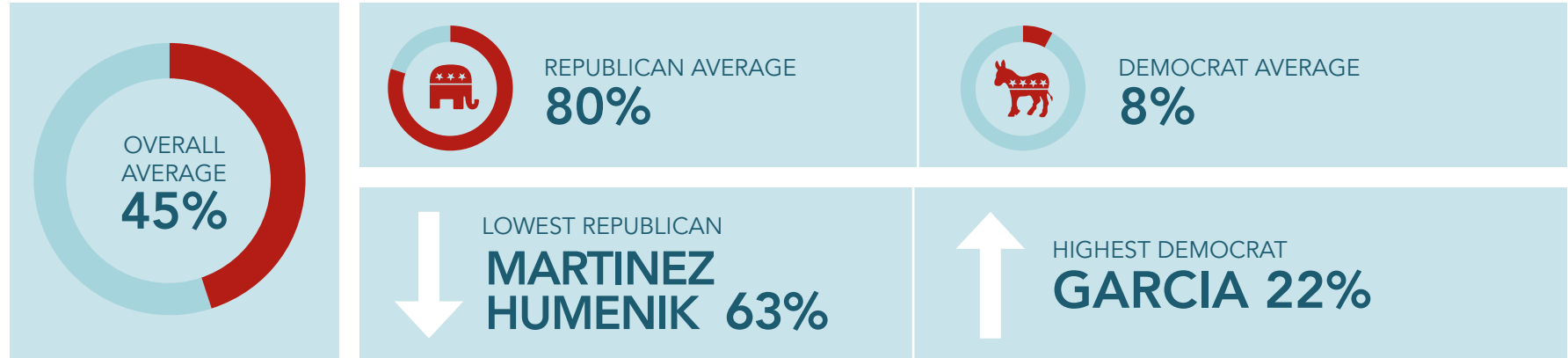


13. **HB 1014 Business Intelligence Center.** This bill creates a new government program to collect data from state agencies. A Business Intelligence Center Advisory Board will then use this data to assist businesses. ACU opposes this government expansion that competes with private enterprise and that provides the same service, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 26, 2016 by a vote of 31-4.
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14. **HB 1231 Red Light Cameras.** This bill restricts the use of red light cameras to school zones, construction zones, and a few other locations. ACU opposes the use of these cameras that are primarily designed to collect revenue rather than provide traffic safety and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 26, 2016 by a vote of 24-11.
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15. **SB 154 School Choice.** This bill creates a tuition tax credit for private schools. Educational attainment is an important cultural value that yields substantial economic returns for families and for states, which is illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU supports school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 26, 2016 by a vote of 18-17.
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16. **HB 1387 Health Insurance Mandate.** This bill requires insurance companies to cover severe protein allergy conditions. ACU opposes these mandates that drive up the cost of health insurance and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 2, 2016 by a vote of 27-8.
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17. **SB 161 Licensing Athletic Trainers.** This bill reinstates a registration requirement, which is equivalent to a license, for athletic trainers to practice their occupation in Colorado. The registration requirement and the regulations under the Athletic Trainer Practice Act had been allowed to expire in 2015. When entrepreneurship is suppressed, the resulting decline in economic growth leads to a reduction in family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements, which are primarily designed to restrict competition, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 27-8.
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18. **HB 1290 Jobs Program Extension.** This bill extends for five years a program funded under the Obama Stimulus bill, which provides employers with taxpayer money to hire people. Increased government spending has a negative effect on both the public and private sectors of a community, which reduces family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes this crony government transfer program and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 6, 2016 by a vote of 25-8.
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19. **HB 1321 Medicaid Expansion.** This bill requires the state to seek federal permission to expand Medicaid by implementing a buy-in program for home and community based services. Expanding Medicaid harms families and the economy, a principle illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes the expansion of a program rife with waste and fraud, with no reforms, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 9, 2016 by a vote of 28-7.
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COLORADO SENATE SCORES

COLORADO SENATE STATISTICS



COLORADO SENATE VOTE DETAIL

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BAUMGARDNER	R	8	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	18	19	95%	100%	99%
CADMAN	R	12	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	13	19	68%	89%	91%
Carroll	D	29	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	19	11%	11%	4%
COOKE	R	13	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	16	19	84%	83%	84%
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Donovan	D	5	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	19	16%	17%	16%
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Kerr	D	22	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	19	5%	6%	5%
LAMBERT	R	9	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	16	19	84%	94%	96%
LUNDBERG	R	15	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	16	19	84%	94%	96%
MARBLE	R	23	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	19	100%	100%	100%
MARTINEZ HUMENIK	R	24	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	12	19	63%	83%	73%
Merrifield	D	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0%	6%	3%
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Newell	D	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	19	0%	6%	5%
ROBERTS	R	6	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	13	19	68%	83%	69%
SCHEFFEL	R	4	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	13	19	68%	89%	90%
SCOTT	R	7	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	E	+	14	18	78%	100%	93%
SONNENBERG	R	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	17	18	94%	94%	93%
Steadman	D	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	2	19	11%	11%	6%
TATE	R	27	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	13	19	68%	100%	84%
Todd	D	28	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	19	11%	6%	3%
Ulibarri	D	21	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	0	17	0%	6%	1%
WOODS	R	19	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	13	19	68%	94%	81%



COLORADO HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 1004 Climate Action Plan.** This bill requires the state to include “measurable goals” for its “Climate Action Plan” that include deadlines to meet the goals. ACU opposes proposals that are designed to favor one form of energy over another and drive up the cost of energy for everyone and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 9, 2016 by a vote of 34-31.

2. **HB 1095 Health Insurance Mandates.** This bill requires insurance companies to cover early refills of prescription eye drops. ACU opposes these mandates that have driven up the cost of health insurance for everyone and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 9, 2016 by a vote of 41-24.

3. **HB 1136 Railroad Crew Mandate.** This bill requires a two crew minimum on freight trains when transporting property. ACU opposes this interference in the free market that increases business costs, and which ultimately increases costs to consumers, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2016 by a vote of 34-31.

4. **HB 1275 Business Taxes.** This bill requires corporations that file income taxes in Colorado to add income from affiliated corporations in the so-called “tax haven jurisdictions.” These jurisdictions are not defined in the bill but are to be determined by the Department of Revenue. Higher tax burdens suppress economic growth, which reduces family prosperity, as is illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes this arbitrary rule that amounts to a back-door tax increase and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 9, 2016 by a vote of 34-30.

5. **HB 1166 Employment Practices.** This bill makes it an “unfair employment practice” to ask someone seeking employment about his or her salary history. ACU opposes this government interference in the employment process and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 28, 2016 by a vote of 34-31.

6. **SB 122 Government Oversight.** This bill strengthens oversight of the state Department of Transportation (DOT). This includes a risk-based audit, requires prior authorization from the General Assembly for any DOT lease-purchasing agreement over \$500,000, closes projects within one year following their completion, and imposes reporting requirements regarding funds spent. ACU supports increased oversight of government spending and improved transparency, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 28, 2016 by a vote of 64-1.

7. **HB 1294 Health Care Mandate.** This bill requires health care benefit plans and Medicaid managed care plans to provide contraceptive coverage at no cost to the woman covered by the plan. ACU opposes these mandates that drive up the cost of health care for all and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 29, 2016 by a vote of 35-30.

8. **HB 1156 Independent Contractor Mandates.** This bill repeals the federal exemptions for independent contractors and agricultural businesses from a law that makes action against an employee for sharing wage information an unfair labor practice. ACU opposes this expansion of government power over independent contractors and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 29, 2016 by a vote of 40-25.

9. **HB 1326 Physical Rehabilitation Mandates.** This bill sets a long list of requirements for contracts between health insurance carriers that provide benefits for physical rehabilitation services and intermediaries that handle administrative work for a carrier. ACU opposes this micromanaging of private contracts by the government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 29, 2016 by a vote of 40-25.

10. **HB 1405 Road Funds.** This “footnote” to the general appropriations bill makes it the intent of the General Assembly that state money should not be spent on a new Department of Transportation building. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that funds allocated for bike paths should be used instead for road construction projects. ACU supports making needed road projects a priority over bike paths and supported this statement of intent. The House defeated the proposal on March 31, 2016 by a vote of 29-36.

11. **HB 1414 Telephone Surcharge.** This bill assesses a surcharge on telecommunications customers that would pay for services for telephone users with disabilities. ACU opposes charging one set of customers for services to another set of customers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 1, 2016 by a vote of 39-25.

12. **HB 1357 Hospital Reporting Requirements.** This bill sets up a new bureaucracy in the Department of Health and the Environment, the Heart Attack Advisory Committee, to oversee a new set of requirements for hospitals to report data on heart attacks. ACU opposes these government mandates that drive up the cost of health care and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 11, 2016 by a vote of 35-30.

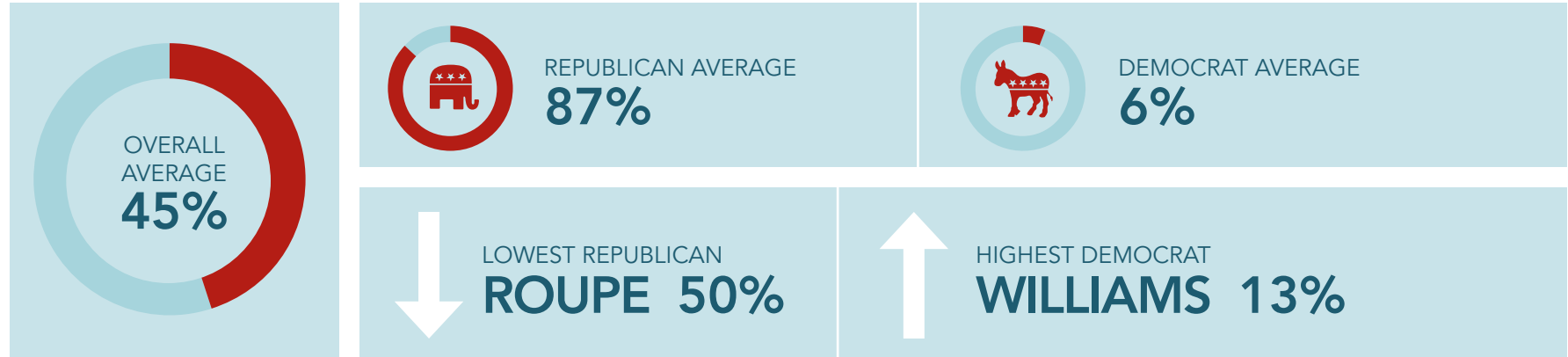
13. **HB 1361 Health Insurance Mandate.** This bill prohibits insurance companies from having a list of preferred pharmacies that have lower or no co-pays than non-preferred pharmacies and prohibits them from deciding which pharmacies can be used under their plan. ACU opposes these government mandates that interfere with the free market and drive up the cost of health insurance and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 14, 2016 by a vote of 34-31.



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14. **HB 1289 School Incentive Grants.** This bill creates a \$1 million program that pays schools for each student who completes an industry-certificate for a job that the government deems important, called a “top job.” ACU opposes this central planning approach to vocational education and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 18, 2016 by a vote of 42-22.
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15. **HB 1290 Jobs Program Extension.** This bill extends for five years a program funded under the Obama Stimulus bill, which provides employers with taxpayer money to hire people. Increased government spending has a negative effect on both the public and private sectors of a community, which reduces family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes this crony government transfer program and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 18, 2016 by a vote of 37-27.
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16. **HB 1321 Medicaid Expansion.** This bill requires the state to seek federal permission to expand Medicaid by implementing a buy-in program for home and community based services. Expanding Medicaid harms families and the economy, a principle illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes the expansion of a program rife with waste and fraud, with no reforms, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 18, 2016 by a vote of 40-24.
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17. **HB 1366 Hearing Aid Regulation.** This bill requires the Department of Regulatory Agencies to devise new rules on how hearing aids are sold. It outlines in detail what the seller must say and do and specifies that components cannot be sold as packages but separately. When entrepreneurship is suppressed, the resulting decline in economic growth leads to a reduction in family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes this micromanagement of private businesses, which drives up the cost to the consumer, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 21, 2016 by a vote of 36-29.
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18. **HB 1387 Health Insurance Mandate.** This bill requires insurance companies to cover severe protein allergy conditions. ACU opposes these mandates that drive up the cost of health insurance and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 22, 2016 by a vote of 43-22.
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19. **SB 21 Public Lands Day.** This bill creates a new state holiday on the third Saturday in May called Public Lands Day. ACU opposes a holiday to celebrate the government ownership of land rather than the private ownership of land, which is the foundation for our free society, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 25, 2016 by a vote of 39-26.
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20. **HB 1420 Hospital Fees.** This bill creates a new government enterprise to collect a new Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Fee that will replace the Hospital Provider Fee. By creating an enterprise, the fee and spending are exempt from Colorado’s Taxpayer Bill of Rights, or TABOR law, that restricts spending. ACU opposes the legislature delegating its constitutional responsibilities to outside entities and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 29, 2016 by a vote of 39-26.
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21. **HB 1231 Red Light Cameras.** This bill restricts the use of red light cameras to school zones, construction zones, and a few other locations. ACU opposes the use of these cameras that are primarily designed to collect revenue rather than provide traffic safety and supported this bill. A key vote was on the adoption of the Conference Committee report that included the restrictions. The House passed the Conference Committee report on April 29, 2016 by a vote of 35-30.
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22. **HB 1461 Rental Regulation.** This bill imposes new regulations on month-to-month apartment rentals that do not require a lease. Under this bill, the minimum notice for termination is increased from 7 days to 28 days and a notice of rental increase is also established at a minimum of 28 days. ACU Foundation’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights engages heavily on this issue and opposes this interference in the free market and the right of tenants to negotiate their own agreements and ACU opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 6, 2016 by a vote of 38-26.
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23. **HB 1435 Employer Fees.** This bill creates a new government enterprise to administer a fee on those employers with more than 250 employees the government deems “low-wage employers” so that these employers will bear their “fair share” of the costs of healthcare. Higher tax burdens suppress economic growth, which reduces family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index. By creating an enterprise, the bill exempts fee and spending from the state’s Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) law that restricts spending. ACU opposes this subterfuge and what is, in effect, an arbitrary tax, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 10, 2016 by a vote of 34-31.
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24. **SB 161 Licensing Athletic Trainers.** This bill reinstates a registration requirement, which is equivalent to a license, for athletic trainers to practice their occupation in Colorado. The registration requirement and the regulations under the Athletic Trainer Practice Act had been allowed to expire in 2015. When entrepreneurship is suppressed, the resulting decline in economic growth leads to a reduction in family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements, which are primarily designed to restrict competition, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 10, 2016 by a vote of 47-18.
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Arndt	D	53	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	18%	11%
BECKER, J.	R	65	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	F	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%	73%	84%
Becker, K.	D	13	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	24	8%	10%	6%
BROWN	R	59	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	15	24	63%	64%	73%
BUCK	R	49	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24	24	100%	100%	98%
Buckner	D	40	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	n/a	1%
CARVER	R	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	23	24	96%	82%	89%
CONTI	R	38	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	17	24	71%	70%	81%
CORAM	R	58	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	E	E	E	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	15	21	71%	64%	82%
Court	D	6	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	36%	8%
Danielson	D	24	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	18%	11%
DelGROSSO	R	51	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	24	92%	82%	88%
DORE	R	64	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	21	24	88%	80%	86%
Duran	D	5	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	9%	3%
Esgar	D	46	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	9%	7%
EVERETT	R	22	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24	24	100%	100%	100%
Fields	D	42	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	24	8%	9%	3%
Foote	D	12	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	9%	3%
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Ginal	D	52	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	24	8%	9%	4%	
Hammer	D	61	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	18%	6%	
Hullinghorst	D	10	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	18%	4%	
HUMPHREY	R	48	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	23	24	96%	100%	99%	
JOSHI	R	16	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	20	24	83%	91%	93%	
Kagan	D	3	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	9%	4%	
KLINGENSCHMITT	R	15	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	24	96%	91%	93%	
Kraft-Tharp	D	29	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	24	8%	36%	11%	
LANDGRAF	R	21	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	19	24	79%	100%	93%	
LAWRENCE	R	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	24	96%	91%	95%	
Lebsock	D	34	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	2	24	8%	18%	8%	
Lee	D	18	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	18%	7%	
LEONARD	R	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	24	96%	n/a	96%	
Lontine	D	1	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	9%	7%	
LUNDEEN	R	19	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	24	96%	91%	93%	
McCann	D	8	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	24	8%	18%	5%	
Melton	D	41	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	2	24	8%	27%	9%	
Mitsch Bush	D	26	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	9%	5%	
Moreno	D	32	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	9%	3%	
NAVARRO-RATZLAFF	R	47	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24	24	100%	100%	94%	
NEVILLE	R	45	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24	24	100%	100%	100%	
NORDBERG	R	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	22	24	92%	91%	94%	
Pabon	D	4	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	24	8%	18%	5%	
Pettersen	D	28	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	24	8%	18%	7%	
Primavera	D	33	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	9%	3%	
PRIOLA	R	56	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	15	24	63%	67%	80%
RANKIN	R	57	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	14	23	61%	73%	79%	
RANSOM	R	44	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24	24	100%	100%	100%	
Rosenthal	D	9	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	24	8%	9%	4%	
ROUPE	R	17	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	12	24	50%	73%	61%	
Ryden	D	36	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	9%	3%	
SAINE	R	63	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	24	96%	100%	97%	
Salazar	D	31	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	2	24	8%	18%	7%	
SIAS	R	27	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	20	24	83%	90%	87%	
Singer	D	11	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	2	24	8%	18%	7%	

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THURLOW	R	55	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	20	24	83%	82%	83%
Tyler	D	23	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	18%	7%
VAN WINKLE	R	43	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	23	24	96%	91%	93%
Vigil	D	62	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	2	24	8%	27%	15%
WILLETT	R	54	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	22	23	96%	82%	89%
Williams	D	7	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	3	24	13%	36%	10%
WILSON	R	60	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	20	24	83%	82%	89%
WINDHOLZ	R	30	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	20	24	83%	64%	73%
Winter	D	35	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	9%	7%
WIST	R	37	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	24	96%	n/a	96%
Young	D	50	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	24	4%	9%	10%