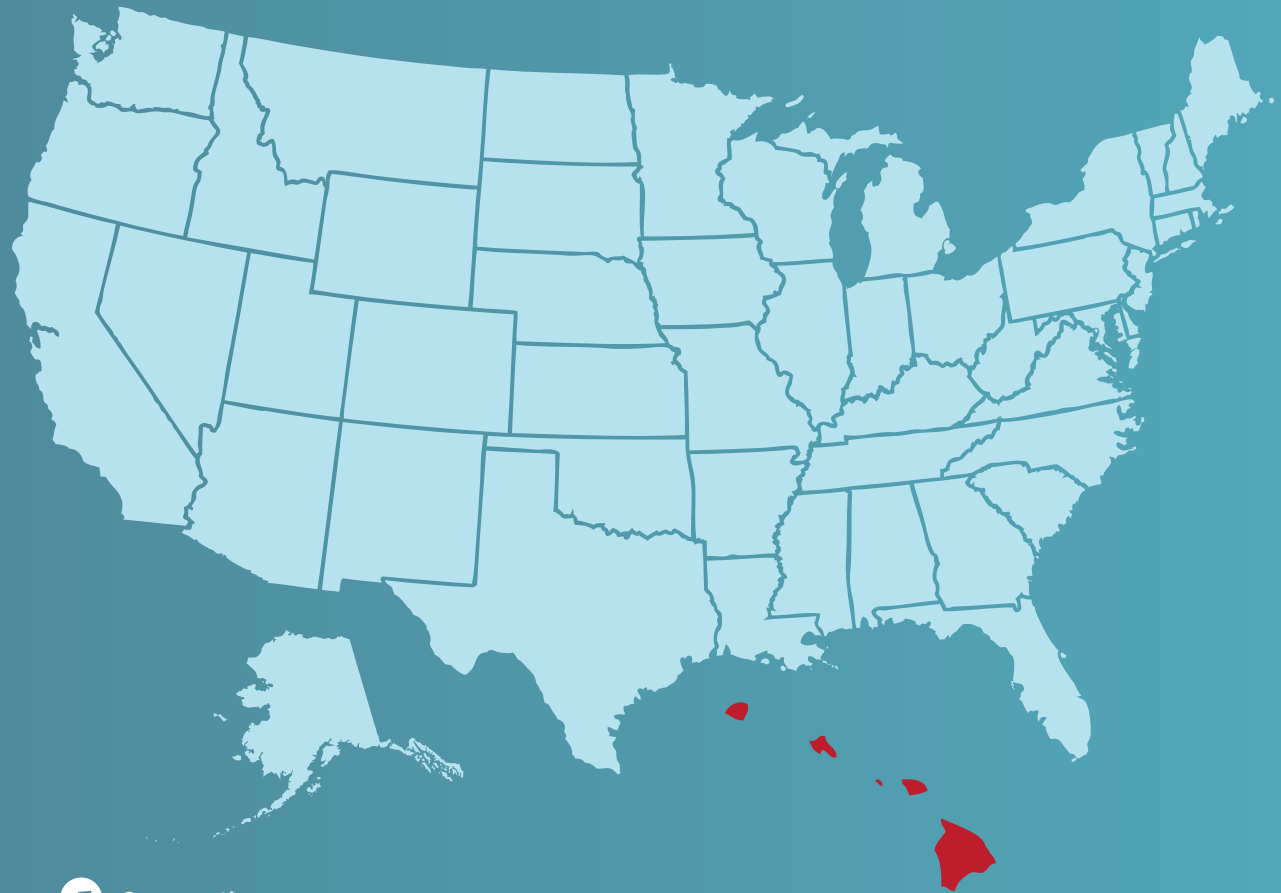
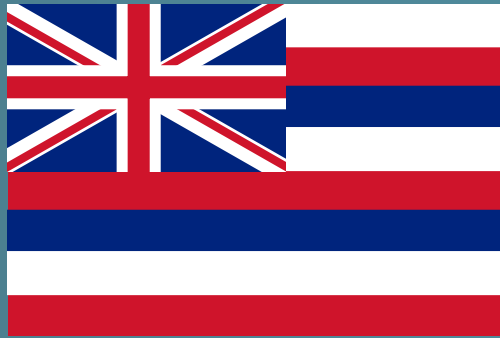




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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Conservatives,

We are pleased to present the American Conservative Union Foundation's ratings for the 2016 meeting of the Hawaii State Legislature. Like our Congressional Ratings, our State Ratings reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The Hawaii 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 Hawaii State Legislature 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 Hawaii'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

n/a

HOUSE

n/a

<= 10%

COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT



SENATE

n/a

HOUSE

n/a

80-89%

AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT



SENATE

n/a

HOUSE

n/a



HAWAII SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **SB 2565 Sales of Government Housing.** This bill prohibits the Hawaii Public Housing Authority from selling rental units to tenants. ACU supports helping tenants in government housing to become owners of their own property and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 4, 2016 by a vote of 21-0.

2. **SB 2313 Employer Mandates.** This bill prohibits an employer from requesting or considering an employee's past salary history as part of the employment application process, among other provisions. ACU opposes barring a private employer from receiving the same information that is required for employment by the federal government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 23-1.

3. **SB 2385 Sugar Sweetener Mandate.** This bill imposes restrictions on sugar-sweetened beverages and others beverages that are served in child-care facilities. ACU believes it is not the governments' role to ban the use of safe products and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 23-1.

4. **SB 2454 Tax Increase.** This bill provides for a \$155 million tax increase, raising the top income tax rate to 11 percent while eliminating taxes at the two lowest rates. ACU opposes tax increases to pay for higher spending and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 23-1.

5. **SB 2462 Small Boat Harbor Management.** This bill authorizes the transfer of the government-operated Honokohau small boat harbor to a private firm or a public-private partnership. ACU supports getting the government out of businesses that compete with private enterprise and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 24-0.

6. **SB 2691 E-Cigarette Regulation.** This bill requires retailers that sell e-cigarettes to obtain a tobacco license even though e-cigarettes contain no tobacco. ACU believes that both tobacco and e-cigarettes are a personal liberty issue, that government regulations on products are only appropriate when their use substantially affect others, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 22-2.

7. **SB 2738 Renewable Energy Storage Rebate Program.** This bill establishes a new energy storage rebate program to replace a three year old program that never got off the ground due to lack of agreement among different interests. The bill now uses funds from another program to fund credits and rebates for the installation of solar technology. ACU supports all forms of energy, believes government should not support one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill March 8, 2016 by a vote of 23-1.

8. **SB 2501 Contract Bidding Oversight.** This bill requires past performance to be factored into contract bid selections and in sole source procurement. Government agencies are then responsible for evaluating the work and performance of the contractors selected and maintaining the evaluations in department files. ACU supports strong oversight of government contracts and accountability for funds spent and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 24-0.

9. **SB 2724 Government Wage Mandate.** This bill adds projects on public lands to the state's "prevailing wage" law that requires contractors to pay a wage set by the government, usually above the market rate. ACU opposes these artificial wage laws that drive up the cost of projects to taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill March 8, 2016 by a vote of 23-1.

10. **SB 2807 Streamlining Government.** This bill consolidates two information technology agencies into one entity, the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, after a study showed the two current agencies were weak and had poorly defined roles. ACU supports the consolidation of duplicative government agencies and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 24-0.

11. **SB 2938 Tax Increase.** This bill includes \$75 million in tax increases on oil, alternative fuels, vehicle registration fees, and vehicle weight taxes. Higher tax burdens suppress economic growth, which reduces family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes these tax increases at a time when there are \$600 million in unspent federal funds designated for Hawaii highway improvements and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 16-8.



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12. **SB 2398 Unionizing Graduate Students.** This bill establishes a union for graduate student teaching assistants at the University of Hawaii. ACU opposes proposals that will result in fewer job opportunities for graduate students and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 22-2.
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13. **SB 2804 Corporate Subsidies.** This bill authorizes \$10 million in special purpose bonds to fund the building of a new facility for Big Island Dairy, LLC. ACU opposes increasing government debt to help one company over another and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 24-0.
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14. **SB 2137 Farm Mentoring Program.** This bill establishes a taxpayer-funded program in the Department of Agriculture to help farmers be better farmers. ACU does not believe that government programs should help one industry over another and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 24-0.
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15. **SB 805 Nursing Practices.** This bill makes permanent a temporary law that allows nurses, under the supervision of a licensed physician, to carry out the order of a physician assistant after a study found no adverse health effects as a result of the practice. ACU supports common sense regulatory reform and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 14, 2016 by a vote of 21-0.
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16. **HB 1096 Business Opening Hours Mandate.** This bill mandates when a mortgage loan originator must be open for business, stipulating that some of those hours must be during “regular business hours.” ACU believes it is not the role of government to decide when a business must be open to the public and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 4, 2016 by a vote of 24-0.
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17. **HB 1672 Insurance Mandate.** This bill prohibits insurance companies from charging more for prescriptions from pharmacies outside of their network if the nearest network facility is more than ten miles away. The bill then imposes more regulations on the pharmacies. ACU opposes these mandates that drive up the cost of insurance for everyone and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 6, 2016 by a vote of 23-0.
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18. **HB 2453 Charter Schools.** This bill helps alleviate overcrowding in some Oahu schools by authorizing start-up grants for newly approved public charter schools rather than starting a new school under the Department of Education. 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 the expansion of school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2016 by a vote of 24-0.
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19. **HB 401 Automatic Voter Registration.** This bill requires anyone who is eligible to vote and applies for a new or renewed motor vehicle license to be automatically registered to vote, unless they ask not to be. ACU believes in the sanctity of the vote, opposes election procedures that make it easier to commit voter fraud, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2016 by a vote of 24-0.
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20. **HB 1713 Weakening State Ethics Rules.** This bill exempts state employees from ethics rules governing remuneration for trips and other defined activities. ACU supports strong ethics rules for government employees and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2016 by a vote of 22-2.
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21. **HB 2160 Dark Skies Promotion.** This bill creates a new bureaucracy, the Dark Night Skies Protection Advisory Committee, to find ways to reduce the amount of light in the night sky because “preservation of dark night skies is essential to the state’s well-being.” ACU opposes this absurd waste of taxpayer money that will lead to government mandates on lights and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2016 by a vote of 24-0.
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22. **SB 2954 Federal Gun Database.** This bill makes Hawaii the first in the nation to enter into a FBI criminal database any individual who is registering a firearm. It also charges gun owners a fee for the service. ACU supports the founder’s belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 25, 2016 by a vote of 24-0.
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23. **HB 260 Ride Sharing Regulations.** This bill imposes a series of regulations on ride-sharing companies, including requiring \$1 million in insurance coverage for drivers even when they don’t have passengers and requiring all trips be maintained in a database for five years. 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 these draconian regulations that are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 25-0.
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24. **HB 801 Renewable Energy Bonds.** This bill authorizes special purpose bonds of up to \$50 million for the benefit of SunStrong, LLC, a renewable energy developer, for projects in Hawaii. ACU opposes government programs benefiting one company over another and favoring one form of energy over another and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 25-0.
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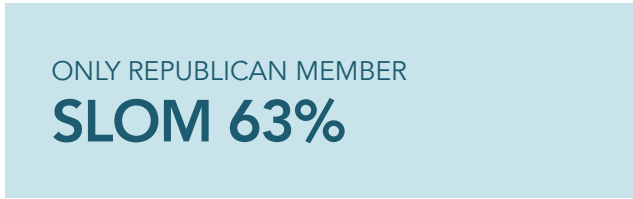
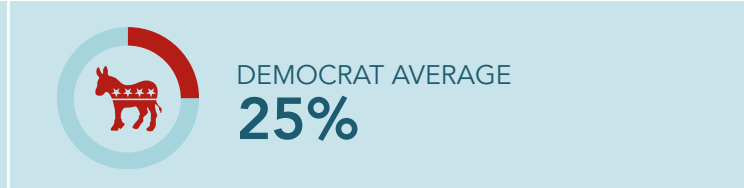
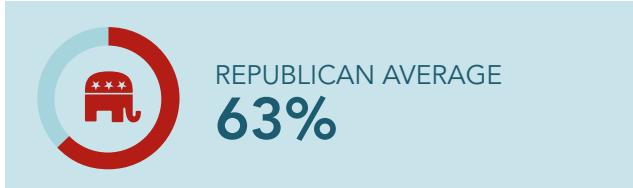
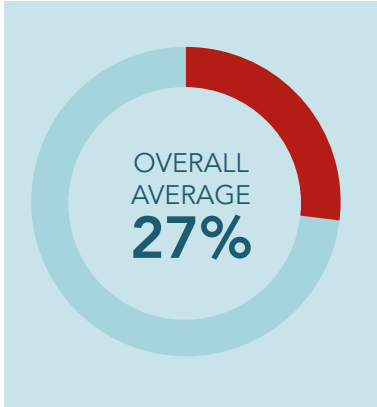


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25. **SB 911 Latex Glove Ban.** This bill bans the use of latex gloves by personnel working in food establishments, emergency medical services, or dental facilities on the basis that some people are allergic to them. ACU opposes government bans on safe products and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 25-0.
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26. **SB 1311 Behavior Analysis Licensing.** This bill temporarily eases up on licensing regulations for behavior analysts who treat autism and other problems after discovering these regulations produced a shortage of analysts. ACU supports reform of licensing laws that have grown primarily to restrict competition and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 25-0.
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27. **HB 1527 Audits of Tax Credits.** This bill requires the state Auditor to periodically review the efficiency and effectiveness of tax credits, exclusions, and deductions. ACU supports government accountability and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 25-0.
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28. **HB 1689 Organic Food Subsidy.** This bill adds another agricultural subsidy by giving a tax credit to farmers, ranchers, and producers seeking an organic food certification. ACU opposes yet another agricultural subsidy that favors one type of product over another and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 25-0.
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29. **HB 2722 Unemployment Compensation Extension.** This bill singles out Maui County for a temporary extension of unemployment benefits at a cost of \$650,000. ACU opposes giving special government benefits to people based on where they live and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 23-1.
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30. **SB 2077 Special Severance Package.** This bill sets up a special severance package for employees of certain hospitals at the unions' behest. The hospitals are being leased to a private firm that has committed to \$100 million in upgrades. ACU supports this effort to save the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in hospital costs and opposed this bill that gives special benefits that other employees don't receive. The Senate voted to override the Governor's veto of the bill on July 20, 2016 by a vote of 18-4.
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HAWAII SENATE SCORES

HAWAII SENATE STATISTICS



HAWAII SENATE VOTE DETAIL

| | Party | District | SB 2565 | SB 2313 | SB 2385 | SB 2454 | SB 2462 | SB 2691 | SB 2738 | SB 2501 | SB 2724 | SB 2807 | SB 2938 | SB 2998 | SB 2804 | SB 2137 | SB 805 | HB 1096 | HB 1672 | HB 2453 | HB 401 | HB 1713 | HB 2160 | SB 2954 | HB 290 | HB 801 | SB 911 | SB 1311 | HB 1327 | HB 1689 | HB 2722 | SB 2077 | ACU Votes | Votes Cast | 2016 % | 2015 % | LIFETIME AVG | |
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HAWAII SENATE VOTE DETAIL

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| Shimabukuro | D | 21 | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | - | 7 | 30 | 23% | 9% | 14% | |
| SLOM | R | 9 | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | - | E | E | E | E | E | E | - | - | - | + | + | - | - | + | 15 | 24 | 63% | 100% | 84% |
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† Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result the 2016 percentage was not rated.



HAWAII HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 2453 Charter Schools.** This bill helps alleviate overcrowding in some Oahu schools by authorizing start-up grants for newly approved public charter schools rather than starting a new school under the Department of Education. 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 the expansion of school choice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 3, 2016 by a vote of 48-0.

2. **HB 1672 Insurance Mandate.** This bill prohibits insurance companies from charging more for prescriptions from pharmacies outside of their network if the nearest network facility is more than ten miles away. The bill then imposes more regulations on the pharmacies. ACU opposes these mandates that drive up the cost of insurance for everyone and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2016 by a vote of 46-2.

3. **HB 2160 Dark Skies Promotion.** This bill creates a new bureaucracy, the Dark Night Skies Protection Advisory Committee, to find ways to reduce the amount of light in the night sky because "preservation of dark night skies is essential to the state's well-being." ACU opposes this absurd waste of taxpayer money that will lead to government mandates on lights and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2016 by a vote of 48-0.

4. **HB 1940 Unionizing Students.** This bill establishes a union for graduate student teaching assistants at the University of Hawaii. ACU opposes this government interference that destroys the traditional relationship between teachers and students and will reduce the opportunity for students to gain experience at teaching and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2016 by a vote of 47-1.

5. **HB 2221 Parking Facility Mandate.** This bill provides for fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000 for any parking facility with 100 spaces or more that does not include one parking space with a charging station exclusively for electric vehicles. ACU opposes these mandates that drive up costs for businesses and consumers alike and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 4, 2016 by a vote of 46-2.

6. **HB 626 Firearm Possession Restriction.** This bill prohibits the physical possession of a firearm while consuming alcohol outside the home, among other provisions. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 34-17.

7. **HB 1713 Weakening State Ethics Rules.** This bill exempts state employees from ethics rules governing remuneration for trips and other defined activities. ACU supports strong ethics rules for government employees and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 51-0.

8. **HB 2085 Banning Fossil Fuels.** This bill would ban the importation of fossil fuels to Hawaii by 2045 and calls on the state department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to develop a plan to implement the ban. ACU supports all forms of energy, opposes government favoring one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 51-0.

9. **HB 2717 Medicaid Eligibility.** This bill requires the Director of Human Services to apply the annual cost-of-living increases and increases in the federal poverty level definitions to Medicaid eligibility. Expanding Medicaid has a negative impact on the economy and family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes increasing eligibility for a program rife with waste and fraud and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 51-0.

10. **HB 1559 Government Seizure of Property.** This bill requires the commission of a crime before government can seize someone's property. Until a conviction, seized property must be safely and securely stored at government expense. ACU Foundation's Center for Criminal Justice Reform engages heavily on these issues and supports strengthening property rights and ACU supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 50-1.

11. **HB 212 Solar Energy Tax Credit.** This bill provides for a tax credit for 25 percent of the cost of a battery back-up system for solar energy systems. ACU supports all forms of energy, opposes government favoring one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2016 by a vote of 51-0.

12. **SB 805 Nursing Practices.** This bill makes permanent a temporary law that allows nurses, under the supervision of a licensed physician, to carry out the order of a physician assistant after a study found no adverse health effects as a result of the practice. ACU supports common sense regulatory reform and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 10, 2016 by a vote of 46-0.



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13. **HCR 29 Suppressing Political Speech.** This resolution calls on Hawaii's congressional delegation to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution reversing Supreme Court decisions that corporate free speech is protected by the Constitution and stating that campaign spending is not free speech. ACU supports free political speech by individuals and businesses and opposed this resolution. The House passed the resolution on April 7, 2016 by a vote of 47-0.
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14. **SB 2954 Federal Gun Database.** This bill makes Hawaii the first in the nation to enter into a FBI criminal database any individual who is registering a firearm. It also charges gun owners a fee for the service. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2016 by a vote of 26-21.
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15. **SB 2501 Contract Bidding Oversight.** This bill requires past performance to be factored into contract bid selections and in sole source procurement. Government agencies are then responsible for evaluating the work and performance of the contractors selected and maintaining the evaluations in department files. ACU supports strong oversight of government contracts and accountability for funds spent and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 8, 2016 by a vote of 45-0.
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16. **SB 2724 Government Wage Mandate.** This bill adds projects on public lands to the state's "prevailing wage" law that requires contractors to pay a wage set by the government, usually above the market rate. ACU opposes these artificial wage laws that drive up the cost of projects to taxpayers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 8, 2016 by a vote of 45-0.
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17. **SB 2398 Unionizing Graduate Students.** This bill establishes a union for graduate student teaching assistants at the University of Hawaii. ACU opposes proposals that will result in fewer job opportunities for graduate students and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 12, 2016 by a vote of 49-1.
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18. **SB 2738 Renewable Energy Storage Rebate Program.** This bill establishes a new energy storage rebate program to replace a three year old program that never got off the ground due to lack of agreement among different interests. The bill now uses funds from another program to fund credits and rebates for the installation of solar technology. ACU supports all forms of energy, believes government should not support one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 12, 2016 by a vote of 49-1.
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19. **SB 2565 Sales of Government Housing.** This bill prohibits the Hawaii Public Housing Authority from selling rental units to tenants. ACU supports helping tenants in government housing to become owners of their own property and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 12, 2016 by a vote of 48-0.
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20. **SB 2807 Streamlining Government.** This bill consolidates two information technology agencies into one entity, the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, after a study showed the two current agencies were weak and had poorly defined roles. ACU supports the consolidation of duplicative government agencies and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 27, 2016 by a vote of 51-0.
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21. **HB 2632 Confiscation of Firearms.** This bill would add to the list of those prohibited from possessing firearms anyone who has undergone "emergency hospitalization" and if a firearm is not surrendered "immediately" the Chief of Police can seize it without due notice. ACU Foundation's Center for 21st Century Property Rights engages heavily on this issue and opposes this vaguely defined law, supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, and ACU opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 35-16.
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22. **HB 801 Renewable Energy Bonds.** This bill authorizes special purpose bonds of up to \$50 million for the benefit of SunStrong, LLC, a renewable energy developer, for projects in Hawaii. ACU opposes government programs benefiting one company over another and favoring one form of energy over another and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 49-0.
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23. **SB 911 Latex Glove Ban.** This bill bans the use of latex gloves by personnel working in food establishments, emergency medical services, or dental facilities on the basis that some people are allergic to them. ACU opposes government bans on safe products and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 50-1.
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24. **HB 1096 Business Opening Hours Mandate.** This bill mandates when a mortgage loan originator must be open for business, stipulating that some of those hours must be during "regular business hours." ACU believes it is not the role of government to decide when a business must be open to the public and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 50-0.
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25. **SB 1311 Behavior Analysis Licensing.** This bill temporarily eases up on licensing regulations for behavior analysts who treat autism and other problems after discovering these regulations produced a shortage of analysts. ACU supports reform of licensing laws that have grown primarily to restrict competition and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 47-4.
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26. **HB 1527 Audits of Tax Credits.** This bill requires the state Auditor to periodically review the efficiency and effectiveness of tax credits, exclusions, and deductions. ACU supports government accountability and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 48-1.
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27. **HB 1689 Organic Food Subsidy.** This bill adds another agricultural subsidy by giving a tax credit to farmers, ranchers, and producers seeking an organic food certification. ACU opposes yet another agricultural subsidy that favors one type of product over another and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 48-1.

28. **HB 2722 Unemployment Compensation Extension.** This bill singles out Maui County for a temporary extension of unemployment benefits at a cost of \$650,000. ACU opposes giving special government benefits to people based on where they live and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 49-0.

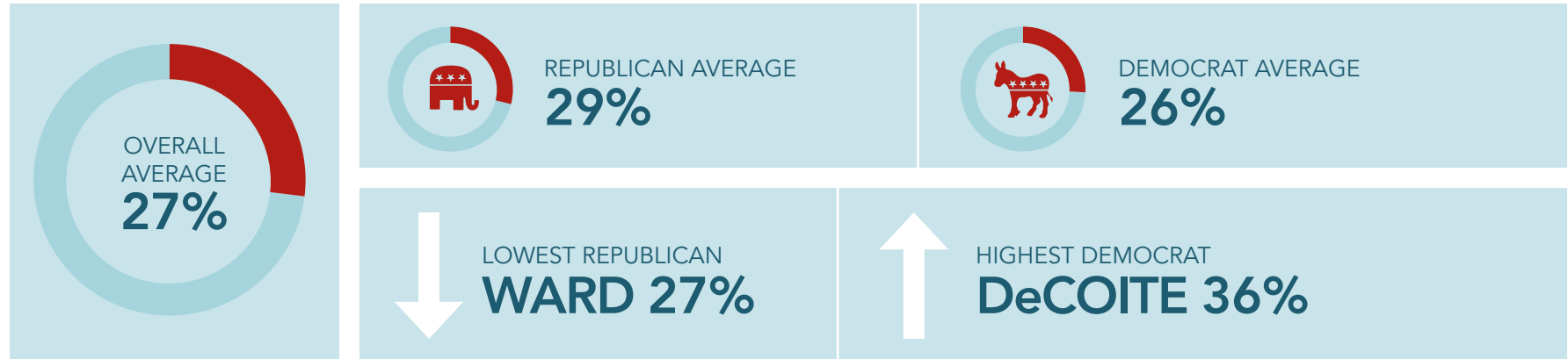
29. **SB 2319 Insurance Mandate.** This bill requires insurance companies to cover reimbursements for contraceptive supplies intended to last for up to one year. ACU opposes these mandates that drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 51-0.

30. **HB 260 Ride Sharing Regulations.** This bill imposes a series of regulations on ride-sharing companies, including requiring \$1 million in insurance coverage for drivers even when they don't have passengers and requiring all trips be maintained in a database for five years. 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 these draconian regulations that are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2016 by a vote of 48-1.

31. **SB 2077 Special Severance Package.** This bill sets up a special severance package for employees of certain hospitals at the unions' behest. The hospitals are being leased to a private firm that has committed to \$100 million in upgrades. ACU supports this effort to save the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in hospital costs and opposed this bill that gives special benefits that other employees don't receive. The House voted to override the Governor's veto of the bill on July 20, 2016 by a vote of 43-3.

HAWAII HOUSE SCORES

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