



2024

# South Carolina State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of South Carolina's General Assembly are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the legislators who serve in state legislatures. This is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

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THE FOUNDATION  
CONDUCTS  
COMPREHENSIVE  
EXAMINATIONS OF  
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Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of South Carolina’s elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker’s record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

**The Foundation examines legislative votes related to the Club’s immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:**

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limiting government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding school choice
- Implementing Term Limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examines votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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## LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN 2024

The Foundation’s study examined over 1,000 floor votes and, in the end, included 13 South Carolina House votes and 10 South Carolina Senate votes.

### COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). Absences are not counted – signified as an “X” on the scorecard – though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker’s position was otherwise discernible. If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an “I”.

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was ranked. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0% scores are, by

default, ranked #124 in the House and #46 in the Senate if all lawmakers are present. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2024 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases, “n.a.” for “not applicable” appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with “n.a.” listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without “n.a.” years may be misleading.

### ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the South Carolina House and South Carolina Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

“Through the release of this series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity.”

**- DAVID McINTOSH**  
PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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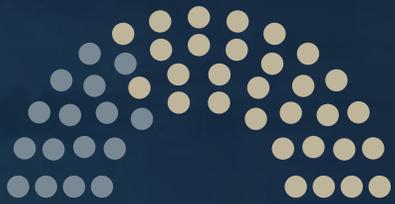
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# South Carolina Senate Snapshot

30 Republicans

16 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 34%

Average Democrat Score: 25%

## HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN SENATOR

Thomas Corbin (SD-5) | 52%

## LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN SENATORS

Lawrence Grooms (SD-37) | 20%

Greg Hembree (SD-28) | 20%

## HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT SENATORS

Richard Harpootlian (SD-20) | 33%

Darrell Jackson (SD-21) | 33%

Kent Williams (SD-30) | 33%

## LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT SENATOR

Thomas McElveen (SD-35) | 10%

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Name	District	Party	Score	Lifetime	H3690	H3811	H4087	H4113	H5100	S0208	S0912	S0915	S1021	S1132	Rank
<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	
<b>POINTS</b>					10	12	8	10	12	12	10	10	8	8	
Adams, Brian	SD-44	R	38%	38%	10	-	X	-	X	12	-	-	-	8	11
Alexander, Thomas	SD-01	R	30%	31%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Allen, Karl	SD-07	D	30%	18%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Bennett, Sean	SD-38	R	24%	31%	10	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	34
Campsen, George	SD-43	R	n/a	32%	10	X	X	I	X	12	X	-	-	8	
Cash, Richard	SD-03	R	42%	45%	10	12	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	3
Climer, Wes	SD-15	R	42%	44%	10	12	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	3
Corbin, Thomas	SD-05	R	52%	52%	10	12	-	-	-	12	-	10	-	8	1
Cromer, Ronnie	SD-18	R	30%	35%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Davis, Tom	SD-46	R	30%	30%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Devine, Tameika	SD-19	D	12%	12%	10	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	44
Fanning, Michael	SD-17	D	18%	20%	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	42
Gambrell, Michael	SD-04	R	30%	31%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Garrett, Billy	SD-10	R	30%	33%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Goldfinch, Stephen	SD-34	R	26%	25%	10	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	8	33
Grooms, Lawrence	SD-37	R	20%	25%	10	-	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	8	40
Gustafson, Penry	SD-27	R	30%	35%	10	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	18
Harpootlian, Richard	SD-20	D	33%	25%	10	-	-	X	-	12	-	-	-	8	14
Hembree, Greg	SD-28	R	20%	29%	10	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	8	40
Hutto, Brad	SD-40	D	23%	16%	10	X	-	-	-	-	I	-	-	8	37
Jackson, Darrell	SD-21	D	33%	25%	10	-	-	-	-	12	I	-	-	8	14

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<b>POINTS</b>					10	12	8	10	12	12	10	10	8	8	
Johnson, Kevin	SD-36	D	30%	18%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Johnson, Michael	SD-16	R	42%	40%	10	12	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	3
Kimbrell, Josh	SD-11	R	42%	40%	10	12	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	3
Loftis, Dwight	SD-06	R	43%	38%	10	12	I	-	I	12	-	-	-	-	2
Malloy, Gerald	SD-29	D	30%	24%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Martin, Shane	SD-13	R	42%	35%	10	12	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	3
Massey, A. Shane	SD-25	R	34%	50%	10	12	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	8	13
Matthews, Margie	SD-45	D	30%	17%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
McElveen, Thomas	SD-35	D	10%	11%	I	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	8	45
McLeod, Mia	SD-22	D	30%	13%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Peeler, Harvey	SD-14	R	30%	32%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Rankin, Luke	SD-33	R	24%	29%	10	-	-	-	I	I	-	-	-	8	34
Reichenbach, Mike	SD-31	R	42%	45%	10	12	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	3
Rice, Rex	SD-02	R	42%	36%	10	12	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	3
Sabb, Ronnie	SD-32	D	30%	18%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Senn, Sandy	SD-41	R	22%	25%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	38
Setzler, Nikki	SD-26	D	24%	17%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	X	34
Shealy, Katrina	SD-23	R	30%	27%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18
Stephens, Vernon	SD-39	D	13%	11%	10	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	43
Talley, Scott	SD-12	R	38%	37%	10	X	-	X	-	12	-	-	-	8	11
Tedder, Deon	SD-42	D	22%	13%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	38

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<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	
<b>POINTS</b>					10	12	8	10	12	12	10	10	8	8	
Turner, Ross	SD-08	R	33%	33%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	X	-	8	14
Verdin, Danny	SD-09	R	42%	42%	10	12	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	3
Williams, Kent	SD-30	D	33%	18%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	X	8	14
Young, Tom	SD-24	R	30%	32%	10	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	8	18

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## H. 3690

### PROHIBITION ON TAXPAYER-FINANCED ESG INVESTMENTS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prevents hedge funds and private equity funds responsible for managing the portfolios of taxpayer-funded pensions from abandoning their fiduciary duty in favor of a political agenda. Specifically, the legislation constrains the commission charged with overseeing the \$39 billion in South Carolina’s pension system to only engage with companies for the sole purpose of maximizing shareholder value as opposed to those that prioritize woke Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices. The South Carolina Senate passed the bill, 45-0, on January 17, 2024. The South Carolina House passed it the previous year.

## H. 3811

### CRONY TAX CREDIT EXPANSION (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the annual spending cap for the Industry Partnership Fund crony tax credit

program. Specifically, the legislation increases the existing aggregate annual cap from \$9 million to \$12 million in the partnership fund. Recipients of the credit are provided a \$500,000 maximum allowable credit against their individual or corporate income taxes if they contribute to the fund for the South Carolina Research Authority. These distortions further complicate the state tax code and benefit the well-connected at the expense of hardworking South Carolinians. The South Carolina Senate passed the bill, 30-13, on March 19, 2024. The South Carolina House passed it the previous year.

## H. 4087

### SIGNIFICANT CORPORATE WELFARE PACKAGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands existing tax credits for large corporations operating in South Carolina. Specifically, the legislation expands eligibility for the corporate tax credit, dictates wage requirements for headquarters employees, and allows for the expansion of remote employees

to be counted for the job development credit for eligibility purposes. Additionally, the bill lowers the recycling facilities credit investment threshold from \$300 million to \$150 million equal to 30 percent of the total amount of the investment. This would set the minimum credit level at \$45 million over the next five years. In total, estimates suggest these corporate welfare giveaways total an estimated \$13.4 million in taxpayer-backed handouts in 2024 alone. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 93-13, on June 26, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 42-0, on the same day.

## H. 4113

### MEDICAID TAX-AND-FINE REVENUE SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill empowers the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to further tax and regulate healthcare in South Carolina to further grow the costly Medicaid welfare program. Specifically, the legislation authorizes DHHS to impose a new tax on ambulance services

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in the state, specifically private ambulance services, that will impact nearly 30 companies and trigger new federal payments to the state. Additionally, the bill creates a new Ambulance Fee Trust Fund and grants DHHS the power to levy a 5 percent fine on any service that does not pay the assessment tax. Estimates suggest the new tax will cost these businesses \$3 million beginning in FY2024-25 and increase federal spending for the South Carolina Medicaid program by an additional \$7 million each year. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 88-26, on March 5, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 40-0, on April 25, 2024.

### H. 5100

#### MISSED OPPORTUNITY BUDGET AGREEMENT

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill allocates nearly \$40 billion in total spending for the state budget. The legislation represents a 5.5 percent increase in the year-over-year recurring base of the general fund that includes an 8.6 percent increase in Department of Public Health, a 5.6 percent increase in

Medicaid spending, a 4.5 percent increase in public television spending, and a 6.2 percent increase for the Department of Education. Additionally, the bill incorporates a new \$20 million corporate welfare slush fund and an across-the-board 10.6 percent meritless pay raise for all teachers. While the legislation does modestly lower the individual income tax from 6.4 percent to 6.2 percent, the overall budget once again increases spending baselines on failed government welfare programs and crony corporate welfare schemes at the expense of hardworking taxpayers. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 96-13, on June 26, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 41-0, on the same day.

### S. 208

#### TARGETED LICENSING FEE INCREASE

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill authorizes county governments to impose an additional licensing fee on new residents in South Carolina. Specifically, the legislation authorizes county governments to hold a referendum for voters to approve an

additional \$250 driver's license fee on new residents in order to fund local infrastructure and green projects. This measure imposes a new punitive tax on select individuals for moving to a particular county in order to reward special interests. Such measures diminish economic opportunity and create a policy environment that establishes second-class citizens. The South Carolina Senate rejected the bill, 7-34, on April 3, 2024. The South Carolina House did not take it up.

### S. 912

#### NEW CRONY CLIMATE CHANGE INFRASTRUCTURE

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This resolution creates a new agency to facilitate the expansion of green energy distribution throughout the state. Specifically, the legislation creates the SC Nexus Office within the Department of Commerce to centrally plan growth in costly statewide green energy projects, expand green energy into rural communities, facilitate crony "resiliency" projects for well-connected interests, and

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reward favored industries with taxpayer-funded government handouts. Estimates suggest the first-year cost of the Nexus Office to be \$50 million with a minimum baseline increase of \$10 million each year thereafter. Instead of fusing corporate welfare with cost-driving climate change dogma at the expense of taxpayers and families, lawmakers should instead focus on market-based approaches that elevate reliable and affordable energy. The South Carolina House passed the resolution, 78-24, on February 29, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 43-0, on February 27, 2024.

### S. 915

#### NEW STATEWIDE HEALTH CZAR

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill moves multiple state government departments under one massive new entity. Specifically, the legislation creates the Executive Office of Health and Policy (EOHP) to oversee the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Health, Department of Mental Health, Department of Aging, and Department of Disabilities and

Special Needs. Additionally, the bill codifies the power of unelected public health officials to enforce “preventative measures” regarding communicable diseases. The total cost of this reorganization for taxpayers is not provided. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 98-15, on May 8, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 44-1, on February 21, 2024.

### S. 1021

#### CRONY RAILROAD TAX CREDIT EXPANSION (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands a niche tax carveout for revitalizing abandoned buildings and creates a new credit for railroad companies. Specifically, the legislation extends the authorization for the abandoned building credit from 2025 to 2035 and increases the annual cap from \$500,000 to \$700,000. Further, the bill creates a new specialized income tax credit for railroad equal to 50 percent of qualified railroad rehabilitation expenditures. The credit is available through 2028 and is estimated to cost taxpayers \$7.5 million in that time period. Lawmakers should not wield the tax code to benefit well-connected

special interests at the expense of hardworking middle-class households and families. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 98-8, on May 8, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 44-0, on May 9, 2024.

### S. 1132

#### MODEST COSMETOLOGY LICENSING REFORMS

**(CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This bill exempts certain cosmetologists from the State Board of Barber Examiners. Specifically, the legislation exempts hair braiders and blow-dry stylists from licensing oversight from the state board. Onerous occupational licensing schemes create barriers to entry that have an outsized impact on lower-income populations. Reducing and removing such barriers is vital for creating a stronger economic environment that fosters greater opportunity. The South Carolina Senate passed the bill, 39-4, on April 3, 2024. The South Carolina House did not take it up.

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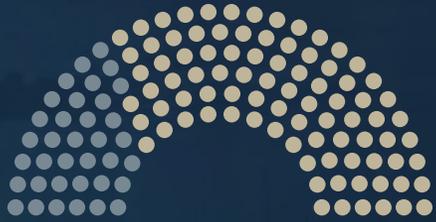
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# South Carolina House Snapshot

88 Republicans

36 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 40%

Average Democrat Score: 8%

## HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN SENATORS

Thomas Beach (HD-10) | 100%

April Cromer (HD-6) | 100%

Robert Harris (HD-36) | 100%

Robert May (HD-88) | 100%

Donald McCabe (HD-96) | 100%

Adam Morgan (HD-20) | 100%

T. Alan Morgan (HD-18) | 100%

Jordan Pace (HD-117) | 100%

Joseph White (HD-40) | 100%

## LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN SENATOR

Heath Sessions (HD-46) | 10%

## HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT SENATOR

Ivory Thigpen (HD-79) | 12%

## LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT SENATORS

Annie McDaniel (HD-41) | 0%

Elizabeth Wetmore (HD-115) | 0%

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<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	
<b>POINTS</b>					8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	8	
Alexander, Terry	HD-059	D	n/a	24%	X	-	X	7	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	
Anderson, Carl	HD-103	D	9%	10%	X	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	88
Atkinson, Lucas	HD-057	D	11%	14%	X	-	X	7	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	X	85
Bailey, William	HD-104	R	25%	27%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Ballentine, Nathan	HD-071	R	22%	26%	-	-	X	7	-	-	-	10	X	-	X	-	-	70
Bamberg, Justin	HD-090	D	n/a	13%	-	-	X	7	-	X	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	
Bannister, Bruce	HD-024	R	25%	22%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Bauer, Heather	HD-075	D	7%	4%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Beach, Thomas	HD-010	R	100%	96%	8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	8	1
Bernstein, Beth	HD-078	D	7%	8%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Blackwell, Bart	HD-081	R	25%	24%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Bradley, Jeffrey	HD-123	R	24%	25%	-	-	X	7	-	-	-	10	-	X	-	X	X	69
Brewer, Gary	HD-114	R	20%	20%	-	-	X	7	-	-	X	10	X	-	-	-	-	75
Brittain, Thomas	HD-107	R	17%	19%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	81
Burns, James	HD-017	R	72%	59%	-	10	8	7	X	5	X	10	-	-	10	10	-	15
Bustos, Joseph	HD-112	R	28%	27%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	X	-	-	37
Calhoon, Paula	HD-087	R	38%	35%	-	10	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	3	-	-	-	23
Carter, Jerry	HD-003	R	19%	15%	X	-	8	7	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
Caskey, Micajah	HD-089	R	25%	27%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Chapman, Donald	HD-008	R	27%	25%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	X	41
Chumley, William	HD-035	R	75%	67%	-	10	8	X	12	5	5	10	-	-	10	10	-	14

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<b>POINTS</b>					8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	8	
Clyburn, William	HD-082	D	7%	10%	-	-	-	7	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Cobb-Hunter, Gilda	HD-095	D	9%	13%	X	-	-	7	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88
Collins, Neal	HD-005	R	17%	15%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	81
Connell, Benjamin	HD-052	R	29%	22%	-	X	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	X	-	-	-	33
Cox, Bobby	HD-021	R	n/a	46%	-	-	8	7	-	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	
Cox, Brandon	HD-092	R	25%	25%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Crawford, Heather	HD-068	R	25%	28%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Cromer, April	HD-006	R	100%	98%	X	10	8	7	X	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	8	1
Davis, Sylleste	HD-100	R	19%	29%	-	-	X	7	-	-	-	10	X	-	-	-	-	76
Dillard, Chandra	HD-023	D	7%	10%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Elliott, Jason	HD-022	R	25%	29%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Erickson, Shannon	HD-124	R	22%	20%	-	X	8	X	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	70
Felder, Raye	HD-026	R	34%	24%	X	10	8	7	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	-	30
Forrest, Cally	HD-039	R	25%	31%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Gagnon, Craig	HD-011	R	25%	26%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Garvin, Kambrell	HD-077	D	9%	11%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	88
Gatch, Gil	HD-094	R	n/a	9%	X	-	8	7	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	
Gibson, Daniel	HD-012	R	25%	22%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	43
Gilliam, Leon	HD-042	R	45%	41%	-	10	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	-	18
Gilliard, Wendell	HD-111	D	8%	11%	-	-	X	7	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	94
Guest, Thomas	HD-106	R	19%	19%	-	X	8	7	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	76
Guffey, Brandon	HD-048	R	38%	30%	-	10	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	X	23

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<b>POINTS</b>					8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	8	
Haddon, Patrick	HD-019	R	45%	61%	8	-	8	7	-	-	X	10	-	-	10	-	-	18
Hager, William	HD-122	R	21%	20%	-	10	X	7	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	74
Hardee, Kevin	HD-105	R	19%	29%	-	-	X	7	-	-	-	10	X	-	-	-	-	76
Harris, Robert	HD-036	R	100%	95%	8	10	8	7	12	5	5	X	4	3	10	10	8	1
Hart, Christopher	HD-073	D	n/a	19%	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	X	X	
Hartnett, Thomas	HD-110	R	25%	23%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Hayes, Jackie	HD-055	D	9%	11%	X	-	-	7	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	88
Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn	HD-031	D	n/a	10%	X	X	-	7	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	
Henegan, Patricia	HD-054	D	n/a	6%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	
Herbkersman, William	HD-118	R	22%	20%	-	-	8	X	-	-	-	10	-	-	X	-	-	70
Hewitt, Lee	HD-108	R	25%	23%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Hiott, David	HD-004	R	29%	36%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	X	-	X	-	-	33
Hixon, William	HD-083	R	17%	26%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	81
Hosey, Lonnie	HD-091	D	7%	8%	-	-	-	7	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Howard, Leon	HD-076	D	n/a	15%	X	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	
Hyde, Max	HD-032	R	31%	24%	X	-	8	7	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	32
Jefferson, Joseph	HD-102	D	8%	9%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	94
Johnson, Jeffrey	HD-058	R	22%	26%	-	X	8	7	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	70
Johnson, Jermaine	HD-070	D	10%	9%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	86
Jones, Stewart	HD-014	R	92%	84%	8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	-	11
Jones, Wendell	HD-025	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Jordan, Jay	HD-063	R	35%	32%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	-	26

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<b>POINTS</b>					8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	8	
Kilmartin, John	HD-085	R	92%	94%	8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	-	11
King, John	HD-049	D	8%	11%	X	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94
Kirby, Roger	HD-101	D	7%	8%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Landing, Kathy	HD-080	R	25%	25%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Lawson, Brian	HD-030	R	28%	25%	-	X	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	37
Leber, Matthew	HD-116	R	37%	33%	-	-	8	7	-	X	-	10	-	-	10	-	-	25
Ligon, Thomas	HD-043	R	29%	23%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	X	X	-	-	33
Long, Steven	HD-037	R	25%	39%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Lowe, Phillip	HD-060	R	35%	30%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	-	26
Magnuson, Josiah	HD-038	R	95%	96%	8	10	8	X	12	5	5	X	-	3	10	10	8	10
May, Robert	HD-088	R	100%	99%	8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	8	1
McCabe, Donald	HD-096	R	100%	91%	8	10	8	7	12	5	5	X	4	3	10	10	X	1
McCravy, John	HD-013	R	40%	45%	-	-	8	7	-	5	-	10	-	-	10	-	-	21
McDaniel, Annie	HD-041	D	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	112
McGinnis, Timothy	HD-056	R	29%	31%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	X	-	X	-	-	33
Mitchell, Cody	HD-065	R	35%	26%	-	10	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	26
Moore, JA	HD-015	D	9%	10%	-	-	X	7	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	88
Moore, Travis	HD-033	R	25%	26%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Morgan, Adam	HD-020	R	100%	98%	8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	X	10	8	1
Morgan, T. Alan	HD-018	R	100%	100%	8	10	8	7	12	5	5	X	4	3	10	10	8	1
Moss, Dennis	HD-029	R	25%	28%	-	10	8	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Murphy, Christopher	HD-098	R	18%	17%	-	-	X	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	80

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<b>POINTS</b>					8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	8	
Neese, James	HD-044	R	25%	18%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Newton, Brandon	HD-045	R	25%	20%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Newton, Weston	HD-120	R	28%	21%	-	-	8	7	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	37
Nutt, Roger	HD-034	R	55%	47%	-	-	8	7	-	5	5	10	-	-	10	10	-	17
O'Neal, David	HD-066	R	92%	82%	8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	-	11
Oremus, Melissa	HD-084	R	58%	61%	8	-	8	7	-	5	5	10	X	3	10	-	-	16
Ott, Russell	HD-093	D	8%	10%	-	X	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94
Pace, Jordan	HD-117	R	100%	98%	X	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	8	1
Pedalino, Fawn	HD-064	R	33%	27%	-	10	X	7	-	X	-	10	X	-	-	-	-	31
Pendarvis, Marvin	HD-113	D	8%	10%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	94
Pope, Thomas	HD-047	R	25%	22%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Rivers, Michael	HD-121	D	7%	9%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Robbins, Robby	HD-097	R	25%	20%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Rose, Seth	HD-072	D	7%	10%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Rutherford, J. Todd	HD-074	D	7%	11%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	101
Sandifer, William	HD-002	R	25%	23%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Schuessler, Carla	HD-061	R	25%	20%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Sessions, Heath	HD-046	R	10%	10%	-	-	X	7	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	X	86
Smith, G. Murrell	HD-067	R	25%	24%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Smith, Marvin	HD-099	R	25%	26%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Spann-Wilder, Tiffany	HD-109	D	n/a	n/a	-	I	I	I	-	I	I	I	I	X	I	X	X	
Stavrinakis, Leonidas	HD-119	D	7%	4%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101

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<b>POINTS</b>					8	10	8	7	12	5	5	10	4	3	10	10	8	
Taylor, Bill	HD-086	R	28%	28%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	X	-	-	37
Thayer, Anne	HD-009	R	n/a	36%	-	-	X	7	-	X	-	X	X	X	-	X	X	
Thigpen, Ivory	HD-079	D	12%	10%	X	-	-	7	X	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	84
Trantham, Ashley	HD-028	R	n/a	83%	8	X	X	X	12	5	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	
Vaughan, David	HD-027	R	45%	36%	-	10	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	-	18
Weeks, J. David	HD-051	D	8%	11%	-	-	-	7	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	94
West, Jay	HD-007	R	26%	26%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	X	-	-	-	-	42
Wetmore, Elizabeth	HD-115	D	0%	5%	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112
Wheeler, William	HD-050	D	9%	11%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	88
White, Joseph	HD-040	R	100%	97%	X	10	8	7	X	5	5	10	4	X	10	X	X	1
Whitmire, William	HD-001	R	25%	29%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Williams, Robert	HD-062	D	8%	8%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	94
Willis, Mark	HD-016	R	39%	28%	-	10	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	X	-	-	22
Wooten, Chris	HD-069	R	25%	30%	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	43
Yow, Richard	HD-053	R	35%	36%	-	10	8	7	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	26

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## H. 4087

### SIGNIFICANT CORPORATE WELFARE PACKAGE

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill expands existing tax credits for large corporations operating in South Carolina. Specifically, the legislation expands eligibility for the corporate tax credit, dictates wage requirements for headquarters employees, and allows for the expansion of remote employees to be counted for the job development credit for eligibility purposes. Additionally, the bill lowers the recycling facilities credit investment threshold from \$300 million to \$150 million equal to 30 percent of the total amount of the investment. This would set the minimum credit level at \$45 million over the next five years. In total, estimates suggest these corporate welfare giveaways total an estimated \$13.4 million in taxpayer-backed handouts in 2024 alone. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 93-13, on June 26, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 42-0, on the same day.

## H. 4113

### MEDICAID TAX-AND-FINE REVENUE SCHEME

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This bill empowers the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to further tax and regulate healthcare in South Carolina to further grow the costly Medicaid welfare program. Specifically, the legislation authorizes DHHS to impose a new tax on ambulance services in the state, specifically private ambulance services, that will impact nearly 30 companies and trigger new federal payments to the state. Additionally, the bill creates a new Ambulance Fee Trust Fund and grants DHHS the power to levy a 5 percent fine on any service that does not pay the assessment tax. Estimates suggest the new tax will cost these businesses \$3 million beginning in FY2024-25 and increase federal spending for the South Carolina Medicaid program by an additional \$7 million each year. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 88-26, on March 5, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 40-0, on April 25, 2024.

## H. 4289

### PROHIBITING TAXPAYER-FUNDED DEI PROMOTION

**(CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This bill prohibits higher education institutions from promoting or practicing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives and programs as part of their admissions and hiring process. Specifically, the legislation prohibits state colleges and universities that receive taxpayer money from utilizing appropriations to operate woke DEI programs that promote race essentialism. Further, the bill protects students, contractors, and employees from being compelled to participate in activities or training that affirm this destructive ideology. Hardworking South Carolinians should not be compelled to fund bureaucracies that engage in explicit discrimination and espouse neo-Marxist concepts. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 77-30, on March 28, 2024. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

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### H. 4710

#### MODEST UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORMS

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements reforms in the state’s unemployment insurance (UI) program. Specifically, the legislation alters the methodology for how individuals receive UI benefits by moving away from an existing formula to a tiered approach pegged to the state’s unemployment rate. If the rate is at or below 5.5 percent, recipients are capped at 12 weeks of benefits with a staggered increase that maxes out at 20 weeks for unemployment rates at or above 9 percent. While additional structural changes for the UI program are needed, estimates suggest this change would have saved South Carolina taxpayers \$34.6 million in FY2022-23. Policy reforms that encourage re-employment lead to a healthier and more productive workforce while serving as a foundation for sustainable growth. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 113-1, on February 27, 2024. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### H. 5100

#### MISSED OPPORTUNITY BUDGET AGREEMENT

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates nearly \$40 billion in total spending for the state budget. The legislation represents a 5.5 percent increase in the year-over-year recurring base of the general fund that includes an 8.6 percent increase in Department of Public Health, a 5.6 percent increase in Medicaid spending, a 4.5 percent increase in public television spending, and a 6.2 percent increase for the Department of Education. Additionally, the bill incorporates a new \$20 million corporate welfare slush fund and an across-the-board 10.6 percent meritless pay raise for all teachers. While the legislation does modestly lower the individual income tax from 6.4 percent to 6.2 percent, the overall budget once again increases spending baselines on failed government welfare programs and crony corporate welfare schemes at the expense of hardworking taxpayers. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 96-13, on June 26, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 41-0, on the same day.

### H. 5100 AMDT 25

#### TABLING ARTS COMMISSION SPENDING REDUCTIONS

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This amendment to the budget reduces funding for the South Carolina Arts Commission. Specifically, the legislation reduces FY2024-25 spending in Section 28 of the budget agreement by \$1.2 million and eliminates funding for several new positions on the commission. Hardworking taxpayers should not subsidize the arts and the commission should be defunded altogether. The South Carolina House tabled the amendment, 90-19, on March 12, 2024. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### H. 5100 AMDT 28

#### TABLING CLIMATE INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING REDUCTIONS

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This amendment to the budget cut spending for climate change bureaucrats at the Office of Resilience. Specifically, the legislation reduces FY2024-25 spending in Section 92d

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of the budget agreement by \$16.2 million and eliminates funding for nearly 50 positions in the agency. The relatively new Office of Resilience has already become a repository for promoting destructive and costly green energy policies on hardworking citizens that are detrimental to their prosperity and overall well-being. The South Carolina House tabled the amendment, 99-16, on March 12, 2024. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### H. 5164

#### MASSIVE SCHOOL CHOICE EXPANSION

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill significantly expands an existing school choice program. Specifically, the legislation increases the per pupil allocation from \$6,000 to an estimated \$7,600 over the next three years, eliminates the existing cap on number of eligible students, and removes the household income eligibility threshold. Estimates suggest that the total number of participating students will increase from 5,000 students in FY2024-25 to nearly 185,000 students in FY2027-28.

Further empowering parents, not government schools and teachers' unions, is the best way to improve educational outcomes for students and foster greater opportunity. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 69-27, on March 21, 2024. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### H. 5225

#### CRONY INCOME TAX CREDIT EXTENSION

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends an income tax exemption for medical students and certain preceptors. Specifically, the legislation extends the program's sunset through 2029 and expands a tax carveout for physicians' assistants, advanced nurses, and physicians who see a certain percentage of Medicaid and Medicare patients. Eligible recipients are given between \$1000 and \$4000 per rotation and can carry the credit forward. Estimates suggest the handout will cost South Carolina taxpayers at least \$2 million over the next three years to reward select professionals who earn far

above the median household income. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 94-12, on March 28, 2024. The South Carolina Senate did not take it up.

### S. 241

#### NEW COUNSELOR LICENSING SCHEME

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new licensing scheme for genetic counselors. Specifically, the legislation establishes the Board of Genetic Counselors and empowers it with the ability to promulgate regulations, levy fines, and impose criminal penalties on genetic counselors in South Carolina. Onerous occupational licensing schemes create barriers to entry that have an outsized impact on lower-income populations. The establishment of a new licensing board creates yet more needless statewide bureaucracy to fine and regulate for the sole purpose of perpetuating its own existence. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 94-15, on May 8, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it the previous year.

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### S. 912

#### NEW CRONY CLIMATE CHANGE INFRASTRUCTURE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This resolution creates a new agency to facilitate the expansion of green energy distribution throughout the state. Specifically, the legislation creates the SC Nexus Office within the Department of Commerce to centrally plan growth in costly statewide green energy projects, expand green energy into rural communities, facilitate crony “resiliency” projects for well-connected interests, and reward favored industries with taxpayer-funded government handouts. Estimates suggest the first-year cost of the Nexus Office to be \$50 million with a minimum baseline increase of \$10 million each year thereafter. Instead of fusing corporate welfare with cost-driving climate change dogma at the expense of taxpayers and families, lawmakers should instead focus on market-based approaches that elevate reliable and affordable energy. The South Carolina House passed the resolution, 78-24, on February 29, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 43-0, on February 27, 2024.

### S. 915

#### NEW STATEWIDE HEALTH CZAR (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill moves multiple state government departments under one massive new entity. Specifically, the legislation creates the Executive Office of Health and Policy (EOHP) to oversee the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Health, Department of Mental Health, Department of Aging, and Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. Additionally, the bill codifies the power of unelected public health officials to enforce “preventative measures” regarding communicable diseases. The total cost of this reorganization for taxpayers is not provided. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 98-15, on May 8, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 44-1, on February 21, 2024.

### S. 1021

#### CRONY RAILROAD TAX CREDIT EXPANSION (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands a niche tax carveout for revitalizing abandoned buildings and creates a new credit for railroad companies. Specifically, the legislation extends the authorization for the abandoned building credit from 2025 to 2035 and increases the annual cap from \$500,000 to \$700,000. Further, the bill creates a new specialized income tax credit for railroad equal to 50 percent of qualified railroad rehabilitation expenditures. The credit is available through 2028 and is estimated to cost taxpayers \$7.5 million in that time period. Lawmakers should not wield the tax code to benefit well-connected special interests at the expense of hardworking middle-class households and families. The South Carolina House passed the bill, 98-8, on May 8, 2024. The South Carolina Senate passed it, 44-0, on May 9, 2024.

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