



2025 WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD: *Clark County*

FUTURE 42 is releasing a first-of-its-kind, comprehensive scorecard highlighting key votes taken by the 12 legislators representing areas of Clark County during the 2025 legislative session. This information is critical in order to ensure that Washingtonians are informed on bills which were passed, how those bills will impact their lives, and who voted for/against those bills.

The 2025 Washington State legislative session included debate and action on several key bills which will affect the daily lives of Clark County residents. This year was a "long session" of 105 days and included the passage of the capital budget, the biennial \$78 billion state operating budget, and the transportation budget/tax package in addition to several policy bills. While there were over 2,000 bills proposed during the legislative session, this Future 42 legislative scorecard focuses on the 19 which are most consequential and that received votes on the floor of the House, Senate, or both.

These 19 bills have been broken into four categories:

- 1. PUBLIC SAFETY** – does this bill make our state safer and more livable?
- 2. REGULATIONS** – does this bill foster an environment for our citizens and business to thrive?
- 3. TAXES** – does this bill lower the tax burden on Washingtonians?
- 4. GOOD GOVERNMENT** – does this bill promote transparency and responsible, competent delivery of core government services?

If the answer to the above questions is "no," a vote for that bill is scored negatively and a vote against it is scored positively – and vice versa.

Gov. Bob Ferguson signed each bill featured in this scorecard into law except ones that did not reach his desk, which were HB 1113, SB 5278, and SB 5810.

Below, you will find a description of each individual bill. In addition, you will find a full matrix detailing how our Clark County legislative delegation voted on these bills and whether or not their votes aligned with Future 42's position, which is based on our mission statement:

"By turning frustration into action, we will build a diverse and engaged community of Washingtonians to fuel a wave of empowerment. We serve as an organized and effective voice for good ideas and common-sense policies on timely and topical issues including: creating a safe and livable state, ensuring a more affordable cost of living, lowering our taxes, and providing an environment for our citizens and business to thrive. We provide a means for citizens to make their voices heard and their actions count by respectfully communicating with lawmakers. Washingtonians deserve inspiration and hope that the future of our state can and will be better."

We hope this legislative scorecard will help to better inform residents and shed light on which legislators have voted in favor/opposition to public safety, regulatory reductions, lowering the cost of living, and government accountability.

Please share this scorecard and help your neighbors learn more about what your elected officials are standing for in Olympia.

PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 1113 - gives new authority to judges to dismiss criminal charges (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Darya Farivar (D-LD46), allows judges to dismiss misdemeanor charges, effectively enabling criminal activity by removing the consequences of crimes. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it erodes public safety. The House voted 50-46 to pass a substitute version of the bill, however the bill died in the Senate without a floor vote.

HB 1815 - eliminates prison riot felony charges for youth convicts (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Strom Peterson (D-LD21), eliminates the current felony charge for youth who participate in a prison riot. It also allows for prior convictions to be retroactively vacated. As a result, violent behavior from incarcerated youth is enabled, putting staff at criminal justice facilities and other youth at risk. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it erodes public safety. The Senate voted 27-21 to pass an amended version of the bill and the House voted 58-37 to concur.

SB 5004 - mandating school security panic buttons (support)

This bill, sponsored by Sen. Nikki Torres (R-LD15), requires panic buttons and other emergency response systems to be implemented in schools, allowing for faster law enforcement response times to

emergency situations. Future 42 supported this legislation as it enhances public safety. The House voted 98-0 to pass an amended version of the bill and the Senate voted 49-0 to concur.

SB 5278 - addressing overcrowding at juvenile detention centers (support)

This bill, sponsored by Sen. John Braun (R-LD20), addresses existing safety concerns regarding overcrowding of juvenile detention centers by allowing the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) additional flexibility to transfer adults over the age of 18 to the Department of Corrections (DOC). Future 42 supported this legislation as it enhances public safety. The Senate voted 49-0 to pass a substitute version of the bill, however the bill died in the House as majority party leadership refused to bring it to the floor to be considered for a vote.

REGULATIONS

HB 1213 - paid sick leave expansion (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Liz Berry (D-LD36), expands the Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) program. This will add financial and administrative burdens on small businesses by eliminating exemptions, reducing the eligibility threshold for employees, and increasing administrative tasks to ensure compliance. This will deter business expansion, entrepreneurship, and job

creation. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it increases regulatory burdens. The Senate voted 28-20 to pass an amended version of the bill and the House voted 57-38 to concur.

HB 1217 - enacting rent restrictions that will limit the supply of housing (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Emily Alvarado (D-LD34), imposes statewide rent control. This will have significant negative impacts on the rental housing market by reducing supply, ultimately harming renters in addition to landlords. Our state has set a goal of creating more affordable housing, including over one million new units by 2044. However, this legislation makes these affordable housing goals less attainable. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it will decrease housing supply, thereby increasing the cost of housing. The Senate voted 27-20 and the House voted 54-44 to pass the bill as recommended by conference committee.

HB 1912 - Climate Commitment Act fix - confirming an exemption for agricultural industry, farms (support)

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Tom Dent (R-LD13), fixes a component of the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) by exempting fuels used for agriculture, thereby providing the financial relief to farmers that had been promised to them when the CCA originally passed. Future 42 supported this legislation as it decreases

regulatory burdens. The Senate voted 49-0 to pass an amended version of the bill and the House voted 94-2 to concur.

SB 5041 - unemployment benefits for striking workers (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Sen. Marcus Riccelli (D-LD3), provides unemployment insurance to striking workers, including six weeks of paid benefits. This incentivizes strikes, including for public sector employees such as teachers, increases costs for businesses, and creates instability in the state unemployment insurance system. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it increases regulatory burdens. The House voted 51-45 and the Senate voted 27-21 to pass the bill as recommended by conference committee.

SB 5284 - environmental packaging bill (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Sen. Liz Lovelett (D-LD40), requires manufacturers of packaging and paper products to fund recycling services, the costs of which will inevitably be passed onto consumers. This will lead to higher prices for groceries and other products. In addition, the bill includes arbitrary exemptions which create an uneven playing field, delegates implementation authority to rulemaking processes, and will have an overall disproportionate impact on small businesses. Producers are required by the legislation to join a "producer responsibility organization" (PRO), creating a

new level of state bureaucracy. Producers which do not join a PRO will be prohibited from selling products in Washington State. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it increases regulatory burdens. The House voted 51-45 to pass an amended version of the bill and the Senate voted 27-21 to concur.

TAXES

HB 2049 - allowing affluent school districts to raise additional tax revenue while leaving poorer school districts behind (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Steve Bergquist (D-LD11), increases property taxes for schools and changes the formulas associated with school funding to favor wealthy/urban school districts by increasing enrichment levy limits by an additional \$500 per student. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it increases the tax burden and creates inequality among school districts, with additional tax revenue made available for affluent districts but no solutions for poorer school districts. The House voted 50-48 and the Senate voted 28-20 to pass a substitute version of the bill.

HB 2081 - increasing business and consumer costs by raising B&O taxes (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon (D-LD34), increases the Business and Occupation (B&O) tax rate for certain industries, particularly

harming small businesses while allowing for exemptions for larger corporations. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it increases the tax burden. The House voted 50-48 and the Senate voted 26-22 to pass a substitute version of the bill.

SB 5801 - gas tax increase (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Sen. Marko Liias (D-LD21), includes a 6-cent per gallon gas tax increase, raising the total state gas tax to 55.4 cents per gallon as well as other fees such as a luxury vehicle tax and a tire disposal fee. The legislation also includes an automatic 2% yearly inflation adjustment to the gas tax. In addition, the bill directs more funding toward non-road projects. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it increases the tax burden. The House voted 51-47 to pass an amended version of the bill and the Senate voted 31-17 to concur.

SB 5810 - Senate R's budget plan/no new tax budget amendment (support)

This budget plan, which was originally proposed as a bill and later as an amendment, was sponsored by Sen. Chris Gildon (R-LD25). The proposal was brought forward by Senate Republicans as a "no new taxes" plan to balance the state budget. The plan called for achieving a balanced budget by reducing wasteful spending but still increasing the size of government, providing a bonus to state employees, and more while not increasing taxes. Future 42 supported this legislation as

it reduced the tax burden and made state government more efficient. The Senate voted 29-19 to defeat this amendment and it did not receive a floor vote in the House.

SB 5813 - increasing the income tax on capital gains and death taxes (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Sen. Claire Wilson (D-LD30), increases the income tax on capital gains from 7% to 9.9% on earnings in excess of \$1 million. The legislation also increases death taxes on estates by up to 15% depending on taxable estate value. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it increased the tax burden. The House voted 53-45 to pass an amended version of the bill and the Senate voted 27-21 to concur.

SB 5814 - increasing consumer costs by raising sales taxes (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Sen. Noel Frame (D-LD36), increases consumer costs by expanding the sales tax. New services which were previously exempted that will now be subject to the sales tax include information technology, advertising, security, and staffing businesses. These costs will be passed onto consumers through higher prices and will stunt economic growth. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it increases the tax burden. The House voted 50-47 to pass an amended version of the bill and the Senate voted 26-22 to concur.

GOOD GOVERNMENT

HB 1296 - weakening the parental bill of rights (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Monica Stonier (D-LD49) weakens the popular parental bill of rights which was previously enacted into state law following a successful initiative (I-2081) led by Let's Go Washington that was passed overwhelmingly by the State Legislature last year. As a result of the new legislation, parents' rights to access their children's medical records are removed, schools are legally allowed to delay responses to inquiries, and are mandated to adopt transgender policies in alignment with the state. School districts which do not comply with the new law can be sanctioned by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, including the option to withhold up to 20% of state funding. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it reduces transparency and harms children and families. The Senate voted 30-19 to pass an amended version of the bill and the House voted 59-39 to concur.

HB 1531 - infringes on the rights of those opposed to vaccines (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Dan Bronoske (D-LD28), shuts down opposition to vaccines and infringes on individual rights to make personal decisions regarding vaccines. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it violates individual liberty. The

House voted 58-35 and the Senate voted 31-18 to pass a substitute version of the bill.

HB 1696 - covenant home ownership program/subsidized financial assistance based on race (oppose)

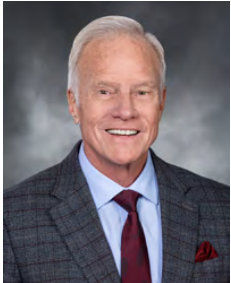
This bill, sponsored by Rep. Jamila Taylor (D-LD30), increases subsidized, race-based financial assistance through the Covenant Homeownership Program by allowing a greater percentage of individuals to qualify as eligible for government subsidies, thereby decreasing accessibility to homeownership for those who are now ineligible. Future 42 opposed this legislation as it violates Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. The House voted 57-39 and the Senate voted 30-19 to pass a substitute version of the bill.

SB 5083 - cutting hospital funding (oppose)

This bill, sponsored by Sen. June Robinson (D-LD38) cuts funding to hospitals from patients on state and school health insurance. The impact of the cuts will reduce health care access and distort the market through government price controls. Future 42 opposed this legislation as government cuts will be passed onto businesses purchasing health care and patients who need hospital services (those who are not insured by the state and schools). The House voted 57-39 to pass an amended version of the bill and the Senate voted 29-19 to concur.

STATE LAWMAKERS IN CLARK COUNTY

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 17



Senator Paul
Harris (R)



Rep. Kevin
Waters (R)



Rep. David
Stuebe (R)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 18



Senator Adrian
Cortes (D)



Rep. Stephanie
McClintock (R)



Rep. John Ley
(R)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 20



Senator John
Braun (R)



Rep. Peter
Abbarno (R)



Rep. Ed Orcutt
(R)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 49



Senator Annette
Cleveland (D)



Rep. Sharon
Wylie (D)



Rep. Monica
Jurado Stonier
(D)

SENATE SCORECARD: Clark County

■ Against Future 42 Position
 ■ Aligned with Future 42 Position

F42 Position			NAY	YEA	YEA	NAY	NAY	YEA	NAY	NAY	NAY	NAY	NAY	YEA	NAY	NAY	NAY	NAY	NAY		
Final Vote			27-21	49-0	49-0	28-20	27-20	49-0	27-21	28-20	26-22	31-17	19-29	27-21	26-22	30-19	31-18	30-19	29-19		
			HB 1815	SB 5004	SB 5278	HB 1213	HB 1217	HB 1912	SB 5041	SB 5284	HB 2049	HB 2081	SB 5801	SB 5810	SB 5813	SB 5814	HB 1296	HB 1531	HB 1696	SB 5083	
Legislator	LD		Eliminate riot charges	School security improvements	Detention center overcrowding	Paid sick leave expansion	Rent control	CCA Ag exemption	UI for striking workers	Environmental packaging	School tax increase	B&O tax increase	Gas tax increase	No new taxes budget	Capital gains tax increase	Sales tax increase	Parent rights (1-2081) rollback	Vaccine opposition shutdown	Covenant home ownership	Cutting hospital funding	
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