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This legislator voted constitutionally on **67%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty ✗ Anti-liberty ? Did not Vote **Vote**

1. HB2826 Extending Government Health Care (passed 22 to 6 on 5/15/2023). Continues the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System—the state’s Medicaid program—through January 1, 2029. **Yes** ✗

2. SB1729 Increasing “Basic State Aid” for K-12 Schools (passed 25 to 5 on 5/10/2023). Increases the “Basic State Aid” for K-12 education in FY 2024 to support various government-sponsored programs, such as the “federal Free-and-Reduced Lunch Program” and “county jail education programs.” **Yes** ✗

3. HB2552 Prohibiting Ranked-Choice Voting (passed 16 to 14 on 4/5/2023). Would prohibit the use of Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) in Arizona elections. **Yes** ★

4. SB1367 Defending the National Guard (passed 16 to 13 on 3/21/2023). Would prevent the National Guard of Arizona from being deployed for active duty combat unless the Congress has passed an official declaration of war or taken another official constitutional action. **Yes** ★

5. SB1114 Banning a Central Bank Digital Currency (passed 16 to 14 on 2/28/2023). Would have banned the use of a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) in Arizona. **Yes** ★

6. SB1600 Protecting Infants Born Alive (passed 16 to 13 on 2/22/2023). Would require any health professional present when an infant is born alive, including during an abortion, to take all medically appropriate actions to preserve the life and health of the infant born alive. **Yes** ★



ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE **SCORECARD** BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Sen. David Gowan

Lifetime Score: 58%

AZ Scorecard 2023

2023 Regular Session Score 67%

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

1. Extending Government Health Care

HB2826 continues the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System—the state’s Medicaid program—through January 1, 2029.

Neither health care nor social welfare is the legitimate object of government. Medicaid, like other so-called ‘entitlement programs,’ not only relies on the discriminatory and unjust use of other citizens’ taxpayer funds in violation of the Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment, but continues to cause more debt, poverty, and government dependency in the United States.

2. Increasing “Basic State Aid” for K-12 Schools

SB1729 increases the “Basic State Aid” for K-12 education in FY 2024 to support various government-sponsored programs, such as the “federal Free-and-Reduced Lunch Program” and “county jail education programs.”

Education ought not to be under the control of the state. A child's education is the responsibility of—and a fundamental right of choice retained by—his or her parents. Forcing the citizens of Arizona to furnish taxpayer money to expand a compulsory, failing, and government-run K-12 school system violates their individual liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

3. Prohibiting Ranked-Choice Voting

HB2552 would prohibit the use of Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) in Arizona elections.

All attempts to enact ranked-choice voting should be opposed. This complicated, multiple-round, and unconstitutional method weakens election integrity by allowing a candidate to potentially win without genuine support from a plurality of voters. The scheme’s ballot casting requirements undermine each citizen’s right to vote and could deny them from being able to select the one and only candidate of their choice.

4. Defending the National Guard

SB1367 would prevent the National Guard of Arizona from being deployed for active duty combat unless the Congress has passed an official declaration of war or taken another official constitutional action.

Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution expressly asserts that “Congress,” not the President, “shall have power...to provide for the common defence.” Only Congress, as explained and limited by succeeding Clauses 11, 12, and 15, is granted the specified powers to “declare war,” “raise and support Armies,” and “provide for calling forth the Militia.”

5. Banning a Central Bank Digital Currency

SB1114 would have banned the use of a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) in Arizona. A Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) would be an unconstitutional and intolerable expansion of tyranny under the Federal Reserve—presenting a significant danger to Americans’ civil liberties.

According to Article 1, Section 10, of the U.S. Constitution, “No State shall...make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts.” States can and must act now to avow their adherence to constitutionally sound money.

6. Protecting Infants Born Alive

SB1600 would require any health professional present when an infant is born alive, including during an abortion, to take all medically appropriate actions to preserve the life and health of the infant born alive.

This bill would treat an infant born alive as a “legal person with rights under Arizona laws.” Arizona should act to ban the practice of abortion entirely and secure the right to life for all persons. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.