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This legislator voted constitutionally on **0%** of the votes shown below.

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

**1. SB109 Woke Terminology (Passed 45 to 6 on 5/2/2023).** **Yes**  
Replaces gender-specific terminology used in certain parental and marital matters with "gender-neutral" terminology. **✗**

**2. SB1 Abortion (Passed 43 to 7 on 3/17/23).** Protects and expands abortion access. **Yes** **✗**

**3. SB865 State Housing (Passed 42 to 7 on 5/4/2023).** **Yes**  
Establishes the Ninety-Nine Year Leasehold Program to develop low-cost residential condominium units on state-owned and county-owned land. **✗**

**4. HB426 Anti-Firearm Industry (Passed 42 to 9 on 3/2/2023).** **Yes**  
Establishes conduct standards for the firearm industry and allows individuals and officials to sue for violations. **✗**

**5. HB192 Light Bulbs (Passed 48 to 3 on 5/2/2023).** Prohibits the sale of certain fluorescent lamps as a new manufactured product. **Yes** **✗**

**6. SB1024 Zero Emissions (Passed 50 to 0 on 5/2/2023).** **Yes**  
Establishes long-term goals for zero-emissions transportation in Hawaii and abroad to reduce and eliminate transportation emissions. **✗**



## HAWAII LEGISLATIVE **SCORECARD** BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

**Rep. Richard Onishi**  
Lifetime Score: 17%

**HI Scorecard 2023**  
2023 Regular Session Score

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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

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## 1. Woke Terminology

SB109 replaces gender-specific terminology used in certain parental and marital matters with "gender-neutral" terminology.

The Hawaii State House of Representatives passed SB109 on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 45 to 6. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill conforms to woke, leftist culture that focuses on virtue signaling and being politically correct.

## 2. Abortion

SB1 allows licensed physician assistants to perform certain abortions and repeals the requirement that abortions be performed at specific locations. It declares that State will not interfere with a "pregnant person's" abortion or terminate a pregnancy for "health reasons." The bill bars subpoenas and state cooperation in out-of-state investigations of legal reproductive health services performed in Hawaii and requires the Governor to deny extradition requests for reproductive health-related charges. It allows minors to consent to abortion care without additional consent.

The Hawaii State House of Representatives passed SB1 on March 17, 2023 by a vote of 43 to 7. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this is one of the of the biggest abortion-protection bills to ever exist in the United States. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the 5th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

## 3. State Housing

SB865 establishes the Ninety-Nine Year Leasehold Program to develop low-cost residential condominium units on state-owned and county-owned land in urban redevelopment sites to be sold in leasehold by the Hawaii Community Development Authority to qualified residents.

The Hawaii State House of Representatives passed SB865 on May 4, 2023 by a vote of 42 to 7. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill represents unwarranted government interference in the free market. This government-subsidized housing program unfairly benefits a specific segment of the population, effectively picking winners and losers. It represents a step towards socialism, as it misuses taxpayer dollars to fund subsidized housing, undermining market-driven solutions and fiscal responsibility.

## 4. Anti-Firearm Industry

HB426 establishes standards of conduct for members of the firearm industry and authorizes individuals who have suffered harm due to a violation of these standards to bring civil actions against the offending parties. It empowers the attorney general, county attorneys, and public prosecutors to initiate civil actions against firearm industry members who breach these standards.

The Hawaii State House of Representatives passed HB426 on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 42 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation poses significant restrictions on the free market by imposing stringent regulations on how businesses in the firearm industry operate. HB426 undermines the second amendment, which protects the individuals' God-given right to keep and bear arms, which shall not be infringed. Additionally, the bill not only encroaches on constitutional freedoms but also sets a concerning precedent for governmental overreach into private industry practices involving one of our most sacred rights.

## 5. Light Bulbs

HB192 prohibits the sale of certain fluorescent lamps as a new manufactured product.

The Hawaii State House of Representatives passed HB192 on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 48 to 3. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill infringes on the principles of free market capitalism by imposing unnecessary restrictions on the sale of certain fluorescent lamps. This type of regulation is not constitutional as it oversteps the bounds of governmental authority, interfering with the rights of businesses to manufacture and sell legal products. Additionally, this legislation's intent is to address the false climate change narrative. States should not embrace the climate change agenda.

## 6. Zero Emissions

SB1024 establishes long-term goals for zero-emissions transportation to reduce and eliminate transportation emissions. Additionally, it establishes the clean ground transportation working group and the interisland and clean transportation working group and requires reports to the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission and the Legislature.

The Hawaii State House of Representatives passed SB1024 on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 50 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this narrative plays right into the UN's Agenda 2030. This legislation will lead to excessive and unconstitutional government interference in the free market. Additionally, SB1024 advances the Marxist climate-change agenda by promoting socialist environmental policies that undermine national and state sovereignty and individual liberties.