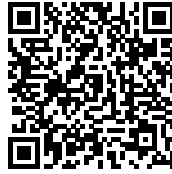




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This legislator voted constitutionally on **17%** of the votes shown below.

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

1. SB6058 Foreign Carbon Market (Passed 28 to 19 on 3/5/2024). Links Washington's carbon market with California and Quebec, expanding the cap-and-invest program to reduce emissions, regulate compliance, and stabilize allowance costs. **✗**

2. SB2646 2nd Amendment and Mental Health (Passed 34 to 15 on 3/5/2024). Strengthens firearm bans for individuals with mental health issues. **✗**

3. HB2384 Traffic Cameras (Passed 26 to 23 on 2/29/2024). Expands automated traffic camera use for violations such as speeding and red-light running. Key changes include permanent authorization for large cities, speed enforcement in work zones, and reduced fines for low-income violators. **★**

4. HB1541 Nothing About Us Without Us Act (Passed 40 to 9 on 2/28/2024). New state entities must include three members from "underrepresented populations," report on diversity and impacts, and undergo annual Office of Equity reviews to enhance "inclusivity" and "reduce barriers." **✗**

5. HB1889 Professional Licenses for Illegals (Passed 41 to 8 on 2/27/2024). Allows individuals to obtain professional licenses and certifications in Washington State regardless of their immigration or citizenship status. **✗**

6. HB1954 "Gender Affirming Care" Provider Protection (Passed 30 to 19 on 2/22/2024). Ensures that healthcare providers in Washington cannot be denied licensure or face disciplinary action for providing reproductive healthcare or gender-affirming treatment. **✗**



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

Sen. Kevin Van De Wege

WA Scorecard 2024

Lifetime Score: 11%

2023-2024 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

1. Foreign Carbon Market

SB6058 enables linking Washington's carbon market with California and Quebec, expanding the state's cap-and-invest program, which requires industries to cut emissions or buy allowances.

The Washington State Senate passed SB6058 on March 5, 2024 by a vote of 28 to 19. We have assigned pluses to the nays because linking Washington's carbon market with California and Quebec expands the state's cap-and-invest program, increasing government regulations that infringe on state and national sovereignty. This bill uses taxpayer funds to embrace the United Nations' Agenda 2030, which is unconstitutional and prioritizes international agendas over U.S. sovereignty.

2. 2nd Amendment and Mental Health

SB2646 strengthens firearm bans for individuals with mental health issues, requiring courts to prohibit possession and mandate surrender for those with dismissed felony charges due to incompetency or violent mental-health histories. Prohibition orders must be reported to authorities, and firearm rights cannot be restored under active-risk or surrender orders.

The Washington State Senate passed SB2646 on March 5, 2024 by a vote of 34 to 15. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the fundamental right of the American people to keep and bear arms is protected by the U.S. Constitution, particularly in the 2nd, 9th, and 10th Amendments, and should not be infringed. SB2646 is an extreme government overreach.

3. Traffic Cameras

HB2384 expands automated traffic camera use for violations such as speeding and red-light running. Changes include authorization for large cities, speed enforcement in work zones, and reduced fines for low-income violators.

The Washington State Senate passed HB2384 on February 29, 2024 by a vote of 26 to 23. We have assigned pluses to the nays because traffic cameras undermine due process by removing human interaction and presuming guilt before innocence—principles protected by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. These cameras infringe upon the Fourth Amendment, which protects individuals from unreasonable searches and seizures, and unfairly grant leniency to some while denying it to others, contradicting the principle that "all men are created equal."

4. Nothing About Us Without Us Act

HB1541 requires new state entities to include at least three members from underrepresented populations with relevant "lived experience." "Underrepresented populations" are defined as those facing "barriers" like "socioeconomic challenges." Entities must report on diversity, participation impacts, and stipends, with the Office of Equity reviewing these reports annually to recommend ways to improve "inclusivity" and "reduce barriers."

The Washington State Senate passed HB1541 on February 28, 2024 by a vote of 40 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation essentially forbids agencies from picking the best candidates available for positions, which likely expand the size of government to begin with, while pitting Americans against each other. The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." We must remain true in our commitment to equality and resist government actions that seek to divide us.

5. Professional Licenses for Illegals

HB1889 allows individuals to obtain professional licenses and certifications in Washington State regardless of their immigration or citizenship status. Applicants can use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) instead of a Social Security number. The law removes U.S. citizenship requirements for certain professions, such as notaries and bail bond agents.

The Washington State Senate passed HB1889 on February 27, 2024 by a vote of 41 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the nays because individuals who enter the United States illegally—by definition a criminal act—should not be granted residency or sanctuary in Washington, much less access to professional licenses. This undermines the rule of law and incentivizes further illegal immigration, taking jobs away from American citizens.

6. "Gender Affirming Care" Provider Protection

HB1954 ensures that healthcare providers in Washington cannot be denied licensure or face disciplinary action for providing reproductive healthcare or gender-affirming treatment.

The Washington State Senate passed HB1954 on February 22, 2024 by a vote of 30 to 19. We have assigned pluses to the nays because Marxists and leftists are pushing their woke agenda — telling everyone that one can choose his or her own gender and pronouns. Scientifically and biblically, there are only two

genders. Additionally, states should push back against sex-change medical practices.