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This legislator voted constitutionally on **50%** of the votes shown below.


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


**1. HB1240 Gun Control (Passed 56 to 42 on 4/19/2023).** Imposes strict regulations on assault weapons, defining them as specific types of firearms with particular features. **No** 

**2. SB5112 Automatic Voter Registration (Passed 57 to 40 on 4/7/2023).** Automatically registers enhanced driver's license or identocard applicants to vote. **No** 

**3. HB1756 Clean Energy Tax Changes (Passed 81 to 12 on 3/16/2023).** Provides that all qualified personal property used for generating renewable energy owned by eligible taxpayers will be exempt from Washington state property taxes. **Yes** 

**4. SB5555 Peer Specialists (Passed 63 to 34 on 4/12/2023).** Forces insurance carriers to offer access to certified peer specialist services meeting network standards and sets standards for certification. **No** 

**5. HB1791 Commercial Aviation Service Study (Passed 91 to 6 on 4/12/2023).** Explores alternatives to boosting aviation capacity, investigates aviation facility expansion and site options, involves stakeholders, and addresses environmental and military concerns. **Yes** 

**6. HB1170 Climate Change Response (Passed 87 to 10 on 4/13/2023).** Requires the Washington Department of Ecology to update its Climate Change Response Strategy. **Yes** 



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

**Rep. Joel Kretz**

**WA Scorecard 2023**

**Lifetime Score: 75%**

**2023-2024 Regular Session Score 50%**

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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. Gun Control

HB1240 imposes strict regulations on assault weapons, defining them as specific types of firearms with particular features. These rules prohibit the manufacture, importation, distribution, sale, or offer for sale of assault weapons, except for specific exceptions like sales to law enforcement agencies, the armed forces, and out-of-state individuals. Inherited assault weapons can be kept under certain conditions. Violations of these regulations are considered gross misdemeanors under the Consumer Protection Act. The Attorney General can issue investigative demands for potential violations, and recipients can request extensions or modifications. The Attorney General is restricted from sharing investigation information with criminal law enforcement agencies unless a search warrant requires it.

The Washington State House of Representatives passed HB1240 on April 19, 2023 by a vote of 56 to 42. 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. HB1240 is a gross infringement on that right.

## 2. Automatic Voter Registration

SB5112 automatically registers enhanced driver's license or identicaid applicants to vote.

The Washington State House of Representatives passed SB5112 on April 7, 2023 by a vote of 57 to 40. We have assigned pluses to the nays because automatic voter registration may increase the risk of voter fraud and compromise the integrity of elections. Individuals should take the initiative to register to vote, as it is a civic responsibility, but automatic registration can lead to inaccuracies in voter rolls.

## 3. Clean Energy Tax Changes

HB1756 provides that all qualified personal property used for generating renewable energy owned by eligible taxpayers will be exempt from Washington state property taxes.

The Washington State House of Representatives passed HB1756 on March 16, 2023 by a vote of 81 to 12. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation creates more government interference in the free-market economy and advances the Marxist climate-change agenda while propping up certain

## 4. Peer Specialists

SB5555 forces insurance carriers to offer access to certified peer specialist services meeting network standards. Additionally, this legislation creates standards for certification for Peer Specialists.

The Washington State House of Representatives passed SB5555 on April 12, 2023 by a vote of 63 to 34. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this is an expansion of government regulation in the healthcare industry. Requiring insurance carriers to offer specific services is interference in the free market and individual choice.

## 5. Commercial Aviation Service Study

HB1791 assigns the Commercial Aviation Work Group to evaluate Washington's future commercial aviation needs, explores alternatives to boosting aviation capacity, investigates aviation facility expansion and site options, involves stakeholders, and addresses environmental and military concerns. It gives annual progress reports to the Governor and the Legislature's Transportation Committees.

The Washington State House of Representatives passed HB1791 on April 12, 2023 by a vote of 91 to 6. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this could lead to excessive government intervention in the aviation industry. With consideration of environmental concerns, it may be seen as prioritizing these factors over economic interests. It is hard not to correlate the UNs' goal for air travel within the framework of Agenda 2030 is to make it more sustainable and reduce its environmental impact. This includes efforts to decrease carbon emissions, promote energy-efficient aviation, and encourage responsible travel practices to align with broader sustainability and development goals.

## 6. Climate Change Response

HB1170 requires the Washington Department of Ecology to update its Climate Change Response Strategy by September 30, 2024, with a focus on preparing for, addressing, and adapting to climate change impacts. It mandates reporting, collaboration with other state agencies and stakeholders, and guidance on climate resilience actions. The updated strategy will be implemented by various state agencies, with no new regulatory authority, and will involve coordination for federal funding opportunities.

The Washington State House of Representatives passed HB1170 on April 13, 2023 by a vote of 87 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the nays because investing taxpayer dollars in creating a climate change response strategy is a complete waste of money. States should not be buying into the climate-change agenda.

people over others.