

Republican Women of Lawrence County - 2023 Legislative Scorecard

PLEASE CONSIDER: This scorecard represents the bills selected by the Republican Women of Lawrence County for the 2023 legislative session. The session introduced and considered 451 bills, signed 209, with 5 vetoed during the 38 session days. Scores and a wide variety of selected bills are based on what the RWLC believes to be beneficial to Lawrence County.

We acknowledge that while we may support certain bills that declared an emergency, the use of "emergency" language is not what the RWLC supports overall and we encourage our legislators across the State to re-examine their use of emergency legislation. We oppose support of any bill with emergency language appropriating \$5M and above and encourage fiscal conservatism.

Also included are bills that did not progress that we believe to be important to document for constituents.

We acknowledge that we all view these bills with different lenses, with different values, and with different interpretations, impacting our support or opposition.

We appreciate the work our District 31 legislators did on behalf of Lawrence County.

District 31 Legislators >	Senator Randy Deibert	Rep Scott Odenbach	Rep Mary Fitzgerald	Notes:
HB1080 prohibit certain medical and surgical interventions on minor patients.	S	S	S	Rep Odenbach was a sponsor. This bill was signed into law 13 Feb 23.
SB21 make an appropriation \$950K for costs related to the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan revision process and to declare an emergency.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 15 Mar 23.
HB1021 make an appropriation \$1M to the State Conservation Commission and to declare an emergency.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 15 Mar 23.
HB1028 modify expiration dates and enforcement actions pertaining to pesticide applicator licenses.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 9 Feb 23.
HB1189 require certain entities owning agricultural land to report foreign beneficial ownership interests.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 8 Mar 23.
SB146 limit parole for violent offenders.	S	S	S	Sen Deibert and Rep Fitzgerald were sponsors. This bill was signed into law 20 Mar 23.
SB90 provide certain definitions related to the crime of rape.	S	S	S	Sen Deibert and Rep Fitzgerald were sponsors. This bill was signed into law 20 Mar 23.
sB70 revise provisions related to courtroom modifications for child witnesses.	S	S	Excused	Rep Fitzgerald was a sponsor. This bill was signed into law 20 Mar 23.
HB1016 authorize the South Dakota Department of Corrections to construct a prison facility for offenders committed to the Department of Corrections in Rapid City, to make an appropriation \$60M therefor, and to declare an emergency.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 20 Mar 23.
HB 1070 create the Center for American Exceptionalism at Black Hills State University, make an appropriation \$150K therefor, and declare an emergency.	N/A	S	O	Rep Odenbach was a prime sponsor. This bill failed in the House.
SB179 revise provisions related to the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority.	S	S	S	Rep Odenbach was a prime sponsor. This bill was signed into law 6 Mar 23.
SB59 make an appropriation \$5M to the Department of Education for grants to support career and technical education programs, and to declare an emergency.	S	O	O	Sen Deibert was a sponsor. This bill was signed into law 17 Mar 23
HB1109 modify the occupation tax for business improvement districts.	S	S/O	S/O	Rep Fitzgerald was a sponsor. This bill was vetoed by Gov Noem. The House upheld the veto. Rep Odenbach and Rep Fitzgerald voted to sustain the veto.
HB1141 provide property tax relief for owner-occupied single-family dwellings.	S	S	S	This bill passed in the House, was ammended in Senate committee, passed in the Senate as ammended, the House failed to concur and the bill failed to progress.
SB24 revise property tax levies for school districts and to revise the state aid to general and special education formulas.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 20 Mar 23.
SB71 authorize other fuel taxes to be included in the state's International Fuel Tax Agreement collections.	S	S	S	Sen Deibert was a sponsor. This bill was signed into law 22 Feb 23.
SB120 increase an amount of property value owned by a local industrial development corporation that is exempt from taxation.	S	O	S	This bill was signed into law 23 Mar 23.
HB1072 subject lithium to severance tax.	N/A	S	S	This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in the Senate committee.
HB1018 repeal the authorized forfeiture of property used in the illegal capture of fish.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 9 Feb 23.
HB1019 repeal certain requirements for Game, Fish and Parks licensing agents.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 9 Feb 23.
HB1024 make an appropriation \$1.2M for the construction of a maintenance shop for the Wildland Fire Suppression Division in Hot Springs and to declare an emergency.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 16 Mar 23.
HB1080 prohibit certain medical and surgical interventions on minor patients.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 13 Feb 23.
HB 1053 prohibit the issuance of a written certification to a pregnant woman or breastfeeding mother for purposes of medical cannabis use.	S	S	S	Rep Fitzgerald was a sponsor. This bill was signed into law 23 Mar 23.

HB1135 provide for transparency in the pricing of prescription drugs.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 23 Mar 23.
HB1235 provide a conscience exemption from a COVID-19 vaccination.	N/A	S	S	This bill failed in the House.
HB1078 make an appropriation to the Department of Human Services for the development and expansion of adult day services programs and to declare an emergency.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 23 Mar 23.
HB1209 revise provisions regarding industrial hemp.	O	O/O	O/O	This bill passed the House and Senate and was vetoed by Gov Noem. All legislators opposed. The veto was upheld by the House.
SB27 place certain substances on the controlled substances schedule and to declare an emergency.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 9 Feb 23.
SB205 reduce the penalty for unlawful possession of a cannabis product and provide exceptions.	O	N/A	N/A	The bill failed in the Senate.
HB1217 modify the requirements for eligibility to vote by absentee ballot.	N/A	S	O	Rep Odenbach was a prime sponsor. This bill failed in the House.
SB139 revise residency requirements for the purposes of voter registration.	S	S	S	Sen Deibert was the prime sponsor. This bill was signed into law 21 Mar 23.
HB1115 revise certain provisions pertaining to the destruction of ballots and pollbooks after an election.	N/A	S	S	Bill passed in the House and was deferred to the 41st legislative day in the Senate committee.
HB1062 clarify the convening of recount boards for primary elections.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 9 Feb 23.
HB1124 modify provisions pertaining to the testing of automatic tabulating equipment.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 21 Mar 23
HB1112 modify provisions for a statewide runoff election.	S	S	S	Sen Deibert was a sponsor. This bill was signed into law 6 Mar 23
SB55 prohibit ranked-choice voting.	S	S	S	Rep Fitzgerald was a sponsor. This bill was signed into law 21 Mar 23.
HB1065 increase the maximum amount of dollars payable by the state to erect the headstone of a deceased veteran.	S	S	S	Rep Fitzgerald and Rep Odenbach were sponsors. This bill was signed into law 16 Mar 23.
HB1054 provide a stipend for the erection of a private headstone for a deceased veteran.	S	S	S	Sen Deibert and Rep Odenbach and Rep Fitzgerald were sponsors. This bill was signed into law 27 Feb 23.
HB1170 establish mandatory sentences for certain driving while under the influence violations.	S	S	S	Rep Fitzgerald and Rep Odenbach were sponsors. This bill was signed into law 20 Mar 23.
HB1026 make an appropriation \$2.4M for costs related to suppression of wildfires in the state and to declare an emergency.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 9 Feb 23.
HB1027 make an appropriation \$2.5M for costs related to disasters in the state and to declare an emergency.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 9 Feb 23.
SB150 add provisions regarding construction and maintenance of livestock pipelines on highways.	S	S	S	Sen Deibert was a sponsor. This bill was signed into law 2 Mar 23.
SB41 establish a program for housing infrastructure loans and grants, make an appropriation \$200M therefor, and to declare an emergency.	S	O	S	This bill was signed into law 1 Feb 23.
SB35 make an appropriation \$13M to expand laboratory space at the Sanford Underground Research Facility and to declare an emergency.	Excused	S	S	Rep Fitzgerald was a sponsor. This bill was signed into law 7 Mar 23.
HB1193 amend provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code (CBCD).	S	O/O	S/O	This bill passed in the House and Senate and was vetoed by Gov Noem. Sen Deibert and Rep Fitzgerald supported the bill. Rep Odenbach opposed it. Rep Odenbach and Rep Fitzgeralds both voted to uphold the veto.
HB1140 require the secretary of state to determine if a legislatively proposed constitutional amendment complies with the single subject requirement and is not a constitutional revision.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 21 Mar 23.
HB1057 allow for the appointment of county coroner by all counties.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 22 Feb 23.
SB144 provide access to abandoned cemeteries to descendants of the decedents interred therein.	O	N/A	N/A	Rep Odenbach was a primary sponsor. This bill failed in the Senate.
HB1029 revise certain provisions regarding the county zoning and appeals process.	S	O	S	This bill was signed into law 6 Mar 23.
HB1071 establish use of force course standards.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 9 Feb 23.
SB81 repeal outdated sections regarding enhanced concealed carry permit requirements.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 8 Mar 23.
SB98 identify the means of conducting a criminal background check for the renewal of a gold card or an enhanced permit to carry a concealed pistol.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 28 Feb 23.
HB1101 ensure the proper labeling of American Indian arts and crafts.	S	S	S	This bill was signed into law 22 Feb 23.
HB1116 prohibit the use of state resources in hosting lewd or lascivious content.	O	S	S	This bill was smoked out and failed in the Senate.

Score: 38/48 = 79.2% 48/51 = 94.1% 41/49 = 83.7%

Legend:

Incorrect Vote

Correct Vote

Changed Vote / Not Calculated

For constituent awareness: Listing of other bills, not scored, that did not progress.

SB185 establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States – South Dakota and revise provisions related to the foreign ownership or control of agricultural land.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Fitzgerald was a sponsor. Sen Deibert voted in support of the bill in committee, there was a motion to ammend, Sen Deibert opposed the amendment. No motion to reconsider.
HB1173 prevent the enforcement of federal laws and directives related to firearms, accessories, and ammunition.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee. Rep Odenbach opposed deferment, Rep Fitzgerald voted to defer.
HB1131 prevent the imposition or enforcement of extreme risk protection orders and to provide a penalty therefor.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This bill failed in committee. Rep Odenbach supported. Rep Fitzgerald opposed. The bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day. Rep Odenbach opposed deferrment and Rep Fitzgerald supported.
HB1125 expand provisions regarding the protection of minors from certain exhibitions.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Odenbach was a prime sponsor. This bill was tabled in committee.
SB94 establish the crime of grooming and provide a penalty therefor.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Fitzgerald was a sponsor. The bill was tabled in committee.
SB192 provide liability for the publishing or distributing of material harmful to minors on the internet and the wrongful retention of individually identifiable information.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Fitzgerald was a sponsor. The bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee.
HB1077 prohibit eligibility for a suspended imposition of sentence for certain rape offenses.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Fitzgerald was a primary sponsor. Sen Deibert was a sponsor. This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee. Rep Odenbach supported deferment, Rep Fitzgerald opposed deferment.
HB1194 revise the interest rate on garnishments.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Fitzgerald was a primary sponsor. This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee. Rep Odenbach supported deferment, Rep Fitzgerald opposed deferment.
HB1233 expand the provision of online education through the South Dakota Virtual School.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Odenbach was a prime sponsor. This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee. Rep Odenbach opposed deferment
HB1163 prohibit the dissemination of obscene material to minors in a public school or public library.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Odenbach was a sponsor. This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee. Rep Odenbach opposed deferment
HB1139 codify the fundamental right of a parent.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This bill was withdrawn by the prime sponsor.
SB94 establish the crime of grooming and provide a penalty therefor.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Fitzgerald was a sponsor. This bill was tabled in the Senate Committee.
HB1234 provide a voucher for students enrolled in certain grade levels at accredited nonpublic schools.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Odenbach was a sponsor. This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee.
HB1075 lower the state sales tax rate and the state use tax rate on food to zero percent.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Fitzgerald was a prime sponsor. This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee.
HB1043make an exemption from certain property taxation for owner-occupied single-family dwellings.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in the House committee.
HB1100 authorize landowner-on-own-land elk licenses.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day and reconsideration also failed.
SB122 address the potential abuse of opiate and opioid drugs.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee.
SB125 prohibit the imposition of additional immunization requirements on children.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee.
HB1157require the South Dakota Lottery to promote public awareness on the adverse effects of gambling.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Rep Odenbach was a sponsor. This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in the House committee.
HB1130 require an official declaration of war or other Congressional action before the South Dakota National Guard may be deployed outside of the state.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee.
SB148make an appropriation to provide support for an airline terminal infrastructure expansion project at the Rapid City Regional Airport.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This bill was tabled in the joint committee.
HB1207 prevent financial services providers from denying service based on certain grounds.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee.
HB1208 prevent government entities from entering contracts with companies that promote certain economic boycotts.	N/A	N/A	N/A	This bill was deferred to the 41st legislative day in committee.

The fundamental principles of the South Dakota Republican Party are rooted in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of South Dakota. The Party supports the preservation of our Republic, its ideals, and its institutions for the good of all Americans. We believe the strength of our nation derives from an adherence to Judeo-Christian values. We support our nation's heritage of religious freedom and personal responsibility. Republicans recognize we must be proactive in defending freedom at every level. We believe in equal rights and equal justice for all. We recognize the free enterprise system and the work ethic of our people as the foundation of our economic success and security. The proper role of government is to provide for the people those critical functions that cannot be properly performed by individuals or private organizations. The most effective and responsible government is government closest to the people. The Republican Party, including its members, leaders, and elected officials must be cognizant of this Republican Platform and the fundamental principles of the Constitution of South Dakota and the United States of America. We believe South Dakota is an exceptional place to live, raise a family, and pursue economic opportunity. To those ends, and for the people of our state, the South Dakota Republican Party commits itself to the following platform.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY—The rights of American citizens proceed from The Creator, not from government. Government authority proceeds only from the consent of the People. Individuals, including the unborn, have the intrinsic right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We affirm the sanctity of all human life. **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**—Individuals and families are responsible for their behavior. Public policy should encourage and empower their efforts to provide for their own health, safety, education, moral fortitude and personal wealth. **PROPERTY RIGHTS**— We support private property rights as guaranteed by the fifth amendment to the United States Constitution. **LIMITED GOVERNMENT**—Federal, state and local governments should be transparent and limited to their respective roles as essential to inherently governmental functions.

TRIBAL RELATIONS— We believe the best interests of all South Dakota citizens will result from working cooperatively with tribal governments. **PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH AND THE RULE OF LAW**—National security, national sovereignty, public safety, the right to self-defense, the rule of constitutional and statutory law, and civil justice should be preserved without excessive burdens to civil liberty. **LOWER TAXES**—The State should only collect taxes to fund legitimate government functions. Government taxes and fees should be limited to essential, inherently governmental functions. **RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS**—We support the right of individuals to keep and bear arms, as confirmed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. **FAMILY INTEGRITY AND THE AMERICAN MORAL TRADITION**—Traditional American families should be encouraged and moral values supported by policies to nurture strong marriages consisting of one man and one woman. **QUALITY EDUCATION**—Parents have the first and primary responsibility of educating their children. We support access to locally controlled education.