



# ELEVATE RAPID CITY PRO-BUSINESS 2025 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

Elevate took a position on 13 bills during the 2025 Legislative Session to advocate for the Rapid City business community. This pro-business scorecard reflects the voting record of local legislators on these key issues.



## PRO-BUSINESS CHAMPION

	EAFB		AIRPORTS		EDUCATION		INFRASTRUCTURE		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					% OF PRO-BUS. VOTES
	SB6 SUPPORT	SB 109 SUPPORT	HB1189 SUPPORT	SB127 SUPPORT	HB1114 SUPPORT	HB1132 SUPPORT	SB202 SUPPORT	SJR501 SUPPORT	HB1122 OPPOSE	SB26 SUPPORT	HB1186 OPPOSE	SB177 SUPPORT	HCR6010 OPPOSE	
Sen. Helene Duhamel (32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	—	✓	✓	100%
Sen. Amber Hulse (30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	—	✓	—	100%
Rep. Tim Goodwin (30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✗	92%
Rep. Mike Derby (34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✗	91%
Rep. Curt Massie (33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✗	91%
Rep. Nicole Uhre-Balk (32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✗	91%
Rep. Trish Ladner (30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	—	✗	83%
Rep. Steve Duffy (32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✗	82%
Sen. Curt Voight (33)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	—	✓	—	✗	✓	80%
Sen. Greg Blanc (35)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	—	✓	—	✗	—	50%
Sen. Taffy Howard (34)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	—	✓	—	✗	—	40%
Rep. Heather Baxter (34)	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	—	✗	✗	✓	✗	—	✗	36%
Rep. Phil Jensen (33)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	—	✗	✗	✓	✗	—	✗	18%
Rep. Tina Mulally (35)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	—	✗	✗	✓	✗	—	✗	18%
Rep. Tony Randolph (35)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	—	✗	✗	✓	✗	—	✗	18%

✓ Support Elevate's position

✗ Oppose Elevate's position

— Did not vote, Bill died prior to vote

# BILL TITLES

## ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE

- ✓ **SB6 – Passed**  
Authorize a loan from the South Dakota housing infrastructure fund to a school district adjoining a federal military installation for the construction or expansion of a school building.
- ✓ **SB109 – Passed**  
Permit a school district to implement a new or revised section 504 plan, individualized family service plan, or individualized education program for a student who is the child of an active-duty member of the United States armed forces.

## AIRPORTS

- ✓ **SB127 – Died**  
Authorize the expenditure of moneys and make an appropriation for grants supporting airport terminal improvements and expansion.
- ✓ **HB1189 – Passed**  
Extend by two years the date on which moneys appropriated to the Governor's Office of Economic Development in 2021 for marketing, route restoration, business development, and air service marketing will revert to the general fund.

## EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

- ✓ **HB1114 – Passed**  
Make an appropriation for the purchasing of equipment to support the South Dakota Board of Technical Education.
- ✓ **HB1132 – Vetoed**  
Establish provisions for eligibility in the child care assistance program for certain child care employees.

## WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

- ✓ **SB202 – Died**  
Create the water infrastructure development fund.
- ✓ **Senate Joint Resolution 501 – Passed**  
Providing legislative approval for a future use water permit application by the Western Dakota Regional Water System.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ✗ **HB1122 – Died**  
Amend provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.
- ✓ **SB26 – Passed**  
Reduce employer contribution rates and increase the administrative fee rate for reemployment assistance.
- ✗ **HB1186 – Died**  
Provide for the revision and eventual repeal of the employer's investment in South Dakota's future fee.
- ✓ **SB177 – Died**  
Provide a sales and use tax refund for goods and services related to data center operations.
- ✗ **House Bill Resolution 6010 – Died**  
Encouraging the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council to establish an interim legislative committee on preserving and protecting the Black Hills of South Dakota.

✓ Elevate Supports

✗ Elevate Opposes

## PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Lawmakers looked at over 20 property tax bills this session. We believe simple scorecards don't capture the complexity of the property tax system. Given the complexities of the property tax system, we opted not to include any property tax bills on the scorecard this year.

Only one property tax relief bill, SB216, actually passed this year.

This bill helps homeowners over the age of 65 by raising the income limits and home values allowed to qualify for a property assessment freeze. It aims to prevent seniors on fixed incomes from losing their homes due to increasing taxes, addressing concerns lawmakers heard often.

The bill creates two new limits on annual increases: The total assessed value of all owner-occupied property in a county cannot exceed 3% per year. The total revenue payable to taxing districts may not increase by more than 3% or CPI.

*Important Note:* The cap on the total value of owner-occupied homes (e.g., 3% or inflation) applies to the group as a whole, not your individual home. Your specific property's value could still increase by more than that percentage each year.

Improvements under 40% of your home's value aren't "new growth" for tax calculation purposes, but their value is still added to your assessment and counts towards the overall cap for owner-occupied property.



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