











# ELEVATE RAPID CITY PRO-BUSINESS 2026 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

Elevate took a position on 12 bills during the 2026 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

	INFRASTRUCTURE					ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				MILITARY		% OF PRO-BUS. VOTES	
	SB 76 SUPPORT	SB 231 SUPPORT	SB 204 SUPPORT	HB 1048 SUPPORT	SB 36 SUPPORT	HB 1245 SUPPORT	SB 228 SUPPORT	HB 1103 OPPOSE	SB 63 SUPPORT	SB 130 SUPPORT	HB 1041 SUPPORT		HB 1042 SUPPORT
 Rep. Mike Derby (34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
 Rep. Steve Duffy (32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
 Sen. Helene Duhamel (32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
 Rep. Trish Ladner (30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
 Rep. Curt Massie (33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%
 Rep. Nicole Uhre-Balk (32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	92%
 Rep. Tim Goodwin (30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	91%
 Sen. Amber Hulse (30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	91%
Sen. Curt Voight (33)	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	73%
Sen. Greg Blanc (35)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	64%
Sen. Taffy Howard (34)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	—	✗	✓	✓	✓	55%
Rep. Heather Baxter (34)	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	50%
Rep. Phil Jensen (33)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	42%
Rep. Tina Mulally (35)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	—	✓	✗	✓	36%
Rep. Tony Randolph (35)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	—	✗	✗	✓	✓	27%

✓ Support Elevate's position

✗ Oppose Elevate's position

— Did not vote, Bill died prior to vote

# BILL TITLES

✓ Elevate Supports   ✗ Elevate Opposes

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- ✓ **SB 76 // Airport Funding – Passed**  
Authorize loans from the South Dakota housing infrastructure fund for airport infrastructure.
- ✓ **SB 231 // Water Infrastructure – Passed**  
Create the water infrastructure development fund to provide an appropriation, to provide for the awarding of grants and loans from the fund for certain rural water projects, and to declare an emergency.
- ✓ **SB 204 // HIFP Loan Limits – Passed**  
Revise certain criteria for loans from the South Dakota housing infrastructure fund.
- ✓ **HB 1048 // Broadband Funding – Passed**  
Make an appropriation for the expansion of broadband infrastructure and to declare an emergency.
- ✓ **SB 36 // Wildfire Mitigation – Passed**  
Authorize certain utilities to establish wildfire mitigation plans and associated liability limitations for wildfire damages.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ **HB 1245 // CAPS Local 3rd Penny – Passed**  
Authorize municipalities to establish a local funding mechanism for capital improvement projects.
- ✓ **SB 228 // TIF Package – Passed**  
Modify provisions for a tax increment financing district.

✗ **HB 1103 // Groundwater Withdrawal– Died**  
Require that annual withdrawal of groundwater from any groundwater source may not exceed the annual recharge of water to the groundwater source.

✓ **SB 63 // Apprenticeship Office – Passed**  
Establish the state office of apprenticeship within the Department of Labor and Regulation.

## MILITARY

- ✓ **SB 130 // EAFB Road Infrastructure – Passed**  
Make an appropriation for roadway and related infrastructure improvements required because of construction activity at Ellsworth Air Force Base and to declare an emergency.
- ✓ **HB 1041 // Sturgis National Guard Readiness Center – Passed**  
Authorize the expansion and renovation of the Sturgis Readiness Center, to make an appropriation, therefor, and to declare an emergency.
- ✓ **HB 1042 // Sturgis National Guard Shop– Passed**  
Authorize the construction of a National Guard vehicle maintenance shop in Sturgis, to make an appropriation, therefor, and to declare an emergency.



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## PROPERTY TAXES 2026

Lawmakers considered a long list of proposed changes to the property tax system. We believe a simple scorecard lacks the nuance necessary to explain the potential implications of any given change to the tax structure and so we opted not to include any property tax bills on the scorecard this year.

### SENATE BILL 96

SB 96 doesn't immediately change the tax system. County Commissions will need to take action to pass an ordinance to adopt the 0.5% sales tax increase made allowable by Senate Bill 96. Some counties will choose to do it, others will not.

### HOW WILL THIS AFFECT RAPID CITY?

There is no disputing that SB 96 will reduce the total tax burden in Pennington County. The total amount of taxes (both sales and property tax) paid by Pennington County residents will be less if SB 96 is adopted. That's a good thing. On average, residents will have more money in their pockets.

However, the benefit will not be uniform. By shifting part of the tax burden from property taxes to sales tax, we let tourists and visitors pay more of the total taxes. This is what creates the savings. Inadvertently, by shifting toward more sales tax, we also rely on businesses and renters to carry more of the burden, none of whom will see any kind of tax reduction.