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ABOUT NC WOMEN UNITED



NC Women United (NCWU) is a coalition of progressive state and local organizations working to achieve the full political, social, and economic equality of *all* women across North Carolina. NCWU works to build women's power through grassroots activism, community organizing, legislative advocacy, and engagement in the political process.

To achieve full political, social, and economic equality, NCWU advances public policies and laws that fall into four broad categories:

- **Economic Stability**
- **Access to Healthcare**
- **Inclusive and Equitable Democracy**
- **Gender-Based Violence**
- **Climate and Environmental Justice**
- **COVID-19 Response**

GRADING SCALE

A

A Grade

The legislature accomplished our goal(s) in the specific policy area.

B

B Grade

The legislature accomplished most of our goal(s), but there is room for improvement.

C

C Grade

The legislature accomplished some goals, but did not accomplish other goal(s), or took some good action and some bad action(s) in the specific policy area.

D

D Grade

The legislature did not accomplish our goal(s), or took bad action(s) in the specific policy area.



F

F Grade

The legislature did not take any action toward desired goal(s), or took action that hurt our legislative goal(s) in the specific policy area.

ECONOMIC STABILITY



North Carolina Women United encourages policymakers to enhance the economic security of our state and North Carolina families.

Goal	Action	Accomplished?
Legislators should support HB128, which would provide a \$1500 bonus for individuals on unemployment who find a job .	Passed both chambers in different forms, ultimately did not pass.	
Legislators should VOTE NO on proposed tax cuts	Tax cuts were included in the budget.	

GRADE: F

HEALTHCARE ACCESS



North Carolina Women United encourages policymakers to ensure women and families are able to enjoy the highest standard of health and well being.

Goal	Action	Accomplished?
Legislators should SUPPORT HB608, a bill to ban shackling of incarcerated women in childbirth	Passed both chambers unanimously and became law.	
Legislators should VOTE NO on HB 453, which would restrict abortion access and women's bodily autonomy	Passed both chambers, vetoed by the Governor and a veto override was not attempted.	

GRADE: D

INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE DEMOCRACY


North Carolina Women United encourages policymakers to protect civic participation, promote equality, and take measures to eliminate discrimination based on sex, race, class, age, immigration status, ability or any other identity.

Goal	Action	Accomplished?
Legislators should VOTE NO on SB 326, SB 724, and SB 725. These bills would undermine equitable access to the ballot, and in particular, disenfranchise North Carolina's Black and Brown voters.	S326 and S725 both passed the legislature but were vetoed and not brought up for an override. S724 did not pass.	
Legislators should VOTE NO on HB805, which would allow very serious criminal charges to be brought against someone who is part of a gathering that meets the bill's vague definition of a "riot" and will dampen people's ability for peaceful protest.	S805 passed the legislature but was vetoed and an override vote was not taken.	

GRADE: D

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

North Carolina Women United encourages policymakers to prevent and respond to gender based violence in the state.


Goal	Action	Accomplished?
Legislators should SUPPORT S35, which would increase the age of marriage in North Carolina from 14--the lowest age in statute in the country--to 16 and limit age gaps for children under 18 to four years or less	S35 passed both chambers unanimously and became law.	

GRADE:

A

CLIMATE JUSTICE

North Carolina Women United encourages policymakers to respond to the growing challenges faced by climate change.

Goal	Action	Accomplished?
Legislators should VOTE NO on S. 605 (The Farm Act), which would fast-track permitting for projects that lock in the primitive and polluting practices at industrial hog operations that disproportionately harm Black, Latino, and Native American families in eastern North Carolina. The bill also significantly limits the opportunities for impacted community members to weigh in on the permitting process.	S605 passed both chambers and was signed into law by Governor Cooper.	

GRADE:

F

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