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2010 Legislative Scorecard:

Who Voted to Tax and Raid Hawaii's Way Out of Debt?

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This year, Hawaii state legislators were put to the financial test. With a record state shortfall, the legislature came up with all types of creative solutions.

One was to raise taxes, which the House and Senate approved in more than a dozen different votes. Another "solution" was to raid almost every special fund and use the money to fill the depleted general fund. Unfortunately, spending cuts were not high on the list.

Below, each legislator has been scored based on his or her performance in the 2010 legislative session. Scores indicate the percentage of votes in which legislators voted in favor of limited government and greater individual liberty. While a few legislators seized the shortfall as an opportunity to make tough spending decisions, the vast majority voted to continue for the status quo—excessive spending and even higher taxes for the people of Hawaii.

The scores are based on the following six categories:

- Spending—bills that reduce (+) or increase (-) spending.
- Taxes—bills that reduce (+) or increase (-) the amount of taxes and fees paid to the State of Hawaii.
- Scope of government—bills that reduce (+) or increase (-) the size of government beyond its necessary function.
- Business Climate—bills that improve (+) or harm (-) Hawaii's business climate through regulatory changes.
- Individual Liberty—bills that protect (+) or limit (-) individual liberties.
- Raids—bills that raid special funds in order to balance the general fund (-), or bills that creates new special funds in order to mask new or increased taxes or fees (-).

Senate	Taxes	Business Climate	Spending	Individual Liberty	Raids	Scope of Govt.	Total
Sam Slom (R)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	75%	**98%**
Fred Hemmings (R)	80%	75%	100%	100%	63%	67%	**78%**
David Ige (D)	37%	13%	0%	67%	16%	0%	**24%**
Rosalyn Baker (D)	37%	4%	0%	67%	16%	0%	**22%**
Carol Fukunaga (D	37%	0%	0%	50%	16%	0%	**20%**
Josh Green (D)	13%	0%	0%	50%	16%	0%	**11%**
Robert Bunda (D)	9%	0%	0%	67%	13%	0%	**11%**
Will Espero (D)	8%	0%	0%	67%	13%	0%	**11%**
Les Ihara Jr. (D)	11%	0%	0%	67%	6%	0%	**10%**
Mike Gabbard (D)	7%	13%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**10%**
Gary Hooser (D)	9%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**8%**
Norman Sakamoto (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	16%	0%	**8%**
Suzanne Oakland (D)	2%	0%	0%	67%	8%	0%	**7%**
Clayton Hee (D)	2%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**6%**
Clarence Nishihara (D)	0%	4%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**6%**
J. Kalani English (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Brickwood Galuteria (D)	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	0%	**5%**
Colleen Hanabusa (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Michelle Kidani (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Donna Mercado Kim (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Russell Kokubun (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Dwight Takamine (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Brian Taniguchi (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Shan Tsutsui (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Jill Tokuda (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**

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House	Taxes	Business Climate	Spending	Individual Liberty	Raids	Scope of Govt.	Total
Lynn Finnegan (R)	69%	57%	33%	100%	43%	0%	**56%**
Barbara Marumoto (R)	69%	71%	17%	67%	43%	0%	**54%**
Kymberly Pine (R)	81%	43%	17%	67%	43%	0%	**54%**
Corinne Ching (R)	63%	29%	17%	67%	17%	0%	**40%**
Cynthia Thielen (R)	44%	29%	33%	67%	29%	0%	**37%**
Gene Ward (R)	69%	14%	0%	67%	14%	0%	**37%**
Tom Brower (D)	50%	0%	0%	67%	14%	0%	**27%**
Lyla Berg (D)	56%	0%	0%	0%	14%	0%	**24%**
Jessica Wooley (D)	19%	0%	17%	67%	0%	0%	**15%**
Chris Lee (D)	13%	0%	0%	67%	14%	0%	**12%**
Mark Takai (D)	25%	0%	0%	0%	14%	0%	**12%**
Joseph Souki (D)	20%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	**11%**
Mele Carroll (D)	0%	0%	17%	67%	14%	0%	**10%**
Joey Manahan (D)	0%	0%	17%	100%	0%	0%	**10%**
Angus McKelvey (D)	0%	14%	17%	67%	0%	0%	**10%**
Robert Herkes (D)	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	**8%**
Henry Aquino (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	14%	0%	**7%**
Ryan Yamane (D)	0%	0%	17%	67%	0%	0%	**7%**
Karen Awana (D)	0%	0%	17%	100%	0%	0%	**5%**
Faye Hanohano (D)	7%	0%	0%	0%	14%	0%	**5%**
Sharon Har (D)	7%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Ronald Sagum III (D)	0%	14%	0%	100%	0%	0%	**5%**
Joe Bertram III (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Della Au Belatti (D)	0%	0%	0%	33%	14%	0%	**5%**
Rida Cabanilla (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Jerry Chang (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Pono Chong (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Isaac Choy (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Denny Coffman (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Cindy Evans (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Ken Ito (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Jon Karamatsu (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Michael Magaoay (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
John Mizuno (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Scott Nishimoto (D)	6%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	**5%**
Blake Oshiro (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Marcus Oshiro (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Karl Rhoads (D)	0%	0%	0%	33%	14%	0%	**5%**
Scott Saiki (D)	6%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	**5%**
Calvin Say (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Maile Shimabukuro (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Roy Takumi (D)	0%	0%	0%	33%	14%	0%	**5%**
James Tokioka (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Clift Tsuji (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Glenn Wakai (D)	6%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	**5%**
Kyle Yamashita (D)	0%	0%	0%	67%	0%	0%	**5%**
Gilbert Keith-Agaran (D)	0%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	**2%**
Marilyn Lee (D)	0%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	**2%**
Sylvia Luke (D)	0%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	**2%**
Hermina Morita (D)	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%	0%	**2%**
Mark Nakashima(D)	0%	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	**2%**