

## District 31

Is **Senator Van Burtenshaw** a true Conservative?

Does he vote according to the will of the majority of the people and follow the State Republican Party Platform, or is he beholden to special interest groups and helping implement the Democrats' Liberal agenda?

### **VAN BURTENSCHAW'S OWN VOTING RECORD PROVES HIM TO BE AMONG THE BIGGEST SPENDERS IN THE IDAHO SENATE**

Burtenshaw's Idaho Freedom Foundation's 2023 Spending Index score is 9.4% - an F- grade. His votes for how Idaho taxpayers' money should be spent were **worse than all of the 7 Senate Democrats!** Is this what you expect from a Republican Senator, or Committee Chairperson?

Burtenshaw's Idaho Freedom Foundation Ratings, which came as a result of grading and analyzing 400 bills during the 2023 Session, were no better for their Education and Freedom indexes, both also earning him F grades. The Majority Leader and four other Chairpersons also scored F F F. Another Four scored F F D, **no different than the 7 Democrat Senator scores.** These are the Committee Chairpersons selected by Senate President Pro Tem Chuck Winder, whose own IFF grades were F F D.

**WORSE THAN HIS VOTING RECORD ARE THOSE HE VOTES WITH. Senator Burtenshaw voted with the 7 Senate Democrats on 109 of the 114 SPENDING BILLS THAT PASSED THE SENATE in 2023. (He missed the other 5 votes.) You would never imagine that the 7 Democrats were successful at passing virtually every spending bill they wanted. WITH VAN BURTENSCHAW'S HELP, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED!**

**Here are a few of the 'Woke' bills Burtenshaw & fellow RINOs helped the Democrats pass in 2023:**

- \* 0024 - Idaho "Launch Program", providing \$8,500 per student taxpayer funding for higher education.
- \* 1147 - Appropriates \$27,215,100 for a Health Education Program that promotes LGBTQ, Critical Race Theory, and transgender-based medicine.
- \* 1176- Gives Idaho Colleges and Universities special funding to fill Social Justice and DEI positions to serve gender equity centers, women's centers, LGBTQ offices, cultural centers, and offices of equity and inclusion.

**In the Idaho Legislature, a committee chair can unilaterally kill a bill by simply not scheduling a hearing on it. There were dozens of bills in 2023 that met this very fate, including property tax breaks, legislator approval needed for an Emergency beyond 30 days, patient's right to visitation, & requiring Child Protective Services to notify, in writing, parents and caregivers when being investigated. AND SO, CONSERVATIVE BILLS DON'T EVEN GET CONSIDERED UNDER SENATOR BURTENSCHAW'S CHAIRMANSHIP.**

**Your vote against Burtenshaw in 2024 can help keep Idaho from becoming another California, Oregon or Washington.**