

Principles of Liberty Worksheet

	Principle		Support	Oppose
Individual Rights	Individual Liberty <i>Does this bill...</i>	... protect or erode individual liberty by protecting or eroding the Bill of Rights?	Protects	Erodes
		... protect or erode the right of self-control and/or self-determination?	Protects	Erodes
		... reward/punish behavior that does not infringe on rights of others?	No	Yes
		... promote "mala prohibita" law - regulating behavior which does not infringe on rights of others?	No	Yes
	Personal Responsibility <i>Does this bill...</i>	... create intervention by government to remedy consequences of individual choice?	No	Yes
		... remove responsibility for self-determination or replace individual choice with government mandate?	No	Yes
		... punish "bad behavior" or individual choices that do not infringe upon rights of others?	No	Yes
		... reward "good behavior" or individual choices that are deemed "good for society"?	No	Yes
Free Markets	Property Rights <i>Does this bill...</i>	... attempt to create new "rights", "entitlements" or otherwise increase dependency upon government?	No	Yes
		... diminish the role of personal responsibility through government intervention?	No	Yes
		... protect or interfere with/fail to protect ownership of property?	Protects	Interferes
		... protect or interfere with use of property?	Protects	Interferes
	Free Markets <i>Does this bill...</i>	... protect or interfere with services/income provided by property?	Protects	Interferes
		... protect or interfere with disposition/transfer of property?	Protects	Interferes
		... create intervention/distortion in marketplace via taxes, subsidies, regulation, etc.?	No	Yes
		... assume unconstitutional roles or levels of oversight/regulation?	No	Yes

Limited Government <i>Does this bill...</i>	... execute a clearly defined and proper role of state government?	Yes	No
	... stay within the constitutional scope of state government?	Yes	No
	... increase or decrease transparency &/or accountability?	Increase	Decrease
	... contract or expand government?	Contract	Expand
	... refrain from interfering with individual liberty, personal responsibility, property rights or free markets?	Yes	No
State vs. Federal Balance of Power <i>Does this bill...</i>	... refrain from attempting to create new "rights" or "entitlements" not already recognized by the constitution?	Yes	No
	... defend state powers or over-reaching federal government?	State	Federal
	... defend Colorado state citizens or over-reaching federal government?	Citizens	Federal
	... assert or abdicate proper state powers?	Assert	Abdicate
	... use state powers to hold federal government in check?	Yes	No
Fiscal Responsibility <i>Does this bill...</i>	... limit spending to that required to perform limited, constitutional role of government?	Yes	No
	... limit taxes/fees/fines/revenue to that required to perform limited, constitutional role of government?	Yes	No
	... enhance accountability for spending/revenue?	Yes	No
	... enhance transparency for spending/revenue?	Yes	No
	... exhibit fiduciary responsibility and fiscal prudence?	Yes	No
Equal Protection / Rule of Law <i>Does this bill...</i>	... utilize reasonable/realistic projections?	Yes	No
	... subject the state to the strings of federal money, particularly where federal powers have been over-extended?	No	Yes
	... protect individual rights/liberty equally for everyone?	Yes	No
	... create special/entitled classes of people for protection or entitlement, punishment or penalties?	No	Yes
	... use the force of government to plunder one class/group for the benefit of another?	No	Yes
Equal Protection / Rule of Law <i>Does this bill...</i>	... provide government agents/representatives with special treatment not afforded to citizens?	No	Yes
	... create intervention by government to promote "opportunity" or "access" for one group/class over another?	No	Yes