

Senator David Gregory

District 15

Legislative Biography



MO Sen. David Gregory is a Senator in the Missouri General Assembly who represents the 15th district and received 51.6% of the vote in his last election. He is the Ranking Member of the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal and MO Insurance and Banking committees, and a member of the Education and Economic and Workforce Development committees.

He works most frequently on Crime and Law Enforcement (36 bills), Health (34 bills), Law (33 bills), Economics and Public Finance (25 bills), and Taxation (22 bills). He has sponsored 117 bills in his last fourteen year(s) in office, voting with his party 88.8% of the time, getting 23.93% of his bills out of committee, and 0.85% of his sponsored bills enacted.

Before entering politics, Sen. Gregory was involved with the legal industry. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Louis University (MO) and a professional degree from St. Louis University School of Law (MO).

About

Assumed Office - 2024

Next Election - 2028

Residence - St. Louis, MO

Term - 1st term

Previous Experience

Representative, Missouri House of Representatives (2017-2023)

Civil Litigation Attorney, Private Practice

[Quorum Biography, [Accessed 2/10/2025](#)]

Other

David Gregory sponsored legislation to make being an undocumented immigrant punishable by life imprisonment and create a bounty program to encourage citizens to report on other residents. In December 2024, Senator Gregory pre-filed Senate Bill 72, proposing the "Missouri Illegal Alien Certified Bounty Hunter Program." According to Newsweek, "SB 72 introduces several key provisions aimed at addressing illegal immigration at the state level. It classifies illegal

immigration as a state crime under the designation of ‘felony trespassing.’ The bill additionally expands the authority of the Department of Public Safety (DPS), granting it the power to investigate immigration status, collaborate with ICE, and execute arrest warrants. It also establishes an anonymous tip line modeled after federal ICE tip lines, allowing individuals to report suspected illegal immigration. If a tip then leads to an arrest, the person who provided the information may receive a \$1,000 reward.” [Newsweek, [2/13/2025](#); St. Louis Public Radio, [1/27/2025](#)]

David Gregory co-sponsored and voted for Missouri’s total abortion ban, which included no exceptions for rape or incest. In 2019, Gregory co-sponsored HB 126, which ended abortion in Missouri. [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [10/12/2024](#); HB 126, Approved by the Governor, [5/24/2019](#); Vox, [9/27/2019](#)]

David Gregory argued Missouri’s total abortion ban didn’t go far enough. In an interview with KFVS, he suggested that lawmakers explore ways to prevent Missouri residents from traveling out of state to obtain abortions, a move that would significantly restrict personal freedom. While Gregory questioned uncertainty about the constitutionality of such a measure, he also emphasized Missouri legislators would be taking steps to investigate legal avenues to enforce such restrictions. Additionally, he suggested that the federal government could then use conditional funding to incentivize the denial of abortion access to Missouri residents. [KFVS, [6/25/2022](#); Progress Missouri, [8/12/2022](#)]

David Gregory faced intense criticism for his proposal to demolish a historic building in Jefferson City to construct a personal castle. Dubbed "Paige's Castle" in reference to Gregory’s wife, the project involved demolishing at least one historic structure near the State Capitol to build a second residence with Airbnb accommodations. According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, “Former state Rep. David Gregory and wife, Paige Gregory, have proposed building ‘Paige’s Castle’ to replace a 141-year-old home at 401 East Capitol Avenue, just blocks from the Missouri Capitol. ‘It’s been said that every woman deserves a castle’ begins a proposal by the couple to the Jefferson City Council. ‘David Gregory believes this and is making it a reality.’ The Jefferson City Council rejected Gregory’s plans under intense local criticism. [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [9/17/2024](#); St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [9/17/2024](#)]

David Gregory accepted the endorsement from a prominent billionaire donor who bankrolled efforts to change how Missouri colleges and universities handle complaints of sexual assault and harassment. In November 2021, Missouri State Representative David Gregory, a Republican candidate for state auditor, received an endorsement from St. Louis billionaire David Steward. According to the Missouri Independent, “Winning Steward’s endorsement could provide a huge financial boost to Gregory’s campaign. Steward is the founder of World Wide Technologies, which, according to Forbes, has a net worth of \$5.8 billion. Since 2011, he has donated nearly \$4 million to various candidates and PACs in Missouri. His most high-profile political involvement in recent years came in 2019 when he bankrolled a nonprofit called Kingdom Principles that made an unsuccessful push to change how Missouri colleges handle cases of sexual assault and harassment. That effort was spearheaded by Richard McIntosh, who at the time was Steward’s lobbyist and

whose son had been expelled from Washington University in St. Louis for allegedly harassing another student in violation of the federal Title IX law, which bars sexual discrimination in education.” [Missouri Independent, [11/21/2021](#)]

In leaked internal documents, David Gregory’s campaign for State Senate signaled worry about his positions on abortion and voucher schemes. According to Progress Missouri, “David Gregory’s campaign accidentally leaked documents detailing concern over his support of private school vouchers and sponsorship of Missouri’s abortion ban.” [X, [11/3/2024](#)]

David Gregory was endorsed by the Koch-funded organization Americans for Prosperity. Americans for Prosperity-Missouri endorsed Representative Gregory in 2024. According to the Center for Media and Democracy, Americans for Prosperity is a “right-wing political advocacy group founded by billionaire brothers David and Charles Koch, the owners of Koch Industries. AFP serves as the Kochs’ ‘grassroots’ operation, also known as astroturf. AFP spends millions on TV ads in election cycles.” As of 2023, AFP has 36 State Chapters with at least 250 staffers, and it boasts of 3.2 million activists participating in their ground force. “In the 2012 election cycle, it was a key component of the Kochs’ \$400 million political network, receiving large portions of its money from Koch-linked dark money groups like Freedom Partners, American Encore, and Donors Trust. [Sourcewatch, [Accessed 2/12/2025](#); Americans for Prosperity-Missouri, [10/21/2024](#)]