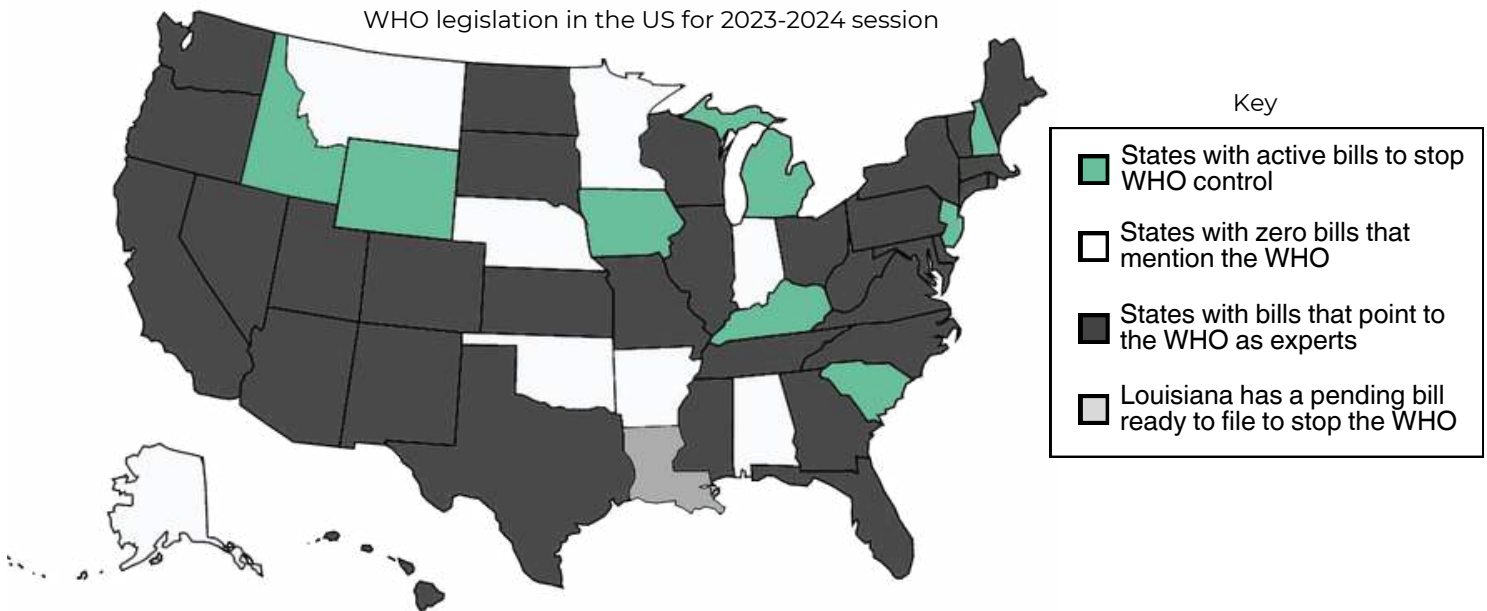


# The invisible hand of the WHO in the states

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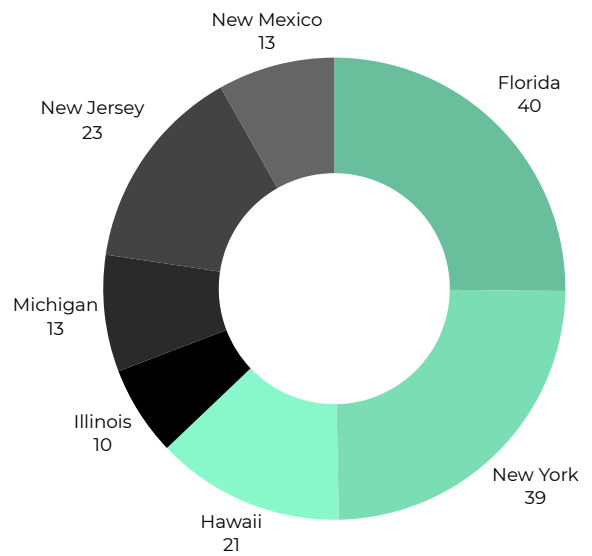
Stand for Health Freedom took a look at state bill proposals in the 2023 and 2024 sessions, using the search term “World Health Organization.” What we found was striking. Through 2023 and the first month of 2024, when most bills would be filed for the session, **we found lawmakers turning to the WHO as an authority in almost 300 bills.** States that looked to the WHO as experts most frequently were Florida, New York, New Jersey, and Hawaii. See the graph below for more.



These are not bills about the WHO, and not even all health-care related, but instead address anything from transportation to taxes to veterinary care to commemorative holidays to international trade agreements. See a small fraction of the list we compiled below:

- **workplace violence**
- **traffic enforcement**
- **electric bicycle rebates**
- **interstate mobility**
- **swimming lesson voucher program**
- **taxation**
- **local utilities**
- **liquor taxes**
- **airport noise**
- **metro township modifications**

States where the WHO hand is heaviest



The WHO was sometimes referenced in bill text, but more often in a “whereas” clause or in documentation supporting a bill. State lawmakers are relying on recommendations, findings, declarations, and classifications, citing the WHO as an authority to justify passing a law.

Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus recently blasted as “misinformation” the fact that the pandemic treaty and updates to the International Health Regulations (IHR) scheduled for vote in May 2024 would threaten U.S. sovereignty. With forked tongue, **he said, we know it won’t “because you are writing it.”**

What he didn’t say is that part of the process is directing countries to write new laws to support the WHO.

**Today, lawmakers are referencing the WHO as an authority, tomorrow they could give WHO authority.**

If you think that can’t happen, look no further than the CDC’s childhood vaccine schedule. Does your state take that guidance — which has no force of law — and turn it into law in your state?

The WHO isn’t going to march into your community to tell you to mask up, lock down, and get in line for your next shot. They simply turn up the fear factor and watch us police ourselves. Use this information to inform your advocacy and write your own rules.



## **Example language from a state bill**

***Provided by Health Freedom Louisiana***

*“The World Health Organization shall have no jurisdiction or power within the state of Louisiana. No rule, regulation, policy, guidance, mandate, fee, or tax of any kind of the World Health Organization shall be enforced or implemented by the state of Louisiana or any agency, department, board, commission, political subdivision, governmental entity of the state, parish, municipality, or any other political entity.*”

*“A violation of this section raises a cause of action in state court for injunctive and declaratory relief, plus compensatory damages of up to ten thousand dollars per violation, and attorney’s fees. A state agency or political subdivision that publishes a rule, regulation, policy or guidance requiring compliance with a provision of any World Health Organization treaty bears the burden of proof to show that the rule, regulation, policy or guidance was developed independent of influence by the World Health Organization (WHO), or the United Nations (UN) and that no international agreement (binding or non-binding) was a factor in determining whether to publish the rule, regulation, policy or guidance.*”

*“This section is enacted under the authority of Article VI of the United States Constitution, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, and the inherent power reserved to Louisiana as a sovereign state.”*