

Votes In This Scorecard

Of the hundreds of bills voted on by the 86th Legislature, we identified a few key votes that will have the greatest impact on Texas' environment and public health. Short descriptions of each bill can be found below, and more details are available on our website. <http://www.EnvironmentTexas.org>

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1. Fracking Wastewater: HB 2771

Pro-environment Vote: Nay

HB 2771 (Lozano) sets the stage for allowing oil and gas companies to discharge fracking wastewater in to our rivers and aquifers. The bill was signed by the Governor.

2. State Parks: SJR 24

Pro-environment Vote: Yay

SJR 24 (Kolkhorst) would amend the Texas constitution to guarantee sales taxes on sporting goods go to fund our state and local parks. The measure will now go before voters in the November 2019 general election.

3. Environmental Enforcement: HB 2826

Pro-environment Vote: Nay

HB 2826 (Bonnen, G) requires local governments to get permission from the Attorney General before hiring attorneys on a contingency fee, a move which could limit the ability of local governments to sue polluters. The bill was signed by the Governor.

4. Recycling: SB 649

Pro-environment Vote: Yay

SB 649 (Zaffirini) directs the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to develop a plan to stimulate the use of recyclable materials as feedstock in processing and manufacturing. The bill passed and takes effect on 9/1/19.

5. Concrete Plants: HB 907

Pro Environment vote: Yay

HB 907 (Huberty) authorizes TCEQ to increase inspections of aggregate (a component of concrete) production facilities and assess higher penalties for violations. The bill was signed by the Governor.

6. Clean Air: HB 3745

Pro-environment Vote: Yay

HB 3745 (Bell) authorizes TCEQ to fully use fees collected for clean air to fund the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP). The bill was signed by the Governor.

7. Green Infrastructure: HB 1059

Pro-environment Vote: Yay

HB 1059 (Lucio) directs TCEQ to produce a biennial report on green stormwater infrastructure. The bill was vetoed by the Governor.

8(h). Oil subsidies: HJR 82

Pro-environment Vote: Nay

HJR 82 (Craddick) would have directed additional state funds to build roads to support oil and gas production. The measure passed the House but died in the Senate.

8 (s). Oil Accidents: SB 185

Pro-environment Vote: Yay

SB 185 (Miles) would have required oil and gas companies to immediately notify TCEQ upon the event of fire, leak, or spill and TCEQ to then notify the public of an uncontrolled release of a substance that may significantly endanger human health. The bill passed the Senate but died in the House.

9(h). Oil Subsidies: HB 2545

Pro-environment Vote: Nay

HB 2545 (Guillen) would have created incentives for oil and gas companies to dump their wastewater in rivers and aquifers. The bill passed the House but died in the Senate

9(s). Renewable Energy: Amendment to HB 3143

Pro-environment Vote: Nay

Amendment 4 (Hall), which failed, would have discriminated against wind and solar energy in the state's economic development program.

10(h) . Landfills: HB 1331

Pro-environment Vote: Yay

HB 1331 (Thompson) increases fees on landfills, discouraging fly by night operators. The bill was signed by the Governor.

10(s) . Renewable Energy: SB 2232

Pro-environment Vote: Nay

SB 2232 (Hancock) would have discriminated against wind and solar energy in a study on energy subsidies. The bill passed the Senate but died in the House.

2019 Texas State Senate Scorecard

Senate Member	Party	District	Fracking wastewater	State Parks	Environmental Enforcement	Recycling	Concrete plant regulations	Clean Air	Green Infrastructure	Oil accidents	Renewable Energy	Renewable Energy	2019 Score	Lifetime Score
Alvarado, Carol	D	6	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80	80
Bettencourt, Paul	R	7	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	40	30
Birdwell, Brian	R	22	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	70	43
Buckingham, Dawn	R	24	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	50	38
Campbell, Donna	R	25	-	E	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	44	33
Creighton, Brandon	R	4	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	40	30
Fallon, Pat	R	30	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	20	20
Flores, Pete	R	19	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	70	70
Hall, Bob	R	2	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20	11
Hancock, Kelly	R	9	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	70	40
Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy"	D	20	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	80	73
Huffman, Joan	R	17	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	70	56
Hughes, Bryan	R	1	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	A	-	30	28
Johnson, Nathan	D	16	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100
Kolkhorst, Lois	R	18	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	50	38
Lucio Jr., Eddie	D	27	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	70	74
Menéndez, José	D	26	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	83
Miles, Boris	D	13	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	81
Nelson, Jane	R	12	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	60	50
Nichols, Robert	R	3	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	70	44
Paxton, Angela	R	8	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	60	49
Perry, Charles	R	28	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	60	60
Powell, Beverly	D	10	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80	80
Rodríguez, José	D	29	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	88
Schwertner, Charles	R	5	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	50	41
Seliger, Kel	R	31	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	60	62
Taylor, Larry	R	11	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	70	52
Watson, Kirk	D	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	96
West, Royce	D	23	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	70	79
Whitmire, John	D	15	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	80	79
Zaffirini, Judith	D	21	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	88

Scorecard Key	(+)	(-)	(P)	(E)	(A)
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2019 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

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Allen, Alma A.	D	131	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	85	Guerra, Bobby	D	41	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	74	Noble, Candy	R	89	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	40	40	
Allison, Steve	R	121	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	60	Guillen, Ryan	D	31	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	59	Oliverson, Tom	R	130	+	+	-	A	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	50	25
Anchia, Rafael	D	103	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	90	87	Gutierrez, Roland	D	119	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	85	Ortega, Evelina "Lina"	D	77	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	90	77		
Anderson, Charles "Doc"	R	56	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	39	Harless, Sam	R	126	-	+	-	+	E	+	+	-	-	+	56	56	Pacheco, Leo	D	118	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	70	
Ashby, Trent	R	57	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	50	42	Harris, Cody	R	8	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	40	40	Paddie, Chris	R	9	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	47		
Bailes, Ernest	R	18	-	E	-	+	A	+	+	-	-	+	44	35	Hefner, Cole	R	5	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	20	10	Parker, Tan	R	63	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	60	35		
Beckley, Michelle	D	65	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	-	+	89	89	Hernandez, Ana	D	143	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	80	80	Patterson, Jared	R	106	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	20	20		
Bell, Cecil	R	3	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	44	Herrero, Abel	D	34	E	+	E	+	+	+	E	E	E	+	100	91	Paul, Dennis	R	129	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	31		
Bell, Keith	R	4	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	60	Hinojosa, Gina	D	49	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	94	Perez, Mary Ann	D	144	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	80	77		
Bernal, Diego M.	D	123	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	90	89	Holland, Justin	R	33	-	+	-	+	+	+	A	-	-	+	50	32	Phelan, Dade	R	21	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	47		
Biedermann, Kyle	R	73	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	40	29	Howard, Donna	D	48	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	100	93	Price, Four	R	87	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	53		
Blanco, César	D	76	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	80	89	Huberty, Dan	R	127	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	47	Ramos, Ana-Maria	D	102	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100		
Bohac, Dwayne	R	138	-	+	-	+	+	E	+	-	-	+	56	43	Hunter, Todd	R	32	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	37	Raney, John	R	14	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	49		
Bonnen, Dennis	R	25											N/A	21	Israel, Celia	D	50	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	90	Raymond, Richard Peña	D	42	A	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	71		
Bonnen, Greg	R	24	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	E	+	56	34	Johnson, Eric	D	100	+	+	+	E	E	E	+	-	E	+	83	85	Reynolds, Ron	D	27	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	80	91		
Bowers, Rhett	D	113	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	80	80	Johnson, Jarvis D.	D	139	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	54	Rodriguez, Eddie	D	51	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	80	89		
Buckley, Brad	R	54	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	60	Johnson, Julie	D	115	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	80	80	Romero Jr., Ramon	D	90	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	80	73		
Bucy, John III	D	136	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	80	80	Kacal, Kyle	R	12	E	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	E	63	58	Rose, Toni	D	110	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	80	87		
Burns, DeWayne	R	58	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	35	King, Ken	R	88	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	E	+	67	51	Rosenthal, Jon	D	135	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	80	80		
Burrows, Dustin	R	83	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	A	-	-	60	37	King, Phil	R	61	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	50	38	Sanford, Scott	R	70	-	+	-	-	E	+	+	-	-	-	33	23		
Button, Angie Chen	R	112	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	37	King, Tracy O.	D	80	-	+	-	+	E	+	+	-	-	+	56	46	Schaefer, Matt	R	6	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	30	16		
Cain, Briscoe	R	128	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	20	10	Klick, Stephanie	R	91	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	29	Shaheen, Matt	R	66	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	50	28		
Calanni, Gina	D	132	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	60	Krause, Matt	R	93	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	30	21	Sheffield, J.D.	R	59	-	+	-	+	E	+	+	-	-	+	56	51		
Canales, Terry	D	40	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	90	85	Kuempel, John	R	44	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	39	Sherman Sr., Carl	D	109	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	80	80		
Capriglione, Giovanni	R	98	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	39	Lambert, Stan	R	71	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	37	Shine, Hugh	R	55	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	30		
Clardy, Travis	R	11	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	50	41	Landgraf, Brooks	R	81	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	50	36	Smith, Reggie	R	62	-	+	-	+	+	+	A	-	-	+	50	50		
Cole, Sheryl	D	46	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	A	-	-	60	60	Lang, Mike	R	60	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	30	15	Smithee, John T.	R	86	+	E	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	67	46		
Coleman, Garnet F.	D	147	E	+	-	+	A	+	+	-	-	+	56	84	Larson, Lyle	R	122	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	54	Springer, Drew	R	68	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	30	22		
Collier, Nicole	D	95	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	78	85	Leach, Jeff	R	67	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	33	Stephenson, Phil	R	85	-	+	-	A	+	+	+	-	+	+	60	44		
Cortez, Philip	D	117	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	62	Leman, Ben	R	13	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	40	40	Stickland, Jonathan	R	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	10	6	
Craddick, Tom	R	82	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	35	Longoria, Oscar	D	35	-	+	E	+	+	+	E	E	-	+	71	64	Stucky, Lynn	R	64	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	50	38		
Cyrier, John P.	R	17	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	40	40	Lopez, Ray	D	125	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	80	80	Swanson, Valoree	R	150	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	40	20		
Darby, Drew	R	72	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	44	Lozano, J.M.	R	43	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	50	Talarico, James	D	52	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	80	80		
Davis, Sarah	R	134	-	+	E	+	+	E	E	E	E	+	80	56	Lucio III, Eddie	D	38	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	79	Thierry, Shawn	D	146	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	80	78		
Davis, Yvonne	D	111	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	P	+	89	83	Martinez, Armando "Mando" D	39	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	81	Thompson, Ed	R	29	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	48		
Dean, Jay	R	7	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	37	Martinez Fischer, Trey	D	116	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	88	Thompson, Senfronia	D	141	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	78		
Deshotel, Joe	D	22	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	73	Metcalfe, Will	R	16	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	39	Tinderholt, Tony	R	94	-	E	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22	11		
Dominguez, Alex	D	37	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	80	80	Meyer, Morgan	R	108	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	39	Toth, Steve	R	15	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	50	36		
Dutton Jr., Harold V.	D	142	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	82	Meza, Thresa "Terry"	D	105	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	A	-	+	70	70	Turner, Chris	D	101	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	89		
Farrar, Jessica	D	148	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	E	+	89	87	Middleton, Mayes	R	23	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	30	30	Turner, John	D	114	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	70		
Fierro, Art	D	79	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	70	Miller, Rick	R	26	-	+	E	+	+	+	E	E	-	+	71	38	VanDeaver, Gary	R	1	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	41		
Flynn, Dan	R	2	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	29	Minjarez, Ina	D	124	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	79	Vo, Hubert	D	149	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	70	86		
Frank, James	R	69	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	60	46	Moody, Joe	D	78	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	P	56	80	Walle, Armando	D	140	+	+	E	+	+	+	E	E	-	+	86	90		
Frunlo, John	R	84	-	+	-	+	E	+	+	-	-	+	56	41	Morales, Christina	D	145	-	+	+	+	+	+																							