



Bills in this Scorecard

Of the hundreds of bills voted on by the 88th 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>

Not sure who represents you? Go to <https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home> to learn the names of your representative and senator.

1. Clean air - SB 1017

Pro-Environment Vote: Nay

SB 1017 (Sen. Brian Birdwell) prohibits cities from restricting the use of polluting and noisy gas powered lawn equipment. This bill was signed into law by Governor Abbott.

2. Polluter subsidies - HB 5

Pro-Environment Vote: Nay

HB 5 (Rep. Todd Hunter) provides for abatements on school taxes for polluting factories while discriminating against wind and solar energy. The bill was signed into law by Governor Abbott.

3. Oil and Gas Enforcement - HB 33

Pro-Environment Vote: Nay

HB 33 (Brooks Landgraf) blocks the enforcement of federal oil and gas safeguards by state employees. The bill was signed into law by Governor Abbott.

4. Energy Efficient Buildings - SB 2453

Pro-Environment Vote: Yea

SB 2453 would allow the State Energy Conservation Office to update minimum efficiency standards for new buildings, saving money and reducing pollution. Governor Abbott vetoed the bill.

5. State parks - SB 1648

Pro-Environment Vote: Yea

SB 1648 (Sen. Tan Parker) establishes the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund to invest \$1 billion to create new and expand existing state parks. The bill was signed into law by Governor Abbott.

6. Pollution Complaints - SB 471

Pro-Environment Vote: Nay

SB 471 (Sen. Drew Springer) would allow the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to ignore citizen complaints about pollution, potentially allowing many environmental violations to go unnoticed. The bill was signed into law by Governor Abbott.

7. Climate Action - SB 784

Pro-Environment Vote: Nay

SB 784 (Sen. Brian Birdwell) gives the state the sole authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, preempting cities from enacting their own standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. SB 784 was signed into law by Governor Abbott.

8. Environmental enforcement - SB 813

Pro-Environment Vote: Yea

SB 813 (Sen. Borris Miles) would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to notify legislators when polluters in their districts are fined for violations. Governor Abbott vetoed the bill.

9. (H) Fairfield Lake State Park - HB 4757

Pro-Environment Vote: Yea

HB 4757 (Rep. Angelia Orr) would have protected Fairfield Lake State Park, by granting Texas Parks and Wildlife the power to stop withdrawals of the lake's water. This bill died in the Senate.

(S) Anti-Renewable Energy - SB 1287

Pro-Environment Vote: Nay

SB 1287 (Sen. Phil King) adds a new transmission fee for renewable energy companies, slowing the implementation of clean energy. The bill passed the Senate, but died in the House.

10. (H) Land and Water Fund - HB 3165

Pro-Environment Vote: Yea

HB 3165 (Rep. Justin Holland) would have funded local, state, and private parks, conservation easements, and other natural resource conservation measures. The bill passed the House, but died in the Senate.

(S) Anti-Renewable Energy - Amendment to HB 1500

Pro-Environment Vote: Nay

Amendment 13 (Sen. Lois Kolkhorst) to HB 1500 (which reauthorized the Public Utility Commission) would have required wind and solar companies to go through discriminatory permitting process not required for fossil fuel plants. The amendment passed the Senate, but was stripped from HB 1500 before it was sent to the Governor (who signed it).

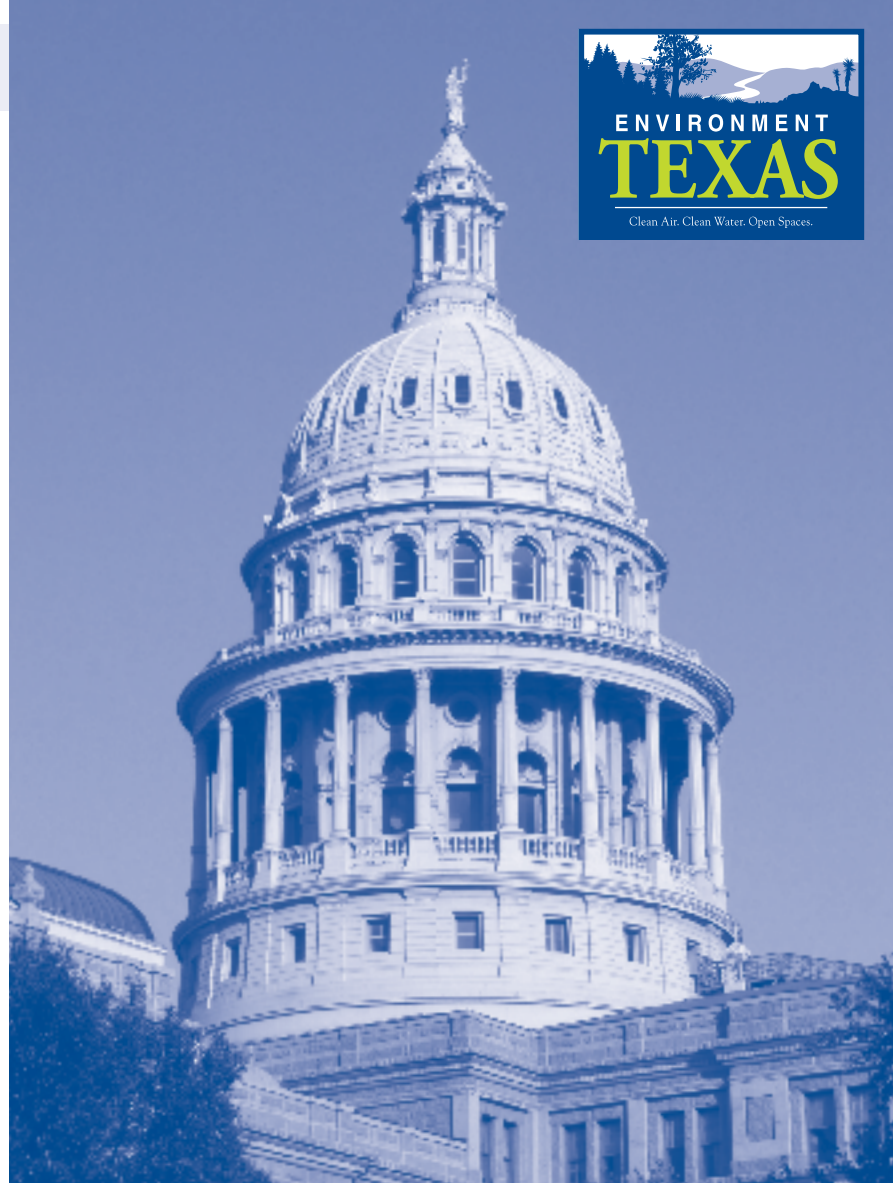
2023 Texas State Senate Scorecard

Senate Member	Party	District	Clean air SB 1017	Polluter subsidies HB 5	Oil and Gas Enforcement HB 33	Energy Efficient Buildings SB 2453	State parks SB 1648	Pollution Complaints SB 471	Climate Action SB 784	Environmental enforcement SB 813	Anti-Renewable Energy SB 1287	Anti-Renewable Energy Amendment to HB 1500	2023 Score (%)	Lifetime Score
Alvarado, Carol	D	6	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	70	65
Bettencourt, Paul	R	7	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	20	24
Birdwell, Brian	R	22	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	+	-	-	11	34
Blanco, César	D	29	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	70	83
Campbell, Donna	R	25	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	30	29
Creighton, Brandon	R	4	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	10	27
Eckhardt, Sarah	D	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	95
Flores, Peter P.	R	24	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	30	30
Gutierrez, Roland	D	19	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	89	79
Hall, Bob	R	2	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	30	15
Hancock, Kelly	R	9	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	20	32
Hinojosa, Juan	D	20	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	60	65
Huffman, Joan	R	17	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	30	47
Hughes, Bryan	R	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	10	19
Johnson, Nathan	D	16	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	70	79
King, Phil	R	10	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	20	20
Kolkhorst, Lois W.	R	18	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	30	31
LaMantia, Morgan	D	27	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	60	60
Menéndez, José	D	26	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80	79
Middleton, Mayes	R	11	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	20	20
Miles, Borris L.	D	13	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	60	69
Nichols, Robert	R	3	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	30	39
Parker, Tan	R	12	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	20	20
Paxton, Angela	R	8	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	20	30
Perry, Charles	R	28	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	30	44
Schwertner, Charles	R	5	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	30	34
Sparks, Kevin	R	31	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	20	20
Springer, Drew	R	30	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	20	18
West, Royce	D	23	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80	76
Whitmire, John	D	15	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	70	75
Zaffirini, Judith	D	21	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	80	83

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Environment Texas is a nonpartisan organization that combines independent research, practical ideas and tough-minded advocacy to overcome the opposition of powerful special interests and win real results for Texas's environment. We have compiled this legislative scorecard as a tool to educate Texas citizens about the voting records of their elected officials.

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2023 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

2023 Texas State House Scorecard																	Scorecard Key					(A) Unexcused Absence from Vote (E) Excused from Vote (P) Present, Not Voting					(+) Vote For the Environment (-) Vote Against the Environment																													
House Member	Party	District	Clean air	Polluter subsidies	Oil and Gas	Energy Efficient	State parks	Pollution	Climate Action	Environmental	Fairfield Lake State	Land and Water	2023 Score (%)	Lifetime	House Member	Party	District	Clean air	Polluter subsidies	Oil and Gas	Energy Efficient	State parks	Pollution	Climate Action	Environmental	Fairfield Lake State	Land and Water	2023 Score (%)	Lifetime	House Member	Party	District	Clean air	Polluter subsidies	Oil and Gas	Energy Efficient	State parks	Pollution	Climate Action	Environmental	Fairfield Lake State	Land and Water	2023 Score (%)	Lifetime												
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Allison, Steve	R	121	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	50	50	Harless, Sam	R	126	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	45	Noble, Candy	R	89	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	40	33											
Anchia, Rafael	D	103	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	80	85	Harris, Caroline	R	52	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	30	30	Oliverson, Tom	R	130	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	50	25											
Anderson, Charles "Doc"	R	56	A	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	37	Harris, Cody	R	8	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	30	34	Ordaz, Claudia	D	79	-	-	-	+	E	-	-	+	+	+	+	44	62											
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Bailes, Ernest	R	18	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	35	Hayes, Richard	R	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	30	30	Ortega, Lina	D	77	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	86										
Bell, Cecil, Jr.	R	3	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	37	Hefner, Cole	R	5	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	20	15	Patterson, Jared	R	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	10	13											
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Bonnen, Greg	R	24	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	30	31	Holland, Justin	R	33	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	E	+	22	24	Plesa, Mihaela	D	70	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	90	90											
Bowers, Rhetta Andrews	D	113	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	77	Howard, Donna	D	48	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	94	Price, Four	R	87	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	40	46											
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Buckley, Brad	R	54	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	30	40	Hunter, Todd	R	32	-	-	-	P	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	35	Raney, John	R	14	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	40	50											
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Bumgarner, Ben	R	63	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	30	30	Jetton, Jacey	R	26	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	45	Reynolds, Ron	D	27	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	91											
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Cunningham, Charles	R	127	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	50	50	Landgraf, Brooks	R	81	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	50	41	Smithee, John T.	R	86	-	-	A	-	+	-	-	+	E	+	+	38	45											
Darby, Drew	R	72	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	30	43	Leach, Jeff	R	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	10	27	Spiller, David	R	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	+	+	+	22	26											
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DeAyala, Mano	R	133	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	40	Lopez, Janie	R	37	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	40	Talarico, James	D	50	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	90											
Dorazio, Mark	R	122	-	-	A	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	40	Lopez, Ray	D	125	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	80	83	Tepper, Carl	R	84	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	30	30											
Dutton, Harold, Jr.	D	142	+	-	-	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	60	78	Lozano, J. M.	R	43	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	50	50	Thierry, Shawn	D	146	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	90	79											
Flores, Maria Luisa (Lulu)	D	51	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100	100	Lujan, John	R	118	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	40	Thimesch, Kronda	R	65	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	30	30											
Frank, James	R	69	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	43	Manuel, Christian	D	22	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80	80	Thompson, Ed	R	29	-	-	E	-	+	-	-	+	+	E	+	38	44											
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Gates, Gary	R	28	-	A	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	30	15	Meyer, Morgan	R	108	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	40	41	Troxclair, Ellen	R	19	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	40	40											
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