

**Texas League of Conservation Voters
2009 Legislative Scorecard**



The Texas League of Conservation Voters

Who we are... and what we do

The Texas League of Conservation Voters works to preserve and enhance the quality of life of Texans by making conservation a top priority with Texas elected officials, political candidates and voters. When we succeed, all conservation groups and issues benefit.

We elect champions. With money and other resources, we help elect candidates to the Texas Legislature who will fight for clean air, clean water, and access to public lands, water, fish and wildlife. TLCV conducts rigorous candidate research and we concentrate on the races we can impact. We educate candidates on how to use pro-conservation positions to win votes. We put money into hard-hitting, independent media campaigns contrasting the candidates' positions on the issues – making sure that an effective message reaches voters. ■ **In 2008 contested races, 26 of 34 leaders endorsed by the Texas League of Conservation Voters Political Action Committee won at the ballot box, setting the stage for the election of a pro-conservation Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. In our 14 top priority races for the Texas House, the pro-conservation leader won in 11.**

We fight at the Legislature. We aggressively lobby the Texas Legislature on the most important conservation bills and work to make sure your voice is heard. Through our endorsements and campaign work, TLCV creates deep, long-term relationships on behalf of the conservation community. Relationships like these are key to getting our issues addressed and legislation passed.

We hold politicians accountable. At the end of each legislative session we publish and distribute our Legislative Scorecard. We rate the performance of each individual legislator on key environmental legislation and describe the key conservation issues. We then distribute our Scorecard to TLCV supporters, friends, partner organizations, and the media.

About the Scorecard

Our scorecard provides objective, factual information about conservation voting records and helps hold the Texas Legislature accountable.

This year's TLCV scorecard covers a range of votes and issues, including: renewable energy, green technologies, recycling and waste disposal. Each vote scored presented a clear choice for our elected officials to uphold the conservation values that millions of Texans share. Scores reflect only part of each legislator's conservation record. Leadership in committee, in caucuses and during floor debate, as well as vision and determination, also play a crucial role in establishing a legislator's record. Unless otherwise noted, all votes are the final

vote cast by the House or Senate on a particular bill. This year's Senate scorecard does not include some votes which passed with unanimous or near-unanimous consent, so as to highlight differences in senators' voting records on important conservation issues which will have an immediate impact on the state. Senator Watson's (D-Austin) Senate Bill 184 which set a "no regrets" strategy for greenhouse gas reduction in the state, and Senator Ellis's (D-Houston) Senate Bill 2169, which would have created an

interagency working group to discuss smart growth, are examples of two outstanding pro-environment bills which were not included in this scorecard. The pro-conservation votes are marked as positive and incorrect votes are marked as negative. Absences are marked with an (A) and are counted negatively because it has the same effect as a "no" vote. Excused Absences (EA) and members not voting while serving as Chair are not counted as a negative votes.

The 2009 Session in Review

It looked promising. The 81st Texas State Legislature, while not exactly overflowing with environmental activism, was also not the same bunch of eco-obstructionists characterized by the Tom Craddick-led House of old. Before the session began, members had already indicated that renewable energy, conservation, recycling and green technology were high priorities. As veteran Public Citizen lobbyist Tom "Smitty" Smith commented to *The Texas Observer* on Earth Day in April, "There are more good bills in the legislative session than I can keep up with." So what happened? Somewhere along the line, the momentum was lost. A wicked, session-long, highly partisan fight over voter ID shoved most of the renewable-energy and energy-efficiency issues so far down the priority list

that they never recovered. In addition, disagreement between representatives and senators on the cost/benefit details sidelined other bills aimed at improving the Texas environmental footprint. Some of the victims included:

- Raising the state's residential and commercial building codes from 2001 to 2009 standards;
- Creating a \$500 million solar incentive program to accelerate solar energy development;
- A "Made in Texas" incentive for electric generation equipment manufacturing to spur jobs growth in that industry;
- An omnibus clean-air bill with a voluntary greenhouse gas registry and incentives for plug-in hybrid vehicles, among others.

In the end, the inability for the 81st

Legislature to take full advantage of a remarkably "green" agenda will keep Texas lagging behind other states for the foreseeable future on important conservation and environmental issues. As Rep. Mark Strama (D-Austin) puts it, referring to the expected growth of the national renewable-energy industry, "We will come back here in 2011 a lot further behind than we currently are." Still, there is good conservation news coming out of the 81st Legislature:

- At least 20 percent of state-purchased vehicles now must get at least 26 mpg combined;
- Certain new plumbing fixtures must now adhere to national high-efficiency standards;
- College and university environmental service fees, once approved by the stu-

dents on a school-by-school basis, can help improve campus energy efficiency;

● The public's right to free and unrestricted access to state-owned beaches is now protected by a constitutional amendment.

And in particular, individual towns and cities can now create special financial districts to provide loans for renewable

energy development. This is great news for developing Texas' solar future, as local communities are now empowered to start financing solar and energy efficiency projects.

But there's one last disappointment. The Senate confirmed the nomination of Dr. Bryan Shaw to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TLCV agrees with seven Democratic sena-

tors who objected to the confirmation, and we concur with Sen. Kirk Watson's (D-Austin) statement that "...Shaw gave no indication at his nomination hearing that he felt compelled to make the changes that are required at TCEQ." TCEQ must do a better job of protecting the environment and ensuring the health and safety of the public.

House of Representatives: The bills

1 HB 284 / Electronics recycling

The legislature lost an opportunity to add transparency to the 2007 amendment that requires certain electronics manufacturers to provide a recycling program for consumers. HB 284 (Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas) would have required Texas recycling companies that ship material overseas to publicly disclose who's shipping what where. This could identify those companies dealing with disreputable businesses abroad that pay little heed to exposing workers and nearby populations to the toxic heavy metals that are "recycled." The bill passed the House by a wide margin but died in the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

2 HB 431 / Green state buildings

Rep. Eddie Lucio III (D-San Benito) introduced HB 431 to ensure that new state and higher education buildings would be constructed or renovated to well-recognized energy-efficient building standards. While both the House and the Senate passed versions of the

bill, the House refused to concur with Senate amendments. Although a conference committee report was eventually accepted, HB 431 never returned to the House floor for a vote before the session adjourned, thus killing any updated requirements for standardized construction or renovation for at least two years.



3 HB 432 / Green state vehicle fleet

Rep. Lucio III was successful in greening up the state vehicle fleet. HB 432 requires that at least 20 percent (up from the previous 10 percent) of new vehicles purchased by state agencies achieve a Greenhouse Gas Score of eight (out of ten), which translates to at least

26 mpg combined. The governor signed the amendment into law, which went into effect Sept. 1, 2009.

4 HB 821 / Television recycling

When Rep. David Leibowitz (D-San Antonio) introduced HB 821, requiring television manufacturers to recycle their market share of the televisions recycled in Texas, regardless of brand, it

was widely accepted as an excellent idea. The House passed it with only 11 dissenting votes, and the Senate swept it through unanimously. But Gov. Perry didn't like it. Agreeing with fewer than a dozen legislators, he vetoed the bill on June 19, claiming that although it "...attempts to make it easier for consumers to recycle old televisions, it does so at

the expense of manufacturers, retailers and recyclers by imposing onerous new mandates, fees and regulations."

5 HB 1182 / Weatherization

Rep. Sylvester Turner (D-Houston) introduced HB 1182 to create an inde-

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House bills (continued)

pendent trust fund, replacing a general revenue fund account, for system benefits set up to help low-income customers afford electricity services through rate discounts and weatherization funds. It was a plan to protect the funds from being irrevocably swallowed by the general fund. But after passing unanimously in the House, HB 1182 never reached further than the Senate intent calendar.

6 HB 1243 / Net metering Designed to provide fair compensation for retail electric customers who place onto the electrical grid excess electricity generated by an on-site generator, HB 1243 (Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine) died very near the finish line. After passing both the House and the Senate, it was killed on a point of order during a dust-up on the House floor over Senate amendments.

7 HB 1937 / Solar financing In a major step toward expanding renewable energy generation throughout the state, the 81st Legislature passed HB 1937 (Rep. Michael Villarreal, D-San Antonio). It allows cities to create financial districts to loan money to prop-

erty owners for developing renewable energy sources, such as solar energy systems, as well as to finance energy efficiency improvements. The bill was signed by Gov. Perry and became law effective Sept. 1, 2009.

8 HB 2667 / Plumbing fixtures Essentially, HB 2667 (Rep. Allan Ritter, D-Nederland) ensures that certain plumbing fixtures, primarily toilets and urinals, made in Texas or brought into the state, will adhere to the high-efficiency national standards set forth by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and American National Standards Institute. It repeals TECQ's certification procedure and streamlines the process of installing low-flow fixtures throughout the state. The bill was passed, signed and became law Sept. 1, 2009.

9 HB 2783 / Efficient buildings This bill, filed by Rep. Anchia, was an attempt to raise the state's minimum residential and commercial building codes from the 2001 standards to the 2009 standards. Considered the most cost-effective way to meet future energy needs as the state continues to grow, it never made it past the Senate intent calendar.

10 HJR 102 / Public beach access HJR 102 (Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo) was introduced as a constitutional amendment to guarantee the public's right to free and unrestricted access to state-owned beaches along the Gulf Coast. It sailed through the House with only one dissenting vote, but at the Senate's third reading, a number of Republican senators voted against it because they felt an amendment was not necessary. This is curious reasoning, since at the time there was a lawsuit threatening the law on public beach access as provided by the Texas Natural Resources Code. Fortunately, the reasonable outnumbered the unreasonable, and the amendment was placed on the Nov. 3, 2009 ballot (Proposition 9) and passed easily.

11 SB 546 / Utility energy efficiency standards

12 SB 2182 / Green universities See explanations of these two senate bills in the following section.

To see how individual members voted on these bills, see our House scorecard starting on page 6.

Senate: The bills

1 SB 16 / Energy-efficient buildings In an effort to enhance air quality, promote emissions reduction technologies and improve energy efficiency in buildings, vehicles and appliances, SB 16 (Sen. Kip Averitt, R-Waco) was certainly a step in the right direction. Unfortunately, it stepped no further than the House calendar after passage through the Senate and the House Environmental Regulation Committee. Along with the failure

of HB 2783, this inaction means Texas will be well behind the national curve in air quality and renewable energy initiatives when the 82nd Legislative Session convenes.

2 SB 541 / Renewable technology Sen. Kirk Watson's (D-Austin) SB 541 proposed a "Made in Texas" incentive for electric generation equipment manufacturers to spur jobs creation in the electric generating infrastructure industry. In

addition, the bill would push the goals for non-wind-powered renewable energy generation up to 3,000 megawatts by 2020. It had considerable bipartisan support, but there was enough disagreement over the potential costs and benefits that it didn't reach the House calendar until May 28, and it remained there, without action, until the session adjourned.

3 SB 545 / Solar rebates

Introduced by Sen. Troy Fraser (R-Austin), SB 545 would create a \$500 million solar incentive program to help solar energy development “catch up” to the already well-established and less-expensive wind-power generators. Passing easily through the Senate with bipartisan support, the bill ultimately bogged down under House and Senate disagreement on the size and scope of the proposal.

4 SB 546 / Utility energy efficiency standards

Also introduced by Sen. Fraser, SB 546 proposed that the state should implement the findings of a 2008 report the Public Utilities Commission published that determined the level of energy efficiency that utilities could feasibly attain. After different versions passed both the Senate and the House, the bill became ensnarled in scope and size arguments (similar to SB 545) between the two houses, and time ran out before the differences could be resolved.

5 SB 1214 / Mercury contamination

SB 1214 (Sen. Robert Deuell, R-Mesquite) proposed that the state should trigger fish mercury contamination advisories at Texas lakes and rivers using a 0.3 mg/kg level as recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency rather than the current 0.7 mg/kg level. The bill passed the Senate without amendments, but upon referral to the House Public Health committee in early May, it dropped completely out of sight.

6 SB 2182 / Green universities

Sen. Eliot Shapleigh’s (D-El Paso) SB 2182 is a simple, effective way for public colleges and universities to reduce energy consumption, pollution and waste through an environmental services fee. The fee itself would only be implemented once a majority of the individual institution’s student body approves the fee. The

bill became law Sept. 1, 2009.

7 HB 431 / Green state buildings

See HB 431 description in “House of Representatives: The bills” (page 3).

8 HB 432 / Green state vehicle fleet

See HB 431 description in “House of Representatives: The bills” (page 3).

9 HB 1937 / Solar financing

See HB 1937 description in “House of Representatives: The bills” (page 4).

10 HJR 102 / Public beach access

See HJR 102 description in “House of Representatives: The bills” (page 4).

11 Governor’s pick for TCEQ commissioner

Gov. Rick Perry appointed Bryan Shaw to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. TLCV believes Mr. Shaw is not a satisfactory appointment to this important panel. Seven Democratic senators agreed, but the appointment was easily confirmed.

To see how individual senators voted on these bills, turn to our Senate score-card on page 12.



An overview of the scores

Average House score: 73%*

Average House Republican score: 49%

Average House Democratic score: 97%

Perfect 100s: 53

House Republicans 50% or better: 36

House Democrats 50% or lower: 0

* No score assigned to Speaker Straus or Rep. Kuempel

Average Senate score: 80%

Average Senate Republican score: 70%

Average Senate Democrat score: 97%

Perfect 100s: 9 (Averitt, Davis, Ellis, Gallegos, Shapleigh, Uresti, Van de Putte, Watson, Zaffirini)

Senate Republicans 50% or better: 15

Senate Democrats 50% or lower: 0

Texas House of Representatives

“+” = Good conservation vote
 “-” = Bad conservation vote

“A” = Absent (counted as a “bad” conservation vote)
 “EA” = Excused absence (not used in member’s score)

TLCV favored a YES vote on each of these measures			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Member (Party-District)	Score	Grade	HB 284 Electronic Waste Export	HB 431 Green State Buildings	HB 432 Green State Vehicle Fleets	HB 821 Television Recycling	HB 1182 Weatherization	HB 1243 Net Metering (3rd reading)	HB 1937 Solar Financing	HB 2667 Plumbing Fixtures	HB 2783 Energy Efficient Buildings	HJR 102 Public Beach Access	SB 546 Utility Invest. in Energy Efficiency	SB 2182 Green Universities
Allen, Alma (D-131)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Alonzo, Roberto (D-104)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Alvarado, Carol (D-145)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Anchia, Rafael (D-103)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
Anderson, Chas. “Doc” (R-56)	33%	F	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Aycock, Jimmie Don (R-54)	42%	F	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-
Berman, Leo (R-6)	40%	F	+	-	-	-	+	EA	EA	-	-	+	+	-
Bohac, Dwayne (R-138)	83%	B	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
Bolton, Valinda (D-47)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bonnen, Dennis (R-25)	36%	F	-	Chair	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Branch, Dan (R-108)	58%	F	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-
Brown, Betty (R-4)	33%	F	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Brown, Fred (R-14)	25%	F	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Burnam, Lon (D-90)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Button, Angie Chen (R-112)	33%	F	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
Callegari, Wm. “Bill” (R-132)	58%	F	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-
Castro, Joaquin (D-125)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+
Chavez, Norma (D-76)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+
Chisum, Warren (R-88)	45%	F	EA	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-
Christian, Wayne (R-9)	42%	F	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-
Cohen, Ellen (D-134)	91%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	EA	+
Coleman, Garnet F. (D-147)	100%	A+	EA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cook, Byron (R-8)	50%	F	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-
Corte Jr., Frank J. (R-122)	33%	F	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	A	+	-	-
Crabb, Joe (R-127)	42%	F	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
Craddick, Tom (R-82)	42%	F	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-
Creighton, C. Brandon (R-16)	50%	F	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
Crownover, Myra (R-64)	75%	C	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	-
Darby, Drew (R-72)	42%	F	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-
Davis, John E. (R-129)	73%	C	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	EA	+	+
Davis, Yvonne (D-111)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Deshotel, Joe D. (D-22)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Driver, Joe (R-113)	55%	F	EA	+	+	+	A	A	+	+	-	+	-	-
Dukes, Dawnna (D-46)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dunnam, Jim (D-57)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dutton Jr., Harold (D-142)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+
Edwards, Al (D-146)	75%	C	A	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	A	+	+	+
Eiland, Craig (D-23)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+
Eissler, Rob (R-15)	58%	F	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-
Elkins, Gary (R-135)	42%	F	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-
England, Kirk (D-106)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Farabee, David (D-69)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Farias, Joe (D-118)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Farrar, Jessica (D-148)	83%	B	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	A	+	+	+
Fletcher, Allen (R-130)	17%	F	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Flores, Ismael “Kino” (D-36)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Flynn, Dan (R-2)	33%	F	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-

House of Representatives Scorecard (continued)

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Frost, Stephen (D-1)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	EA	+
Gallego, Pete (D-74)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gattis, Dan (R-20)	42%	F	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-
Geran, Charlie (R-99)	33%	F	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Giddings, Helen (D-109)	90%	A	+	+	+	+	+	EA	EA	+	+	+	A	+
Gonzales, Veronica (D-41)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gonzalez Toureilles, Yvonne (D-35)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Guillen, Ryan (D-31)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gutierrez, Roland (D-119)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hamilton, Mike “Tuffy” (R-19)	50%	F	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-
Hancock, Kelly G. (R-91)	40%	F	-	EA	EA	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-
Hardcastle, Rick (R-68)	67%	D	-	-	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Harless, Patricia (R-126)	33%	F	+	-	+	-	+	A	-	-	-	A	-	+
Harper-Brown, Linda (R-105)	42%	F	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Hartnett, Will (R-114)	50%	F	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	A	+	+	-
Heflin, Joe (D-85)	100%	A+	EA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hernandez, Ana (D-143)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Herrero, Abel (D-34)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hilderbran, Harvey (R-53)	33%	F	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	A	+	-	-
Hochberg, Scott (D-137)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hodge, Terri (D-100)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Homer, Mark (D-3)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Hopson, Chuck (R-11)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Howard, Charlie F. (R-26)	67%	D	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-
Howard, Donna (D-48)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hughes, Bryan (R-5)	50%	F	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	A	-	+	A	-
Hunter, Todd (R-32)	50%	F	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-
Isett, Carl H. (R-84)	33%	F	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-
Jackson, Jim (R-115)	67%	D	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	A	+	-
Jones, Delwin (R-83)	92%	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Keffer, Jim (R-60)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Kent, Carol (D-102)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+
King, Phil (R-61)	58%	F	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+
King, Susan (R-71)	50%	F	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	A	A	A	-	+
King, Tracy O. (D-80)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kleinschmidt, Tim (R-17)	25%	F	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Kolkhorst, Lois W. (R-13)	42%	F	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Kuempel, Edmund (R-44)	N/A	N/A	+	EA	EA	EA	+	EA	EA	+	EA	+	EA	EA
Laubenberg, Jodie Anne (R-89)	42%	F	-	-	-	+	+	A	-	+	-	+	-	+
Legler, Ken (R-144)	42%	F	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+
Leibowitz, David McQuade (D-117)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lewis, Tyron (R-81)	58%	F	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+
Lucio III, Eddie (D-38)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Madden, Jerry (R-67)	50%	F	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Maldonado, Diana (D-52)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mallory Caraway, Barbara (D-110)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	EA	EA	+	+	EA	+	+
Marquez, Marisa (D-77)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Martinez Fischer, Trey (D-116)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+
Martinez, Armando (D-39)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McCall, Brian (R-66)	67%	D	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-
McClendon, Ruth (D-120)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McReynolds, Jim (D-12)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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		HB 284 Electronic Waste Export	HB 431 Green State Buildings	HB 432 Green Fleets	HB 821 Television Recycling	HB 1182 Weatherization	HB 1243 Net Metering (3rd reading)	HB 1937 Solar Financing	HB 2667 Plumbing Fixtures	HB 2783 Energy Efficient Buildings	HJR 102 Public Beach Access	SB 546 Utility Invest. in Energy Efficiency	SB 2182 Green Universities
Menendez, Jose (D-124)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Merritt, Tommy (R-7)	75%	C	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
Miklos, Robert (D-101)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+
Miller, Doug (R-73)	42%	F	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
Miller, Sid (R-59)	36%	F	EA	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Moody, Joseph (D-78)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Morrison, Geanie (R-30)	58%	F	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
Naishtat, Elliott (D-49)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Oliveira, Rene O. (D-37)	82%	B	+	+	+	+	+	A	Chair	+	+	+	A
Olivo, Dora (D-27)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+
Orr, Rob (R-58)	58%	F	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
Ortiz Jr., Solomon (D-33)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Otto, John (R-18)	64%	D	-	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	EA	-
Parker, Tan (R-63)	33%	F	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-
Patrick, Diane (R-94)	67%	D	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Paxton, Ken (R-70)	17%	F	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	A	-
Peña, Aaron (D-40)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Phillips, Larry (R-62)	42%	F	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-
Pickett, Joe (D-79)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pierson, Paula (D-93)	80%	B	A	+	+	+	+	EA	EA	+	A	+	+
Pitts, Jim (R-10)	67%	D	+	-	+	EA	+	EA	EA	+	EA	EA	-
Quintanilla, Chente (D-75)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Raymond, Richard (D-42)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Riddle, Debbie (R-150)	17%	F	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	A	+
Rios Ybarra, Tara (D-43)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ritter, Allan (D-21)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rodriguez, Eddie (D-51)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rose, Patrick M. (D-45)	92%	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sheffield, Ralph (R-55)	25%	F	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Shelton, Mark M. (R-97)	33%	F	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Smith, Todd (R-92)	58%	F	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-
Smith, Wayne (R-128)	75%	C	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Smithee, John T. (R-86)	58%	F	-	-	+	+	A	+	+	-	+	+	-
Solomons, Burt R. (R-65)	67%	D	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Strama, Mark (D-50)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Straus III, Joe (Speaker) (R-121)	N/A	N/A	Chair	Chair	Chair	Chair	Chair	Chair	Chair	Chair	Chair	Chair	Chair
Swinford, David (R-87)	58%	F	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+
Taylor, Larry (R-24)	83%	B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Thibaut, Kristi (D-133)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Thompson, Senfronia (D-141)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Truitt, Vicki (R-98)	33%	F	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Turner, Chris (D-96)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Turner, Sylvester (D-139)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	EA	EA	+	+	+	+
Vaught, Allen (D-107)	91%	A	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	EA	+
Veasey, Marc (D-95)	92%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
Villarreal, Michael (D-123)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vo, Hubert (D-149)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Walle, Armando (D-140)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Weber, Randy (R-29)	33%	F	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Woolley, Beverly (R-136)	33%	F	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Zerwas, John (R-28)	42%	F	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-

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👉 For descriptions of these bills, see pages 4-5.

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 “EA” = Excused absence (not used in member’s score)

TLCV favored a YES vote on each of these measures except No. 11.

Senator (Party-District)	Score	Grade	1 SB 16 Energy-efficient Buildings	2 SB 541 Renewable Technology	3 SB 545 Solar Rebates	4 SB 546 Utility Invest. in Energy Efficiency	5 SB 1214 Mercury Contamination	6 SB 2182 Green Universities	7 HB 431 Green State Buildings	8 HB 432 Green State Vehicle Fleets	9 HB 1937 Solar Financing	10 HJR 102 Beach Access (3rd reading)	11 Confirmation of governor’s pick for TCEQ commissioner
Averitt, Kip (R-22)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	EA
Carona, John (R-16)	91%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Davis, Wendy (D-10)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Deuell, Robert (R-2)	82%	B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Duncan, Robert (R-28)	82%	B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Ellis, Rodney (D-13)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Eltife, Kevin (R-1)	91%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Estes, Craig (R-30)	82%	B	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Fraser, Troy (R-24)	73%	C	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Gallegos Jr., Mario (D-6)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Harris, Chris (R-9)	43%	F	EA	-	EA	EA	EA	+	-	+	+	-	-
Hegar, Glenn (R-18)	73%	C	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-
Hinojosa, Juan (D-20)	91%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Huffman, Joan (R-17)	73%	C	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
Jackson, Mike (R-11)	64%	D	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
Lucio Jr., Eddie (D-27)	91%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Nelson, Jane (R-12)	45%	F	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-
Nichols, Robert (R-3)	55%	F	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-
Ogden, Steve (R-5)	55%	F	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-
Patrick, Dan (R-7)	36%	F	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-
Seliger, Kel (R-31)	91%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Shapiro, Florence (R-8)	55%	F	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-
Shapleigh, Eliot (D-29)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Uresti, Carlos (D-19)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Van de Putte, Leticia (D-26)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	EA
Watson, Kirk (D-14)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wentworth, Jeff (R-25)	91%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
West, Royce (D-23)	91%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Whitmire, John (D-15)	91%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Williams, Tommy (R-4)	45%	F	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-
Zaffirini, Judith (D-21)	100%	A+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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