





LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD 2021

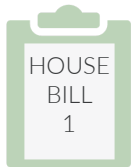


THE LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD is a snapshot of legislators' votes on the environmental and democracy bills for which Sierra Club Florida dedicated considerable time and resources. Also included are "thumbs up and thumbs down" awards for legislators who either championed or actively worked against the environment.

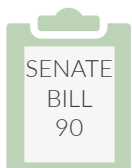
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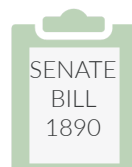
2021 BILLS DEMOCRACY



An **OPPOSED** vote denotes support for the "anti-protest" bill. Aimed at clamping down on social-justice demonstrations, the bill increases penalties for crimes committed during protests, but also allows even peaceful protesters and uninvolved bystanders to be swept up and hauled in by police during protests where violence occurs. The law gives more authority for prosecutors to charge people with felonies during protests and allows police to have broader arresting powers during protests. It also makes it harder for local governments to reduce their law enforcement budgets. The bill will have an effect on all Floridians' First Amendment rights – it chills free speech, silences dissent, and criminalizes peaceful protesters.



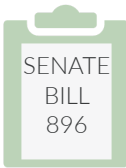
An **OPPOSED** vote denotes support for changes to elections administration that are designed to discourage and disenfranchise voters that Republican leadership believes will vote Democratic. The legislation changes Florida's vote-by-mail system, including restricting drop box use to a county's early voting hours rather than allowing ballots to be dropped off 24/7, making in-person monitoring of all drop box locations mandatory, limits the ability of volunteers to collect ballots from those with mobility challenges to deliver them to drop boxes or to voting locations, as well as a whole host of other security measures for vote-by-mail. Voters would also be required to submit vote-by-mail requests every election cycle instead of every two cycles. The bill increases the size of the no solicitation zone from 100 to 150 feet and provides that nothing may be given to those in the zone, including water, food, or a chair except by election staff.



An **OPPOSED** vote denotes support for the legislature's latest assault on citizen initiatives. It will hamstring efforts to gather the huge number of petitions (a total of 885,397 from at least 14 congressional districts) without being able to raise serious money to pay people to collect them. No one will be able to contribute more than \$3,000 until after all the petitions are signed. Campaigns run on money; starving the initiative campaign of money means an issue will die because there isn't enough money to pay for fast and broad petition circulation rather than because it is a bad idea.



An **OPPOSED** vote ends local authority (through preemption to the State) to ban gas stations and related infrastructure. The preemption is not retrospective, but unless a locality adopts a ban on gas stations before the Governor signs the bill it won't matter since no local government has instituted such a ban. The bill also doesn't allow mandating any required infrastructure on a fuel retailers, including electric vehicle charging stations. This will pose a challenge in a few years when a bigger push for EVs and overall transportation electrification will be in the works.



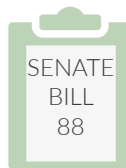
An **OPPOSED** vote re-classifies landfill gas and factory farm biogas as a form of renewable energy. Methane, the main component in natural gas and biogas, is the second most prevalent greenhouse gas in the U.S. behind carbon dioxide. Although carbon dioxide has a longer-lasting effect, methane's warming power is much higher. Incentivizing its production by permitting cost recovery for the higher cost of "renewable" natural gas gouges consumers and will lead to increased fugitive emissions from landfills and concentrated animal feeding operations. A late added amendment stops city and county leaders from having any say over the siting of utility-scale solar projects—a practice that historically has allowed predatory corporate targeting of environmental justice communities. This is an end-run around of local comprehensive plans and provisions designed to help local communities achieve the best use of the jurisdiction's lands. It eliminates local input and control over industrial power plant siting. Sites that were the subject of an application to construct a solar facility submitted to a local governmental entity before July 1, 2021, are exempted.



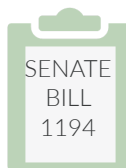
An **OPPOSED** vote prohibits local governments (through preemption to the State) enacting or enforcing any policy that restricts or prohibits the types of fuel sources. It eliminates municipalities' ability to move toward clean energy in residential and commercial building codes. For example, amending a local building code to eliminate natural gas service in new construction is thereby prohibited. Further the bill also prohibits local actions that "have the effect of" restricting or prohibiting these types of fuel sources. This will open local governments to lawsuits if they adopt any policy that reduces a type of energy's market share. Refusing to purchase fracked gas, for example, would "have the effect of" restricting its sale. The bill does allow municipal utilities to pass rules, regulations, or policies to govern the utility. This exemption for municipal utilities covers approximate 3 million customers, leaving about 18 million Floridians locked into the energy status quo.



An **OPPOSED** vote inserts subsurface rights and mineral estates into the definition of "real property" which gives an oil or gas developer a legal wedge to force a locality or the Department of Environmental Protection to refrain from actions that would "inordinately burden" the property by preventing fracking or other oil or gas exploration and production. For local governments, this could include their objection to issuance of a permit for drilling within three miles of their corporate limits. If the oil/gas industry is denied a permit to drill, they will, pursuant to the Bert Harris claim, be able to include an appraisal of the value of oil or gas thousands of feet below the ground that "demonstrates the loss in fair market to the real property." This threat would potentially put millions of tax dollars at risk and will force localities to risk either bankruptcy or the impacts of drilling on drinking water supplies, public health, and climate change and sea level rise.



An **OPPOSED** vote clearly favors "farm operations" and against any party who may be injured by them and seeks justice through the courts. It is designed to gut the class action suit against Big Sugar for injury to western Palm Beach County residents caused by smoke and ash from the outdated practice of pre-harvest sugar field burning by changing the state laws on which that case will be decided. It limits standing to sue to those within a 1/2 mile of the burning despite smoke plumes can travel more than 26 miles, limits any damages to the amount a plaintiff's property value is diminished (despite there being no nexus between property values and health), restrains the court from holding a farm liable unless the plaintiff proves (using a higher than usual standard of proof for civil cases) that the farm did not comply with state or federal environmental laws, prohibits punitive damages unless the plaintiff can show the defendant was guilty of the same conduct within three years of the conduct that spurred the suit, and provides that the plaintiff, if they lose, has to pay the defendant's fees, costs, and expenses.



An **OPPOSED** vote retrospectively invalidates any restriction of maritime commerce by a local ballot initiative or referendum by a port that has received or is eligible for state funding, and thereby preempts and overturns the legitimate and decisive vote on 3 ballot initiatives by Key West's citizens to protect the environment on which the city's economy depends that limits the use of their port to ships that (1) have fewer than 1500 disembarkations, (2) have the best safety and environmental records, and (3) have no more than 1300-person capacity.



CHAMPIONS: The 8 House members who supported Sierra Club's position 100% of the time! A huge shout out to:

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| REP. BEN DIAMOND | REP. OMARI HARDY |
| REP. FENTRICE DRISKELL | REP. DOTIE JOSEPH |
| REP. ANNA ESKAMANI | REP. ANGIE NIXON |
| REP. JOY GOFF-MARCIL | REP. CARLOS GUILLERMO SMITH |

RUNNERS-UP: The 21 House and 7 Senate members who supported 8/9 of Sierra Club's positions. Thank you!

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| REP. RAMON ALEXANDER | REP. EVAN JENNE | SEN. LORANNE AUSLEY |
| REP. KRISTEN ARRINGTON | REP. TRAY MCCURDY | SEN. LORI BERMAN |
| REP. ROBIN BARTLEMAN | REP. MICHELE RAYNER | SEN. JANET CRUZ |
| REP. KAMIA BROWN | REP. FELICIA ROBINSON | SEN. GARY FARMER |
| REP. TRACIE DAVIS | REP. KELLY SKIDMORE | SEN. AUDREY GIBSON |
| REP. BOBBY DUBOSE | REP. EMILY SLOSBERG | SEN. PERRY THURSTON |
| REP. NICK DURAN | REP. ALLISON TANT | SEN. VIC TORRES |
| REP. DEE HART | REP. GERI THOMPSON | |
| REP. YVONNE HINSON | REP. SUSAN VALDES | |
| REP. CHRISTINE HUNSCHOFSKY | REP. PAT WILLIAMS | |
| REP. MARIE WOODSON | | |

ROUND OF APPLAUSE: REP. ANNA ESKAMANI and REP. OMARI HARDY for their work to protect the people of the Everglades Agricultural Area!

ROUND OF APPLAUSE: REP. GERI THOMPSON for championing democracy and stating what the "voter suppression" bill means for Black Floridians.
"People like me have been relegated to the back of the bus and you want to me to sit here and accept it."



KUDOS: 10 freshman legislators who received Champions/Runners Up awards! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



The conservative-led legislature’s ongoing greenwashing of their efforts on the environment. Passing bills like Springs Protection Awareness Month and Oceans Day, **yet failing to pass even one recommendation from Governor DeSantis’s own Blue Green Algae Task Force** (the entity created to work on the perpetual problem of harmful algal blooms), shows just how (not) serious they are. Republican leadership’s all-out assault on democracy as evidenced by the “anti-protest” bill, “voter suppression” bill, and further hamstringing the citizen’s initiative process.

SEN. TRAVIS HUTSON



SEN. TRAVIS HUTSON for sponsoring multiple pieces of anti-clean energy legislation which are being passed around in conservative playbooks across the country. Local governments have led the way on addressing climate change. These bills will result in the loss of local control and are not being replaced by any state action to transition Florida to 100% renewable energy. The Senator’s support of the dirty fuel industry, investor-owned utilities, and the petroleum and gas association was evident when he pushed the false narrative that local governments were seeking to rid their communities of gas stations.

REP. RANDY FINE



REP. RANDY FINE for his response to Rep. Susan Valdes’ question about leadership’s mandate forcing school districts to apply for state grants from the federal American Rescue plan when the money is supposed to go straight to the districts. Fine’s answer: “Because we can.” He went on to further highlight this attitude after the Orlando Sentinel Editorial Board called out his “breathtaking arrogance” by stating that leadership was “executing the mandate that Florida voters gave Republicans in 2020.” Perhaps he forgot about the cheating that influenced the 2020 election outcomes?

REP. BOBBY PAYNE





















































































































































































































































































































REP. BOBBY PAYNE’S statement on climate change (which speaks for itself). “There’s a sound bite out there that says we are responsible for climate change. I don’t accept that premise. Climate change has been going on since the beginning of time. You can go to Colorado and look at the rivers and the lakes and see the stratification and the rock layers—water ebbing and flowing. Climate change has been going on forever. The amount of impact we have as humans on climate change is infinitesimal.”

REP. SPENCER ROACH



REP. SPENCER ROACH, who represents Fort Myers, and his never-ending intrusion into issues effecting Key West. Last year it was to take away their governing body’s ability to regulate the sale of harmful sunscreens (to the coral reef), and this year, to preempt voter-approve referendums to make reasonable limits on the cruise industry to protect their environment.

2021 BILLS FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVES

		HB1	SB90	SB1890	HB839	SB896	HB919	HB421	SB88	SB1194
1	 FL Rep. Ramon Alexander (D-FL-008)									
2	 FL Rep. Vance Aloupis (R-FL-115)									
3	 FL Rep. Thad Altman (R-FL-052)									
4	 FL Rep. Robert "Alex" Andrade (R-FL-002)									
5	 FL Rep. Kristen Arrington (D-FL-043)									
6	 FL Rep. Bryan Avila (R-FL-111)									
7	 FL Rep. Webster Barnaby (R-FL-027)									
8	 FL Rep. Robin Bartleman (D-FL-104)									
9	 FL Rep. Melony Bell (R-FL-056)									
10	 FL Rep. Mike Beltran (R-FL-057)									
11	 FL Rep. Christopher Benjamin (D-FL-107)									
12	 FL Rep. J. David "David" Borrero (R-FL-105)									
13	 FL Rep. Adam Botana (R-FL-076)									
14	 FL Rep. Robert "Chuck" Brannan (R-FL-010)				No Vote					
15	 FL Rep. Kamia Brown (D-FL-045)									
16	 FL Rep. James Buchanan (R-FL-074)									
17	 FL Rep. Colleen Burton (R-FL-040)									
18	 FL Rep. Demi Busatta Cabrera (R-FL-114)									
19	 FL Rep. James Bush (D-FL-109)					No Vote				No Vote
20	 FL Rep. Cord Byrd (R-FL-011)									
21	 FL Rep. Michael "Mike" Caruso (R-FL-089)									
22	 FL Rep. Joseph "Joe" Casello (D-FL-090)									
23	 FL Rep. Kevin Chambliss (D-FL-117)									
24	 FL Rep. Linda Chaney (R-FL-069)							No Vote		
25	 FL Rep. Charles "Chuck" Clemons (R-FL-021)									
26	 FL Rep. Dan Daley (D-FL-097)									
27	 FL Rep. Tracie Davis (D-FL-013)									
28	 FL Rep. Ben Diamond (D-FL-068)									
29	 FL Rep. Nick DiCeglie (R-FL-066)									
30	 FL Rep. Brad Drake (R-FL-005)									
31	 FL Rep. Fentrice Driskell (D-FL-063)									
32	FL Rep. Bobby DuBose (D-FL-094)									

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33	FL Rep. Wyman Duggan (R-FL-015)									
34	FL Rep. Nicholas "Nick" Duran (D-FL-112)									
35	FL Rep. Anna Eskamani (D-FL-047)									
36	FL Rep. Tom "Thomas" Fabricio (R-FL-103)									
37	FL Rep. Juan Fernandez-Barquin (R-FL-119)									
38	FL Rep. Elizabeth Fetterhoff (R-FL-026)									
39	FL Rep. Randy Fine (R-FL-053)									
40	FL Rep. Jason Fischer (R-FL-016)									
41	FL Rep. Samuel "Sam" Garrison (R-FL-018)									
42	FL Rep. Joseph "Joe" Geller (D-FL-100)									
43	FL Rep. Mike Giallombardo (R-FL-077)									
44	FL Rep. Joy Goff-Marcil (D-FL-030)									
45	FL Rep. Michael "Mike" Gottlieb (D-FL-098)									
46	FL Rep. Erin Grall (R-FL-054)			No Vote						
47	FL Rep. Michael "Mike" Grant (R-FL-075)									
48	FL Rep. Tommy Gregory (R-FL-073)									
49	FL Rep. Michael "Mike" Grieco (D-FL-113)									
50	FL Rep. Brett Hage (R-FL-033)									
51	FL Rep. Joe Harding (R-FL-022)									
52	FL Rep. Omari Hardy (D-FL-088)									
53	FL Rep. Dianne "Ms. Dee" Hart (D-FL-061)									
54	FL Rep. Fred Hawkins (R-FL-042)									
55	FL Rep. Yvonne Hinson (D-FL-020)									
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58	FL Rep. Evan Jenne (D-FL-099)									
59	FL Rep. Dotie Joseph (D-FL-108)									
60	FL Rep. Sam Killebrew (R-FL-041)				No Vote					
61	FL Rep. Traci Koster (R-FL-064)									
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77		👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍
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		HB1	SB90	SB1890	HB839	SB896	HB919	HB421	SB88	SB1194
97	FL Rep. David Silvers (D-FL-087)									
98	FL Rep. Tyler Sirois (R-FL-051)									
99	FL Rep. Kelly Skidmore (D-FL-081)									
100	FL Rep. Emily Slosberg (D-FL-091)									
101	FL Rep. Carlos Smith (D-FL-049)									
102	FL Rep. David "Dave" Smith (R-FL-028)									
103	FL Rep. John Snyder (R-FL-082)									
104	FL Speaker Chris Sprowts (R-FL-065)									
105	FL Rep. Cyndi Stevenson (R-FL-017)									
106	FL Rep. Allison Tant (D-FL-009)									
107	FL Rep. Geraldine "Ger" Thompson (D-FL-044)									
108	FL Rep. Jackie Toledo (R-FL-060)									
109	FL Rep. Josie Tomkow (R-FL-039)									
110	FL Rep. Dana Trubuly (R-FL-084)									
111	FL Rep. Keith Truenow (R-FL-031)									
112	FL Rep. Jay Trumbull (R-FL-006)									
113	FL Rep. Kaylee Tuck (R-FL-055)									
114	FL Rep. Susan Valdes (D-FL-062)									
115	FL Rep. Matt Wilhite (D-FL-086)									
116	FL Rep. Patricia "Pat" Williams (D-FL-092)									
117	FL Rep. Jayer Williamson (R-FL-003)									
118	FL Rep. Marie Woodson (D-FL-101)									
119	FL Rep. Clay Yarborough (R-FL-012)									
120	FL Rep. Ardian Zika (R-FL-037)									

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		HB1	SB90	SB1890	HB839	SB896	HB919	HB421	SB88	SB1194
1	FL Sen. Ben Albritton (R-FL-026)									
2	FL Sen. Lorraine Ausley (D-FL-003)									
3	FL Sen. Dennis Baxley (R-FL-012)									
4	FL Sen. Aaron Bean (R-FL-004)									
5	FL Sen. Lori Berman (D-FL-031)									
6	FL Sen. Lauren Book (D-FL-032)									
7	FL Sen. Jim Boyd (R-FL-021)									
8	FL Sen. Randolph Bracy (D-FL-011)									
9	FL Sen. Jennifer Bradley (R-FL-005)									
10	FL Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-FL-024)									
11	FL Sen. Jason Brodeur (R-FL-009)									
12	FL Sen. Doug Broxson (R-FL-001)									
13	FL Sen. Danny Burgess (R-FL-020)									
14	FL Sen. Janet Cruz (D-FL-018)									
15	FL Sen. Manny Diaz (R-FL-036)									
16	FL Sen. Gary Farmer (D-FL-034)									
17	FL Sen. George Gainer (R-FL-002)									
18	FL Sen. Ileana Garcia (R-FL-037)									
19	FL Sen. Audrey Gibson (D-FL-006)					No Vote			No Vote	
20	FL Sen. Joe Gruters (R-FL-023)								No Vote	No Vote
21	FL Sen. Gayle Harrell (R-FL-025)									
22	FL Sen. Ed Hooper (R-FL-016)									
23	FL Sen. Travis Hutson (R-FL-007)									
24	FL Sen. Shevrin "Shev" Jones (D-FL-035)									
25	FL Sen. Debbie Mayfield (R-FL-017)									
26	FL Sen. Kathleen Passidomo (R-FL-028)									
27	FL Sen. Keith Perry (R-FL-008)									
28	FL Sen. Jason Pizzo (D-FL-038)									
29	FL Sen. Tina Polsky (D-FL-029)									
30	FL Sen. Bobby Powell (D-FL-030)									
31	FL Sen. Ray Rodrigues (R-FL-027)									

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32	FL Sen. Ana Rodriguez (R-FL-039)									
33	FL Sen. Darryl Rouson (D-FL-019)									
34	FL Sen. Wilton Simpson (R-FL-010)									
35	FL Sen. Kelli Stargel (R-FL-022)									
36	FL Sen. Linda Stewart (D-FL-013)									
37	FL Sen. Annette Taddeo (D-FL-040)									
38	FL Sen. Perry Thurston (D-FL-033)									No Vote
39	FL Sen. Victor "Vic" Torres (D-FL-015)									
40	FL Sen. Tom Wright (R-FL-014)									

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