



LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

Key Votes from the 2013-2016 Sessions of the Kansas Legislature DOES YOUR LEGISLATOR PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT?

This Legislative Scorecard details the voting record on critical environmental issues of all current Kansas state legislators who have filed for 2016 election. This scorecard reflects one way to evaluate your legislators' performance to protect the environment of Kansas. Much of the work concerning bills and amendments is done in committee and many important bills never make it to the House or Senate floor for a vote.

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Kansas Environmental Champions

70% or above Rating on Environmental Vote Record

House Candidates: 100% Annie Kuether (D-55), 100% Jim Ward (D-86), 89% John Alcala (D-57), 88% John Carmichael (D-92), 88% Louis Ruiz (D-31), 86% Tom Sawyer (D-95), 78% Gail Finney (D-84), 78% John Wilson (D-10), 78% Valdenia Winn (D-34), 75% Pam Curtis (D-32), 71% Ponka-We Victors (D-103),

*Newer Legislators: 100% Henry Helgerson (D-83), 100% Boog Highberger (D-46), 100% Ben Scott (D-58), 75% Jarrod Ousley (D-24)

Senate Candidates: 100% Marci Francisco (D-2), 88% Tom Hawk (D-22), 78% Anthony Hensley (D-19), 78% Tom Holland (D-3), 75% Jerry Henry (D-1)

Kansas Environment Losers

22% or lower Rating on Environmental Vote Record

House Candidates: Ken Corbet (R-54), Pete DeGraaf (R-82), Willie Dove (R-38), Keith Esau (R-14), Randy Garber (R-62), Amanda Grosserode (R-16), Ron Highland (R-51), Michael Houser (R-1), Steve Huebert (R-90), Kevin Jones (R-5), Mike Kiegerl (R-121), Marc Rhoades (R-72), Joseph Scapa (R-88), Bill Sutton (R-43), James Todd (R-29)

*Newer Legislators: Tony Barton (R-41), Blake Carpenter (R-81), Randy Powell (R-30), John Whitmer (R-93), Kristey Williams (R-77),

Senate Candidates: Jim Denning (R-8), Steve Fitzgerald (R-5), Ty Masterson (R-16), Rob Olson (R-23), Mike Petersen (R-22), Mary Pilcher-Cook (R-10), Dennis Pyle (R-1), Gene Suellentrop (R-27), Caryn Tyson (R-12), Susan Wagle (R-20), *Rick Wilborn (R-35)

BILL DESCRIPTIONS AND VOTES

FOOD & AGRICULTURE

1. **SB 314, Extending the Local Food & Farm Task Force:** SB 314 extended the Local Food and Farm Task Force for the goal to further understand and enhance the opportunities of local food markets and growers in Kansas. *Passed the House 93-30 on 3/23/2016..* **SUPPORT**

ENERGY

2. **S Sub for HB 2014, Repealing the Renewable Energy Act:** Senate Sub. for HB 2014 would have repealed the Renewable Energy Standards Act, which provides in statute that the net renewable generation capacity must constitute at least a certain percentage of a utility's peak demand by a certain date (10% by 2015; 15% by 2019; and 20% by 2020). *Bill died in House on an initial 51-71 vote on 3/26/2014.* **OPPOSE**

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4. **S Sub for HB 2482, Creating the Energy Efficiency Investment Act:** This bill would allow electric utilities to design energy efficiency programs for their customers and recoup costs via customer rates. *Passed the House on 4/3/2014 by a vote of 99-25. Signed into law by Governor Brownback on 4/16/2014.* **SUPPORT**

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WATER

7. **H Sub for SB 337, Penalty for Failure to Report Water Use:** This legislation aims to reign in water users to violate law by failing to report their annual water consumption. *Passed in the Senate 39-1 on 4/30/2016, and cleared the House 95-21 the day before. Approved by Governor Brownback on 5/9/2016..* **SUPPORT**

MONITORING TOXICS

8. **HB 2551, Environmental Regulation:** HB 2551 repeals the regulation of PCB disposal facilities and eliminates the atmospheric mercury deposition network. *Passed the House 105-17 on 5/2/2014. Approved by Governor Brownback on 5/12/2014.* **OPPOSE**

TRANSPORTATION

9. **Sub for HB 2451, Increasing Fees on Electric Vehicles:** This bill raised registration fees for electric vehicles. *Passed the House on 4/3/2014 by a vote of 94-30. Signed into law by Governor Brownback on 4/17/2014.* **OPPOSE**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTES

Key Vote	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	%
D57 John Alcalá	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	89
R124 Stephen Alford	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R98 Steve Anthimides	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	50
D44 Barbara Ballard	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	67
R70 John Barker	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	33
R41 Tony Barton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0*
R104 Steven Becker	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R111 Sue Boldra	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	50
R40 John Bradford	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	33
D33 Tom Burroughs	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	67
R26 Larry Campbell	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	56
D66 Sydney Carlin	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	67
D92 John Carmichael	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	88
R81 Blake Carpenter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0*
R65 Lonnie Clark	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	50*
R19 Stephanie Clayton	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	56
R107 Susan Concannon	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R54 Ken Corbet	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	22
D32 Pam Curtis	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	75
R15 Erin Davis	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	25
R82 Pete DeGraaf	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
R71 Diana Dierks	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R38 Willie Dove	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	22
R14 Keith Esau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
R59 Blaine Finch	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
D84 Gail Finney	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	78
R125 Shannon Francis	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	50*
D37 Stan Frownfelter	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	63
R23 Linda Gallagher	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	50*
R62 Randy Garber	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11
R16 Amanda Grosserode	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
R100 Dan Hawkins	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
D83 Henry Helgerson	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	100*
R56 Lane Hemsley	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	50*
D35 Broderick Henderson	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	88
R13 Larry Hibbard	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
D46 Boog Highberger	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	100*
R51 Ron Highland	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	22
R118 Don Hineman	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R116 Kyle Hoffman	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	33
R1 Michael Houser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
R90 Steve Huebert	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	22
R122 Russ Jennings	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R108 Steven Johnson	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R5 Kevin Jones	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11
R11 Jim Kelly	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R121 Mike Kiegerl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	14
R48 Marvin Kleeb	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	38
D55 Annie Kuether	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
R113 Greg Lewis	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	50*
D22 Nancy Lusk	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	56

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D2 Adam Lusker	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	50
R73 Les Mason	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	38
R97 Leslie Osterman	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	38
D24 Jarrod Ousley	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	75*
R50 Fred Patton	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	50*
R102 Jan Pauls	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R67 Tom Phillips	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R30 Randy Powell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0*
R7 Richard Proehl	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R110 Ken Rahjes	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	67*
R72 Marc Rhoades	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
R25 Melissa Rooker	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	56
D31 Louis Ruiz	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	88
R78 Ron Ryckman Jr.	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	33
D95 Tom Sawyer	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	86
R88 Joseph Scapa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
R74 Don Schroeder	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R49 Scott Schwab	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	50
R101 Joe Seiwert	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R45 Tom Sloan	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	50
R3 Chuck Smith	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	50*
R43 Bill Sutton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
R64 Susie Swanson	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	50*
R114 Jack Thimesch	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	33
R9 Kent Thompson	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	50
R29 James Todd	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	11
D79 Ed Trimmer	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	56
R6 Jene Vickrey	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	33
D103 Ponka-We Victors	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	71
D86 Jim Ward	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
R109 Troy Waymaster	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R85 Chuck Weber	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	33*
D96 Brandon Whipple	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	56
R93 John Whitmer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0*
R77 Kristey Williams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0*
D10 John Wilson	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	78
D34 Valdenia Winn	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	78
D36 Kathy Wolfe-Moore	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	67

House Members running for KS Senate District

D1 Jerry Henry	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	75
R40 Rick Billinger	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	50*
R7 Barbara Bollier	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	50
R39 John Doll	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	44
R38 Bud Estes	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	50
R27 Gene Suellentrop	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	22

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SENATE VOTES

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	%
R37 Molly Baumgardner*						-		-	+	33*
R36 Elaine Bowers	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	33
R8 Jim Denning	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	22
D29 Oletha Faust-Goudeau	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	44
R5 Steve Fitzgerald	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11
D2 Marci Francisco	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
D4 David Haley	+	+	+	-	+		-	-	+	63
D22 Tom Hawk	+	+	+	+	+		+	-	+	88
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D3 Tom Holland	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	78
D18 Laura Kelly	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	67
R26 Dan Kerschen	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	33
R13 Jake LaTurner	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	33
R17 Jeff Longbine	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	33
R9 Julia Lynn	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	33
R16 Ty Masterson	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
R31 Carolyn McGinn	+	+	+		+	-	-	-	+	63
R23 Rob Olson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
R28 Mike Petersen	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
D6 Pat Pettey	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	44
R10 Mary Pilcher-Cook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11
R1 Dennis Pyle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	11
R20 Vicki Schmidt	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	56
R12 Caryn Tyson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
R20 Susan Wagle	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
R35 Rick Wilborn*										0*

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LAND & WILDLIFE PROTECTION

1. SB 323, Limiting Conservation Easements: SB 323 would have amended conservation easements to eliminate permanent land protection of private property. *SB 323 failed 16-23 in the Senate on 4/4/2014. **OPPOSE***

2. SR 1711, Opposing the BlackFooted Ferret Safe Harbor Agreement: This resolution opposed a federal program to reestablish a once prairie native mammal, the blackfooted ferret. *The resolution passed the Senate 31-9 on 2/20/2013. **OPPOSE***

FOOD & AGRICULTURE

3. SB 380, Local Food & Farm Task Force: SB 380 established the Local Food and Farm Task Force for the goal to understand and enhance the opportunities of local food markets and growers in Kansas. *Passed the Senate 28-12 on 3/19/2014. **SUPPORT***

4. SB 168, Limiting Nuisance protections against CAFOs: SB 168 lessens nuisance actions relating to farmland and agricultural activities in the state. Specifically, the bill reduced compensatory damages and allows expansion of the scope of agricultural practices without losing protection from nuisance actions. *The bill passed the House on 110-12 on 4/4/2013, and won in the Senate on a 34-5 vote on 4/5/2013. Governor Brownback signed the bill into law on 4/16/2013.. **OPPOSE***

ENERGY

5. SB 82, Renewable Portfolio Standards: SB 82 would have delayed the renewable energy portfolio requirements. *The bill died in the Senate on a 17-23 vote on 2/28/2013. **OPPOSE***

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WATER

9. S Sub for HB 2059: This bill would have created an application fee for water that otherwise would leave the state. *The bill failed the Senate 17-22 on 4/29/2016. **OPPOSE***