

1991 Environmental Ratings of the Oregon Legislature



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OLCV Report Card on the 1991 Oregon Legislature

How Did They Score?

The 1991 OLCV Legislative Ratings

We are pleased to bring you the 1991 legislative ratings of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters. This is the 10th time that OLCV has rated the Oregon Legislature since 1973. We believe this is the most valuable resource available to the general public as an overall guide to the environmental performance of our state legislators.

Listening to them talk, all of Oregon's politicians would consider themselves environmentalists. However, not many of them made the grade according to OLCV's rating of the 1991 Oregon Legislature.

This Legislature was sharply divided on environmental issues. The Oregon House, led by Speaker Larry Campbell (R-Eugene), whose average OLCV rating in the past decade has been an abysmal 20%, spent more time passing anti-environmental bills than enacting laws to protect Oregon's environment. The Senate, led by its President, John Kitzhaber (D-Roseburg), whose average OLCV rating in the past 10 years has been 96%, passed many noteworthy bills. Sadly, many died in House committees, and did not become law.

The fact that the Republicans controlled the House and the Democrats controlled the Senate had a lot to do with the difference in their grades. Unfortunately, the Republican leadership all too often lined up with

anti-environmental interests. Those legislators who followed their party leadership too closely saw their OLCV ratings decline to record lows.

The Ratings Process

The OLCV selected bills which best illustrate the Legislature's environmental positions. Only floor votes are currently rated, but that may change in future ratings to incorporate committee votes.

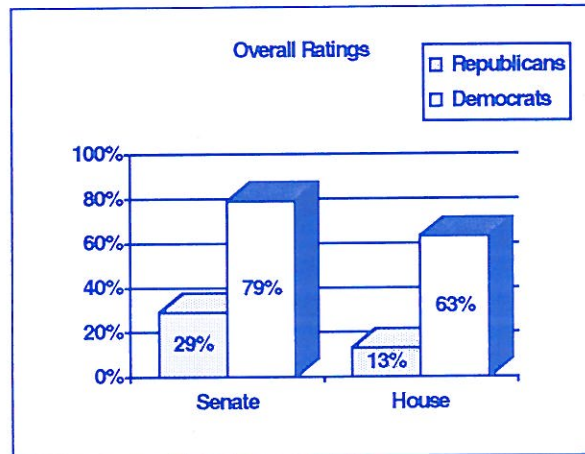
In the Oregon Legislature, controversy over a bill is almost always worked out in the committees, and bills are seldom amended on the House or Senate floor.

This gives committee members, and especially committee chairs, a major role in the final form of any bill. They can work in their committee to weaken, strengthen or kill environmental legislation, but still maintain a perfect record of voting on the final bills.

In developing these ratings, the OLCV Legislative Ratings Committee looked for bills that generated some controversy in their floor

votes. Bills with unanimous votes were not the ones that separated the real "green" legislators from those who got the go-ahead to vote for the environment from powerful anti-environmental lobbyists.

As you can see by looking at the chart, we assign a "correct" (+) or "incorrect" (-) rating for each vote. Absences (A) are not deducted from a legislator's final rating. The percentage of correct votes determines a



1991 Environmental "Honor Roll" 100% Rated Legislators	
State Senators	State Representatives
Joyce Cohen (D-Lake Oswego)	Vera Katz (D-Portland)
Jim Hill (D-Salem)	Dave McTeague (D-Milwaukie)
Frank Roberts (D-Portland)	Lisa Naito (D-Portland)
Tricia Smith (D-Salem)	Tom Novick (D-Portland)
Dick Springer (D-Portland)	Gail Shibley (D-Portland)
Cliff Trow (D-Corvallis)	Beverly Stein (D-Portland)

Environmental "Dishonor Roll" 0% Rated Legislators	
State Senators	Gene Derfler (R-Salem)
John Brenneman (R-Newport)	Cedric Hayden (R-Fall Creek)
Lenn Hannon (R-Ashland)	Eldon Johnson (R-Medford)
	Rod Johnson (R-Roseburg)
State Representatives	Bill Markham (R-Riddle)
Ray Baum (R-La Grande)	John Meek (R-Hillsboro)
Kelly Clark (R-West Linn)	Randy Miller (R-Lake Oswego)
Beverly Clarno (R-Bend)	Ron Sunseri (R-Gresham)

legislator's final rating. OLCV encourages you to consider your legislator's individual votes on bills as well as their overall rating when assessing legislative performance. This will enable you to clarify your legislator's specific position on various environmental issues.

A few pieces of good environmental legislation were not used in our ratings because they passed nearly unanimously and represented a compromise agreed to by both environmentalists and industry. These bills which became Oregon Law included the following:

- SB 66, the Recycling Bill, sets up programs and standards to increase waste recovery in Oregon while promoting market development for those materials. This will help increase the demand for products made of recycled materials. Environmentalists' threat to go back to the voters with a recycling initiative similar to the one defeated in the last election convinced industry that it would be cheaper to make a deal in the legislature than to spend several million dollars to try to defeat it at the polls.
- HB 2244 regulates cyanide heap leach mining by establishing strong operating and reclaiming standards, providing for environmental and socio-economic impact analyses, and allows for significant public input into the permitting process. The measure also requires mining companies to pay all regulatory and permitting costs.
- Several pollution prevention laws will require ships and facilities to develop oil spill prevention plans (SB 242), ban phosphates in detergents (SB 195), require reduced use of pesticides by state agencies (SB 262), and provide technical assistance to small businesses which generate hazardous wastes (SB 241).

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The OLCV Board of Directors is composed of Oregonians involved in the major conservation and environmental issues in the state, including clean air and water, hunting and fishing, wilderness and wildlife protection, energy conservation and land use.

Every two years, OLCV publishes ratings of the performance of state legislators based on their votes on environmental legislation. In addition, OLCV publishes biennial ratings of the environmental performance of the Governor and annual ratings of the Portland City Commissioners.

OLCV provides assistance to environmental candidates by publicizing campaign endorsements, providing volunteer electoral assistance, and direct contributions from our Green Vote program.

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OLCV 1991 Oregon Senate Ratings

1991 Senate	Hometown	Dist	1991	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	1989	1987	1985	1983	1981	1981-91	
Portland Metro																			
Jane Cease	D Portland	10	89%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%	100%	93%	95%	96%	
Joyce Cohen	D Lake Oswego	13	100%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%	100%	100%	90%	98%	
Shirley Gold	D Portland	7	89%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	85%	100%	100%	84%	93%	
Jeanette Hamby	R Hillsboro	5	78%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	60%	67%	71%	64%	65%	68%	
Bill Kennemer	R Milwaukie	12	33%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44%	38%				38%	
William McCoy	D Portland	8	89%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%	92%	100%	79%	93%	
Glenn Otto	D Troutdale	11	71%	-	+	-	+	A	+	A	+	+	70%	56%	75%	67%	47%	64%	
Paul Phillips	R Tigard	4	56%	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	50%	50%	64%			55%	
Frank Roberts	D Portland	9	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%	100%	83%	100%	97%	
Bob Shoemaker	D Portland	3	89%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%					95%	
Dick Springer	D Portland	6	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Willamette Valley																			
Jim Bunn	R McMinnville	15	22%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	20%					21%	
Jim Hill	D Salem	16	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	80%	89%	82%	86%		87%	
Larry Hill	D Springfield	21	89%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	88%	91%	93%		92%	
Peg Jolin	D Cottage Grove	22	11%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33%	54%	36%	50%	15%	33%	
Grattan Kerans	D Eugene	20	89%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	89%		93%		93%	
Bob Kintigh	R Springfield	14	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50%	22%	100%	93%		28%	
John Kitzhaber	D Roseburg	23	89%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%	100%			96%	
Tricia Smith	D Salem	17	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						17%	
Clifford Trow	D Corvallis	18	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	89%	100%	87%	90%	94%	
Mae Yih	D Albany	19	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30%	0%	14%	33%	50%	23%	
Oregon Coast																			
Bill Bradbury	D Bandon	24	89%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	89%	100%	88%	83%	92%	
John Brenneman	R Newport	2	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20%	22%	7%			12%	
Joan Dukes	D Astoria	1	75%	-	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	-	89%	89%				84%	
Southern Oregon																			
Ron Grensky	R Medford	25	56%	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	40%					48%	
Lenn Hannon	R Ashland	26	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%	11%	0%	7%	10%	6%	
Central Oregon																			
Peter Brockman	R Sisters	27	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	13%	7%			11%	
Wayne Fawbush	D Hood River	28	88%	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	95%	100%	94%	95%	95%	
Eastern Oregon																			
Scott Duff	D Pendleton	29	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%				11%	
Eugene Timms	R Burns	30	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	13%			6%	

Senate Votes

- A HB 2261** Land Use appeals bill which complicates appeals of land use decisions, weakens the ability of citizens to participate effectively in land use decisions, and dispenses with standards to hold local governments accountable for certain types of land use decisions. Correct vote "no." Passed 23-5. Became Oregon law.
- B HB 3343** Phases in reduction of the acres of grass seed fields burned in the Willamette Valley to 40,000 acres by 1998. Promotes the development of alternatives to field burning. Correct vote "aye." Passed 21-9. Became Oregon law.
- C SM 1** A memorial to Congress to designate the Upper Klamath River as a National Wild and Scenic River. The last free-flowing stretch of the Klamath River in Oregon is home to wild fish runs and provides some of the most exciting white water rafting in the West. Scenic River status would protect this stretch of river from the Salt Caves hydroelectric project and other threats. Correct vote "aye." Passed 16-14. Filed with Secretary of State.
- D SJM 13** A memorial to Congress and President Bush urging stronger action to address global climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and developing conservation and solar energy. Correct vote "aye." Passed 19-10. In House committee upon adjournment.
- E SJM 1** A memorial to Congress to reform the 1872 Mining Law. This law allows mining operations to be developed on public lands, and can allow mining operations to buy federal lands for only a few dollars an acre.

The outdated law also does not require miners to pay royalties to the government for minerals extracted on federal land. Correct vote "aye." Passed 19-10. In House committee upon adjournment.

F SB 1163 Would have required water conservation by holders of water rights. It would also have required that half of all water saved be returned to Oregon's rivers and streams for protection of wildlife and recreational values. Correct vote "aye." Passed 18-12. In House committee upon adjournment.

G SB 184 Allows the Department of Environmental Quality to increase the maximum fines levied on violations resulting in extremely hazardous pollution up to \$100,000. Correct vote "aye." Passed 21-8. Became Oregon law.

H SB 98 Would have given the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries the authority to assess civil penalties for enforcement of regulations governing mining and reclamation of a variety of mining operations, including aggregate, hard rock, geothermal, and oil and gas resources. Correct vote "aye." Passed 23-7. In House committee upon adjournment.

I SB 5536 Provides funding for the Department of Environmental Quality to operate programs, including air quality, water quality, solid and hazardous waste, environmental clean-up, and spill response. Correct vote "aye." Passed 22-8. Became Oregon law.

OLCV 1991 Oregon House Ratings

1991 House	Hometown	Dist	1991	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	1989	1987	1985	1983	1981	1981-91
Portland Metro																			
Judy Bauman	D Portland	13	78%	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	A	+	+	100%	100%				93%
Tom Brian	D Tigard	9	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	68%	69%	56%			44%
Mike Burton	D Portland	17	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	88%	50%	55%	60%		76%
Ted Calouri	R Beaverton	7	22%	-	+	A	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	61%	85%	91%			50%
Margaret Carter	D Portland	18	83%	-	+	A	+	+	+	+	A	A	+	94%	100%	100%			88%
Ron Cease	D Portland	19	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	94%	100%				96%
Kelly Clark	R West Linn	27	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	35%	50%	45%	56%	45%	18%
Mary Alice Ford	R Portland	8	30%	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	47%	63%	82%	88%		46%
Bruce Hugo	D Scappoose	1	40%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	78%	36%	9%	38%		70%
Deina Jones	R Aloha	6	20%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	56%	92%	91%	100%	95%	32%
Vera Katz	D Portland	10	100%	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	94%	83%	50%	100%	95%	95%
Tom Mason	D Portland	11	71%	A	+	+	+	-	A	A	+	+	+	88%	83%	50%	100%	85%	80%
Dave McTeague	D Milwaukie	25	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%	100%	100%			96%
John Meek	R Hillsboro	5	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37%	25%	0%	50%		0%
Randy Miller	R Lake Oswego	24	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26%	46%	0%			22%
John Minnis	R Portland	20	22%	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	22%	24%				24%
Lisa Naito	D Portland	15	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	100%				100%
Tom Novick	D Portland	16	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	50%	27%	50%	39%	100%
Lonnie Roberts	D Portland	21	40%	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	53%	58	55	56		45%
Gail Shibley	D Portland	12	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	41%	100				100%
Bob Shiprack	D Beavercreek	23	13%	-	A	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	81%					87%
Larry Sowa	D Oregon City	26	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95%					98%
Beverly Stein	D Portland	14	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						0%
Ron Sunseri	R Gresham	22	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-						0%
Willamette Valley																			
Marie Bell	R Eugene	41	11%	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	32%	18%	9%			11%
Stan Bunn	R Dayton	29	22%	-	A	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	26%	0%	9%	44%	30%	23%
Larry Campbell	R Eugene	43	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	76%		9%	86%	85%	20%
Peter Courtney	D Salem	33	80%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	33%					82%
Gene Derfler	R Salem	31	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74%					17%
Sam Domy	D Cottage Grove	44	30%	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	83%					52%
Bill Dwyer	D Springfield	42	33%	-	A	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	69%					58%
Jim Edmunson	D Eugene	39	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	A	+	A	+	41%	50%	18%	47%	28%	72%
Jeff Gilmour	D Jefferson	30	11%	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	28%	18%	10%	100%		33%
Cedric Hayden	R Fall Creek	38	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	100%	92%	100%	100%		14%
Carl Hosticka	D Eugene	40	90%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						96%

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1991 House	Home town	Dist	1991	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	1989	1987	1985	1983	1981	1981-91
Willamette Valley																			
Kevin Mannix	D Salem	32	67%	+	+	+	+	-	+	A	-	-	-	88%					78%
Carolyn Oakley	R Albany	36	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	+	A	-	21%					17%
Fred Parkinson	R Silverton	28	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	0%	33%	23%	9%	19%	17%
John Schoon	R Rickreall	34	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	61%	33%	45%	44%	65%	45%
Tony Van Vliet	R Corvallis	35	40%	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	79%	75%	64%	73%	80%	69%
Liz VanLeeuwen	R Halsey	37	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	33%	25%	0%	25%	25%	20%
Oregon Coast																			
Tim Josi	D Bay City	3	10%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						10%
Hedy L. Rijken	D Newport	4	70%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	61%					66%
Walt Schroeder	R Gold Beach	48	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42%	23%	0%			19%
Jackie Taylor	D Astoria	2	70%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+						70%
Jim Whitty	D Coos Bay	47	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	53%	50%	55%			45%
Southern Oregon																			
Jerry Barnes	R Ashland	52	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-						10%
Eidon Johnson	R Medford	51	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44%	25%	0%	21%	21%	19%
Rod Johnson	R Roseburg	45	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						0%
Bill Markham	R Riddle	46	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11%	23%	9%	25%	26%	16%
Del Parks	R Klamath Falls	53	11%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	A	-	-						11%
Bob Repine	R Grants Pass	49	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	37%					29%
John Watt	R Medford	50	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-						20%
Central Oregon																			
Bev Ciarno	R Bend	55	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37%					19%
Bob Pickard	R Bend	54	60%	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	84%	62%				69%
Greg Walden	R Hood River	56	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	42%					26%
Eastern Oregon																			
Ray Baum	R La Grande	58	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21%					11%
D.E. Jones	R Ontario	60	10%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	17%	17%	10%	13%	11%	13%
Michael Nelson	D Baker City	59	10%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	39%					25%
Charles Norris	R Hermiston	57	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	53%	46%				36%

House Votes

- A HB 3343** Phases in reduction of the acres of grass seed fields burned in the Willamette Valley to 40,000 acres by 1998. Promotes alternatives to field burning. Motion is to refuse to concur with Senate amendments supported by environmentalists. Correct vote "no." Passed 40-19. Became Oregon law after House agreed to Conference Committee amendments.
- B HB 3570** Would have repealed land use planning outside of the urban growth boundaries. Correct vote "no." Passed 34-25. In Senate committee upon adjournment.
- C HB 3396** Would have required the state Fish and Wildlife Commission to determine whether or not the economic consequences of state Endangered Species listing outweighed need to list. Correct vote "no." Passed 36-18. In Senate committee upon adjournment.
- D HJM 17** Memorializes Congress to pass Congressman Bob Smith's anti-environmental Community Stability Act of 1991. Correct vote "aye" to substitute a more balanced minority report which would have memorialized Congress to find a comprehensive solution to the needs of displaced timber workers, timber-dependent communities and the spotted owl. Substitute motion failed 45-15. An amended version became Oregon law.
- E SB 1125** Amends the Forest Practices Act: limits clearcuts to 120 acres, requires temporary scenic buffers between clearcuts, better reforestation standards. Environmentalists felt standards needed to be stronger. Correct vote "no." Passed 48-12. Became Oregon law.
- F SB 184** Allows the Department of Environmental Quality to increase the maximum fines levied on violations resulting in extremely hazardous pollution up to \$100,000. Correct vote "no." Passed 29-28. Became Oregon law.
- G HJR 41** Proposed amendment to the Oregon constitution which would have made gathering signatures to place initiatives on the ballot more difficult. Initiatives are often the best means available to citizen groups to reform environmental laws. Correct vote "no." Passed 42-14. In Senate committee upon adjournment.
- H SB 5536** Provides funding for the Department of Environmental Quality to operate programs, including air quality, water quality, solid and hazardous waste, environmental clean-up, and spill response. Correct vote "aye." Passed 41-12. Became Oregon law.
- I HB 3323** Would have removed a portion of the Nestucca River from protection as a State Scenic Waterway. The Nestucca River was part of the Oregon Rivers Initiative adopted by the voters in 1988. Correct vote "no." Passed 38-19. In Senate committee upon adjournment.
- J HB 2175** Gives Department of Environmental Quality the authority to assess emission fees on industrial air pollution to implement the Clean Air Act amendments. Environmentalists supported a more comprehensive version, which would have also assessed fees on autos, woodstoves, and field and slash burning. Correct vote "aye" on motion to substitute Minority Report. Failed 14-45. Became Oregon law.