

# 2005

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD FOR THE OREGON LEGISLATURE



OREGON LEAGUE OF  
CONSERVATION VOTERS



## **HONOR ROLL:**

**100% RATED LEGISLATORS  
ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Senator Ginny Burdick**  
(D-Portland)

**Representative Jackie Dingfelder**  
(D-Portland)

**Representative Mary Nolan**  
(D-Portland)

**Representative Diane Rosenbaum**  
(D-Portland)

**Representative Chip Shields**  
(D-Portland)

**Representative Carolyn Tomei**  
(D-Milwaukie)

## **DISHONOR ROLL:**

**0% RATED LEGISLATORS  
ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Senator Roger Beyer**  
(R-Molalla)

**Senator Ted Ferrioli**  
(R-John Day)

**Senator Charles Starr**  
(R-Hillsboro)

**Representative Jerry Krummel**  
(R-Wilsonville)

**Representative Kim Thatcher**  
(R-Keizer)



***You Didn't Vote for More  
Sprawl and Pollution.***

**DID YOUR LEGISLATORS?**



## KNOW THE SCORE

A MESSAGE FROM OLCV'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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By using this Scorecard, you've taken the first step towards protecting Oregon's environment: knowing how your elected representatives voted.

Are they **responsible** stewards of the incredible resources we're blessed with in Oregon? Or would they destroy those resources for the benefit of a few?

Do they hold polluters **accountable** for the toxic messes they leave behind? Or do they shower those polluters with new tax breaks?

Do they focus on the **legacy** we leave our kids, willing to invest in long-term efforts to promote renewable energy and keep our neighborhoods great places to live? Or do they engage in short-term, me-first thinking at the expense of future generations?

Too many legislators come down on the wrong side of these questions. Their votes show a **clear and consistent pattern of siding with polluters, developers, and timber companies and against ordinary citizens**. They would let more polluters off the hook and would despoil the legacy we should be leaving our kids.

No other bill tells this story better than HB 3481, an effort by farmers and environmental groups to promote biodiesel as a renewable, locally grown, non-toxic alternative fuel. **Oregon's House Leadership killed the proposal by demanding major new tax breaks for industrial polluters as "ransom" for its passage**, a ransom that would have created more pollution and cost taxpayers dearly.

OLCV's Scorecard is a tool with which you can fight back against this type of gamesmanship. At the detailed level, you can **learn how your legislators voted** on more than twenty specific environmental bills. Or, you can look at their overall score and **learn what percentage** of the votes they cast were pro-environment.

And you can then **take action**. The Scorecard is the first step. Additional ideas are on page 22.

Individually, we may feel powerless to take action that dramatically improves Oregon's Legislature. But together, we are strong.

Together, we can create a government that protects our health today and promotes a better future for our children tomorrow.

Jonathan Poisner  
*Executive Director*



## OVERVIEW OF THE 2005 SESSION:

# MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

The 2005 Legislative Session was marked by many battles over environmental issues. In the end, we saw a few bright points of progress on environmental bills that were part of the Oregon Conservation Network's Common Agenda (see separate sidebar). In addition, compared to previous sessions, fewer bills passed both chambers that weaken existing safeguards that protect our air, water, land, and wildlife.

Yet, these positives were outweighed by the Session's missed opportunities. Oregon's House Leadership, in particular, stands in the way of any meaningful effort to better protect Oregon's environment. Due to the House Leadership's hostility, much of our energy this Session was focused on fighting their efforts to eliminate funding for key clean air and clean water safeguards and roll back the laws that protect our natural resources for future generations.

The 2005 OLCV Scorecard includes 17 House votes and 12 Senate votes on a range of issues, including a few of the proactive bills we promoted as a part of the Common Agenda.

### ASSESSING THE SENATE: DECENT DEFENSE, WEAK OFFENSE

The Oregon Senate deserves credit for stopping anti-environmental legislation that had passed the House - especially during the first five months of the session. Because many of these bills never passed out of Senate committees, there is no objective way to factor the Senate's leadership into the vote chart or their scores.

Unfortunately, the Senate made some disappointing concessions on environmental issues during the final budget negotiations in late July. In addition, the Senate failed to pass a

majority of our priority bills out of the Senate during the session.

### ASSESSING THE HOUSE: JUST PLAIN OFFENSIVE

A majority of Oregonians understand that a healthy environment is the key to a healthy economy. Yet, House leaders continue to argue that our clean air, clean water, and other environmental safeguards must be weakened in order to improve the economy. In the long term, the policies they push would harm Oregon's economy and threaten our children's future.

Among the lowlights from the House:

- The House failed to pass a biofuels bill jointly backed by farmers and environmental groups. It was a win-win solution that would protect our air and help grow the economy. Yet, House leaders held it ransom, refusing to pass it unless it contained massive taxpayer subsidies to major polluters, a ransom that Senate leaders and the Governor rightly rejected.
- House leaders tried to prevent the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) from taking meaningful action to protect Oregon's air and water. The House-passed DEQ budget would have eliminated funding for the Governor's Willamette River cleanup and would have prevented DEQ from adopting new tailpipe emission standards that would require automakers to cut harmful emissions that pollute our air and contribute to global warming.
- House leaders also assaulted our forests and natural treasures. A House majority voted to require logging levels beyond those that

Department of Forestry scientists say is sustainable, and voted to significantly cut funding for the Columbia River Gorge Commission.

- In a series of votes, the House majority acted to dramatically increase sprawling, uncontrolled development onto Oregon farmland.

### WHAT ABOUT THE GOVERNOR?

Governor Ted Kulongoski did not take an active role in supporting the full set of conservation priorities forwarded by the Oregon Conservation Network. However, he did show leadership on several of the individual proposals. For instance, the Governor included funding for two priorities, Conservation Investments and the Pesticide Use Reporting System, in his budget. He took administrative action to help establish marine reserves to restore ocean fish populations, and he lobbied on behalf of the biofuels bill. The Governor also vetoed a line in the DEQ budget that would have prevented Oregon from adopting new "clean car" standards to protect our air and combat global warming pollution.

Counterbalancing these positive steps, the Governor supported a sweeping and dangerous land use bill (Senate Bill 1037) that would have significantly expanded the scope of Ballot Measure 37, further threatening the state's ability to prevent out-of-control sprawl and protect farmland. The Governor's failure to endorse a bill to eliminate dangerous levels of toxic pollutants from being dumped into Oregon's rivers also helped prevent it from passing. And as described below, the Governor

signed three bills that roll back protections for Oregon's parks, rivers, and farmland, and let a fourth become law without his signature.

## THE FINAL RESULTS: WHAT ACTUALLY CHANGED

**The outcome of the OCN Common Agenda is described on page 6. What else happened?**

There were a couple of bright spots worth noting. Passage of Senate Bill 82 will lead to a broad process to engage citizens in determining the future of land use planning and farmland protection in Oregon. In addition, minimum energy efficiency standards will now be set for eleven products not already covered by federal law. By 2020, this action is expected to save as much electricity as would be needed to power 50,000 homes.

There were some significant setbacks as well. The Legislature passed and the Governor permitted the following bills to become law:

■ HB 3502 transfers the debt-ridden Oregon State Fair to the Oregon Parks Department, effectively shifting lottery funds designated by Measure 66 for Parks into the State Fair instead.

■ HB 3494 allows for excessive groundwater withdrawals that will threaten the health of the Deschutes River in central Oregon.

■ HB 2458 will lead to inappropriate industrial development outside of urban areas, leading to uncontrolled sprawl, unplanned development, and higher taxes to support infrastructure located far from population centers.

## IMPROVED AVERAGE SCORE

Bottom line, the 2005 Legislature did better than last session. The average House score was 44% and the average Senate score was 52%. This is up from 2003, when both chambers averaged 39%. This Senate's 52% average represents the first time since 1993 that either Legislative Chamber has broken 50%.

But as in 2003, the overall record is one of failure. The Legislature also continues to exhibit serious partisan battles on environmental issues, with few Republicans willing to buck their party Leadership and vote pro-environment. Of 45 Republican legislators, just one scored better than 40%. In contrast, of 45 Democrats, only 8 scored worse than 60%.

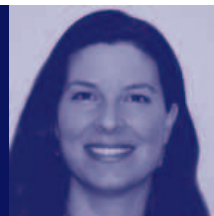
## LOOKING TOWARDS 2007

The 2005 Legislative Session had some clear bright points and a higher overall score. The coordinated effort by the Oregon Conservation Network on common priorities, and a new lobbying presence by OLCV, helped. We hope the Common Agenda also provides a new vehicle by which citizens can evaluate their legislators.

In the end, it is clear voters must elect more leaders committed to environmental stewardship before we can count on the Legislature to take concrete steps to defend our air and water, hold polluters accountable, and keep Oregon a great place to live. ■

# ABOUT THE OREGON CONSERVATION NETWORK COMMON AGENDA

BY OLCV LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS  
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For the first time, Oregon's environmental community represented by the Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) went into a Legislative Session with a clear consensus on the community's highest priorities. During 2004, OLCV and its sister organization, OLCV Education Fund, facilitated a process by which more than 40 conservation groups agreed upon a set of shared priorities for the 2005 Legislature.

The OCN "Common Agenda" consisted of six proactive environmental proposals, and the goal to prevent the Legislature from rolling back existing environmental laws. OLCV's Lobbying Program in 2005 was focused on those priorities, the results of which are described below. These priorities were common sense proposals that would protect our health, preserve natural resources for future generations, and promote the long-term vitality of Oregon's economy.

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# HOW DID THE COMMON AGENDA FARE?

## BIODIESEL SOLUTIONS FOR OREGON'S FARMERS AND CHILDREN

A bipartisan proposal encouraging the production and use of biofuels was clearly a winner for the environment and Oregon's economy (HB 3481). Unfortunately, House leaders embraced an unrelated amendment offered by Associated Oregon Industries (AOI) expanding tax breaks for polluters to simply follow environmental laws. AOI and Oregon's House Leadership refused to accept a common sense compromise on the bill in the final hours of the Session unless these huge tax breaks stayed part of the bill, thus killing the entire biofuels package.

**THE BOTTOM LINE: The Legislature Failed to Adopt this Priority**

## CLOSE THE TOXIC POLLUTION LOOPHOLE TO RESTORE SAFE AND HEALTHY RIVERS

If there is one environmental issue that evolved from obscurity to infamy during the 2005 Session it was "toxic mixing zones." A bill was introduced to ban the ability of polluters to dump toxic chemicals at toxic concentrations into Oregon's rivers (SB 555). Public hearings took place in House and Senate Committees, but the proposal in the end dissolved in partisan bickering in the Senate and had been promised a certain death by House Leadership. It was disappointing not to have had a floor vote in either chamber on a proposal that would have significantly reduced the flow of toxic chemicals into the Willamette River.

**THE BOTTOM LINE: The Legislature Failed to Adopt this Priority**

## CREATE MARINE NURSERIES TO PUT FISHERMEN BACK TO WORK

Recognizing the importance of healthy fish populations to coastal communities and Oregonians statewide, conservation groups drafted a bill to protect portions of the coast as marine reserves and marine parks (SB 734), to allow fish populations to recover and put fishermen back to work. Unfortunately the legislation failed to move through either House and Senate Committees. However, Governor Kulongoski took a strong position on marine reserves and has given clear direction to state agencies to move forward with a process to establish protected areas off of Oregon's coast.

**THE BOTTOM LINE: The Legislature Failed to Adopt this Priority, but Administrative Action has been Set in Motion**

## PROTECTING LAND USE PLANNING FOR OREGON'S FUTURE

The Legislature was charged with responsibly dealing with Measure 37, the ballot initiative passed in November 2004. The Measure presents a grave threat to Oregon's system of using land use planning to protect farmland, forestland, and neighborhoods. Senate Democrats and House Republicans tackled the problem separately. The Senate majority passed over to the House a reasonable bill that clarified many questions that remained about how Oregon was to implement Measure 37 (SB 1037), without making big changes to Measure 37. As the Session started to wind down, the House majority, with Governor Kulongoski's support, passed a dangerous amended version of SB 1037 that would have gone even

further than Measure 37 to make it easier for developers to build shopping malls and subdivisions across Oregon's farmland and open spaces. Thankfully, the Senate rejected the House version of SB 1037.

**THE BOTTOM LINE: The Legislature Failed to Address this Priority**

## TAKING BACK OUR RIGHT TO KNOW: IMPLEMENTING OREGON'S PESTICIDE USE REPORTING LAW

In 1999, the Legislature passed the Pesticide Use Reporting System by an overwhelming margin, but for six years since then the pesticide industry and House Leadership successfully denied the program the funds needed to get it off the ground. After difficult negotiations, the 2005 Legislature funded a compromise version of the System (SB 5607), allowing steps to be taken to protect our health. On the minus side, the deal left rural Oregonians in the dark with limited reporting requirements over a wide geographic scale. On the positive side, the deal does start to gather important information regarding application of pesticides in urban areas across the state.

**THE BOTTOM LINE: The Legislature Partially Adopted this Priority**



## SUPPORTING OREGON'S ECONOMY BY RESTORING CONSERVATION INVESTMENTS

Strong bipartisan majorities in both the House and Senate backed Governor Kulongoski's call for increased long-term investments in habitat conservation and watershed health by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). Increased revenues from lottery games boosted OWEB's budget this Session. In years past, lottery dollars dedicated for fish and wildlife projects through passage of Measure 66 in 1998 have been used to backfill other natural resource agency programs. Fortunately, legislators decreased the share of backfill taking place, despite pressures to once again divert these funds to other projects. We are hopeful even less backfill will take place in 2007.

**THE BOTTOM LINE: The Legislature Mostly Adopted this Priority**

## PROTECTING THE OREGON DREAM: STOPPING ROLLBACKS TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

In each of the last five legislative sessions the Legislature passed many bills that would have rolled back existing environmental safeguards. For example, in 1999, nineteen bills that would have harmed Oregon's environment were passed by the Legislature. Fourteen of these were vetoed by Governor John Kitzhaber. The number of "rollbacks" has dropped each Session since. In 2005, the fewest rollbacks since 1995 passed, largely due to the efforts of the Senate Leadership to block anti-environmental bills that came over from the House. Of the five environmental rollbacks that ultimately reached Governor Kulongoski's desk, he vetoed one, signed three, and let the fifth become law without his signature.

**THE BOTTOM LINE: The Senate Played a Key Role in Stopping Most Environmental Rollbacks, but Four Rollbacks Remain Too Many**

## OVERALL ASSESSMENT

While there were a few bright spots for the Common Agenda, overall it is clear that the Legislature did not adequately act on these key proposals to better protect Oregon's environment for future generations. Citizens who care about the environment should demand more of their legislators in 2007.

To read more about the Common Agenda, check out [www.olcv.org/commonagenda](http://www.olcv.org/commonagenda).

## ABOUT THE OLCV SCORECARD

This is OLCV's 17th Environmental Scorecard for the Oregon Legislature. The goal of the Scorecard is to provide objective, factual information about the voting records of Oregon's Senators and Representatives. OLCV's mission is to educate the public about the environmental voting records of elected officials and to hold those decision-makers accountable.

### HOW THE 2005 SCORECARD VOTES WERE CHOSEN

Experts from Oregon's environmental organizations nominated votes to include in the Scorecard. A volunteer committee reviewed these nomi-

nations to identify votes that (1) presented a clear choice about whether or not to protect the environment, (2) reflected a cross-section of the environmental issues addressed during the session, and (3) were viewed as important by a range of conservation groups.

**The Scorecard is designed to provide voters with the information to separate true stewards of Oregon's environment from those who just talk about it.**

Therefore, the Scorecard only includes votes where there was a significant lobbying effort by conservationists as well as opponents, making it

known to legislators that they were facing a clear choice. OLCV does not score votes where, because of the nature of the lobbying effort, there was some apparent confusion regarding a bill's impact on the environment. All votes on the positive bills in the Oregon Conservation Network Common Agenda that had a floor letter submitted by the OLCV Lobbyist were scored.

The final decision on what votes to score was made by OLCV's Board of Directors. We wish to thank the many volunteers who helped compile and review the Scorecard for their valuable input. ■



# HOUSE AND SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

## ENERGY

### “DO NOTHING” RESPONSE TO GLOBAL WARMING • HR 3

**HOUSE VOTE 1** This irresponsible Resolution tried to declare that state agencies should not adopt controls of greenhouse gas emissions unless required by state or federal law. This “do nothing” approach would slow adoption of energy conservation measures that are critically needed if Oregon is to do its fair share of reducing damaging emissions. Global warming threatens Oregon with more forest fires, reduced snowpack, and lower water flows for river recreation, wildlife, and agriculture.

#### NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.

- ▷ Passed House, June 7, 35-23
- ▷ Died in Senate Committee

## ENERGY

### ENERGY CONSERVATION FOR APPLIANCES • HB 3363

**HOUSE VOTE 2** **SENATE VOTE 1** This legislation establishes minimum energy efficiency standards for eleven appliances that are not currently covered by federal efficiency standards. In 2020, assuming the standards remain in place over the next 14 years, natural gas savings each year would equal approximately 3% of current statewide commercial consumption. Electricity savings would power about 50,000 homes. Within 8 years of implementing the standards, water savings would reach nearly 1 billion gallons each year.

#### YES IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.

- ▷ Passed House, May 24, 55-3
- ▷ Passed Senate, June 16, 20-6
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## AIR & WATER QUALITY

### BIOFUELS TO SUPPORT FARMERS AND CLEAN AIR

• HB 3481

**HOUSE VOTE 3** **SENATE VOTE 2** This bill to develop Oregon’s biofuels industry was part of the Oregon Conservation Network Common Agenda. Diesel exhaust is the number one air toxin in Oregon and is known to cause cancer and trigger asthma attacks in children. Biodiesel, a substitute for petroleum diesel, is a nontoxic, renewable fuel made from plants. Biodiesel significantly reduces air pollution while creating new markets for Oregon’s farmers. A responsible version of HB 3481 passed the Senate, but the House rejected it.

#### YES IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.

- ▷ Passed Senate, July 21, 20-10
- ▷ Concurrence Failed in House, July 26, 26-33
- ▷ Died in Conference Committee

## AIR & WATER QUALITY

### MINORITY REPORTS: SUBSIDIES FOR POLLUTERS

• HB 3481

**HOUSE VOTE 4** **SENATE VOTE 3** During the debate over the biofuels package (see House Vote 3, Senate Vote 2), House leaders added to the bill an unrelated amendment to dramatically expand the level of tax breaks going to major polluters simply to obey existing clean water and clean air safeguards. This “pollution control tax credit” (PCTC) robs state agencies of revenue needed to enforce existing clean air and clean water laws. It also biases the marketplace in favor of polluting businesses against non-polluting businesses. In the House, a good Minority Report was offered on the floor to strip out the PCTC expansion from the bill. The vote unfortunately failed. In the Senate, a bad Minority Report was issued to try

to re-insert the PCTC expansion into an otherwise responsible Senate version of the biofuels package. Fortunately, it also failed.

#### YES IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE HOUSE.

#### NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE SENATE.

- ▷ Minority Report Failed in House, June 28, 25-33
- ▷ Minority Report Failed in Senate, July 21, 14-16
- ▷ Died in Conference Committee

## AIR & WATER QUALITY

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BUDGET CUTS/ RESTRICTIONS • HB 5135

**HOUSE VOTE 5** **SENATE VOTE 4** The House Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) budget, passed June 16th, contained two irresponsible rollbacks of environmental safeguards. First, a provision would have prohibited DEQ from adopting rules aimed at implementing clean car emissions standards to promote healthy air and to combat global warming. Second, a provision would have elimi-





nated funding for the Governor's Willamette River cleanup, endangering all those who fish, swim, or boat on the Willamette. The Senate DEQ budget, passed July 28th, restored the Willamette cleanup funding, but irresponsibly left in the clean car prohibition.

**NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.**

- ▷ Passed House, June 16, 32-26
- ▷ Passed Senate, July 28, 16-14
- ▷ Governor Vetoes "Clean Car" prohibition line item



**AIR & WATER QUALITY**

**ELIMINATED FUNDING FOR PESTICIDE USE REPORTING SYSTEM • HB 5158**

**HOUSE VOTE 6** Funding for implementing the state's Pesticide Use Reporting System (PURS) was part of the OCN Common Agenda. Six years ago, the Oregon Legislature voted overwhelmingly to pass a landmark "pesticide use reporting" law. Today, however, there is still no information about the manner in which pesticides are sprayed in our communities because the 2001 and 2003 Legislatures withheld funding from the program. The House-passed Department of Agriculture budget would have continued this travesty by allocating zero dollars, threatening water quality and public health.

**NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.**

- ▷ Passed House, June 30, 33-26
- ▷ Died in Senate
- ▷ See Senate Vote 5 for other votes on this issue

**AIR & WATER QUALITY**

**PROVIDED FUNDING FOR PESTICIDE USE REPORTING SYSTEM • SB 5607**

**SENATE VOTE 5** The Senate Agriculture Department budget, passed June 30th, included funding for implementing the Pesticide Use Reporting System (PURS), to better protect water quality and public health.

**YES IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.**

- ▷ Passed Senate, June 30, 18-11
- ▷ Later in the Session, a version of SB 5607 passed both the House and Senate, including funding for PURS. However, at the insistence of House Leadership, the program itself was weakened by making the data collected in rural parts of the state of very limited value. Those subsequent votes on that weaker version of PURS are not rated in this Scorecard.
- ▷ Governor signed Agriculture Department budget

**FORESTS & WILDLIFE**

**INCREASED LOGGING IN FEDERAL FORESTS • HJM 28**

**HOUSE VOTE 7** This "Memorial" would have formally requested that the President and Congress increase logging on National Forests in Oregon beyond levels that are sustainable, threatening wildlife and endangering the drinking water supply of hundreds of thousands of Oregonians.

**NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.**

- ▷ Passed House, April 20, 49-7
- ▷ Died in Senate Committee

**FORESTS & WILDLIFE**

**THREATENS BEAR AND COUGAR POPULATIONS**

• SB 389

**HOUSE VOTE 8** **SENATE VOTE 6** As it passed the House on June 6th, SB 389 allowed counties to permit the practice of using bait to lure bears and dogs to hunt cougars, methods that were outlawed by ballot measure in 1994 and re-affirmed by voters in 1996. Oregon law already allows hound hunting of cougars when needed to protect livestock and public safety. Recreational hunting with hounds, as SB 389 would legalize, exacerbates the risk of human-cougar conflict according to many cougar biologists. By targeting trophy cougars (large dominant males) instead of focusing on those that cause problems, hound hunting increases the juvenile cougar population, the age that actually causes the most disturbances. After the House passed this version, the Senate appropriately rejected it.

**NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE HOUSE.**

**YES IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE SENATE.**

- ▷ Passed House, June 6, 37-21
- ▷ Senate Non-Concurrence Passed, June 8, 18-12
- ▷ Died in conference Committee

## FORESTS & WILDLIFE

### INCREASED LOGGING IN THE TILLAMOOK AND CLATSOP STATE FORESTS

• SB 5612

HOUSE VOTE  
**9**

SENATE VOTE  
**7**

The House and Senate both passed, and the Governor signed, a Department of Forestry (ODF) budget that calls for increased logging in the Tillamook and Clatsop State forests, even though ODF's scientists believe that current logging levels are unsustainable. By increasing erosion in key watersheds, excessive logging would irresponsibly endanger the drinking water supply of more than 100,000 Oregonians and damage wild salmon runs, at the same time curtailing recreational opportunities such as fishing and hiking.

#### NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.

- ▷ Passed House, July 27, 41-18
- ▷ Passed Senate, August 1, 23-7
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## LAND USE

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN LAND USE PLANNING

• SB 82

HOUSE VOTE  
**10**

SENATE VOTE  
**8**

This legislation allocates funds and creates a task force to comprehensively look at Oregon's land use planning system for the first time since the 1970s. SB 82 is designed to involve tens of thousands of Oregonians in discussions about how our land use system should be adapted to protect farmland and sensitive natural areas, while keeping Oregon a great place to live.

#### YES IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.

- ▷ Passed Senate, July 13, 21-8
- ▷ Passed House, July 28, 56-3
- ▷ Signed by the Governor



## LAND USE

### UNPLANNED SPRAWL THAT THREATENS FARMLAND AND NEIGHBORHOODS • SB 1037

HOUSE VOTE  
**11**

SENATE VOTE  
**9**

SB 1037 was a vehicle to discuss how to reconcile fairness to property owners under Measure 37 with the public's desire to protect farmland, natural spaces, and neighborhoods from sprawling, out-of-control development. Late in the Session, House leaders and the Governor backed a version of SB 1037 that would have significantly expanded the scope of Measure 37 claims by allowing for them to be "transferable." This would dramatically increase the number of shopping malls and subdivisions that would "crop up" on farmland in a way that threatens neighboring farmers and the environment. The House passed this bill on August 2nd. Fortunately, the Senate rejected it through a vote of non-concurrence.

#### NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE HOUSE.

#### YES IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE SENATE.

- ▷ Passed House, August 2, 40-18
- ▷ Senate Non-Concurrence Passed, August 3, 18-12
- ▷ Died without further action being taken

## LAND USE

### RURAL SPRAWL THAT THREATENS TAXPAYERS AND FARMERS • HB 2458

HOUSE VOTE  
**12**

SENATE VOTE  
**10**

House Bill 2458 allows for industrial development in an unlimited number of so-called "development zones" outside of urban growth boundaries (UGBs). In the form it initially passed the House, HB 2458 would have also offered a parallel expansion of commercial development, such as Wal-Mart stores. A fundamental premise of Oregon's land use planning program is that urban-scale development should be contained within UGBs to limit the cost to taxpayers of providing roads, sewers, and other infrastructure. With the passage of HB 2458, industrial facilities can be built far from population centers and existing infrastructure, increasing the cost to taxpayers for providing infrastructure, causing longer commutes and more air pollution, and creating more conflict between family farmers and incompatible industrial development.

#### NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.

- ▷ Passed House March 15, 43-16
- ▷ Passed Senate, July 20, 26-2
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## LAND USE

### RURAL SPRAWL THREATENING FARMLAND • HB 2549

HOUSE VOTE  
**13**

HB 2549 would have allowed new houses to be built on farmland whenever there is a "lot of record," without regard to existing zoning or whether the house is in fact going to be used by a farmer. This places family farms at risk by allowing conflicts between residential development and farm operations. The result of this bill would be less farmland, higher taxes (to provide services to these dwellings), and children who have to travel long distances to go to school.

#### NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.

- ▷ Passed House March 16, 39-20
- ▷ Died in Senate Committee

## LAND USE

### RURAL SPRAWL • HB 3474

**HOUSE VOTE 14** As it originally passed the House, HB 3474 would allow religious institutions to be built on “exclusive farm use” land, without regard to the size and scale of the churches, synagogues, mosques, or related buildings. Large developments of this sort threaten serious conflicts with neighboring farm operations, while requiring taxpayers to pay for additional infrastructure like roads and sewers.

#### NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.

- ▷ Passed House June 13, 33-24
- ▷ The Senate passed this bill in an acceptable form and the House refused to concur with the Senate amendments.
- ▷ Died in Conference Committee

## STATE PARKS & SPECIAL PLACES

### DIVERSION OF MONEY FROM STATE PARKS • HB 3502

**HOUSE VOTE 15** **SENATE VOTE 11** This bill places management of the debt-ridden State Fair under the State Parks and Recreation Department. With the passage of Measure 66 in 1998, a significant portion of the funding of the State Parks is generated through the state lottery. Under HB 3502, these lottery dollars would be diverted from State Parks to cover the debt and ongoing costs of the State Fair. While the State Fair is an important institution, it is not a State Park, doesn't serve the same function as a State Park, and its need for money should not be met by diverting dollars from management of our State Park system.

#### NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.

- ▷ Passed House July 11, 36-24
- ▷ Passed Senate July 21, 21-8
- ▷ Governor allowed HB 3502 to become law without his signature

## STATE PARKS & SPECIAL PLACES

### THREATENS DESCHUTES RIVER • HB 3494

**HOUSE VOTE 16** HB 3494 undermines stream-flows in the Deschutes River and other rivers in the Deschutes Basin that are protected by the Scenic Waters Act. In the dry season, groundwater accounts for approximately 90% of the surface flows in the lower Deschutes River. HB 3494 legalizes a defective rules program that allows new groundwater development in the Deschutes Basin at the expense of river flows needed for wildlife and recreation. This threatens fish with river flows too low for them to reach important spawning grounds.

#### NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE.

- ▷ Passed House June 17, 39-17
- ▷ A moderated version of this bill passed the Senate with amendments suggested by environmental groups to make it less harmful, July 19, 27-1
- ▷ The amended bill, which was still detrimental to the Deschutes River, was signed by the Governor

## STATE PARKS & SPECIAL PLACES

### COLUMBIA GORGE COMMISSION BUDGET

• HB 5087 and SB 5587

**HOUSE VOTE 17** **SENATE VOTE 12** On June 13th, the Senate voted to adopt a budget for the Columbia Gorge Commission that would better protect the Columbia River Gorge than under the 2003-2005 budget. In contrast, on June 16th, the House passed a budget that dramatically cut funding from the already poor 2003-2005 level. The House-passed budget would have endangered efforts to protect air quality, wildlife, and the scenic beauty of the Gorge.

#### NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE HOUSE.

#### YES IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE IN THE SENATE.

- ▷ Passed Senate, June 13, 21-9
- ▷ Passed House, June 16, 31-26
- ▷ In subsequent negotiations, a version of the budget that largely tracked the original Senate version was adopted and signed by the Governor



# 2005 OREGON SENATE VOTES

KEY: ⊕ PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE  
 ⊖ ANTI-ENVIRONMENT VOTE  
 A ABSENT

VOTE #	OLCV SCORE			ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORIES					
	2005 OLCV SCORE	2003 OLCV SCORE	2001 OLCV SCORE	ENERGY	AIR & WATER QUALITY	AIR & WATER QUALITY	AIR & WATER QUALITY	AIR & WATER QUALITY	FORESTS & WILDLIFE
	%	%	%	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jason Atkinson (R-Grants Pass)	25%	11%	15%	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖
Alan Bates (D-Ashland)	75%	75%*	82%*	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Roger Beyer (R-Molalla)	0%	0%	0%	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Kate Brown (D-Portland)	67%	67%	92%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊕
Ginny Burdick (D-Portland)	100%	88%	91%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Margaret Carter (D-Portland)	64%	86%	91%	A	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊕
Peter Courtney (D-Salem)	67%	33%	85%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊕
Ryan Deckert (D-Beaverton)	92%	44%	83%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Richard Devlin (D-Tualatin)	92%	100%	76%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day)	0%	0%	15%	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Gary George (R-Newberg)	17%	11%	15%	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖
Avel Gordly (D-Portland)	67%	100%	45%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊕
Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose)	58%	77%*	76%*	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊕
Jeff Kruse (R-Roseburg)	8%	4%*	6%*	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖
Rick Metsger (D-Welches)	83%	67%	92%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Laurie Monnes Anderson (D-Gresham)	75%	80%*	82%*	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Bill Morrisette (D-Springfield)	75%	89%	75%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Frank Morse (R-Albany)	17%	0%	-	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
David Nelson (R-Pendleton)	17%	0%	15%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene)	83%	100%*	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Charlie Ringo (D-Beaverton)	91%	63%	94%	A	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Kurt Schrader (D-Canby)	82%	25%	73%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊕
Frank Shields (D-Portland)	83%	88%	91%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Charles Starr (R-Hillsboro)	0%	11%	15%	A	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Bruce Starr (R-Hillsboro)	8%	11%	14%	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Joanne Verger (D-Coos Bay)	58%	38%*	47%*	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊕
Vicki Walker (D-Eugene)	92%	100%	82%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Ben Westlund (R-Bend)	42%	0%	13%	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Doug Whitsett (R-Klamath Falls)	8%	-	-	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Jackie Winters (R-Salem)	20%	0%	18%	A	⊖	⊖	⊖	A	⊖

\*Score from House Service

	FORESTS & WILDLIFE	LAND USE	LAND USE	LAND USE	PARKS & SPECIAL PLACES	PARKS & SPECIAL PLACES
	7	8	9	10	11	12
	+	-	-	-	-	-
	-	+	+	-	-	+
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### AVERAGE SCORES

	House	Senate
2005	44%	52%
2003	39%	39%
2001	45%	45%



# 2005 OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTES

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 A ABSENT

VOTE #	OLCV SCORE			ENERGY		AIR & WATER QUALITY		AIR & WATER QUALITY		AIR & WATER QUALITY	
	2005	2003	2001	1	2	3	4	5	6		
<b>Robert Ackerman</b> (D-Eugene)	65%	68%	71%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Gordon Anderson</b> (R-Grants Pass)	12%	8%	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Brad Avakian</b> (D-Portland)	88%	96%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Jeff Barker</b> (D-Aloha)	93%	88%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Phil Barnhart</b> (D-Eugene)	94%	96%	100%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Vicki Berger</b> (R-Salem)	13%	19%	-	A	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	
<b>Terry Beyer</b> (D-Springfield)	57%	52%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	A	⊕	⊕	
<b>Deborah Boone</b> (D-Cannon Beach)	47%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Brian Boquist</b> (R-Dallas)	12%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Alan Brown</b> (R-Newport)	13%	4%	13%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Scott Bruun</b> (R-West Linn)	25%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	
<b>Peter Buckley</b> (D-Ashland)	94%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Chuck Burley</b> (R-Bend)	12%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Tom Butler</b> (R-Ontario)	12%	4%	0%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Kevin Cameron</b> (R-Salem)	12%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>John Dallum</b> (R-The Dalles)	12%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Billy Dalto</b> (R-Salem)	24%	20%	0%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Jackie Dingfelder</b> (D-Portland)	100%	100%	100%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Sal Esquivel</b> (R-Medford)	12%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Debi Farr</b> (R-Eugene)	13%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Linda Flores</b> (R-Clackamas)	12%	4%	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Larry Galizio</b> (D-Tigard)	88%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Bill Garrard</b> (R-Klamath Falls)	18%	4%	12%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>George Gilman</b> (R-Medford)	12%	4%	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Mitch Greenlick</b> (D-Portland)	94%	92%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Bruce Hanna</b> (R-Roseburg)	12%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	
<b>Gary Hansen</b> (D-Portland)	76%	81%	82%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Mark Hass</b> (D-Washington Co.)	88%	84%	76%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Paul Holvey</b> (D-Eugene)	88%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
<b>Dave Hunt</b> (D-Oak Grove)	57%	70%	-	⊖	⊕	A	A	⊕	⊕	⊕	

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The Oregon League of Conservation Voters' mission is to educate the public about the environmental voting records of elected officials and to hold those decision-makers accountable.



The House voted to eliminate funding for the Governor's plan to clean up the Willamette River. (See House Vote 5).

**How did your Representative vote?**

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	2005	2003	2001	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	6
<b>Bob Jenson</b> (R-Pendleton)	12%	0%	6%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Derrick Kitts</b> (R-Hillsboro)	12%	12%	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Betty Komp</b> (D-Woodburn)	59%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
<b>Wayne Krieger</b> (R-Gold Beach)	12%	0%	12%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Jeff Kropf</b> (R-Sublimity)	6%	4%	6%	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	A
<b>Jerry Krummel</b> (R-Wilsonville)	0%	4%	18%	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>John Lim</b> (R-Gresham)	29%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Greg Macpherson</b> (D-Lake Oswego)	94%	96%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
<b>Steve March</b> (D-Portland)	94%	100%	88%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
<b>Jeff Merkley</b> (D-Portland)	94%	100%	88%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
<b>Karen Minnis</b> (R-Troutdale)	13%	5%	13%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	A	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Susan Morgan</b> (R-Myrtle Creek)	12%	4%	13%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Donna Nelson</b> (R-McMinnville)	12%	11%	24%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Mary Nolan</b> (D-Portland)	100%	96%	94%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
<b>Andy Olson</b> (R-Albany)	6%	-	-	⊖	A	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Dennis Richardson</b> (R-Central Point)	12%	0%	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Chuck Riley</b> (D-Hillsboro)	82%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
<b>Arnie Roblan</b> (D-Coos Bay)	41%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊕
<b>Diane Rosenbaum</b> (D-Portland)	100%	100%	100%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
<b>Mike Schaufler</b> (D-Happy Valley)	38%	65%	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Wayne Scott</b> (R-Canby)	12%	4%	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Chip Shields</b> (D-Portland)	100%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	A	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
<b>Greg Smith</b> (R-Heppner)	12%	0%	6%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Patti Smith</b> (R-Corbett)	18%	8%	6%	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Mac Sumner</b> (R-Molalla)	12%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Kim Thatcher</b> (R-Keizer)	0%	-	-	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Carolyn Tomei</b> (D-Milwaukie)	100%	100%	88%	⊕	A	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
<b>Gene Whisnant</b> (R-Sunriver)	12%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
<b>Kelley Wirth</b> (D-Corvallis)	86%	95%	88%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
<b>Brad Witt</b> (D-Clatskanie)	88%	-	-	A	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕



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Unlike virtually every other state, the number of family farmers in Oregon has actually increased in the last decade, largely due to our unique land use planning program that has limited excessive sprawl onto farmland. However, many legislators voted to roll back these safeguards in 2005, threatening farmland. Did yours?



## 2005 LEGISLATOR THANK YOU

**T**HE SCORECARD IS AN OBJECTIVE PORTRAYAL of how legislators vote on the House and Senate Floor on environmental issues. However, the Scorecard does not tell the entire story. For the first time in this publication, we have chosen to highlight legislators who showed clear leadership on behalf of Oregon's environment in ways other than casting floor votes.

We applaud the following five Senators and three Representatives, who are listed within each chamber in alphabetical order.

### SENATE

#### BRIDGE BUILDER OF THE YEAR

**Senator David Nelson**  
(R-Pendleton)



Debates over forest issues have historically been among the most controversial in the Legislature. This year, the timber industry had a desire to pass legislation to use small trees as a biofuel, while thinning overcrowded forests. Rather than simply introducing the legislation as the timber industry would want, Senator Nelson invited environmental groups to the table in the initial stages of drafting the bill and throughout the development of the final proposal (SB 1072). In the end, the bill was viewed by environmental groups as neither particularly good nor bad, so it is not rated in the Scorecard. Nonetheless, we were very pleased with the time and energy Senator Nelson put into working with the conservation community and look forward to similar efforts in future Sessions.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDER OF THE YEAR

**Senator Charlie Ringo**  
(D-Beaverton)



If you asked Senators which colleague prioritized the environment over all other issues during the 2005 session, they would answer unanimously: Senator Ringo. As Chair of the Senate Environment and Land Use Committee, Senator Ringo prevented many anti-environmental bills from moving to the Senate floor for a vote. It was largely because of his efforts that fewer environmental rollbacks made it to Governor Kulongoski's desk this session. We thank Senator Ringo for standing up for clean water, clean air, and a healthy future for our children.

#### LAND USE PROTECTOR OF THE YEAR

**Senator Kurt Schrader**  
(D-Canby)



In a session plagued by attacks on Oregon's system of using land use zoning to protect farmland, forestland, and neighborhoods, one Senator clearly stood out for his effort to preserve it. As Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, Senator Schrader championed funding for involving thousands of citizens in charting the future of our land use system (SB 82) and played a key role in securing funding for the Columbia River Gorge Commission (SB 5587). Both efforts demonstrate his commitment to building better neighborhoods in our urban areas, while protecting farm and forestland for future generations. We applaud Senator Schrader's commitment to preserving the Oregon we all know and love.

## **MOST CONSISTENT ENVIRONMENTAL VOICE**

### **Senator Frank Shields** (D-Portland)



Much of the action on legislation takes place long before a bill makes it to the Senate floor, either behind the scenes or in committee meetings. As a member of the Environment and Land Use Committee, Senator Shields would consistently ask probing questions of people who testified before the Committee on critical environmental issues, raising points that may have been overlooked during committee debates. We thank Senator Shields for being a reliable resource for the conservation community and his Senate colleagues, due to his knowledge and passion for protecting Oregon's environment.

## **BEST CONSENSUS BUILDER**

### **Senator Ben Westlund** (R-Bend)



When Common Agenda items such as banning toxic mixing zones in Oregon rivers and promoting biofuels were brought to his attention, as well as a bill to promote the use of solar energy in Oregon, Senator Westlund helped environmental lobbyists strategize ways to revise the legislation so that they would be more likely to pass both chambers. While the Legislature, in the end, failed to pass the two Common Agenda items, Westlund made a valiant effort to think outside the box, and find common sense solutions on behalf of Oregon's environment.

## **HOUSE**

### **TEDDY ROOSEVELT AWARD**

#### **Representative Scott Bruun** (R-West Linn)



Our 26th President was known for his foresight - a willingness to make decisions for the long-term. In two particular instances this session, Representative Bruun stood out for bucking his caucus Leadership while voting to put our long-term future ahead of short-term expediency. He voted against the proposal (HR 3) that would have prevented state agencies from being able to adopt tighter controls on greenhouse gas emissions and he voted against the DEQ budget (HB 5135) that would have forbidden the Governor from adopting "clean car" emission standards. Representative Bruun recognizes the time to act is today to deal with the long-term threat posed by global warming. We applaud Representative Bruun's thoughtfulness on this critical issue.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL QUARTERBACK OF THE YEAR**

#### **Representative Jackie Dingfelder** (D-Portland)



Long before the Session began, Representative Dingfelder was hard at work building coalitions on behalf of environmental legislation. She was a lead sponsor of the biofuels package (HB 3481), the energy efficient appliances package (HB 3363), and worked tirelessly to come up with solutions to better recycle electronic waste. Whether it's with the media, her House colleagues, or her

constituents, Representative Dingfelder is the first to explain why protecting Oregon's unique quality of life is a top priority. Her deep knowledge of environmental issues makes her the go-to Representative that other legislators turn to for advice on environmental bills. We sincerely thank Representative Dingfelder for making our issues a priority during the 2005 Session.

### **BEST ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE WORK**

#### **Representative Mary Nolan** (D-Portland)



Representative Mary Nolan was always one step ahead of not only her colleagues on environmental issues, but frequently the conservation groups themselves. As a member of the House Environment Committee as well as the House Land Use Committee, she was in a key position to flush out the details of various proposals and discover their true impacts on Oregon's environment. Whenever a bill was moved from her committee to the House floor, she was always willing to sponsor floor letters explaining either the benefits or the negative impacts that the proposal would have on our state. We greatly appreciate Representative Nolan's leadership on our issues during the 2005 Session.

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# Now That You Know The Score....

## Take One Simple Action. Or Take All Three!

- 1 Hold your legislator accountable** if they voted with the polluting interests that worked to weaken Oregon's environmental safeguards. Send a short, polite note expressing your disapproval of their performance in Salem. If your legislator voted to protect Oregon's water, air, land, and wildlife, please write to thank them. Those that resisted the strong pressure of corporate polluters and developers deserve our thanks.
- 2 Join or volunteer with the Oregon League of Conservation Voters**, the political voice of Oregon's environmental movement. Turn to the back page for information on how you can act to protect Oregon's water, air, and land, and take back Oregon's Legislature from anti-environment interests.
- 3 Vote for pro-environment candidates** at the local, state, and federal level. Your vote is critical to whether Oregon has a Legislature that protects the water we drink, the air we breathe, and the future our children deserve. Contact us for information on OLCV-endorsed candidates (endorsements are issued in March for the primary election, and in September for the general election).



## Contacting Your Legislator

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When the Legislature is in session you can contact your legislator through the citizen comment line 800-332-2313 (outside Salem) or 986-1187 (within Salem). Write your legislators at 900 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

The period between legislative sessions is called the interim. See the prior two pages for the list of interim contact information for all Oregon Senators and Representatives.

Find out who represents you. Visit [www.olcv.org/findleg](http://www.olcv.org/findleg), call your county elections office (in the blue pages of the phone book), or call OLCV at 503-224-4011.

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SEE PAGES 8-11 FOR DETAILED VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

	VOTE #	2005 OL	2003 OL	2001 OL	ENERGY	WATER & AIR	WATER & WILDLIFE
Jason Atkinson (R-Grants Pass)		25%	11%	15%	+	2	=
Alan Bates (D-Ashland)		75%	na	na	+	+	+
Roger Beyer (R-Molalla)		0%	0%	0%	=	=	=
Kate Brown (D-Portland)		67%	67%	92%	+	+	+
Ginny Burdick (D-Portland)		100%	88%	91%	+	+	+

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Welcome to the Oregon League of Conservation Voters Scorecard for the 2005 Oregon Legislature! We've been paying close attention to how your legislators vote, and here are the results.

Inside, you will find a vote chart that details how legislators voted on the 18 separate bills rated. You will also find descriptions of how those votes would impact our land, water, air, and wildlife.

The Oregon League of Conservation Voters has been producing a similar Scorecard every legislative session since 1973. It's important for voters to know who's really fighting to hold polluters accountable and leave a legacy for our kids.

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