

# 2007 ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD

FOR THE OREGON LEGISLATURE



OREGON LEAGUE OF  
CONSERVATION VOTERS





# A BANNER SESSION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

The highest scoring year since 1977

## Average Ratings By Chamber

Year	House	Senate
2007	69%	73%
2005	44%	52%
2003	39%	39%

## HONOR ROLL:

### 100% RATED LEGISLATORS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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

**Senator Richard Devlin**  
(D-Tualatin)

**Senator Betsy Johnson**  
(D-Scappoose)

**Senator Ben Westlund**  
(D-Tumalo)

**Representative Phil Barnhart**  
(D-Eugene)

**Representative Terry Beyer**  
(D-Springfield)

**Representative Suzanne Bonamici**  
(D-Beaverton)

**Representative Peter Buckley**  
(D-Ashland)

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

**Representative Sara Gelser**  
(D-Corvallis)

**Representative Greg Macpherson**  
(D-Lake Oswego)

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

## DISHONOR ROLL:

FOR THE FIRST TIME  
SINCE 1981, NO  
LEGISLATOR RECEIVED  
A 0% SCORE.



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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 Oregon's incredible natural heritage? Or would they destroy that heritage for the benefit of a few?

Do they promote **family-friendly policies** that provide great neighborhoods in which our kids can grow up, along with air and water free from

poisonous chemicals?

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

**For the first time in more than a decade, we're pleased to report that a clear majority of the Oregon Legislature answered those questions by voting for responsibility, family-friendly policies, and a better legacy.** The average rating for the Oregon Legislature reached its highest point since 1977. More positive pro-environment bills became law in 2007 than in the period from 1991-2005 combined.

Of course, some legislators still come down on the wrong side of these questions, voting against cleaning up our rivers, against dealing with the climate crisis, and for irresponsible levels of logging in our State Forests.

OLCV's Scorecard is a tool you can use to discover which leaders deserve your praise and which don't. 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 their environmental votes came down on the pro-environment side of the equation.

And, most importantly, 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 legacy for our children tomorrow.

Jonathan Poisner  
*Executive Director*





## OVERVIEW OF THE 2007 SESSION:

# A LASTING ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY

The 2007 Legislative Session was the most successful for our environment in the last thirty years. The Legislature and Governor enacted sweeping safeguards that will improve the lives of Oregon families for generations.

Environmental programs got a face-lift in 2007, reflecting the strong desire of Oregonians to be responsible stewards of Oregon's land, air, water, and wildlife. We are hopeful that the 2007 session will mark the beginning of a new era of environmental progress for the state.

The change we saw this session was fueled by the urgent need to take responsibility to combat global warming, a desire for energy independence, and a strong wish to protect our children from toxic pollution in our air and water. In an invigorated collaborative effort, the environmental community focused on promoting this new conservation ethic in the Oregon Legislature through the Oregon Conservation Network (OCN), a consortium of almost 50 organizations. The OCN developed and promoted a shared set of five "Priorities for a Healthy Oregon." The Legislature made significant progress on all five Priorities. Details about the "Priorities for a Healthy Oregon" are outlined on page 7.

### ASSESSING THE SENATE: STRONG LEADERSHIP

In the 2005 session, the Oregon Senate was mostly helpful in blocking anti-environmental legislation forwarded to it by the House. This session, the Senate was instead able to work with House leaders to proactively plan for and enact positive environmental protections. For example, starting in 2006,

Senator Vicki Walker (D-Eugene) and Senator Gary George (R-Newberg) teamed up to clean up Oregon's rivers from toxic pollution. During the session, these two Senators convened a work group and for weeks pushed all sides into finding a compromise. This resulted in a landmark agreement between the environmental community and Oregon's municipalities, SB 737, to reduce toxins discharged into Oregon's waterways. Once the agreement was reached, Senate President Courtney (D-Salem) and Senate Majority Leader Kate Brown (D-Portland) made sure the issue continued to move successfully through the process.

Probably the most important factor in the Senate's environmental progress this session was the leadership of Senator Brad Avakian (D-Portland) as Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Senator Avakian's door was always open. He successfully brought together a broad array of interests to craft legislation that was good for our environment. This is most evident in the pivotal debate over clean energy. The landmark bill, SB 838, was very complex and took months of careful negotiations. Senator Avakian was committed to passing a revamped energy policy package and his persistence and patience made the bill a reality.

The Senate also played a critical role in stopping bad bills from passing. One example was a proposal to grab excessive amounts of water from the Columbia River without regard for fish and wildlife. HB 3525 (the horribly misnamed "Oasis" bill) passed the House in the waning days of the session. In the Senate, however, it was so forcefully opposed that it died in committee.

### ASSESSING THE HOUSE: LIGHT YEARS AHEAD

The House had its ups and downs this session, but by far most of it was up. Under the new leadership of House Speaker Jeff Merkley (D-Portland), the House showed a dramatic turnaround compared to the 1993 through 2005 sessions. In those sessions, the House leadership mostly focused its energy on rolling back existing safeguards. In contrast, the 2007 House focused on solving challenges in ways that will improve the lives of Oregon families.

Nowhere was this more apparent than in Representative Jackie Dingfelder's (D-Portland) Energy and Environment Committee. Representative Dingfelder was pivotal in all of the landmark legislation that passed the House. She showed vision on key issues, creating Oregon's first statewide recycling program for TVs and computers, promoting Oregon grown biofuels, and updating Oregon's bottle bill. She also worked hard on the renewable energy standard, helping to ensure that it would pass the House.

The House did have some shortcomings. Through a procedural rule that allows any House Member to pull a bill out of Committee to the House floor with 31 votes, a few bad bills were voted on in the last days of the session. These included the Columbia River water grab (HB 3525), and a bill to prioritize logging over all other uses in the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests (HB 2975). As noted, HB 3525 passed out of the House, but thankfully did not make it to the Senate floor, and the HB 2975 motion failed.



## ASSESSING THE SENATE AND HOUSE TOGETHER: COLLABORATION ABOUNDS

A hallmark of the 2007 session was the collaborative working relationship between the House and Senate. Representative Dingfelder and Senator Avakian, in particular, coordinated their bills and issue areas. Also, the Senate and House formed a Joint Committee on Land Use Fairness to tackle Measure 37 reform. In that committee, Co-Chairs Senator Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene) and Representative Greg Macpherson (D-Lake Oswego) led the charge and created a referral for the November 2007 ballot (Measure 49). Measure 49 fixes the worst flaws of Measure 37, protecting our farmland, forests, and groundwater, while providing fairness to landowners who want to build a small number of houses. Lastly, the Ways and Means Committee (in charge of budgets) significantly boosted funding for environmental programs. Because of the cooperation between the House and Senate, this process was much more streamlined and less acrimonious than in past sessions.

## WHAT ABOUT THE GOVERNOR?

Governor Ted Kulongoski took an active role in supporting OCN's "Priorities for a Healthy Oregon." Many of his top environmental issues coincided with those of the environmental community. The Governor helped build momentum for the Priorities before the session by establishing work groups and corraling support. He worked diligently to promote significant environmental achievements that will leave a great legacy for Oregon families.



**Hallmark of a banner session for the environment:** Governor Kulongoski signs SB 737, Oregon's clean rivers bill, into law.

The Governor was also instrumental in thwarting serious attempts to roll back existing safeguards. He circulated a strongly worded letter threatening to veto HB 2975, the bill that would have prioritized timber production over all other uses of the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests, helping to kill that bill. He was also a strong opponent of the Columbia River water grab. Plus, he vetoed a last-minute diversion of money away from the Energy Trust of Oregon.

In a nutshell, the Governor showed a strong sense of responsibility for promoting a legacy of clean water, clean air, clean energy, and a healthy environment for Oregon families — today, and for future generations.

## SUCH A SUCCESSFUL SESSION: ANY PROBLEMS?

Problems surfaced in the waning days of the legislative session when time for problem solving and diplomacy were stretched thin. At the end of session, some important policy bills lost momentum in the Ways and Means Committee. For example, two critical energy bills got held up in

Ways and Means. One, SB 576, would have required green building standards in new constructions projects for state buildings. The other, HB 2876, would have required the reduction of energy consumption in state buildings by 20%.

In addition, there was the last minute raid of \$4.6 million dollars from the Energy Trust of Oregon. (Fortunately, the Governor vetoed this). Lastly, the Ways and Means Committee stripped out of a bill a provision that would have protected Oregon families from dangerous levels of air pollution emitted by large industrial farms. Instead, the issue will be studied by a Task Force.

In the end, just one bill considered by OCN to be a rollback of existing environmental safeguards passed through the Legislature and was signed by the Governor. The rollback allows for irresponsible levels of development on farmland around a proposed speedway in Morrow County. We are troubled when any rollbacks to environmental safeguards pass into law, but compared to past years, having just one OCN rollback pass is a huge improvement.

# THE FINAL RESULTS: WHAT ACTUALLY CHANGED

THE OUTCOMES FROM THE “PRIORITIES FOR A HEALTHY OREGON” ARE DESCRIBED ON P. 7.

## WHAT ELSE HAPPENED?

For the first time in more than fifteen years, the conversation in Salem focused primarily on how to make positive change to create a better environmental legacy for Oregon families. Too many positive bills passed to list them all here (they are described fully in the Vote Descriptions). The Scorecard covers 16 bills that improve environmental safeguards that passed both chambers and were signed into law. This is more positive pro-environment progress ever recorded in a single session by OLCV since we began producing scorecards in 1973.

## ASIDE FROM THE PRIORITIES, OTHER MAJOR VICTORIES INCLUDED:

- An expanded bottle bill;

- Significant new funding for the Department of Environmental Quality to protect our air and water;
- Strong goals set for reducing the state’s emission of global-warming pollutants; and
- Defeat of a bill that would have extended the mis-named “Pollution Control Tax Credit” which gives large corporations tax breaks merely for complying with clean air and water safeguards.

This progress was won thanks to the leadership of key legislators, close coordination among a coalition of environmental groups, and collaboration with business, farm, labor, and other interests.

## AVERAGE SCORES AND NEXT STEPS

The scorecard ratings bear out our assessment that this was a banner year for the environment. The average

scores in both the House and Senate climbed to new heights only surpassed in 1977. The average Senate score was 73% and the House was 69%. This is way up from the 2005 session, which was 52% for the Senate and 44% for the House. In 2003 both chambers averaged 39%.

Prior to this session, Oregon was lagging far behind our neighboring states Washington and California in areas such as clean energy and recycling. This session caught us up to those states. But our work is not done, because big challenges remain in the battle to protect Oregon’s land, air, water, and wildlife. For example, Oregon’s water law is seriously outdated, leaving rivers across the state lacking water necessary for fish and recreation because too much water is being removed. Hopefully, this session’s legacy is a recognition that we can tackle Oregon’s environmental challenges by passing common sense legislation on a bipartisan basis. ■

## ABOUT THE OLCV SCORECARD

This is OLCV’s 18th 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 2007 SCORECARD VOTES WERE CHOSEN

Experts from Oregon’s environmental organizations nominated votes to include in the Scorecard. A volunteer committee

reviewed these nominations 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. Votes on the positive bills in the Oregon Conservation Network’s Priorities for a Healthy Oregon that had a floor letter issued 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. ■

# ABOUT THE OREGON CONSERVATION NETWORK PRIORITIES FOR A HEALTHY OREGON



BY OLCV  
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This is the second session in which Oregon's environmental community, represented by the Oregon Conservation Network (OCN), went into the Session with a clear consensus on the community's highest priorities. During 2006, OLCV and its sister organization, OLCV Education Fund, facilitated a process by which almost 50 conservation groups agreed upon a set of shared priorities for the 2007 Legislature.

The OCN's 2007 "Priorities for a Healthy Oregon" consisted of five proactive environmental proposals and a sixth priority of preventing the Legislature from rolling back existing environmental safeguards. OLCV's lobbying was focused on those priorities, the results of which are described below. These priorities were common sense proposals that will protect our health, preserve a great legacy for future generations, and promote the long-term vitality of Oregon's economy.

## ENERGY INDEPENDENCE THROUGH RENEWABLE FUELS

Establishing a program to promote biodiesel and other biofuels was very popular in the 2007 session. The bill, HB 2210, sailed through both chambers with nearly unanimous bipartisan support. This bill promotes jobs in the rural economy, cleans our air, and helps

combat global warming. It also allows for environmentally sound safeguards on biofuels production so that lush tropical rainforests, for example, are not mined for fuel producing crops such as palm oil. The bill instead focuses on the production of local crops like canola that will produce reliable biodiesel for this and future generations.

**BOTTOM LINE: PASSED**

## CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

The cornerstone of this priority was a goal to generate 25% of Oregon's electricity from renewable sources by the year 2025. This bill will dramatically expand the use of solar, wind, and other renewable energy sources in Oregon. In doing so, it will produce jobs across the state, while combating global warming.

**BOTTOM LINE: PASSED**

## REFORMING MEASURE 37

HB 3540 refers to voters this November a fix to Measure 37. Measure 49 protects Oregon's farms, forests, and groundwater, as well as the rights of families to build homes on their own property. It fixes flaws in Measure 37 that allow large housing subdivisions, big-box stores, and strip malls where they don't belong.

**BOTTOM LINE: PASSED, headed to voters in November 2007**

## CREATING A STATE-WIDE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING PROGRAM

Hundreds of thousands of Oregonians have old computers in their basements, many of which were destined for the landfill. But computers and TVs leach toxic chemicals when they are not properly recycled. The effort to establish a statewide electronic recycling program was met with bipartisan support this session, passing unanimously in the House and Senate. The bill, HB 2626, places responsibility on manufacturers to give all Oregonians easy access to recycling programs for TVs and computers. It also requires that the recycling is done in an environmentally responsible manner, and keeps these hazardous products out of our landfills.

**BOTTOM LINE: PASSED**

## CLEAN RIVERS

Oregon families deserve the right to boat and fish in Oregon's rivers without fear of getting exposed to dangerous chemicals. The Legislature took a significant step towards meeting that goal by passing SB 737. This bill requires the state to develop a comprehensive plan to reduce the flow of the worst toxic emissions from municipal sources. In a separate funding package, the DEQ will launch a new program to monitor for toxic pollution in the Willamette River.

**BOTTOM LINE: PASSED**

**"[Electronic recycling] is the bottle bill for our generation."**

**—Representative Ben Cannon**





# HOUSE AND SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

## AIR & WATER QUALITY

### MAKING POLLUTERS PAY

SB 107 • HR 3



This fee increase on Oregon's largest emitters of air pollution was critical to protecting Oregon's air quality. The fees will help rectify the 26% backlog in updating and renewing air pollution permits.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, May 14, 21-6
- ▷ Passed House, June 5, 32-25
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## AIR & WATER QUALITY

### CLEANING UP OREGON'S WATERWAYS • SB 737



This groundbreaking agreement between the environmental community and Oregon cities will initiate a critical step in reducing pollution dumped into Oregon's waterways. Specifically, this bill will require the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to conduct studies of persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic pollutants discharged into our rivers. The bill then requires Oregon's larger municipalities to submit and follow a concrete plan to reduce these pollutants over time.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, June 22, 20-6
- ▷ Passed House, June 26, 51-8
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## AIR & WATER QUALITY

### REDUCING DIESEL EMISSIONS • HB 2172



Widespread exposure to diesel exhaust is a significant health concern across Oregon. The environmental and public health costs of diesel pollution cost Oregonians an estimated \$2 billion each year. HB 2172 will significantly reduce diesel pollution over the next

decade. It provides grants and incentives to retrofit and replace outdated diesel engines in buses, trucks, construction equipment, and farm vehicles. It will help Oregon schools compete for federal and private grants to retrofit school buses with cleaner burning engines, improving the health of Oregon kids.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, June 24, 26-3
- ▷ Passed House, June 25, 54-4
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## AIR & WATER QUALITY

### FUNDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY • HB 5022



The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has been seriously under funded over the last decade, so that it was incapable of adequately enforcing existing clean air and water safeguards, let alone tackling important new responsibilities. HB 5022 provided a significant increase in funding, including several important new programs. This includes: a comprehensive watershed-based toxics monitoring program in the Willamette, a new clean diesel initiative to help truck and school bus operators retrofit diesel engines, and implementation of new "clean car" standards that will reduce global warming pollution from cars and trucks.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, June 19, 20-6
- ▷ Passed House, June 5, 50-6
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## AIR & WATER QUALITY

### FUNDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY • HB 5023



HB 5023 provided necessary fee increases essential to provide the budget separately voted on as HB 5022. HB 5023 outlined numerous fee

increases needed to make polluters pay a fairer share for the cost of enforcing clean air and clean water safeguards. Most significantly, it included a fee increase for the largest ("Title 5") emitters of air pollution.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, June 19, 20-8
- ▷ Passed House, June 5, 31-26
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## FISH & WILDLIFE

### PROMOTING CONSERVATION FOR LANDOWNERS • SB 514



This bill makes it more attractive for landowners to create conservation easements for fish and wildlife. It establishes a new property tax special assessment for conservation easements and allows land already receiving property tax breaks as farm and forestland to be transferred to the new classification without payment of additional taxes or penalties, eliminating a major disincentive for voluntary habitat conservation. This bill makes it more attractive for landowners to set aside wildlife habitat.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, May 11, 27-0
- ▷ Passed House, June 26, 37-22
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## FISH & WILDLIFE

### COLUMBIA RIVER WATER GRAB • HB 3525



This bill was a serious threat to fish and wildlife that depend on the Columbia River for survival. This bill would have overridden existing safeguards to withdraw each year billions of gallons of water from the Columbia River for the benefit of a small number of landowners. The withdrawals would have particularly threatened endangered salmon that the state is spending tens of millions of dollars annually to protect. This "water grab" passed the House, but was not voted on in the Senate.

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

- ▷ Passed House, June 21, 35-22
- ▷ Died in Senate



## LAND USE

### HOSPICE ON FARMLAND

SB 508

**SENATE VOTE**  
**7** This bill would have created a new conflict for family farmers by allowing hospice care facilities on agricultural land. Oregon's system of protecting farmland will fail if holes are continually poked into it for non-farm operations. Hospices are particularly inappropriate on farmland given nearby spraying of pesticides.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, May 15, 16-11
- ▷ Died in House

## LAND USE

### SPRAWL • SB 665

**HOUSE VOTE**  
**8** **SENATE VOTE**  
**8** This bill eviscerates wise land use planning by authorizing subdivisions and other urban development on farm and ranchland on thousands of acres in Morrow County outside the usual legal process. The result could be a sprawling resort and racetrack in an area with limited water supply and infrastructure.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, May 8, 21-7
- ▷ Passed House, June 27, 51-8
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## LAND USE

### URBAN AND RURAL LAND RESERVES • SB 1011

**HOUSE VOTE**  
**9** **SENATE VOTE**  
**9** This bill is important because it allows for active consideration of fish and wildlife values while considering urban growth boundary expansions in the future. It specifically does two things. First it creates a new process for designating "urban reserves" based on the suitability of the land generally for urban development. The second thing it does is create an entirely new designation called rural reserves which are lands outside urban growth boundaries that will not be able to be brought into the boundary for a period of 40-50 years. This bill provides more flexibility for

providing greater protections for lands important for agriculture, forestry or fish and wildlife.

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

- ▷ Passed House, June 11, 38-14
- ▷ Passed Senate, June 13, 20-8
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## LAND USE

### FIXING MEASURE 37

HB 3540

**HOUSE VOTE**  
**10** **SENATE VOTE**  
**10** HB 3540 refers to the fall 2007 ballot Measure 49. Measure 49 protects Oregon's farms, forests, and groundwater, as well as the rights of families to build homes on their own property. It does so by fixing flaws in Measure 37 that allow large housing subdivisions, big-box stores and strip malls where they don't belong. Measure 49 restores balance by helping small property owners and preserving Oregon's special quality of life for future generations.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, June 5, 19-11
- ▷ Passed House, June 6, 31-26
- ▷ To be voted on by the public November 2007

## RECYCLING

### EXPANDING OREGON'S BOTTLE BILL • SB 707

**HOUSE VOTE**  
**11** **SENATE VOTE**  
**11** SB 707 expanded Oregon's bottle bill for the first time since its passage in 1971. Starting in 2009, water bottles (and flavored water beverages) will be on the list of covered containers. Tens of millions of plastic bottles will be recycled each year — instead of winding up as litter or in landfills — thanks to passage of this bill. The bill also creates a task force to evaluate further improvements in the system.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, April 23, 23-7
- ▷ Passed House, May 24, 42-16
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## RECYCLING

### ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING IN OREGON

HB 2626

**HOUSE VOTE**  
**12** **SENATE VOTE**  
**12** Hundreds of thousands of Oregonians have old computers in their basement. This legislation creates a needed solution by establishing a statewide program to recycle used computers and televisions in an environmentally





responsible way. Computers and TVs contain toxic chemicals such as lead and mercury that pose serious problems if not properly disposed. With an estimated 27,000 tons of electronic waste inadequately disposed in Oregon landfills in 2002 alone, this is clearly an issue that needs to be handled. HB 2626 requires manufacturers to set up a system to responsibly recycle their products or they must pay into a parallel state system. By 2009, all Oregonians should have a means to safely and conveniently recycle of their old computers and televisions.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, May 29, 30-0
- ▷ Passed House, May 15, 58-0
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

**SPECIAL PLACES**

**THE METOLIUS BASIN**

SB 30

**SENATE VOTE 13** The Metolius River seems to magically appear from an underground spring to create a pristine river flowing from the eastside of the Cascade Mountains. The river is truly worthy of its federal designation as a “Wild and Scenic River.” A bill this session would have protected the Metolius from damaging development by prohibiting destination resorts too close to the river. Unfortunately it did not pass the House, but there continues to be an effort to protect this and other special places around Oregon.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, May 22, 19-11
- ▷ Died in the House

**SPECIAL PLACES**

**PROTECTING THE OCEAN FROM OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING • SB 790**

**HOUSE VOTE 13** **SENATE VOTE 14** Oregon’s ocean is a special place full of the riches of the sea. Yet, it’s at risk due to Bush Administration proposals to consider offshore drilling for oil and gas. This bill protects Oregon’s beaches and estuaries by placing a moratorium on exploration, development, or production of oil, gas or sulfur off of Oregon’s coast until 2010.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, May 11, 19-7
- ▷ Passed House, June 4, 47-11
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

**SPECIAL PLACES**

**LOGGING IN THE TILLAMOOK AND CLATSOP STATE FORESTS • HB 2975**

**HOUSE VOTE 14** This bill would have prioritized logging over all other uses in the Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests, throwing out a long-term management plan that already promotes excessive levels of logging. This would have seriously harmed fish and wildlife, while threatening the drinking water source of tens of thousands of Oregonians. In the waning days of the session, a motion was brought to pass this bill on the House floor. Fortunately, the maneuver failed to garner the 31 votes needed to pass.

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

- ▷ Failed in House, June 26, 30-29

**ENERGY**

**ENERGY CONSERVATION FOR APPLIANCES • SB 375**

**HOUSE VOTE 15** **SENATE VOTE 15** This legislation establishes minimum efficiency standards for home and commercial appliances and prohibits the sale or installation of products that do not meet such standards. This bill offers sensible energy efficiency measures and offers Oregon greater energy independence, environmental protection, and savings for consumers and businesses.

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

- ▷ Passed House, June 11, 42-9
- ▷ Passed Senate, June 13, 21-7
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

**ENERGY**

**PROMOTING RENEWABLE ENERGY IN OREGON**

SB 838

**HOUSE VOTE 16** **SENATE VOTE 16** This landmark policy catapults Oregon into a national leadership position in the production of renewable energy. Under this bill, Oregon’s larger utilities must generate 25% of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025, with smaller utilities having lower goals. The bill will spark a dramatic increase in the amount of wind and solar power produced in the state. In doing so, it will boost the economy, provide a more reliable source of energy, and will combat global warming by decreasing our reliance on fossil fuels used for electricity.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, April 10, 20-10
- ▷ Passed House, May 23, 41-18
- ▷ Signed by the Governor



## ENERGY

### ENERGY INDEPENDENCE THROUGH BIOFUELS

HB 2210

**HOUSE VOTE 17** **SENATE VOTE 17** HB 2210 reduces air pollution and our dependence on imported fossil fuels by establishing a statewide standard and tax credits that allow for the blending of cleaner, locally produced renewable fuels in gasoline and diesel sold in Oregon. Rather than sending the billions of dollars overseas, HB 2210 will ensure that a portion of every dollar we spend on gas and diesel at the pump is reinvested in the local economy, supporting Oregon farmers and other local businesses. Biodiesel and other biofuels also emit significantly lower levels of pollutants into our air when burned, helping promote healthier air.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, June 21, 24-3
- ▷ Passed House, March 1, 53-4
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## ENERGY

### ONE AND A HALF PERCENT FOR SOLAR • HB 2620

**HOUSE VOTE 18** **SENATE VOTE 18** Under this bill, any time a state constructs a new building, one and a half percent of the building cost will be allocated toward solar technology. This will save taxpayer dollars over the long run, while helping jump-start Oregon's solar industry. It's an important step in the long-term battle to combat global warming by providing more alternatives to fossil energy production.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, May 29, 24-6
- ▷ Passed House, May 31, 37-22
- ▷ Signed by the Governor

## ENERGY

### ENERGY CONSERVATION IN EXISTING BUILDINGS

HB 2876

**HOUSE VOTE 19** HB 2876 was a significant step towards energy conservation. This bill would have required the Department of Energy to reduce energy consumption by 20% in existing state buildings by 2015. Every watt of electricity saved through better conservation is an important part of combating global warming. Unfortunately, after passing the House, this bill never was voted on in the Senate.

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

- ▷ Passed House, May 8, 44-14
- ▷ Died in Senate

## GLOBAL WARMING

### REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS • HB 3543

**HOUSE VOTE 20** **SENATE VOTE 19** Global warming is an urgent and growing crisis that threatens

Oregon's environment and economy in numerous ways. HB 3543 writes into state law official goals for reducing Oregon's contribution of greenhouse gasses to the atmosphere. This bill establishes goals to reduce global warming pollution below 1990 levels. Specifically, the reduction goal includes a goal that by 2050 greenhouse gas levels are at least 75% below 1990 levels. A global warming commission and climate change research institute is also created to spur further progress.

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

- ▷ Passed Senate, June 25, 21-8
- ▷ Passed House, June 23, 40-16
- ▷ Signed by the Governor



# 2007 OREGON SENATE VOTES

KEY: **+** PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE  
**-** ANTI-ENVIRONMENT VOTE  
**A** ABSENT

VOTE #	OLCV SCORE			AIR & WATER QUALITY					FISH & WILDLIFE	LAND USE
	2007	2005	2003	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jason Atkinson (R-Jacksonville)	59%	25%	11%	-	+	+	-	-	A	+
Brad Avakian (D-Portland)	95%	88%*	96%*	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Alan Bates (D-Ashland)	88%	75%	75%*	A	+	+	+	+	+	-
Roger Beyer (R-Molalla)	16%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Kate Brown (D-Portland)	89%	67%	67%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Ginny Burdick (D-Portland)	100%	100%	88%	+	+	+	A	A	+	+
Margaret Carter (D-Portland)	87%	64%	86%	A	A	+	A	+	+	-
Peter Courtney (D-Salem)	89%	67%	33%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Ryan Deckert (D-Beaverton)	94%	92%	44%	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
Richard Devlin (D-Tualatin)	100%	92%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day)	21%	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Gary George (R-Newberg)	38%	17%	11%	-	+	+	+	-	A	A
Larry George (R-Sherwood)	13%	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	+	-
Avel Gordly (I-Portland)	88%	67%+	100%+	+	A	+	+	+	+	-
Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose)	100%	58%	77%*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jeff Kruse (R-Roseburg)	16%	8%	4%*	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Rick Metsger (D-Welches)	94%	83%	67%	+	A	+	+	+	+	-
Laurie Monnes Anderson (D-Gresham)	95%	75%	80%*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rod Monroe (D-Portland)	89%	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Bill Morrisette (D-Springfield)	89%	75%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Frank Morse (R-Albany)	58%	17%	0%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
David Nelson (R-Pendleton)	72%	17%	0%	+	+	+	+	+	+	A
Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene)	95%	83%	100%*	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Kurt Schrader (D-Canby)	93%	82%	25%	A	+	+	A	+	+	+
Bruce Starr (R-Hillsboro)	69%	8%	11%	+	+	+	A	A	+	-
Joanne Verger (D-Coos Bay)	68%	58%	38%*	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Vicki Walker (D-Eugene)	95%	92%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Ben Westlund (D-Tumalo)	100%	42%++	0%++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Doug Whitsett (R-Klamath Falls)	26%	8%	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-
Jackie Winters (R-Salem)	53%	20%	0%	+	A	+	+	+	A	-

\*Score from House service

+ Avel Gordly's 2003 and 2005 scores were while serving as a Democrat.

++ Ben Westlund's 2003 and 2005 scores were while serving as a Republican.



	LAND USE	LAND USE	LAND USE	RECYCLING	RECYCLING	SPECIAL PLACES	SPECIAL PLACES	ENERGY	ENERGY	ENERGY	ENERGY	GLOBAL WARMING/ CLIMATE CHANGE
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
-	-	-	+	+	-	A	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
-	A	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+
-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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# 2007 OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTES

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 A ABSENT

VOTE #	OLCV SCORE			AIR & WATER QUALITY				FISH & WILDLIFE		LAND USE	
	2007 OLCV SCORE	2005 OLCV SCORE	2003 OLCV SCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Jeff Barker (D-Aloha)	95%	93%	88%	⊕	⊕	A	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Phil Barnhart (D-Eugene)	100%	94%	96%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Vicki Berger (R-Salem)	65%	13%	19%	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖
Terry Beyer (D-Springfield)	100%	57%	52%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	A
Suzanne Bonamici (D-Beaverton)	100%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Deborah Boone (D-Cannon Beach)	85%	47%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖
Brian Boquist (R-Dalles)	54%	12%	-	A	⊕	A	A	A	⊖	⊖	⊖
Scott Bruun (R-West Linn)	70%	25%	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖
Peter Buckley (D-Ashland)	100%	94%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Chuck Burley (R-Bend)	56%	12%	-	A	⊕	⊕	A	A	⊕	⊖	⊖
Tom Butler (R-Ontario)	16%	12%	4%	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Kevin Cameron (R-Salem)	45%	12%	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖
Ben Cannon (D-Portland)	94%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	A	⊖
Brian Clem (D-Salem)	84%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖
Jean Cowan (D-Newport)	95%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
John Dallum (R-Dalles)	50%	12%	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Jackie Dingfelder (D-Portland)	100%	100%	100%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Chris Edwards (D-Eugene)	90%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖
David Edwards (D-Hillsboro)	89%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Sal Esquivel (R-Medford)	47%	12%	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Linda Flores (R-Clackamas)	35%	12%	4%	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Larry Galizio (D-Tigard)	94%	88%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Bill Garrard (R-Klamath Falls)	40%	18%	4%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Sara Gelser (D-Corvallis)	100%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Vic Gilliam (R-Molalla)	26%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
George Gilman (R-Medford)	25%	12%	4%	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Fred Girod (R-Stayton)	20%	-	-	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Mitch Greenlick (D-Portland)	95%	94%	92%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Bruce Hanna (R-Roseburg)	55%	12%	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Paul Holvey (D-Eugene)	95%	88%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖



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Dave Hunt (D-Oak Grove)	90%	57%	70%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖
Bob Jenson (R-Pendleton)	53%	12%	0%	A	⊕	⊕	A	A	⊖	⊖	⊖
Betty Komp (D-Woodburn)	95%	59%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕
Tina Kotek (D-Portland)	95%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Wayne Krieger (R-Gold Beach)	40%	12%	0%	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Jerry Krummel (R-Wilsonville)	45%	0%	4%	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
John Lim (R-Gresham)	68%	29%	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖
Greg Macpherson (D-Lake Oswego)	100%	94%	96%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Ron Maurer (R-Grants Pass)	40%	-	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Jeff Merkley (D-Portland)	95%	94%	100%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Karen Minnis (R-Fairview)	24%	13%	5%	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Susan Morgan (R-Myrtle Creek)	31%	12%	4%	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊖	A	⊖	⊖
Nancy Nathanson (D-Eugene)	95%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Donna Nelson (R-McMinnville)	37%	12%	11%	⊖	A	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Mary Nolan (D-Portland)	94%	100%	96%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Andy Olson (R-Albany)	45%	6%	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖
Tobias Read (D-Portland)	95%	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Dennis Richardson (R-Central Point)	32%	12%	0%	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Chuck Riley (D-Hillsboro)	95%	82%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay)	89%	41%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖
Diane Rosenbaum (D-Portland)	95%	100%	100%	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Mike Schaufler (D-Happy Valley)	70%	38%	65%	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖
Wayne Scott (R-Canby)	15%	12%	4%	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Chip Shields (D-Portland)	95%	100%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖
Greg Smith (R-Heppner)	40%	12%	0%	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Patti Smith (R-Corbett)	56%	18%	8%	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊕	⊖	⊖
Kim Thatcher (R-Keizer)	28%	0%	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖
Carolyn Tomei (D-Milwaukie)	100%	100%	100%	⊕	⊕	⊕	A	⊕	⊕	A	⊕
Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver)	42%	12%	-	⊖	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖	⊖	A	⊖
Brad Witt (D-Clatskanie)	95%	88%	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊖

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# 2007 LEGISLATOR THANK YOU

The 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. To help flesh out the picture, we have chosen to highlight ten legislators who showed clear leadership on behalf of Oregon’s environment in ways beyond their floor votes. (So many legislators worked hard for environmental protection this past session that it was hard to choose just ten.)

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

## SENATE

### ENERGY STAR AWARD

**Senator Jason Atkinson**  
(R-Jacksonville)



Senator Atkinson was a focused player in support of renewable energy and energy conservation. He played a vocal role

supporting SB 838, one of the most important environmental bills in the last two decades, helping shepherd it through difficult negotiations. As Vice Chair of the Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee, his support was critical to the ultimate passage of SB 838.

### CONSENSUS BUILDER OF THE YEAR

**Senator Brad Avakian**  
(D-Beaverton)



Senator Avakian showed great passion for the environment as Chair of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources

Committee. He moved the most significant environmental legislation of the day through his Committee with style and grace. As a consensus builder, he was not interested in pushing people out of the negotiation. He would incorporate all of the issues and find a

solution that could move through the building and be supported by a wide range of individuals. This was the key to his success and we appreciate him greatly for it.

### ENVIRONMENTAL BULLDOG OF THE YEAR

**President Peter Courtney**  
(D-Salem)



Senate President Courtney was our stalwart supporter at critical times during the session. His door

was always open to our issues and concerns. A bulldog (that could be cuddly), he brought the right people together to move bills. For example, when Senator Walker came to him with the proposal to clean up Oregon’s rivers, President Courtney helped to keep the bill alive at strategically important times. He also worked tirelessly on revisions to the bottle bill and other key issues.

### THE GREEN MONEY AWARD

**Senator Richard Devlin**  
(D-Lake Oswego)



Senator Devlin, in his capacity as Chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee in the Ways and Means Committee, was in a

key place to make sure that Oregon’s environmental and natural resource agencies were adequately funded, something that hadn’t been true in the last decade. The Senator worked collaboratively with the Co-Chairs of the Full Ways and Means Committee, Senator Schrader and Representative Nolan, to ensure these agencies had the funds needed to protect our water, air, land, and wildlife. Senator Devlin’s thoughtful approach to all problems meant that committee hearings ran smoothly. His good work resulted in significant new support needed to enforce clean air and clean water safeguards, and to promote a healthy environment for future generations.

### VISIONARY ON CLEAN WATER

**Senator Vicki Walker**  
(D-Eugene)



Senator Walker worked with Senator Gary George to create a landmark agreement on cleaning up Oregon’s waterways

that seemed virtually impossible at the beginning of session. Through perseverance and a strong will, Senator Walker brought together diverse interests and forged a compromise. Her work marked an important milestone on the path to allow Oregon’s families to safely boat and swim in Oregon’s rivers.

## HOUSE

### THE AWARD FOR PERSEVERANCE

**Representative Vicki Berger**  
(R-Salem)



Representative Berger was particularly focused this session on expanding and improving Oregon's bottle bill. It was her

focus that made the bill a reality. Along with other key players, she successfully fought to expand the bottle bill to cover plastic water bottles, while establishing a task force to work on further improvements. After 36 years with opponents successfully fighting off any improvement to the bottle bill, Representative Berger parted the sea to add plastic water bottles.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

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



Representative Jackie Dingfelder never deviated from her vision to protect Oregon's land, air, water, and wildlife. She was influential on every significant environmental victory that moved this session.

Representative Dingfelder's in-depth knowledge of environmental issues made her the go-to person who other legislators consulted on thorny questions. Her Chairmanship of the House Energy and Environment Committee allowed her to move key priorities. Oregon's families owe her a debt of gratitude for her stalwart defense of our natural legacy.

### CARETAKER OF THE YEAR House Speaker Jeff Merkley (D-Portland)



Speaker Merkley was a strong leader who did not carry his ego on his sleeve. He listened carefully and always had an open

door to the conservation community. He also cared a great deal about the cohesiveness of his caucus and was able to juggle the tricky balance between moving a conservation agenda forward while ensuring his caucus members agreed to the goals. Speaker Merkley deserves much of the credit for this successful environmental session.

## HOUSE & SENATE

### THE DYNAMIC HOUSE-SENATE DUO AWARD

**Senator Prozanski** (D-Eugene)  
and **Representative Macpherson**  
(D-Lake Oswego)



Sen. Prozanski



Rep. Macpherson

Senator Prozanski and Representative Macpherson worked tirelessly throughout the session to fix the worst flaws in Measure 37. They held many hours of hearings and work sessions, listening to people from across the state and across the political spectrum on whether and how to reform Measure 37. The result, HB 3540, protects Oregon's farms, forests, and groundwater, as well as the rights of families to build homes on their own property. It fixes flaws in Measure 37 that allow large housing subdivisions, big-box stores and strip malls where they don't belong. And it restores balance by helping small property owners and preserving Oregon's special quality of life for future generations.



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# Now That You Know The Score....

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

- 1 Hold your legislator accountable.** 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. However, 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.
- 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 keep Oregon's Legislature on track.
- 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

Oregon legislators are in regular session starting in January of every odd-numbered year. They are scheduled to meet for 6 months. They also plan on meeting for the month of February 2008 for a special session.

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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- Contact me about volunteering with OLCV (e.g., voter outreach, letter writing, hosting a Scorecard party, office work, etc.)

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## HOW TO USE THIS SCORECARD

SEE PAGES 8-11 FOR DETAILED VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

PARTY & RESIDENCE	VOTE #	PERCENT VOTE PRO-ENVIRONMENT			PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE			
		2007 OL	2005 OL	2003 OL	1	2	3	4
Jason Atkinson (R-Jacksonville)		59%	25%	11%	=	+	+	=
Brad Avakian (D-Portland)		95%	88%*	96%*	+	+	+	+
Alan Bates (D-Ashland)		88%	75%	75%*	A	+	+	+
Roger Beyer (R-Molalla)		16%	0%	0%	=	=	=	=
Kate Brown (D-Portland)		85%	67%	67%	+	+	+	+

ANTI-ENVIRONMENT VOTE

Welcome to the Oregon League of Conservation Voters Scorecard for the 2007 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 22 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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