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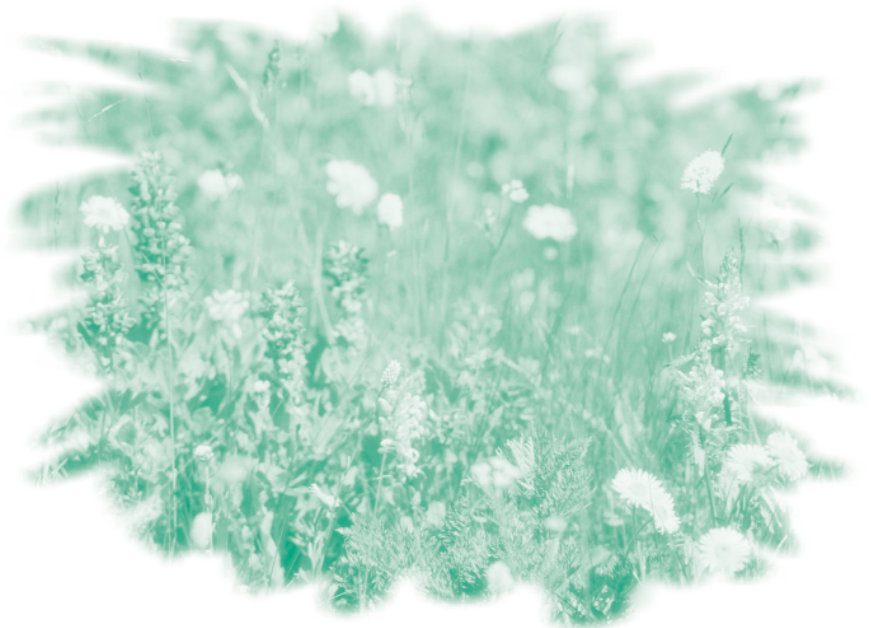
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KNOW THE SCORE!

Colorado's state legislature makes decisions that greatly impact the environment, and the health and quality of life of all Colorado residents. That's why it's so important for you to know the voting records of the lawmakers elected to represent you.

This Scorecard provides nonpartisan, factual information about how each member of the Colorado General Assembly voted on a range of important environmental issues. To compile the Scorecard, the League of Conservation Voter's Rocky Mountain Office asked 20 respected conservation experts from around the state to help select the key natural resource and public health votes of the 1999 legislative session. The Scorecard only includes House or Senate votes on which the environmental community clearly communicated its position to the legislature and, except in rare circumstance, excludes non-controversial consensus votes.



1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OVERVIEW

The General Assembly's record on environmental issues in the 1999 legislative session was mixed, with some clear steps backward, and a few positive accomplishments. Overall, very little progress was made in addressing what is the state's greatest environmental challenge: managing the impacts of Colorado's skyrocketing growth and sprawl. Indeed, the legislature took several dramatic steps backward on this score, most notably the passage of "takings" legislation that will make it more difficult for local governments to plan for their community's future. In addition, the General Assembly enacted a bill continuing the self-audit program that shields polluters from public scrutiny. Equally disappointing was the legislature's approval of legislation that points fingers at federal agencies instead of tackling the problems that are causing air pollution in national parks and wilderness areas.

Some of the most important conservation victories of the session were actually the defeat or amendment of anti-environmental proposals. For example, the legislature came close to adopting legislation that would have given developers new rights while curbing the ability of existing residents to urge changes in future development in order to protect their communities' livability. The legislation that was finally adopted struck a far more balanced position. Conservationists worked hard to turn back numerous budget cuts targeted at the Division of Wildlife and the state Parks Department. They also teamed up with family farmers to defeat a bill that would have gutted the 1998 voter-passed initiative on factory hog farms.

The legislature did make some positive strides in protecting Colorado's environment. The legislature increased funding for conservation of endangered species and extended the state water conservation program. In addition, the legislature approved several measures to provide financial incentives for environmental activities such as the donation of conservation easements and the use of low emission vehicles.

The following is a brief synopsis of the session's environmental highlights. Bills that died in committee cannot be tallied in the Scorecard because only the committee members, and not the full Assembly, voted on them. However, given the many critically important environmental issues decided in the legislature's committees, key committee votes are highlighted throughout the overview.

SPRAWL & LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING

According to recent polls, the number one issue on Colorado citizens' minds continues to be the state's uncontrolled growth and its impacts on Coloradans' quality of life. Yet despite this overwhelming concern, the legislature refused to deal with this pressing issue. Sen. Pascoe (Denver) introduced SB 107, an urban growth management bill, but it died in the Senate Local Government Committee. Sen. Sullivant (Breckenridge) introduced the Responsible Growth Act (SB 211), a comprehensive planning bill that would have required cities and counties to plan for growth, including its impacts on wildlife and quality of life. SB 211 passed the Senate Local Government Committee but was defeated in the Senate State Affairs Committee. The only growth-related measure to pass this session was Sen. Sullivant's SJR 46, a resolution establishing an interim committee to study the issue.

Key Committee Vote: On February 2, the Senate Local Government Committee voted 4-3 to kill SB 107. NO was the pro-environmental vote.
No votes: Reeves, Rupert, Wedding
Yes votes: Anderson, Congrove, Hillman, Teck

Key Committee Vote: On April 5, the Senate State Affairs Committee voted 4-3 to kill SB 211. NO was the pro-environmental vote.

No votes: Dyer, Pascoe, Weddig

Yes votes: Congrove, Hillman, Musgrave, Tebedo

TAKINGS

Not only did the Legislature not address Colorado's sprawl problem, it made it worse by passing so-called "takings" legislation to further inhibit local land use planning and block protections for open space, wildlife habitat, air and water quality, and other public health and safety measures. Over the past nine years, the environmental community has battled more than 20 takings bills that would have mandated compensation for alleged takings of private property affected by environmental or public health regulations. In the past, however, these bills have all either failed in the legislature or been vetoed by Governor Romer. Not so this year.

HB 1192, a bill that that would have impeded the ability of local governments to require developers to undertake environmental protections, was killed in the Senate Local Government Committee. Not deterred, bill sponsors Sen. Anderson (Lakewood) and Rep. Stengel (Littleton), reintroduced a virtually identical bill, SB 218, and got it referred to a different committee. Again, this bill was temporarily defeated on the House floor but then, after significant arm-twisting, was passed on a re-vote. Another bill (SB 133), sponsored by Sen. Lamborn (Colorado Springs) and Rep. McPherson (Denver), would have encouraged takings lawsuits by granting attorney fees to property owners (but not the state or local governments) who prevail in takings lawsuits. However, this bill failed on the Senate floor.

KEY COMMITTEE VOTE: On March 16, the Senate Local Government Committee voted 4-3 to kill HB 1192. YES was the pro-environmental vote.

Yes votes: Reeves, Rupert, Sullivant, Weddig

No votes: Anderson, Congrove, Hillman

DEVELOPERS' VESTED RIGHTS

The legislature attempted to further erode local land use control with the introduction of a developers' vested rights bill, HB 1280. Known as the "Developers' Bill of Rights," this legislation would have moved the point of "vesting" (the point in the planning process where a developer is guaranteed to be able to complete his project or receive compensation) to a very early point in the process, thereby decreasing public input opportunities and increasing taxpayer liability. Fortunately, Sens. Sullivant (Breckenridge) and Perlmutter (Golden) mooted the bill with floor amendments; the final version simply enforces existing law and improves public notice. (Reps. Plant (Nederland) and Witwer (Evergreen) attempted to similarly amend the bill in the House.) Passage of the Sullivant-Perlmutter amendment represents one of the most important environmental successes this session.

WILDLIFE & HABITAT

1999 saw a disturbing trend in the legislature to politicize wildlife management decisions by shifting authority from the Division of Wildlife and Wildlife Commission to state or local lawmakers instead. The Legislature passed HB 1229 requiring specific approval by the legislature before the state can introduce or reintroduce a rare or endangered species. A similar bill sponsored by Sen. Hillman (Burlington) and Rep. Kester (Las Animas), SB 111, was enacted to require approval by county commissions before prairie dogs or similar animals are relocated there—despite existing state permitting requirements for such activities. On a more positive note, multiple efforts to

gut wildlife funding were rebuffed, and HCR 1019 was enacted to provide \$1.15 million for endangered species recovery projects. The legislature also passed HB 1155, a modest bill to provide tax credits for the donation of conservation easements.

AIR QUALITY

The 1999 session was also a mixed bag for the issue of air quality. SB 145, a re-run from prior years (Governor Romer vetoed it in 1997 and 1998), was enacted in 1999. This bill's real purpose is to give state officials the ability to veto land management activities on federal lands, like prescribed fire, while demanding that the lands be managed in a different way (e.g., more logging). The legislature also passed another anti-environmental measure, HB 1351, which will create roadblocks for cleaning up the smoggy haze that can mar scenic views in our parks and wilderness areas. On the positive side, however, two bills to improve air quality were also signed into law: Sens. Sullivant (Breckenridge) and Evans' (Parker) HB 1271, to create financial incentives for low-emission trucks and buses; and Sen. Dennis (Pueblo West) and Rep. Plant's (Nederland) HB 1181 to increase emissions controls for government vehicles.

WILDERNESS

Despite polls showing that more than three-quarters of all Coloradans support additional wilderness protection in the state, the legislature passed a resolution, HJR 1020, opposing U.S. Rep. DeGette's federal bill to protect 1.4 million acres of Colorado canyon country as wilderness. Although it expresses an anti-wilderness view to Congress, the resolution has no legal impact since resolutions are merely non-binding expressions of legislative sentiment and the state of Colorado has no authority over federal wilderness designation.

RESOURCE EXTRACTION

Currently, five of the seven members of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, the agency that oversees oil and gas development in Colorado, are either employed by or contract with the industry. Introduced by Rep. Kaufman (Loveland), HB 1343 would have alleviated this "fox guarding the hen house" situation by prohibiting Commission members from having a conflict of interest with the oil and gas industry, but the bill was defeated on the House floor. (Since the floor vote was a voice vote, it could not be scored.)

WATER

One of the few environmental victories of the session was the permanent extension of the Water Conservation Act via HB 1054. First enacted in 1991, this law was widely supported by the environmental community because it created a much-needed program to promote water conservation in the state.

ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

In 1994, the legislature enacted a "self audit" law, which shields polluting companies from civil and criminal penalties if the companies discover their violations themselves. The legislature had the opportunity to fix this statute's flaws when the law came up for renewal in 1999, but the legislature chose instead to pass SB 70, which indefinitely extended the statute without making any needed changes.

CORPORATE HOG FACTORIES

In the 1998 elections, concern about threats to the state's air and water quality led Colorado voters to overwhelmingly pass Amendment 14 to regulate corporate hog factories and the huge quantities of waste they pro-

duce. In 1999, Rep. Spradley (Beulah) and Sen. Lacy (Aurora) introduced HB 1384 to gut Amendment 14 by weakening its provisions to require hog factories to control their odor and emissions into the atmosphere and to eliminate citizen suits. However, this bill was killed in the House Agriculture Committee after a vocal public outcry.

KEY COMMITTEE VOTE: On April 26, the House Agriculture Committee voted 7-6 to kill HB 1384. YES was the pro-environmental vote.

Yes votes: Coleman, Gagliardi, Grossman, Johnson, Miller, Plant, Taylor

No votes: Alexander, Hoppe, Smith, Spradley, Webster, Young

BUDGET

As in past years, there were several attempts to slash the budgets for key environmental programs. Sen. Chlouber (Leadville) tried to remove funding for hazardous waste clean-up, while Rep. Smith (Grand Junction) moved an amendment to delete the entire wildlife habitat acquisition budget. Rep. Taylor (Steamboat Springs) also made multiple attempts to cut the resources for wildlife and parks projects. Ultimately, however, all of these monies were restored.

REGULATORY REFORM

“Regulatory reform” made an appearance again this year at the legislature. HB 1183, sponsored by Rep. Witwer (Evergreen), would have increased costs and red tape, encouraged litigation, and prevented agencies from issuing rules that interfered with businesses. This bill was killed, however, in the House Judiciary Committee.

KEY COMMITTEE VOTE: On January 21, the House Judiciary Committee voted 8-5 to kill HB 1183. YES was the pro-environmental vote.

Yes votes: Clarke, Grossman, Kaufman, Lawrence, Leyba, Morrison, S. Williams, Veiga

No votes: Decker, Hefley, McPherson, Mitchell, Spence

GOOD BILLS THAT DESERVED BETTER

As is often the case, a number of pro-environment bills never made it out of committee. In addition to the land use bills, several others also deserve special mention. Rep. Plant’s (Nederland) bill, HB 1120, would have provided tax incentives to encourage telecommuting, use of mass transit and the production of fuel efficient vehicles—activities which would improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion. Another bill sponsored by Rep. Gordon (Denver), HB 1205, would have granted tax credits for the protection of open space. Lastly, SB 138, introduced by Sen. Thiebaut (Pueblo), would have provided industry with incentives to reduce pollution discharges and would also have corrected flaws in the existing environmental self audit statute, providing a good alternative to SB 70, the self audit bill that was passed instead.

SUMMARY

In conclusion, 1999 was disappointing for those who care about the environment of Colorado and the quality of life of her residents. While some positive steps were taken to provide financial incentives and resources for environmental activities, this progress was outpaced by ill-advised proposals impacting local land use planning, air quality, wilderness protection, wildlife, and pollution reduction. The legislature also left significant work undone, such as addressing the state’s sprawl problem and reducing conflicts of interest in the regulation of the oil and gas industry. We hope through this Scorecard to provide Colorado voters with the information they need to hold their lawmakers accountable for the critical decisions they are making about the future of Colorado.

1999 VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

AIR QUALITY

State Interference on Federal Lands (Vote #1)

Prescribed burning is a tool used to safely reduce flammable underbrush that can cause large, damaging wildfires. In an apparent attempt to increase logging in federal forests, Rep. Taylor (Steamboat Springs) and Sen. Wattenberg (Walden) introduced SB 145 to give the state authority to reject parts of federal land management plans and require federal agencies to implement activities (such as logging) that the state preferred over other activities (such as prescribed fire). In 1998, Gov. Romer vetoed the same bill based on his analysis that existing state review and permit requirements were adequate, making the bill unnecessary.

HOUSE: On April 29, the House passed SB 145, 43-22. (3rd reading)

SENATE: On April 15, the Senate passed SB 145, 22-12. (3rd reading)

NO is the pro-environmental vote.

Gov. Owens signed SB 145 on May 24.

Smog in our Parks (Vote #2)

Sponsored by Rep. Mitchell (Broomfield) and Sen. Teck (Grand Junction), HB 1351 will make it more difficult to clean up haze-blocked views in our scenic parks and wilderness areas. While claiming to improve pollution analyses by requiring the measurement of emissions from sources like plants, animals and dirt roads, the bill creates potential roadblocks for polluters to delay clean-up activities.

HOUSE: On April 27, the House passed HB 1351, 38-26. (3rd reading)

SENATE: On May 3, the Senate passed HB 1351, 24-11. (3rd reading)

NO is the pro-environmental vote.

Gov. Owens signed HB 1351 on June 2.

WILDLIFE

Impeding Endangered Species Recovery (Vote #3)

Sponsored by Rep. Johnson (Fort Collins) and Sen. Wattenberg (Walden), HB 1229 prohibits state and local governments from introducing or reintroducing any threatened or endangered species into Colorado without specific approval by the legislature. By putting wildlife management decisions in the hands of the legislature rather than state wildlife biologists, this bill inappropriately politicizes what should be a scientific decision, and will impede and increase the cost of future species recovery efforts.

HOUSE: On February 12, the House passed HB 1229, 41-22. (3rd reading)

SENATE: On March 24, the Senate passed HB 1229, 20-13. (3rd reading)

NO is the pro-environmental vote.

Gov. Owens signed HB 1229 on April 22.

WATER

Water Conservation (Vote #4)

HB 1054, sponsored by Rep. Gotlieb (Denver) and Sen. Chlouber (Leadville), permanently extends the 1991 Water Conservation Act (it was scheduled to sunset in 1999). Championed by environmentalists, this statute creates an important program to conserve Colorado's water and use it more efficiently.

HOUSE: On January 25, the House passed HB 1054, 64-0. (3rd reading)

SENATE: On February 18, the Senate passed HB 1054, 33-0. (3rd reading)

YES is the pro-environmental vote.

Gov. Owens signed HB 1054 into law on March 5.

POLLUTION PREVENTION

Shielding Polluters from Scrutiny (Vote #5)

Colorado's self-audit law, which shields polluting companies from penalties for polluting if the companies disclose the violations themselves, was scheduled to "sunset" in 1999. Lawmakers chose to ignore this opportunity to fix the statute's many shortcomings, and instead passed Rep. Taylor (Steamboat Springs) and Sen. Power's (Colorado Springs) bill to extend the law indefinitely without change.

HOUSE: On March 25, the House passed SB 70, 44-18. (3rd reading)

SENATE: On February 19, the Senate passed SB 70, 27-7. (3rd reading)

NO is the pro-environmental vote.

Gov. Owens signed SB 70 on April 14.

PUBLIC LANDS

Anti-Wilderness Resolution (Senate Vote #6)

U.S. Rep. DeGette introduced a bill in Congress this year to protect 15 percent of Colorado's Bureau of Land Management lands as wilderness. Rep. Hoppe (Sterling) and Sen. Dennis (Pueblo West) sponsored a resolution, HJR 1020, voicing opposition to the DeGette bill, despite its widespread public support.

HOUSE: On April 15, the House passed HJR 1020 by voice vote (so it could not be scored).

SENATE: On May 5, the Senate passed HJR 1020, 22-12.

NO is the pro-environmental vote. (Scored in the Senate only.)

Joint Resolutions are not presented to the Governor for his signature.

TAKINGS & DEVELOPERS' VESTED RIGHTS

Takings I (House Vote #6)

Sponsored by Rep. Stengel (Littleton) and Sen. Anderson (Lakewood), HB 1192 was similar to a bill vetoed by Gov. Romer last year. This bill would have hampered the ability of local governments to limit or condition new development in a manner that maintains and promotes the public health and quality of life in our local communities.

HOUSE: On February 15, the House passed HB 1192, 39-25. (3rd reading)

NO is the pro-environmental vote. (Scored in the House only.)

The bill was defeated in the Senate Local Government Committee, 4-3, on March 16.

Takings IIa and IIb (Votes #7 and #8)

After takings bill HB 1192 was defeated in a Senate committee, the bill sponsors introduced a virtually identical bill, SB 218, and saw that it got referred to more favorable committees. The bill was originally defeated on the House floor but was then passed in a re-vote. The environmental community considers this legislation so harmful that two votes in each chamber are included.

HOUSE: On April 30, the House passed SB 218, 33-30. (2nd reading)

On May 3, the House passed SB 218, 35-29. (3rd reading)

SENATE: On April 20, the Senate passed SB 218, 19-16. (3rd reading)

On May 5, the Senate defeated, 16-19, an amendment to ensure that the bill did not impact regional planning or efforts to stop sprawl.

NO is the pro-environmental vote in the House and the first Senate vote.

YES is the pro-environmental vote for the second Senate vote.

Gov. Owens signed SB 218 on May 17.

Developers' Bill of Rights (Vote #9)

Developers' vested rights legislation, Rep. McPherson (Denver) and Sen. Lamborn's (Colorado Springs) HB 1280, would have tipped the balance of land use power away from local governments and residents and towards developers. The version of HB 1280 passed by the House would have decreased the ability of residents to have input on development in their communities, and increased taxpayer-funded compensation to developers. In the Senate, however, this bill was amended to mirror current law, with improvements in public notice.

HOUSE: On March 23, the House passed HB 1280, 36-28. (3rd reading)

SENATE: On May 4, the Senate passed Sens. Sullivant and Perlmutter's amendment to improve HB 1280, 18-17. (Standing vote)

NO is the pro-environmental vote in the House.

YES is the pro-environmental vote in the Senate.

Gov. Owens signed the amended version of HB 1280 on May 24.

A Tribute to
TONY GRAMPSAS

Tony Grampsas served in the Colorado legislature for 14 years, first in the House and then in the Senate. When he died this year, the environment lost a true and good friend.

In the halls of the Capitol, on the floor of the House and Senate, and on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, Tony Grampsas was a consistent and persuasive voice for environmental protection. We will miss his commitment, his leadership, his unparalleled political acumen, and his friendship.

Grampsas fought every takings bill ever introduced in Colorado. He voted to create a 300,000 acre wildlife refuge, to enhance funding for endangered species recovery, for tougher penalties for poaching, and to maintain the natural areas program. He supported water conservation measures, preservation of Colorado's streams, and protection of the San Luis Valley ground water. He worked to protect air quality in pristine wilderness areas, and to promote sound forest management.

Tony's efforts were also critical in the battle to preserve Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) funding for open space. The amendment creating GOCO and restoring lottery funds to parks and wildlife passed the same year as TABOR, the amendment restricting government spending. The legislature initially proposed making lottery revenues subject to TABOR. Grampsas was a powerful ally in the fight to place net lottery proceeds outside the restraints of TABOR. If we had lost that fight, lottery dollars might have been part of the state revenue to be refunded. Instead, they were spent on wildlife and parks programs.

The list could go on and on.

For all you did for all these years, we thank you, Tony Grampsas.
We miss you.

Awards & Special Recognition

Green Sense Awards

We want to recognize those individuals who worked especially hard for environmental issues in the House and Senate.

Sen. Mike Feeley (Lakewood), who was a champion on all environmental fronts, an able leader in his party, and a tireless advocate at the Senate microphone.

Rep. Ken Gordon (Denver), who was a sponsor of bills to protect ground water and wildlife habitat, and a true leader and environmental hero in the legislature.

Rep. Dan Grossman (Denver), for his demonstrated leadership on the full gamut of environmental bills, and his sponsorship of measures to restore funding for hazardous waste clean-up and endangered species.

Rep. Tom Plant (Nederland), who as a freshman member took a leadership role all session long on every issue of environmental importance, from vested rights, and takings to wildlife and air quality.

Rep. Todd Saliman (Boulder), who was a staunch environmental ally on the Joint Budget Committee, and in the fight against takings legislation.

Rep. Matt Smith (Grand Junction), for his committed opposition to developers' vested rights and for his efforts to address the environmental impacts of trans-basin water diversions.

Sen. Bryan Sullivant (Breckenridge), who was a courageous leader in the fight against takings bills in both the House and Senate, the sponsor of critical vested rights bill amendments, and a champion on responsible growth and air quality legislation.

Rep. John Witwer (Evergreen), for his support of parks and wildlife programs, cosponsorship of the amendment to moot vested rights legislation, and his opposition to the second takings bills.

Senate Environmental Heroes

*Sen. Doug Linkhart, 100%
*Sen. Dorothy Rupert, 100%
*Sen. Bill Thiebaut, 100%
Sen. Pat Pascoe, 100%
Sen. Terry Phillips, 100%
Sen. Mike Feeley, 89%
Sen. Rob Hernandez, 89%
Sen. Ed Perlmutter, 89%
Sen. Peggy Reeves, 89%
Sen. Gloria Tanner, 89%
Sen. Bob Martinez, 88%

* Have scored 100% each of the last 3 years

House Environmental Heroes

*Rep. Bob Bacon, 100%
*Rep. Benjamin Clarke, 100%
*Rep. Ken Gordon, 100%
*Rep. Gloria Leyba, 100%
*Rep. Todd Saliman, 100%
*Rep. Penfield Tate, 100%
*Rep. Ron Tupa, 100%
Rep. Nolbert Chavez, 100%
Rep. Fran Coleman, 100%
Rep. Al Gagliardi, 100%
Rep. Tom Plant, 100%
Rep. Stephanie Takis, 100%
Rep. Lois Tochtrop, 100%
Rep. Vigil Valentin, 100%
Rep. Sue Windels, 100%
Rep. Paul Zimmerman, 100%
Rep. Dan Grossman, 89%
Rep. Maryanne Keller, 89%
Rep. Ann Ragsdale, 89%
Rep. Jennifer Veiga, 89%

1999 Senate Votes

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+ Pro-environment action
 - Anti-environment action
 E Excused

		1999 Score	1998 Score	1997 Score	State Interference on Federal Lands	Smog in Our Parks	Impeding Endangered Species Recovery	Water Conservation	Shielding Polluters from Scrutiny	Anti-Wilderness Resolution	Takings IIa	Takings IIb	Developers' Bill of Rights
		%	%	%	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SD 1	Musgrave, Marilyn (R)	11	30	10	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 2	Hillman, Mark (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 3	Thiebaut, Bill (D)	100	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SD 4	Chlouber, Ken (R)	11	45	13	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 5	Dennis, Gigi (R)	33	45	25	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+
SD 6	Dyer, Jim (D)	25	70	40	-	-	E	+	-	-	+	-	-
SD 7	Teck, Ron (R)	22	NA	NA	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 8	Wattenberg, Dave (R)	11	55	25	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 9	Lamborn, Doug (R)	11	NA	10	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 10	Powers, Ray (R)	11	27	25	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 11	Epps, Mary Ellen (R)	0	40	10	-	-	-	E	E	-	-	-	-
SD 12	Tebedo, MaryAnne (R)	11	13	0	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 13	Sullivant, Bryan (R)*	60	80	60	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+
SD 14	Reeves, Peggy (D)	89	91	100	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
SD 15	Matsunaka, Stan (D)	75	73	50	-	+	E	+	-	+	+	+	+
SD 16	Owen, David (R)	11	57	20	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 17	Phillips, Terry (D)	100	100	88	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SD 18	Rupert, Dorothy (D)	100	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SD 19	Congrove, Jim (R)	11	18	13	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 20	Perlmutter, Ed (D)	89	100	88	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
SD 21	Feeley, Mike (D)	89	100	100	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
SD 22	Anderson, Norma (R)	11	40	30	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 23	Arnold, Ken (R)	11	18	13	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 24	Nichol, Alice (D)	56	80	60	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
SD 25	Martinez, Bob (D)	88	91	75	+	-	+	+	+	E	+	+	+
SD 26	Blickensderfer, Tom (R)	11	18	25	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 27	Andrews, John (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 28	Lacy, Elsie (R)	13	33	29	E	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
SD 29	Weddig, Frank (D)	67	73	63	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
SD 30	Evans, John (R)	33	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+
SD 31	Linkhart, Doug (D)	100	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SD 32	Pascoe, Pat (D)	100	91	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SD 33	Tanner, Gloria (D)	89	82	88	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
SD 34	Hernandez, Rob (D)	89	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
SD 35	Wham, Dottie (R)	33	45	29	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+

* Since Sen. Sullivant was appointed from the House mid session to fill Sen. Grampas' seat, he is also scored on his House votes on HB 1054 and HB 1229.

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HD 1	Coleman, Fran (D)	100	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 2	Leyba, Gloria (D)	100	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 3	Veiga, Jennifer (D)	89	100	100	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
HD 4	Mace, Frana (D)	78	100	90	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 5	Chavez, Nolbert (D)	100	100	90	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 6	Grossman, Dan (D)	89	100	100	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
HD 7	Clarke, Benjamin (D)	100	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 8	Tate, Penfield (D)	100	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+
HD 9	Gordon, Ken (D)	100	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 10	Godlieb, Dorothy (R)	11	50	10	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 11	Saliman, Todd (D)	100	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 12	Swenson, Bill (R)	22	60	10	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
HD 13	Plant, Tom (D)	100	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 14	Tupa, Ron (D)	100	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 15	May, Ron (R)	11	40	20	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 16	Sinclair, William (R)	22	50	20	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
HD 17	McElhany, Andy (R)	13	30	20	-	E	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 18	Dean, Doug (R)	11	11	20	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 19	Decker, Richard (R)	22	NA	NA	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 20	Hefley, Lynn (R)	13	33	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	E
HD 21	King, Keith (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 22	Morrison, Marcy (R)	38	90	70	-	+	-	+	-	-	E	-	+
HD 23	Pfiffner, Penn (R)	11	10	10	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 24	Keller, Maryanne (D)	89	100	90	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
HD 25	Witwer, John (R)	67	NA	NA	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+
HD 26	McKay, Scott (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 27	Windels, Sue (D)	100	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 28	Lee, Don (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 29	Paschall, Mark (R)	13	25	22	-	-	E	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 30	Fairbank, Rob (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 31	Zimmerman, Paul (D)	100	100	90	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+
HD 32	Vigil, Valentin (D)	100	NA	NA	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 33	Mitchell, Shawn (R)	13	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	E	-	-	-	-
HD 34	Tochtrop, Lois (D)	100	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 35	Ragsdale, Ann (D)	89	NA	NA	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 36	Takis, Stephanie (D)	100	90	60	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 37	Clapp, Lauri (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 38	Stengel, Joe (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 39	Spence, Nancy (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 40	McPherson, Gary (R)	11	30	10	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 41	Williams, Suzanne (D)	67	90	90	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
HD 42	Hagedorn, Bob (D)	56	70	50	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
HD 43	Allen, Debbie (R)	11	44	30	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 44	Spradley, Lola (R)	11	40	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-

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	1999 Score	1998 Score	1997 Score	State Interference on Federal Lands	Smog in Our Parks	Impeding Endangered Species Recovery	Water Conservation	Shielding Polluters from Scrutiny	Takings I	Takings IIa	Takings IIb	Developers' Bill of Rights
	%	%	%	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
HD 45 Lawrence, Joyce (R)	33	70	40	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+
HD 46 Tapia, Abel (D)	78	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-
HD 47 Kester, Kenneth (R)	13	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	E	-	-
HD 48 Webster, Bill (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 49 Johnson, Steve (R)	11	70	20	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 50 Williams, Tambor (R)	11	60	20	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 51 Kaufman, Bill (R)	25	80	40	-	+	-	+	-	E	-	-	-
HD 52 Tool, Steve (R)	13	70	20	-	-	-	+	E	-	-	-	-
HD 53 Bacon, Bob (D)	100	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 54 Smith, Matt (R)	33	60	30	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-
HD 55 Berry, Gayle (R)	33	60	30	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-
HD 56 Taylor, Jack (R)	0	44	30	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-
HD 57 George, Russell (R)	11	70	40	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 58 Alexander, Kay (R)	11	60	30	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 59 Larson, Mark (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 60 Gagliardi, Al (D)	100	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HD 61 Miller, Carl (D)	56	70	40	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
HD 62 Scott, Glenn (R)*	50	NA	NA	-	-	NA	NA	-	NA	+	+	+
HD 63 Young, Brad (R)	22	40	30	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
HD 64 Nunez, Joe (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HD 65 Hoppe, Diane (R)	11	NA	NA	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-

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