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2021 Oklahoma Environmental Legislative Scorecard

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2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2021 Oklahoma state legislative session—officially the First Session of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature—was a difficult and troubling session that clearly showed Oklahoma’s legislature is firmly under the control of extreme conservatives in a powerful trifecta—House, Senate, and Governorship are all in Republican hands—that continues to trade protecting Oklahoma’s environment for pursuing and benefiting corporate interests.

We had a very active lobby session, with all of our efforts taking place online and virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. You can review all of our efforts for 2021 by visiting our chapter’s legislative web page: <https://www.sierraclub.org/oklahoma/legislative>

One interesting note-- although 2 positive poultry bills did not make it out of their committees this session, they are still alive, and we will be able to work on them again first thing next session (2022):

- HB1918 (new setbacks for poultry operations)
- HB2719 (new poultry reporting requirements)

The passage of HB1674-- the bill that lets people run over protesters without prosecution-- was one of many low points this session. But, we are excited to report that Oklahomans are stepping up to legally challenge this terrible bill. State Question 816 is currently in the signature gathering stage, as of July.

One other action we would like to mention-- the Oklahoma legislature passed a bill to fund more than \$4 billion in debt bailout to Oklahoma monopoly utilities to pay their natural gas bills accrued as a result of the winter freeze event that left many Oklahomans without electricity. This issue is not settled, and it may carry over into the next session, following public outcry. No legislative effort was undertaken to prevent a repeat of the exact same “winter freeze episode” from happening again

GRASSROOTS EFFORTS

The Oklahoma Chapter of Sierra Club is the only environmental organization in the state of Oklahoma to employ a full-time environmental lobbyist—but it is our amazing volunteers that make us truly powerful! The Oklahoma Chapter of Sierra Club has a dedicated Volunteer Lobby Corps that gets to the state capitol every week of the legislative session to meet with legislators on issues and bills that matter to Oklahoma’s environment. The best part— anybody can become an environmental lobbyist, and the Oklahoma Sierra Club is here to support and educate anybody interested in doing so—no experience needed, just a passion to protect Oklahoma’s air, land and water.

The Legislative Committee

Oklahoma Sierra Club also has a chapter-level Legislative Committee to wade through the countless bills, to help focus where the most attention is needed, and to help with the non-stop outreach efforts needed throughout session, as well as to help make specific events the best that they can be. The Legislative Committee also works to reach our members who have indicated an interest and a willingness to help with specific needs during legislative session—whether it is a phone call, a letter, an editorial, or directly meeting

with legislators, our member volunteers are the backbone of our work. Please contact the Oklahoma Chapter if you would like to join in these efforts.

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

Oklahoma Senate Homepage: <http://oksenate.gov/index.aspx>

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Oklahoma House of Representatives Homepage: <http://www.okhouse.gov/>

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Legislative Districts Information:

-Senate District Maps:

http://www.oksenate.gov/Senators/2011_maps/maps.aspx

-House District Maps:

https://www.okhouse.gov/Publications/GISDistrictMapsReports.aspx#House_District_Maps

If you are not certain who represents you, please visit the following web page:

“Find My Legislator:” <http://www.oklegislature.gov/FindMyLegislature.aspx>

For those reading this report who are interested in learning about the complete ins and outs of the legislative process, administrative rules, and other issues and items related to bills, the House, and the Senate, please visit this page:

<http://www.oklegislature.gov/>

LEGISLATIVE SCORECARDS

The scorecards are based on votes on bills chosen from our pieces of priority environmental legislation-- taken together these votes provide a composite representation of each legislator's relationship to environmental issues in the State of Oklahoma as a whole. The scorecard includes their voting record and their final "Grade" for the session, in a traditional A to F format.

The Senate bills list and scorecard are shared first, followed further down by those of the Representatives.

BILLS ON SENATORS' SCORECARD

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SENATORS' SCORECARDS

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Senator	Party	District	SB448	SB1022	SJR0023	HB1674	HB1815	HB2095	Grade
Allen, Mark	R	4	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	F
Bergstrom, Michael	R	1	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Boren, Mary	D	16	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	A
Brooks, Michael	D	44	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Aye	Nay	B
Bullard, David	R	6	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Burns, George	R	5	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Coleman, Bill	R	10	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Dahm, Nathan	R	33	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye	Nay	D
Daniels, Julie	R	29	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
David, Kimberly	R	18	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Dossett, J. J.	D	34	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye	Nay	C
Dossett, Jo Anna	D	35	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	A
Dugger, Tom	R	21	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Floyd, Kay	D	46	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Aye	Nay	B
Garvin, Jessica	R	43	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Hall, Chuck	R	20	Excused	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Hamilton, Warren	R	7	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Haste, John	R	36	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Hicks, Carri	D	40	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Aye	Nay	B
Howard, Brent	R	38	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Nay	F
Jech, Darcy	R	26	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	F
Jett, Shane	R	17	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Kidd, Chris	R	31	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Kirt, Julia	D	30	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	Nay	A
Leewright, James	R	12	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Matthews, Kevin	D	11	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Aye	Nay	B
McCortney, Greg	R	13	Excused	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	C
Merrick, Jake	R	22	N/A	Aye	N/A	Aye	Aye	Nay	D
Montgomery, John Michael	R	32	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	F
Murdock, Casey	R	27	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Newhouse, Joe	R	25	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Paxton, Lonnie	R	23	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	F
Pederson, Roland	R	19	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	F
Pemberton, Dewayne	R	9	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Pugh, Adam	R	41	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	D
Quinn, Marty	R	2	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Rader, Dave	R	39	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Rogers, Cody	R	37	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F

Rosino, Paul	R	45	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Simpson, Frank	R	14	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Standridge, Robert	R	15	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Stanley, Brenda	R	42	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Stephens, Blake	R	3	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Taylor, Zack	R	28	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Thompson, Roger	R	8	Excused	Excused	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	F
Treat, Greg	R	47	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Weaver, Darrell	R	24	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Young, George	D	48	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	Nay	A

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Baker, Rhonda	R	60	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Bashore, Steve	R	7	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Bell, Merleyn	D	45	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	B
Bennett, Forrest	D	92	Excused	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	B
Blancett, Meloyde	D	78	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	A
Boatman, Jeff	R	67	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Boles, Brad	R	51	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Brewer, Denise	D	71	Nay	Nay	Excused	Excused	Nay	Nay	B
Burns, Ty	R	35	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Bush, Carol	R	70	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Caldwell, Chad	R	40	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Caldwell, Trey	R	63	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Conley, Sherrie	R	20	Excused	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Cornwell, Rusty	R	6	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Crosswhite Hader, Denise	R	41	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Cruz, Jose	D	89	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	A
Culver, Bob	R	4	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Davis, Dean	R	98	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Dempsey, Eddy	R	1	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Dills, Sheila	R	69	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Dobrinski, Mike	R	59	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Dollens, Mickey	D	93	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	A
Echols, Jon	R	90	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Fetgatter, Scott	R	16	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Ford, Ross	R	76	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Frix, Avery	R	13	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Fugate, Andy	D	94	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Aye	Nay	C
Gann, Tom	R	8	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Goodwin, Regina	D	73	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	B
Grego, Jim	R	17	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Hardin, David	R	86	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Hardin, Tommy	R	49	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Hasenbeck, Toni	R	65	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Hilbert, Kyle	R	29	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	F
Hill, Brian	R	47	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Humphrey, Justin	R	19	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Johns, Ronny	R	25	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Kannady, Chris	R	91	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Excused	Aye	F
Kendrix, Gerrid	R	52	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Kerbs, Dell	R	26	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Lawson, Mark	R	30	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F

Lepak, Mark	R	9	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Lowe, Dick	R	56	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Lowe, Jason	D	97	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	B
Luttrell, Ken	R	37	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Manger, Robert	R	101	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Marti, T.J.	R	75	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Martinez, Ryan	R	39	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
May, Stan	R	80	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
McBride, Mark	R	53	Excused	Aye	Excused	Excused	Aye	Aye	F
McCall, Charles	R	22	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
McDugle, Kevin	R	12	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
McEntire, Marcus	R	50	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Miller, Nicole	R	82	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Mize, Garry	R	31	Excused	Excused	Excused	Aye	Excused	Aye	D
Moore, Anthony	R	57	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Munson, Cyndi	D	85	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	A
Newton, Carl	R	58	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Nichols, Monroe	D	72	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	B
Nollan, Jadine	R	66	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
O'Donnell, Terry	R	23	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	F
Olsen, Jim	R	2	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Osburn, Mike	R	81	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Pae, Daniel	R	62	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Patzkowsky, Kenton	R	61	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Pfeiffer, John	R	38	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Phillips, Logan	R	24	Aye	Excused	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Pittman, Ajay	D	99	Excused	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Excused	C
Provenzano, Melissa	D	79	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	B
Randleman, Randy	R	15	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Ranson, Trish	D	34	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	B
Roberts, Dustin	R	21	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Roberts, Eric	R	83	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Roberts, Sean	R	36	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Roe, Cynthia	R	42	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Rosecrants, Jacob	D	46	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	B
Russ, Todd	R	55	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Sims, Lonnie	R	68	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Smith, David	R	18	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Sneed, Chris	R	14	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Stark, Marilyn	R	100	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Steagall, Jay	R	43	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Stearman, Wendi	R	11	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Sterling, Danny	R	27	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	F
Stinson, Preston	R	96	Excused	Aye	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	D
Strom, Judd	R	10	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	F
Talley, John	R	33	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Townley, Tammy	R	48	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F

Turner, Mauree	D	88	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	A
Vancuren, Mark	R	74	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Virgin, Emily	D	44	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	B
Waldron, John	D	77	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	B
Walke, Collin	D	87	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	B
Wallace, Kevin	R	32	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Excused	Excused	Excused	F
West, Josh	R	5	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
West, Kevin	R	54	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
West, Rick	R	3	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
West, Tammy	R	84	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Williams, Danny	R	28	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Wolfley, Max	R	95	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F