

Washington Conservation Voters

Legislative Scorecard 2005-2006



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Environmental Community Legislative Priorities

Washington Conservation Voters, working closely with our legislative partner the Washington Environmental Council, collaborates with well over a dozen of the state's leading environmental groups prior to every legislative session to develop a common agenda, known as the "Priorities for a Healthy Washington."

The development of this common agenda within the environmental community allows us to prioritize a broad range of proposals, join together in support of specific and well-defined goals, and provide legislators with a clear roadmap to success on environmental issues.

In 2005-2006, the "Priorities for a Healthy Washington" agenda achieved great success with passage of five of the eight agenda items.

2005

High Performance Green Buildings. *Passed.* Results in state government and public school buildings that save energy and water, are cheaper to operate, and improve student learning and employee performance.

Cleaner Air – Cleaner Cars. *Passed.* Adopts California's strict car emissions standards and reduces cancer-causing auto emissions and global warming pollution from new cars, while increasing consumer choice, and saving people money at the gas pump.

Saving Hood Canal and Puget Sound. *Partial success.* Bill to reduce water pollution from septic systems passed the House, but did not pass the Senate. Secured over \$6 million dollars for local clean water projects.

Phasing out Toxics Flame Retardants (PBDEs). *Did not pass.* Would have led to the phase out of a particularly toxic set of chemicals that cause health problems for people and wildlife.

2006

Clean up Puget Sound. *Passed.* Funds \$56 million to accelerate toxic cleanups and prevention, and legislation to identify and correct failing septic systems will reduce water pollution.

Promote Energy Independence through Renewable Fuels. *Passed.* Jump-starts a new biofuels economy, including a minimum percentage of biofuels for both diesel and gasoline.

Launch Electronic Waste Recycling. *Passed.* Creates a simple, free, and safe way of recycling the millions of old computers and TVs piling up in our homes, schools, and offices.

Protect Kids' Health by Eliminating Toxic Flame Retardants (PBDEs). *Did not pass.* Similar to the long-ago banned PCBs, these chemicals are leaching out of products and rapidly building up in our bodies and wildlife.

In addition to this proactive agenda, the environmental community also made the defense of our communities a priority in 2006 by working to defeat efforts to roll back land use protections and weaken the Growth Management Act. *All such efforts were successfully thwarted.*

Dear Scorecard Reader,



Actions taken in Olympia during the past two years have proven overwhelmingly successful for the environment, and that fact is reflected throughout this 2005-2006 edition of the Washington Conservation Voters (WCV) Legislative Scorecard.

WCV is proud to serve as the political voice of the environmental community; as such, we not only advocate for responsible conservation policy, but also campaign vigorously to elect environmental leaders to public office.

This scorecard tells a story about environmental priorities and legislative successes. It rewards legislators who are champions of our environment, and it calls out those who are clearly out of step with the communities that they are elected to represent.

Throughout this past biennium, WCV worked closely with the Washington Environmental Council through joint-lobbyist Clifford Traisman to pass the environmental community's legislative agenda, titled the "Priorities for a Healthy Washington." Those efforts resulted in groundbreaking successes on issues ranging from cleaner and more fuel-efficient cars to electronic waste recycling, from protecting the Puget Sound to the development of green building standards.

Victories of this magnitude could not have been possible without the leadership that we've seen from Governor Chris Gregoire, who has quickly distinguished herself as an environmental champion, along with Speaker Frank Chopp and Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown, both of whom have demonstrated a personal commitment to the environment. There are also many other individual legislators worthy of commendation, as you'll see noted throughout this scorecard.

Now, with this record in mind, WCV turns its attention toward the 2006 political campaign season, where we will work to reward those who have stood up for the environment and hold accountable those who have not.

This cycle of accountability is a process that only works with your interest and your active participation, both during the campaign season and the subsequent legislative sessions. WCV looks forward to working closely with you so that, together, we can share in celebration of more environmental victories over the next two years.

Kathe Fowler
Chair, Board of Directors
Washington Conservation Voters



Governor Chris Gregoire signs Clean Cars legislation, 5/6/05.

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LEGISLATORS of the Year

Senator Erik Poulsen D-34 2005 WCV Legislator of the Year

Long an advocate for clean and affordable energy, Senator Erik Poulsen had an opportunity to deliver on this and other issues in 2005, and he took full advantage.

Senator Poulsen was the prime sponsor of the High Performance Green Buildings legislation, one of the environmental community's priorities. Success of that bill makes Washington the first state in the nation to require state buildings, schools and universities to be built and certified as high performance green buildings. As a result, our state will save energy and water, we will improve student learning and employee performance, and these buildings will be operated more cheaply. Senator Poulsen was successful in pulling together bipartisan support for this legislation, a key to its success.

As Chair of the Water, Energy & Environment Committee, Senator Poulsen was also instrumental in shepherding the Clean Cars bill through the Senate. This legislation adopts California's strict car emission standards, and as a result, will reduce cancer- and global warming-causing auto emissions, increase consumer choice for new cars, and save citizens money at the gas pump through better fuel efficiency. Senator Poulsen's considerable negotiating skills and dogged persistence ensured success at bringing this bill to the Senate Floor and delivering it to the Governor for signature.

It is also worth noting that Senator Poulsen chairs the most powerful environmental committee in the Senate, giving him jurisdiction over each of the environmental community's priorities during this biennium, and he never failed to deliver. Senator Poulsen is a proven environmental champion, and thus WCV was happy to announce him as Legislator of the Year in 2005.



Senator Erik Poulsen (pictured left)

Senator Craig Pridemore D-49 2006 WCV Legislator of the Year

Senator Craig Pridemore is not your typical first-term legislator, and he is anything but ordinary when it comes to championing the environment. As a former Clark County Commissioner, Senator Pridemore brought with him many years of experience on environmental issues, including growth management and transportation. In just his second year in Olympia, he has used that experience to chalk up numerous victories on environmental community priorities.

Senator Pridemore's biggest success in 2006 was groundbreaking legislation to establish an electronics waste recycling program. He served as prime sponsor of and a key driving force behind this bill, which will keep the toxic waste from old computer monitors and television sets out of our landfills. "E-waste" is a developing problem of monumental proportions nationally and internationally; by passing this legislation, Washington is one of the first states to tackle it with an effective solution that puts responsibility on the manufacturers. It was due in large part to Senator Pridemore's efforts that this program, which may well serve as a model for other states and potentially for Congress, generated significant bipartisan support, a key to its success.

In addition to E-waste, Senator Pridemore was also instrumental in the effort to clean up Puget Sound by helping pass legislation to correct failing septic systems, and he helped to address the important issue of global warming through his work on the Renewable Fuels Standard legislation.

As a member of the Water, Energy & Environment Committee and the powerful Ways & Means Committee, Senator Pridemore is well-situated to be a force for years to come. His success in 2006 makes WCV proud to name him Legislator of the Year.



Senator Craig Pridemore

HOUSE Environmental Champions



This list celebrates those legislators who were uniquely situated to champion our efforts and clearly demonstrated the highest level of commitment to our mission.

Representative Frank Chopp, Speaker of the House D-43

As leader of the House, Speaker Chopp is responsible for ensuring that protecting and improving Washington state's environment is a top priority. His efforts behind the scene have delivered two of the most successful legislative sessions in memory. Without Speaker Chopp's leadership, this historic success would have been impossible to achieve.

Representative Hans Dunshee D-44

Representative Dunshee, WCV's 2004 Legislator of the Year, has always been a leader on environmental issues. In 2005, he prime sponsored the High Performance Green Buildings bill, first in the nation of its kind, and then used his position as Chair of the Capital Budget Committee to ensure that it passed. He also secured significant funding for programs to protect and enhance recreation and wildlife.

Representative Sam Hunt D-22

Every year, Representative Hunt prime sponsors a major piece of environmental legislation. Most recently, he pushed for bills to remove mercury switches in automobiles, protect old growth forests, and correct failing septic systems around the Puget Sound.

Representative Ross Hunter D-48

Representative Hunter, a key member of the House Appropriations Committee, has helped to pass several of the environmental community's priority bills over the past two years. He was particularly dogged in his attempt to eliminate toxic flame retardants in order to protect the health of our children, and is quickly emerging as a leader on environmental issues.

Representative Fred Jarrett R-41

WCV named Representative Jarrett the 2003 Co-Legislator of the Year and he has continued to champion our environmental agenda every year. Representative Jarrett's bipartisanship has been a critical element to our recent success in Olympia. He is the strongest environmental leader in his caucus.

Representative Ed Murray D-43

Representative Murray, a leader on transportation, has championed transit and transportation alternatives. His leadership in passing an environmentally friendly transportation package in 2005 is a testament to his leadership and foresight. Representative Murray was also the prime sponsor of one of our biggest legislative achievements in decades with the adoption of California's stricter auto emission standards.

Representative Skip Priest R-30

Representative Priest, a proven environmental champion, was instrumental in the passage of the E-waste Recycling bill, sponsored the effort to ban toxic flame retardants, and was an early and ardent supporter of significant portions of the environmental community's priorities. He pushes environmental issues within his caucus and works diligently with the environmental community to garner support from other lawmakers.

Representative Geoff Simpson D-47

As Chair of the Local Government Committee, Representative Simpson has consistently fought irresponsible development and worked to protect the quality of life in our communities. He has demonstrated leadership by fending off attacks on the GMA that would provide loopholes to developers and special interests.

Representative Brian Sullivan D-21

As Chair of the Natural Resources, Ecology and Parks Committee, Representative Sullivan prime sponsored bills to prevent oil spills and eliminate E-waste, both of which were signed into law. He is an effective committee chair and has emerged as one of the environmental community's leading champions.



Speaker of
the House
Frank Chopp



HOUSE

Good Green Deeds

This list recognizes those legislators who demonstrated their commitment to the environment in an *especially* critical way on a particular bill or on a number of issues.

Representative Tom Campbell R-2

Representative Campbell's 77% score is a welcome addition to our efforts in Olympia. He has consistently supported our efforts over the past two years.

Representative Lynn Kessler D-24

Representative Kessler is commended for her efforts in finding a workable solution to ban toxic flame retardants. Her intervention on behalf of the environmental community in this debate was nearly enough to overcome fierce opposition from large out-of-state chemical manufacturers.

Representative Kelli Linville D-42

As Chair of the committee with jurisdiction over water issues, Representative Linville ensures protection of fish and habitat. Her work on the Columbia River legislation is particularly commendable.

Representative Toby Nixon R-45

Representative Nixon has consistently provided leadership on environmental issues, especially the High Performance Green Buildings bill and the E-waste Recycling legislation.

Representative Jay Rodne R-5

Representative Rodne enthusiastically supports many of the environmental community's priorities, most notably the Clean Cars bill that adopted California's stricter car emissions standards. He is emerging as a leader in his caucus on environmental issues.

Representative Helen Sommers D-36

Representative Sommers serves as Chair of the powerful Appropriations Committee, and as such, oversees the state budget, including nearly all of the environmental community's priorities. With her leadership, these bills have consistently passed out of her committee.

Representative Rodney Tom R-48

Representative Tom has been a supporter of the environmental community's agenda in Olympia, including early support for the Clean Cars bill that adopted California's stricter car emissions standards.

Representative Dave Upthegrove D-33

As Vice Chair of the Natural Resources, Ecology and Parks Committee, Representative Upthegrove is emerging as a strong leader on environmental issues and is a rising star in the House.

Representative Deb Wallace D-17

A tireless advocate for the environment, Representative Wallace was instrumental in the passage of the environmental community's priority bill to ensure a Renewable Fuels Standard, which was signed into law by the Governor.

HOUSE Out of Step



This list identifies legislators who are most out of step with the environmental values of his or her constituents. In the 2003-2004 Scorecard, WCV identified Representative Jack Cairnes (R-47) as out of step, and he subsequently lost his bid for re-election.

Representative Jim Buck (R-24) Score 18%

As the Ranking Member on the Natural Resources, Ecology and Parks Committee, Representative Buck appears to go out of his way to make environmental protection a partisan issue. In a committee through which most of the environmental community priorities move and in a chamber where many of these bills pass with large bipartisan margins, Representative Buck has voted against nearly every important environmental bill. His 18% score represents a new personal low and includes a vote against the Renewable Fuels Standard legislation that will bring jobs to his district. Given that the other two legislators from his district have stepped up to protect the environment and have earned scores of 82% and 77% respectively, Representative Buck is clearly out of step.

Representative Jim Dunn (R-17) Score 0%

A 0% score from a legislator in a district where a fellow seatmate serving the same constituency scores 92% can only mean one thing—that legislator is openly trying to ensure the degradation of our beautiful state. Representative Jim Dunn is not only out of step with the environmental values of the majority of his constituents, but is also clearly out of touch with a majority of the citizens of this state as well.

Representative Doug Ericksen (R-42) Score 31%

Representative Ericksen voted against major environmental legislation that would benefit his district yet again, and thus he returns to the Out of Step category this year. With the district's Republican Senator scoring 58% and Ericksen's Democratic seatmate in the House scoring 100%, it is obvious that Representative Ericksen is out of step with the values of his constituency.

Representative Beverly Woods (R-23) Score 23%

Representative Woods, another repeat performer in this category, has scored a new all-time personal low of 23% on this year's scorecard. Given how many members in her caucus scored better and that her district has traditionally elected strong environmental leaders, it is hard to understand her terrible record on the environment.

District	Name	Party	2005/2006 Score	Lifetime Average	ESHB 1272 Green Buildings	ESHB 1302 Burn Bans	SHB 2124 Public Transit	E2SHB 1458 Septic Systems	ESHB 1397 Clean Cars	ESSB 5396 WWRP	ESHB 2309 Water Permit Fees	ESSB 5432 Oil Spills	3SHB 1458 Septic Systems	SHB 2815 Best Available Science	ESHB 2871 Transportation	ESSB 6508 Biofuels Standard	ESSB 6428 E-Waste
17	Jim Dunn	R	0%	22%	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
18	Ed Orcutt	R	0%	10%	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
18	Richard Curtis	R	9%	9%	●	○	○	ex	ex	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
19	Brian Blake	D	62%	53%	●	●	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	○	●
19	Dean Takko	D	85%	85%	●	●	●	●	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
20	Gary Alexander	R	8%	19%	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
20	Richard DeBolt	R	9%	18%	●	ex	ex	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
21	Brian Sullivan	D	100%	86%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
21	Mary Helen Roberts	D	100%	100%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
22	Brendan Williams	D	100%	100%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
22	Sam Hunt	D	100%	94%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
23	Beverly Woods	R	23%	33%	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	●	○
23	Sherry Appleton	D	100%	100%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
24	Jim Buck	R	18%	21%	○	○	ex	○	ex	○	○	○	●	○	●	○	○
24	Lynn Kessler	D	77%	59%	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
25	Dawn Morrell	D	100%	100%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
25	Joyce McDonald	R	54%	32%	○	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●
26	Derek Kilmer	D	92%	92%	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
26	Patricia Lantz	D	100%	89%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
27	Dennis Flannigan	D	91%	83%	ex	●	ex	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
27	Jeannie Darnielle	D	100%	93%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
28	Gigi Talcott	R	15%	20%	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○
28	Tami Green	D	85%	85%	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●
29	Steve Conway	D	100%	86%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
29	Steve Kirby	D	92%	75%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○
30	Mark Miloscia	D	100%	75%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
30	Skip Priest	R	69%	68%	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	●	○	●	●	●	●
31	Dan Roach	R	23%	26%	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	○	○	○	●
31	Jan Shabro	R	23%	34%	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●	○	○
32	Maralyn Chase	D	100%	97%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
32	Ruth Kagi	D	100%	91%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
33	Dave Upthegrove	D	100%	100%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
33	Shay Schual-Berke	D	100%	93%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	ex	●	●	●	●	●

HOUSE

Bill Descriptions



ESHB 1272 (Green Buildings, 3/4/05) ✿

Requires new public school and state agency buildings to be built to meet environmental standards developed by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). “Green building” improves energy efficiency, water conservation, waste minimization, pollution prevention and indoor air quality.

Yeas: 78 Nays: 18 Excused: 2 **Passed the House, Senate version [ESSB 5509] ultimately passed and was signed by the Governor.**

ESHB 1302 (Burn Bans, 3/10/05)

Improves air quality by requiring our state’s burn ban laws to comply with the Federal Clean Air Act.

Yeas: 64 Nays: 32 Excused: 2 **Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.**

SHB 2124 (Public Transit, 3/10/05)

Creates an office within the Department of Transportation that will work to reduce traffic problems by focusing primarily on transit, carpools, vanpools, trip reduction and coordination of public transportation agencies.

Yeas: 52 Nays: 42 Excused: 4 **Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.**

E2SHB 1458 (Septic Systems, 3/14/05) ✿

Provides funding and flexibility for local governments to design programs requiring repair of failing systems that are dumping sewage into Puget Sound.

Yeas: 56 Nays: 41 Excused: 1 **Passed the House but died in the Senate in 2005.**

ESHB 1397 (Clean Cars, 3/16/05) ✿

Reduces global warming emissions and improves air quality by requiring the state to adopt California’s motor vehicle emission standards. New cars sold in the state after 2008 will be cleaner and will produce less air pollution.

Yeas: 53 Nays: 42 Excused: 3 **Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.**

ESSB 5396 (Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, 4/14/05)

Protects valuable land and wildlife habitat by adding the categories *Farmlands Preservation* and *Riparian Protection* to the areas protected by the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

Yeas: 60 Nays: 36 Excused: 2 **Passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor.**

ESHB 2309 (Water Permit Fees, 4/19/05)

Modernizes the state’s water rights application fee by imposing a modest increase that will make the state’s water program less dependent on the General Fund.

Yeas: 62 Nays: 35 Excused: 1 **Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.**

ESSB 5432 (Oil Spills, 4/20/05)

Calls for an oil spill prevention measure and the creation of a 15-member team within the Governor's office to provide independent oversight, research and monitoring of the state's oil spill program.

Yeas: 61

Nays: 37

Passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor.

3SHB 1458 (Septic Systems, 2/11/06) ✿

Part of the Governor's Puget Sound Initiative in 2006, provides funding and flexibility for local governments to design programs requiring repair of failing systems that are dumping sewage into Puget Sound.

Yeas: 70

Nays: 26

Excused: 2

Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.

ESHB 2815 (Best Available Science, 2/13/06)

Establishes how best available science is identified and applied by local governments developing critical areas ordinances. It also provides an economical way for cities and counties to update their critical area protections.

Yeas: 57

Nays: 41

Passed the House but died in the Senate.

ESHB 2871 (Regional Transportation Commission, 2/21/06)

Sets in place a stronger structure for planning and financing the Regional Transportation Investment District, a joint effort of King, Pierce and Snohomish counties to identify specific road, transit and light rail improvement projects in the three counties.

Yeas: 71

Nays: 26

Excused: 1

Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.

ESSB 6508 (Biofuels Standard, 3/1/06) ✿

Establishes a minimum fuel content requirement for renewable sources such as biodiesel and ethanol. Using renewable fuels that will be produced in the state will help curb global warming emissions, will provide a new industry for rural communities, and will reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources.

Yeas: 68

Nays: 30

Passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor.

ESSB 6428 (E-Waste, 3/2/06) ✿

Creates a safe and convenient manufacturer-funded recycling system for computers, monitors and televisions that will be available to all consumers. E-waste recycling will prevent toxic chemicals contained in electronics such as lead and mercury from polluting the environment.

Yeas: 69

Nays: 29

Passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor.

For additional information, visit <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>.

SENATE Environmental Champions



This list celebrates those legislators who were uniquely situated to champion our efforts and clearly demonstrated the highest level of commitment to our mission.

Senator Lisa Brown, Senate Majority Leader D-3

It is due to the leadership of Senator Brown, the most powerful member of the State Senate, that the Senate scores on the 2005-2006 scorecard are as high as they have ever been. Under her extraordinary leadership, environmental protection and conservation are key components of the Senate agenda. She has been tenacious in ensuring that the environmental priority bills have been brought to the Senate Floor for passage. Few of the recent successes could have been achieved without Senator Brown's unwavering commitment.

Senator Bill Finkbeiner R-45

Senator Finkbeiner has long been an advocate for the environmental community. Throughout his legislative career, he has consistently voted to support environmental legislation, often times against the mainstream of his own caucus. With his impending retirement from public service, Senator Finkbeiner will be sorely missed by WCV.

Senator Karen Fraser D-22

Senator Fraser serves as Chair of the Capital Budget Committee, using that influential position to champion environmental programs. Her lengthy tenure in Olympia has made her a leader in all facets of the legislative process, and in particular has allowed her to be an effective voice for protecting water quality throughout our state.

Senator Jim Hargrove D-24

The emergence of Senator Hargrove, a rural Democrat, as an environmental champion who in the past had been at odds with the environmental community, may be the biggest surprise in this year's scorecard. Considered one of the institution's most imposing figures and effective members, Senator Hargrove used his enormous influence to fight for the passage of the Clean Cars priority legislation, the bill to ban toxic flame retardants, the Renewable Fuels Standard bill, and the E-waste Recycling program, among others. His rise from 36% on the 2003-2004 scorecard to 82% this biennium is not only an impressive jump, but it teaches us that it's better to have Senator Hargrove on your side rather than working against you.

Senator Debbie Regala D-27

Senator Regala went to the mat two years running in order to protect kids' health by eliminating toxic flame retardants, serving as prime sponsor of the legislation. She sits on both the Water, Energy & Environment Committee and the Ways & Means Committee, allowing her to champion environmental positions on critical water issues and on budget appropriations.

Senator Phil Rockefeller D-23

Senator Rockefeller has served in the Senate for just two years, but he has quickly emerged as a leader on environmental issues. He was the prime sponsor of the Clean Cars bill to adopt California's stricter auto emission standards in 2005, and he shepherded the Puget Sound clean-up legislation through the Senate in 2006. Without his efforts, neither success would have been achieved.



Senate Majority
Leader Lisa Brown



SENATE

Good Green Deeds

This list recognizes those legislators who demonstrated their commitment to the environment in an *especially* critical way on a particular bill or on a number of issues.

Senator Luke Esser R-48

Senator Esser supported and led on each and every one of the environmental community's priorities over the last two years. His individual efforts on the Clean Cars bill to adopt California's stricter car emissions standards, the Green Buildings bill, the E-waste Recycling program, the Renewable Fuels Standard bill, and the bill to help clean up Puget Sound were critical to ensuring their passage.

Senator Adam Kline D-37

In the Senate committee responsible for land use, Senator Kline is the strongest and most consistent voice for protecting the Growth Management Act. In other issue areas as well, the environmental community can always count on the leadership of Senator Kline.

Senator Margarita Prentice D-11

As Chair of the powerful Ways & Means Committee, Senator Prentice used her post to ensure passage of the E-waste Recycling legislation and to fully fund the Governor's Puget Sound package, both of which were environmental community priorities in 2006. She is a strong advocate for protecting our air, land, and water.

Senator Dave Schmidt R-44

Senator Schmidt stepped up in 2005-2006 and delivered on environmental issues in ways previously unseen. His 91% score this year completes a remarkable turnaround, one that is worthy of great commendation. Senator Schmidt worked both behind the scenes and on the Senate Floor to help ensure passage of a number of key bills that were part of the environmental community's priorities agenda.

Senator Harriet Spanel D-40

Saving Puget Sound is one of the highest priorities for Senator Spanel, as proven by her sponsorship of the oil spill prevention bill in 2005 and the legislation to correct failing septic systems in both the 2005 and 2006 legislative sessions. Due to her leadership, both bills have been signed into law.

Senator Dan Swecker R-20

Senator Swecker represents a conservative district that has not historically produced pro-environment legislators, so it is with pleasure that we applaud him for his record this past biennium. His work on transportation issues, along with his efforts to fix failing septic systems and to ban toxic flame retardants, are commendable.

SENATE

Out of Step



This year, WCV highlights the following three Senators as most out of step with the constituents whom they have been elected to represent. In the 2003-2004 Scorecard, WCV identified Senator Jim Horn (R-41) as out of step, and he subsequently lost his bid for re-election.

Senator Stephen Johnson (R-47) Score 33%

Representing a mostly-suburban district in King County that is deeply concerned about the environmental impacts of growth and transportation, Senator Johnson has turned his back on his constituents and has routinely voted in a manner that is inconsistent with those values. Scoring 33% on this year's Scorecard puts Senator Johnson remarkably out of step with his two seatmates in the House of Representatives, both of whom scored more than 90%. Senator Johnson's impending retirement from the Senate gives both WCV and the residents in his district hope that better representation is on the way.

Senator Cheryl Pflug (R-5) Score 36%

Residents of the Eastside in King County value the environment. Therefore, it is a surprise that Senator Pflug voted against nearly every major piece of environmental legislation over the past two years. In fact, she even voted against Senate confirmation of Jay Manning as Director of Ecology, parting ways with Republican colleagues from Eastern Washington who supported his nomination. Senator Pflug's two seatmates in the House strongly support many of the environmental community's priorities and have been good allies for WCV, while Senator Pflug has consistently worked against the protection of the air, land and water in her district. The residents of the 5th Legislative District deserve better from their Senator.

Senator Tim Sheldon (D-35) Score 25%

Senator Sheldon lives in a district that not only values our natural habitat, but also depends upon it for jobs and economic benefit. Therefore, it defies logic that he continuously attempts to block legislation to protect Hood Canal and the Puget Sound, a significant part of his district's livelihood. Comparing his 25% score with the 92% and 90% scores of his seatmates in the House suggests clearly that he can and should be doing more to protect the environment.

LEGEND

- Environmental Vote
- Anti-Environmental Vote
- ab Absent
- ex Excused

District	Name	Party	2005/2006 Score	Lifetime Average	SB 5445 Hanford Cleanup	ESSB 5509 Green Buildings	ESB 5710 Mercury Switches	ESSB 5432 Oil Spills	ESHB 1062 Energy Efficiency	ESHB 1397 Clean Cars	SHB 2124 Public Transit	HB 2309 Water Permit Fees	ESSB 6508 Biofuels Standard	3SHB 1458 Septic Systems	ESHB 2871 Transportation	ESSB 6428 E-Waste
1	Rosemary McAuliffe	D	100%	91%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
2	Marilyn Rasmussen	D	100%	65%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
3	Lisa Brown	D	100%	93%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
4	Bob McCaslin	R	13%	13%	●	○	○	ab	○	○	ex	○	○	ex	ex	○
5	Cheryl Pflug	R	36%	44%	●	○	○	●	○	○	○	●	○	ex	●	○
6	Brad Benson	R	33%	29%	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●
7	Bob Morton	R	17%	13%	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●	○	○	○	○
8	Jerome Delvin	R	33%	19%	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●	●
9	Mark Schoesler	R	0%	15%	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
10	Mary Margaret Haugen	D	82%	79%	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	ex	●	●	●
11	Margarita Prentice	D	100%	91%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
12	Linda Evans Parlette	R	8%	22%	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
13	Joyce Mulliken	R	0%	13%	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
14	Alex Deccio	R	25%	15%	○	○	●	ex	○	○	ex	ex	ex	○	●	○
15	Jim Honeyford	R	0%	7%	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
16	Mike Hewitt	R	25%	21%	○	●	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	●	○
17	Don Benton	R	36%	30%	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	ex	●	●
18	Joseph Zarelli	R	17%	19%	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○
19	Mark Doumit	D	92%	53%	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
20	Dan Swecker	R	75%	41%	●	●	●	○	●	○	●	○	○	●	●	●
21	Paull Shin	D	100%	79%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
22	Karen Fraser	D	100%	97%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
23	Phil Rockefeller	D	100%	81%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
24	Jim Hargrove	D	82%	48%	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	ex	●	●
25	Jim Kastama	D	100%	80%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

SENATE SCORES

District	Name	Party	2005/2006 Score	Lifetime Average	SB 5445 Hanford Cleanup	ESSB 5509 Green Buildings	ESB 5710 Mercury Switches	ESSB 5432 Oil Spills	ESHB 1062 Energy Efficiency	ESHB 1397 Clean Cars	SHB 2124 Public Transit	HB 2309 Water Permit Fees	ESSB 6508 Biofuels Standard	3SHB 1458 Septic Systems	ESHB 2871 Transportation	ESSB 6428 E-Waste
26	Bob Oke	R	67%	38%	○	ex	●	●	●	ex	ex	●	ex	ex	ex	○
27	Debbie Regala	D	100%	94%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
28	Mike Carrell	R	17%	18%	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
29	Rosa Franklin	D	100%	90%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
30	Tracey Eide	D	100%	91%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
31	Pam Roach	R	42%	20%	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●
32	Darlene Fairley	D	100%	96%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
33	Karen Keiser	D	100%	88%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
34	Erik Poulsen	D	100%	94%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
35	Tim Sheldon	D	25%	32%	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	●	●
36	Jeanne Kohl-Welles	D	92%	98%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●
37	Adam Kline	D	100%	97%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
38	Jean Berkey	D	100%	75%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
39	Val Stevens	R	0%	11%	○	○	ex	ab	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
40	Harriet Spanel	D	100%	88%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
41	Brian Weinstein	D	100%	100%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
42	Dale Brandland	R	58%	47%	●	●	○	○	●	○	○	●	○	●	●	●
43	Pat Thibaudeau	D	100%	99%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
44	Dave Schmidt	R	91%	36%	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	ex	●
45	Bill Finkbeiner	R	83%	67%	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●
46	Ken Jacobsen	D	100%	89%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
47	Stephen Johnson	R	33%	20%	●	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	●
48	Luke Esser	R	75%	58%	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	●	●
49	Craig Pridemore	D	100%	100%	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●



SENATE

Bill Descriptions

[SB 5445 \(Hanford Clean Up, 3/10/05\)](#)

Clarifies and implements the intent of Initiative 297, which passed in 2004 and requires that no additional radioactive or chemically dangerous waste be imported to the Hanford Nuclear Reservation until the current contamination is safely eliminated.

Yeas: 34

Nays: 15

Passed the Senate but died in the House.

[ESSB 5509 \(Green Buildings, 3/11/05\) ✿](#)

Requires new public school and state agency buildings to be built to meet environmental standards developed by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). “Green building” improves energy efficiency, water conservation, waste minimization, pollution prevention and indoor air quality.

Yeas: 32

Nays: 16

Excused: 1

Passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor.

[ESB 5710 \(Mercury Switches, 3/14/05\)](#)

Aims to reduce mercury pollution in the environment by requiring auto manufacturers to establish and fund a program to remove mercury-added components from old cars before they are crushed and shredded for recycling.

Yeas: 35

Nays: 13

Excused: 1

Passed the Senate but died in the House.

[ESSB 5432 \(Oil Spills, 3/15/05\)](#)

Calls for an oil spill prevention measure and the creation of a 15-member team within the Governor’s office to provide independent oversight, research and monitoring of the state’s oil spill program.

Yeas: 29

Nays: 17

Absent: 2

Excused: 1

Passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor.

[ESHB 1062 \(Energy Efficiency, 4/6/05\)](#)

Improves energy efficiency throughout the state by establishing standards and testing procedures to measure energy efficiency in 12 electrical products that are currently not covered by federal law.

Yeas: 34

Nays: 15

Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.

[ESHB 1397 \(Clean Cars, 4/13/05\) ✿](#)

Reduces global warming emissions and improves air quality by requiring the state to adopt California’s motor vehicle emission standards. All new cars sold in the state after 2008 will be cleaner and will produce less air pollution.

Yeas: 29

Nays: 19

Excused: 1

Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.

SHB 2124 (Public Transit, 4/13/05)

Creates an office within the Department of Transportation that will improve traffic problems by focusing primarily on transit, carpools, vanpools, trip reduction and coordination of public transportation agencies.

Yeas: 28 Nays: 18 Excused: 3 **Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.**

HB 2309 (Water Permit Fees, 4/23/05)

Modernizes the state's water rights fee by modestly increasing it for permit applicants in order to make the state's water program less dependent on the General Fund.

Yeas: 32 Nays: 16 Excused: 1 **Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.**

ESSB 6508 (Biofuels Standard, 2/13/06) ✿

Establishes a minimum fuel content requirement for renewable sources such as biodiesel and ethanol. Using renewable fuels that will be produced in the state will help curb global warming emissions, will provide a new industry for rural communities, and will reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources.

Yeas: 27 Nays: 20 Excused: 2 **Passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor.**

3SHB 1458 (Septic Systems, 2/28/06) ✿

Part of the Governor's Puget Sound Initiative in 2006, this bill is directed at failing septic systems dumping sewage into Puget Sound, providing funding and flexibility for local governments to design programs to require repair of failing systems.

Yeas: 28 Nays: 15 Excused: 6 **Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.**

ESHB 2871 (Regional Transportation Commission, 3/1/06)

Sets in place a stronger structure for planning and financing the Regional Transportation Investment District, a joint effort of King, Pierce and Snohomish counties to identify specific road, transit and light rail improvement projects in the three counties.

Yeas: 36 Nays: 10 Excused: 3 **Passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor.**

ESSB 6428 (E-Waste, 3/6/06) ✿

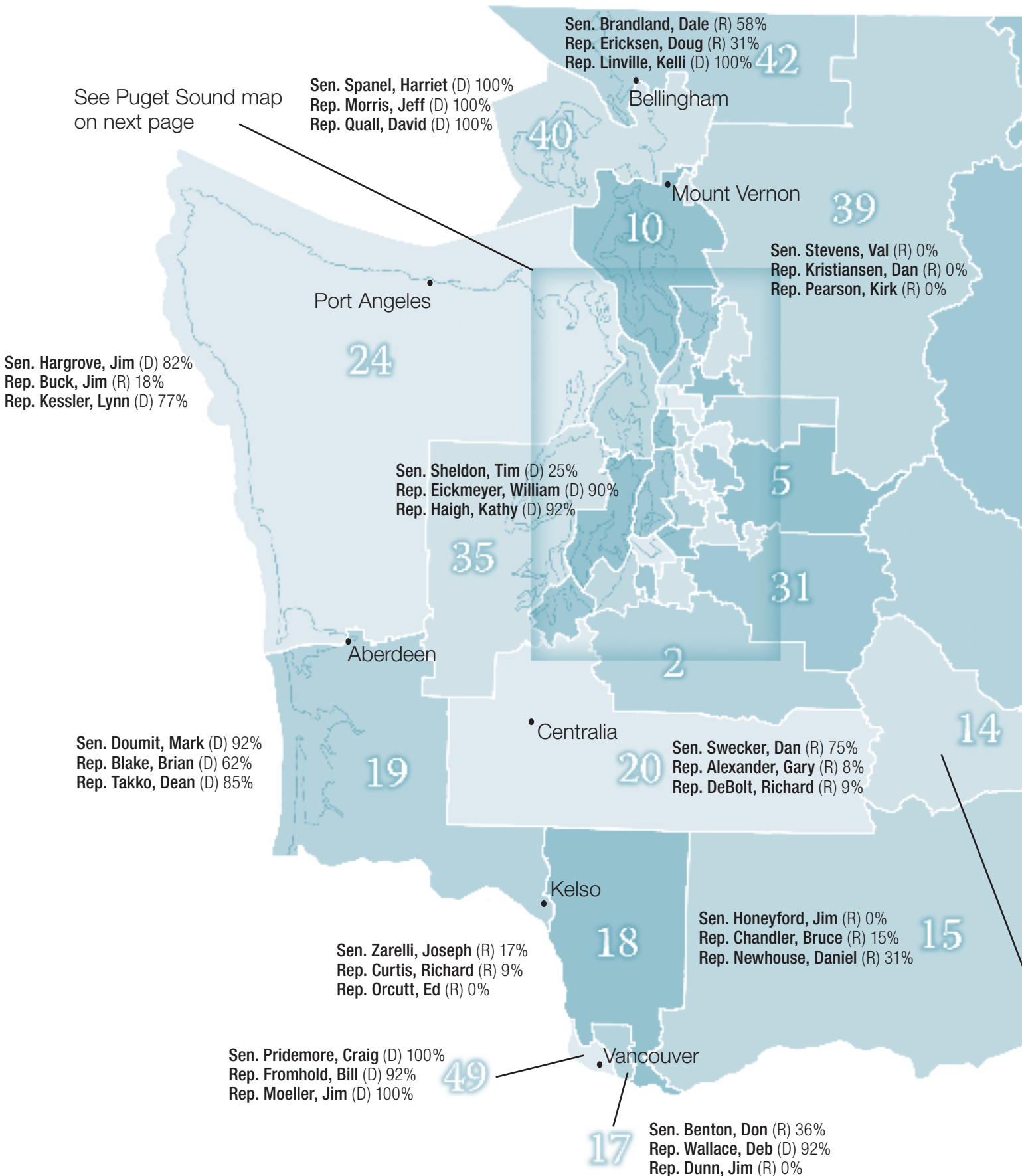
Creates a safe and convenient manufacturer-funded recycling system for computers, monitors and televisions for consumers. E-waste recycling will prevent toxic chemicals such as lead and mercury contained in electronics from polluting the environment.

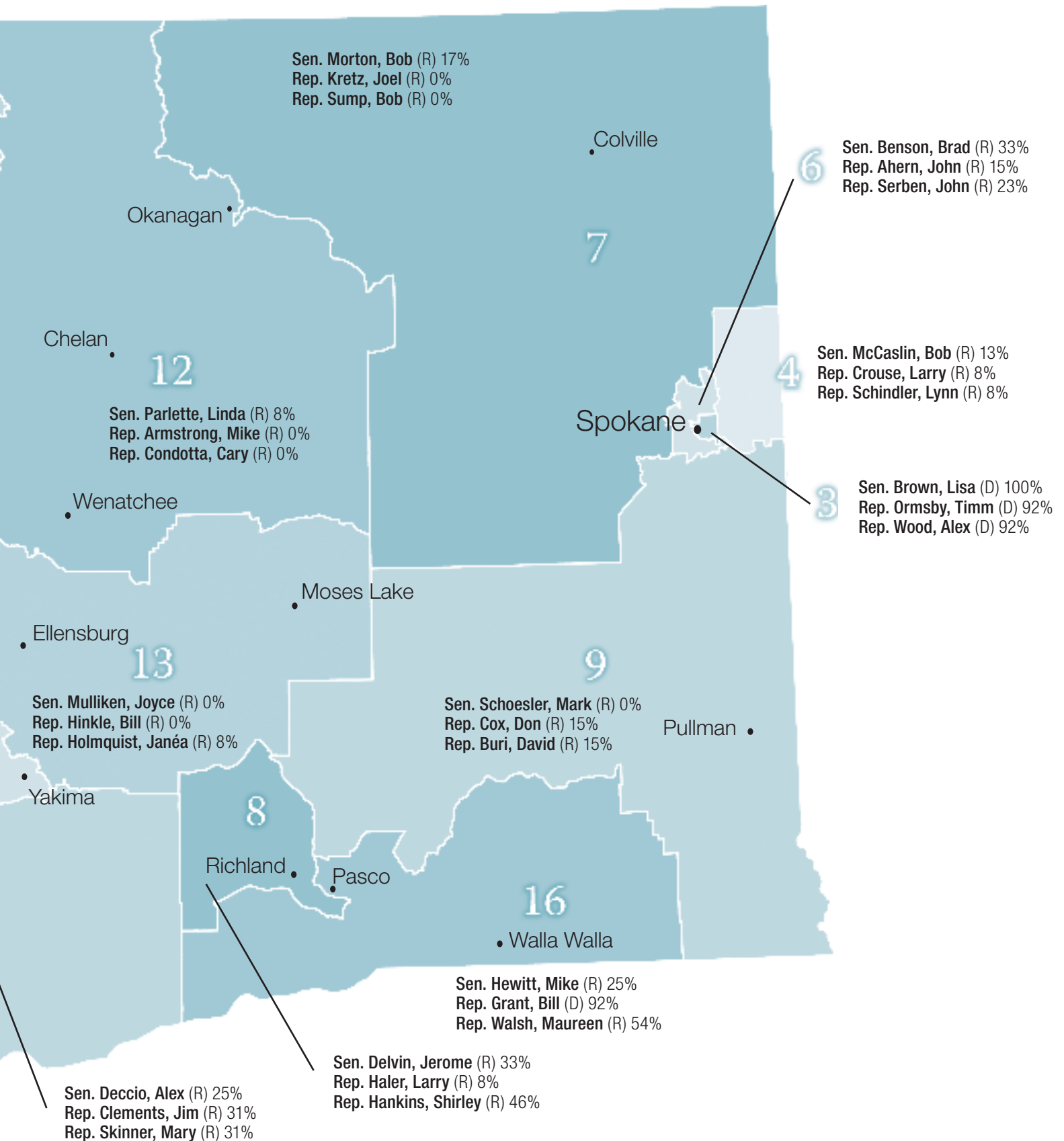
Yeas: 38 Nays: 11 **Passed the Senate and House and was signed by the Governor.**

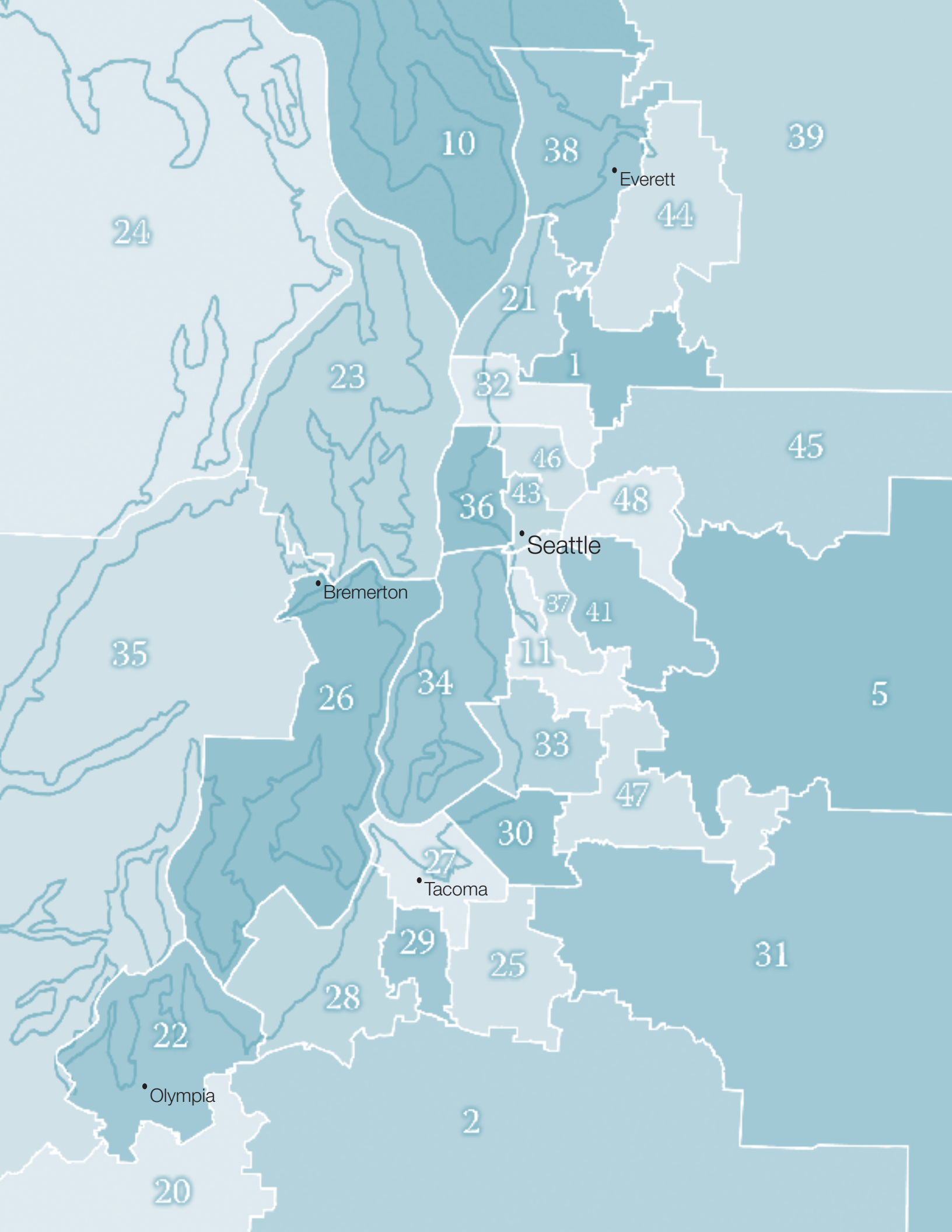
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Puget Sound

District Scores



- 1** Sen. McAuliffe, Rosemary (D) 100%
Rep. Ericks, Mark (D) 100%
Rep. O'Brien, Al (D) 100%
- 2** Sen. Rasmussen, Marilyn (D) 100%
Rep. McCune, Jim (R) 31%
Rep. Campbell, Tom (R) 77%
- 5** Sen. Pflug, Cheryl (R) 36%
Rep. Anderson, Glenn (R) 54%
Rep. Rodne, Jay (R) 62%
- 10** Sen. Haugen, Mary Margaret (D) 82%
Rep. Bailey, Barbara (R) 23%
Rep. Strow, Chris (R) 62%
- 11** Sen. Prentice, Margarita (D) 100%
Rep. Hudgins, Zack (D) 92%
Rep. Hasegawa, Bob (D) 92%
- 21** Sen. Shin, Paull (D) 100%
Rep. Roberts, Mary Helen (D) 100%
Rep. Sullivan, Brian (D) 100%
- 22** Sen. Fraser, Karen (D) 100%
Rep. Hunt, Sam (D) 100%
Rep. Williams, Brendan (D) 100%
- 23** Sen. Rockefeller, Phil (D) 100%
Rep. Appleton, Sherry (D) 100%
Rep. Woods, Beverly (R) 23%
- 25** Sen. Kastama, Jim (D) 100%
Rep. McDonald, Joyce (R) 54%
Rep. Morrell, Dawn (D) 100%
- 26** Sen. Oke, Bob (R) 67%
Rep. Lantz, Patricia (D) 100%
Rep. Kilmer, Derek (D) 92%
- 27** Sen. Regala, Debbie (D) 100%
Rep. Darneille, Jeannie (D) 100%
Rep. Flannigan, Dennis (D) 91%
- 28** Sen. Carrell, Mike (R) 17%
Rep. Green, Tami (D) 85%
Rep. Talcott, Gigi (R) 15%
- 29** Sen. Franklin, Rosa (D) 100%
Rep. Conway, Steve (D) 100%
Rep. Kirby, Steve (D) 92%
- 30** Sen. Eide, Tracey (D) 100%
Rep. Miloscia, Mark (D) 100%
Rep. Priest, Skip (R) 69%
- 31** Sen. Roach, Pam (R) 42%
Rep. Roach, Daniel (R) 23%
Rep. Shabro, Jan (R) 23%
- 32** Sen. Fairley, Darlene (D) 100%
Rep. Chase, Maralyn (D) 100%
Rep. Kagi, Ruth (D) 100%
- 33** Sen. Keiser, Karen (D) 100%
Rep. Schual-Berke, Shay (D) 100%
Rep. Upthegrove, Dave (D) 100%
- 34** Sen. Poulsen, Erik (D) 100%
Rep. Cody, Eileen (D) 100%
Rep. McDermott, Joe (D) 100%
- 36** Sen. Kohl-Welles, Jeanne (D) 92%
Rep. Dickerson, Mary Lou (D) 100%
Rep. Sommers, Helen (D) 100%
- 37** Sen. Kline, Adam (D) 100%
Rep. Pettigrew, Eric (D) 100%
Rep. Santos, Sharon Tomiko (D) 100%
- 38** Sen. Berkey, Jean (D) 100%
Rep. McCoy, John (D) 100%
Rep. Sells, Mike (D) 100%
- 41** Sen. Weinstein, Brian (D) 100%
Rep. Clibborn, Judy (D) 85%
Rep. Jarrett, Fred (R) 85%
- 43** Sen. Thibaudeau, Pat (D) 100%
Rep. Chopp, Frank (D) 100%
Rep. Murray, Ed (D) 100%
- 44** Sen. Schmidt, Dave (R) 91%
Rep. Dunshee, Hans (D) 100%
Rep. Lovick, John (D) 100%
- 45** Sen. Finkbeiner, Bill (R) 83%
Rep. Nixon, Toby (R) 62%
Rep. Springer, Larry (D) 92%
- 46** Sen. Jacobsen, Ken (D) 100%
Rep. Kenney, Phyllis (D) 100%
Rep. McIntire, Jim (D) 100%
- 47** Sen. Johnson, Stephen (R) 33%
Rep. Sullivan, Pat (D) 92%
Rep. Simpson, Geoff (D) 100%
- 48** Sen. Esser, Luke (R) 75%
Rep. Hunter, Ross (D) 92%
Rep. Tom, Rodney (R) 67%

