



# SIERRA CLUB

## WISCONSIN CHAPTER

**2023-2024 Legislative Scorecard**  
**Wisconsin Chapter**

**Working together to protect our communities and the planet.**

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# Sierra Club Wisconsin

Our members include 20,000 of your friends and neighbors. Inspired by Wisconsin's beautiful lakes, forests, rivers, and other natural features, we work together to protect our communities and the planet.

## Priority Issues of the Wisconsin Chapter:

Protecting Wisconsin's unique habitats, forested areas, hills, lakes, and rivers for all to enjoy, use and drink.

- **Protecting Wisconsin's Water:** Our team is working to protect our drinking water from PFAS chemicals, factory farm pollution, and lead.
- **Protecting Public Lands:** While working to protect Wisconsin's land and water from destructive proposals, like old-growth forest logging or toxic mines, we're also working to remove barriers so that more Wisconsinites can enjoy the outdoors
- **Protecting Wisconsin's Wildlife:** Our team is working to protect Wisconsin's rich biodiversity through sustainable wildlife management.

Stopping the worst impacts of climate change by curbing emissions from the biggest sources of carbon pollution.

- **100% clean energy by 2030:** Our members are working to shut down the state's last coal plants and prevent new gas plants in Wisconsin.
- **Clean Transportation:** We need increased funding for transit, biking, and walking and to stop unnecessary highway expansions that lead to more water and climate pollution
- **Shut Down Line 5 & Stop new oil pipelines:** Our Team is working to stop Enbridge's workaround to build a new segment of Line 5 pipeline in order to protect Lake Superior and other waterways and our climate.

## Local Groups

Our members and volunteers are the heart of the Wisconsin Chapter. We work together on statewide and regional issues. In parts of the state, we are organized into six local Groups, each with its own officers, activities, conservation priorities, programs and activities. Each group selects a delegate who represents the group members as a voting member of the Chapter Executive Committee.





# Sierra Club Wisconsin 2023-24 Legislative Scorecard

## Legislative Session Overview

The 2023-24 Legislative session sadly followed the same old script as the last one: a lack of progress on key issues and troubling attacks on our democracy. Luckily, Governor Evers stepped up to the plate, using his veto power to protect the environment and push through a budget focused on environmental justice. It's important to recognize that the ongoing inaction from the legislature is unacceptable, especially when people are struggling with contaminated water and climate change is causing real damage. We need to act now—there's no time to waste on politics.

We must ensure that Wisconsin's drinking water is safe, protect wildlife from the looming extinction crisis, and take bold steps to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. Unfortunately, the bills introduced last session did the opposite. The bills threatened our water sources, wildlife, and climate stability. Thankfully Governor Evers stood up for our climate, water, and wildlife and vetoed these harmful bills.

The Wisconsin State Senate's votes to deny a number of appointments, including Natural Resources Board members, in the last session was a blatant disregard for democracy and public interest. It was a despicable move that undermined responsible governance and catered to short-term political agendas at the expense of long-term conservation efforts.

*Politics over people has become the theme of this recent session.*



# Sierra Club Wisconsin 2023-24 Legislative Scorecard

## Scorecard Overview

Sierra Club's 2023-24 Legislative Scorecard looked at specific votes that the legislators took. We scored 15 votes the Senate took and 8 votes that the Assembly took- they did not vote on appointments and some bills passed on a 'voice vote' and were not scoreable, indicated by \*.

The bills we looked at fall into five categories: energy, water, land, wildlife, and democracy.



## Lands, Water, and Wildlife

While the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has spent the last two years carefully creating land, water, and wildlife regulations based on science and public input. The Legislature spent the session undermining their ability to do that.

### SB 312- PFAS Farce

While SB 312 aimed to address perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination, it did so by undermining the Dept. of Natural Resources authority and limiting the ability to hold polluters accountable.

**Pro-Democracy Position:** nay

**Status:** SB 312 passed both houses and the Governor vetoed the bill.

### AB 541 - The Fill Bill

This bill allows our lakes to be built on by developers, even though the lakes are owned by all Wisconsites.

**Pro-Democracy Position:** nay

**Status:** AB5471 passed both houses and was signed into law by the Governor.

### SB 139 - Wolf Population Bill

This bill required an arbitrary wolf population goal, rather than having science determine management.

**Pro-Wildlife Position:** nay

**Status:** SB 139 passed both houses\* and was vetoed by the Governor.

### AB 512 - Expanding Hounding

This bill would have expanded hounding (the practice of using dogs to chase down animals while hunting) by allowing hounding in May and June, even though it's a fragile time for wildlife.

**Pro-Wildlife Position:** nay

**Status:** AB512 passed both houses\* and was vetoed by the Governor.



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## Democracy

Fundamental rights and constitutional protections, like the separation of state, voting rights, fair electoral maps, and more were under attack this session.

### Appointments

We saw a blatant display of partisan politics when the Senate voted to reject nominations for a number of extremely qualified, experienced, thoughtful nominees to the Natural Resources Board and Public Service Commission. This was done to control the decisions these entities take. This is not what the process was set up to do.

The appointment votes we scored include:

- **Sharon Adams**, Natural Resources Board (NRB 1)
- **Todd Ambs**, Natural Resources Board (NRB 2)
- **Tyler Huebner**, Public Service Commission (PSC 1)
- **Dylan Jennings**, Natural Resources Board (NRB 3)
- **Sandra Dee Nass**, Natural Resources Board (NRB 4)
- **Jim VandenBrook**, Natural Resources Board (NRB 5)

**Pro-Democracy Position:** aye

**Status:** These extremely qualified candidates were removed from their positions.

### AB 70 - Riot Bill

This bill tried to make 'riots' a felony, but used overly broad language, which could criminalize peaceful protesters who are unaware of any violent acts, potentially suppressing free speech and lawful assembly

**Pro-Democracy Position:** nay

**Status:** AB 70 passed the Assembly but was not voted on in the Senate

### AB 415 - Legislative Redistricting

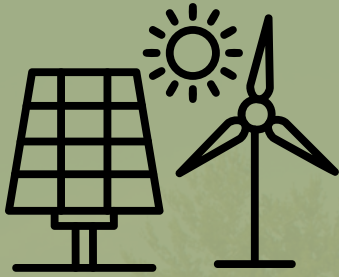
After it was clear that the Wisconsin Supreme Court would not allow Wisconsin's gerrymandered maps to continue, AB415 was proposed as an alternative process; however, it allowed the legislature to maintain too much power.

**Pro-Democracy Position:** nay

**Status:** AB415 passed both houses and was vetoed by the Governor.



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## Climate and Energy

Our dependence on fossil fuels has alarming consequences, so moving beyond coal, oil, and gas to clean energy and transportation is a top priority. Instead of encouraging more clean energy and efforts to curb carbon emissions, the legislature prioritized bills that would restrict the use of clean energy and clean vehicles and appliances.

### AJR6 - Leg Overreach

This proposed constitutional amendment would give the legislature sole control over how federal funds are allocated, stripping the governor of the ability to distribute those funds without legislative approval. The was created to undermine the usage of the federal clean energy money that resulted from the Inflation Reduction Act.

**Clean Energy Position:** nay

**Status:** This passed both houses and was put on the August 13 ballot where it failed.

### AB 141 and 142 -

#### Dirty Vehicles and Appliances

These bills were meant to limit the sale or use of motor vehicles (AB142) and appliances (AB141) based on their power source, specifically targeting policies that would potentially limit the use of gas-powered vehicles.

**Clean Energy Position:** nay

**Status:** AB 142 passed both houses and was vetoed by the Governor.

### SB49 - Local Energy Ban

The bill aimed to prevent local governments from restricting energy sources like natural gas, aiming to maintain consumer access to it and prohibit local bans on certain energy services. This bill would have undermined the ability for local governments to continue to lead on climate action.

**Clean Energy Position:** nay

**Status:** SB49 passed both houses\* and was vetoed by the Governor.

### AB 480 - Limiting Solar

This bill would have limited the ability for farmers to receive farmland preservation tax credits if they have solar on their land, hurting our farmers when they need the revenue from solar the most.

**Clean Energy Position:** nay

**Status:** AB480 passed both houses and was vetoed by the Governor.



# Sierra Club Wisconsin 2023 - 2024 Legislative Scorecard

## Scorecard

Sierra Club's 2023-24 Legislative Scorecard looked at specific votes that the legislators took and 'scored' votes for our democracy, clean energy, and Wisconsin's land, water, and wildlife.

Use this scorecard to find out how your legislators voted in the past session. View other scorecards from previous sessions at our website at [sierraclub.org/wisconsin](http://sierraclub.org/wisconsin).

### Reading the Scorecard

Legislator name and District Number

Party  
D = Democrat;  
R = Republican

Score  
(% of pro-environmental votes taken)

D	Last Name	First Name	Location	Party	Score
16	Agard	Melissa	Madison	D	100%
14	Ballweg	Joan	Markesan	R	10%
28	Bradley	Julian	New Berlin	R	10%

Bill Number

D	Last Name	SB139	SB312	AJR6	AE
16	Agard	-	-	-	
14	Ballweg	+	+	+	
28	Bradley	+	+	+	

Vote:  
N/A = Didn't vote  
+ = Voted Aye  
- = Voted Nay



# Senate Scores

D	Last Name	First Name	Location	Party	Score
16	Agard	Melissa	Madison	D	100%
14	Ballweg	Joan	Markesan	R	10%
28	Bradley	Julian	New Berlin	R	10%
19	Cabral-Guevara	Rachael	Appleton	R	0%
3	Carpenter	Tim	Milwaukee	D	100%
2	Cowles	Robert "Rob"	Green Bay	R	0%
12	Felzkowski	Mary	Tomahawk	R	0%
18	Feyen	Dan	Fond du Lac	R	0%
27	Hesselbein	Dianne	Middleton	D	100%
5	Hutton	Robert "Rob"	Brookfield	R	0%
1	Jacque	Andre	DePere	R	0%
13	Jagler	John	Watertown	R	0%
23	James	Jesse	Altoona	R	0%
6	Johnson	LaTonya	Milwaukee	D	100%
33	Kapenga	Chris	Delafield	R	10%
8	Knodl	Daniel "Dan"	Germantown	R	0%
7	Larson	Chris	Milwaukee	D	100%
9	LeMahieu	Devin	Oostburg	R	0%
17	Marklein	Howard	Spring Green	R	0%
11	Nass	Steve	Whitewater	R	0%
32	Pfaff	Bradley "Brad"	Onalaska	D	100%
25	Quinn	Romaine	Cameron	R	0%
26	Roys	Kelda	Madison	D	100%
31	Smith	Jeff	Brunswick	D	100%
15	Spreitzer	Mark	Beloit	D	100%
10	Stafsholt	Rob	New Richmond	R	0%
20	Stroebel	Duey	Saukville	R	0%
4	Taylor	Lena	Milwaukee	D	100%
24	Testin	Patrick	Stevens Point	R	0%
29	Tomczyk	Cory	Mosinee	R	0%
21	Wanggaard	Van	Racine	R	0%
30	Wimberger	Eric	Green Bay	R	10%
22	Wirch	Robert "Bob"	Pleasant Prairie	D	90%







# Assembly Scores

AD	First Name	Last Name		Score
97	Scott	Allen	R	0%
45	Clinton	Anderson	D	100%
47	Jimmy	Anderson	D	100%
23	Deb	Andraca	D	100%
75	David	Armstrong	R	0%
32	Tyler	August	R	0%
48	Samba	Batch Baldeh	D	100%
80	Mike	Bare	D	100%
89	Elijah	Behnke	R	0%
95	Jill	Billings	D	100%
27	Amy	Binsfeld	R	0%
59	Ty	Bodden	R	0%
39	Mark	Born	R	0%
22	Janel	Brandtjen	R	0%
60	Robert "Rob"	Brooks	R	0%
9	Marisabel	Cabrera	D	100%
35	Calvin	Callahan	R	0%
19	Ryan	Clancy	D	100%
44	Sue	Conley	D	100%
81	Dave	Considine	D	100%
41	Alex	Dallman	R	0%
38	Barbara	Dittrich	R	0%
84	Bob	Donovan	R	0%
94	Steve	Doyle	D	100%
11	Dora	Drake	D	100%
99	Cindi	Duchow	R	0%
87	James "Jimmy Boy"	Edming	R	0%
91	Jodi	Emerson	D	100%
5	Joy	Goeben	R	0%
18	Evan	Goyke	D	100%
74	Chanz	Green	R	0%
58	Rick	Gundrum	R	0%
55	Nate	Gustafson	R	0%
16	Kalan	Haywood	D	100%
76	Francesca	Hong	D	100%
68	Karen	Hurd	R	0%

AD	First Name	Last Name		Score
43	Jenna	Jacobson	D	100%
79	Alex	Joers	D	100%
33	Scott	Johnson	R	0%
26	Terry	Katsma	R	0%
1	Joel	Kitchens	R	0%
72	Scott	Krug	R	0%
50	Tony	Kurtz	R	0%
88	John	Macco	R	0%
10	Darrin	Madison	D	100%
28	Gae	Magnafici	R	0%
15	Dave	Maxey	R	0%
64	Tip	McGuire	D	100%
24	Paul	Melotik	R	0%
13	Thomas "Tom"	Michalski	R	0%
17	Supreme	Moore Omokunde	D	100%
29	Clint	Moses	R	0%
56	David	Murphy	R	0%
36	Jeff	Mursau	R	0%
12	LaKeshia	Myers	D	88%
61	Amanda	Nedweski	R	0%
66	Greta	Neubauer	D	100%
98	Adam	Neylon	R	0%
51	Todd	Novak	R	0%
52	Jerry	O'Connor	R	0%
65	Tod	Ohnstad	D	100%
96	Loren	Oldenburg	R	0%
8	Sylvia	Ortiz-Velez	D	100%
54	Lori	Palmeri	D	100%
37	William	Penterman	R	0%
40	Kevin	Petersen	R	0%
93	Warren	Petryk	R	0%
42	Jon	Plumer	R	0%



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AD	First Name	Last Name		Score
92	Treig	Pronschinske	R	0%
46	Melissa	Ratcliff	D	100%
83	Nik	Rettinger	R	0%
7	Daniel	Riemer	D	100%
21	Jessie	Rodriguez	R	0%
69	Donna	Rozar	R	0%
73	Angie	Sapik	R	0%
6	Peter	Schmidt	R	0%
53	Michael	Schraa	R	0%
31	Ellen	Schutt	R	0%
71	Katrina	Shankland	D	100%
90	Kristina	Shelton	D	100%
20	Christine	Sinicki	D	100%
57	Lee	Snodgrass	D	100%
85	Patrick "Pat"	Snyder	R	0%
2	Shae	Sortwell	R	0%
86	John	Spiros	R	0%
4	David	Steffen	R	0%
77	Shelia	Stubbs	D	100%
78	Lisa	Subeck	D	100%
67	Rob	Summerfield	R	0%
34	Rob	Swearingen	R	0%
25	Paul	Tittl	R	0%
49	Travis	Tranel	R	0%
3	Ron	Tusler	R	0%
70	Nancy	VanderMeer	R	0%
14	Robyn	Vining	D	100%
63	Robin	Vos	R	0%
82	Chuck	Wichgers	R	0%
62	Robert "Bob"	Wittke	R	0%
30	Shannon	Zimmerman	R	0%





# Assembly Votes

D	Last Name	AJR 6	SB312	AB480	AB415	AB141	AB142	AB70
97	Allen	+	+	+	+	N/A	N/A	+
47	Anderson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Anderson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Andraca	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75	Armstrong	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
32	August	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
48	Baldeh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
80	Bare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
89	Behnke	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
95	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Binsfeld	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
59	Bodden	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
39	Born	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
22	Brandtjen	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
60	Brooks	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
9	Cabrera	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Callahan	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
19	Clancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
44	Conley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
81	Considine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Dallman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
38	Dittrich	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
84	Donovan	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
94	Doyle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Drake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Duchow	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
87	Edming	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
91	Emerson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Goeben	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
18	Goyke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
74	Green	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
58	Gundrum	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
55	Gustafson	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
16	Haywood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
76	Hong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
68	Hurd	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
43	Jacobson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
79	Joers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Johnson	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
26	Katsma	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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1	Kitchens	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
72	Krug	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
24	Knodl	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	+	+	+
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88	Macco	N/A	N/A	+	+	+	+	+
10	Madison	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Magnafici	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
15	Maxey	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
64	McGuire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Melotik	+	+	+	+	N/A	N/A	N/A
13	Michalski	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
17	Moore Omokunde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Moses	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
56	Murphy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
36	Mursau	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
12	Myers	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
61	Nedweski	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
66	Neubauer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
98	Neylon	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
51	Novak	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
52	O'Connor	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
65	Ohnstad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
96	Oldenburg	N/A	+	+	+	+	+	+
8	Ortiz -Velez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	Palmeri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37	Penterman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
40	Petersen	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
93	Petryk	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
42	Plumer	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
92	Pronschinske	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
46	Ratcliff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
83	Rettinger	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
7	Riemer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Rodriguez	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
69	Rozar	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
73	Sapik	N/A	N/A	+	+	+	+	+
6	Schmidt	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
53	Schraa	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
31	Schutt	+	+	+	+	+	+	+



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D	Last Name	AJR 6	SB312	AB480	AB415	AB141	AB142	AB70
71	Shankland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
90	Shelton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Sinicki	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	Snodgrass	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
85	Snyder	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2	Sortwell	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
86	Spiros	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
4	Steffen	+	+	+	+	N/A	+	+
77	Stubbs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
78	Subeck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
67	Summerfield	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
34	Swearingen	+	+	+	+	+	+	N/A
25	Tittl	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
49	Tranel	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3	Tusler	+	+	+	+	+	+	N/A
70	VanderMeer	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
14	Vining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
63	Vos	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
82	Wichgers	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
62	Wittke	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
30	Zimmerman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+





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## Zeros and Heroes

The Sierra Club Wisconsin Chapter thanks the lawmakers who scored a perfect 100% during the 2023-24 Legislative Session.

**Senate:** Melissa Agard, Tim Carpenter, Dianne Hesselbein, LaTonya Johnson, Chris Larson, Bradley "Brad" Pfaff, Kelda Roys, Jeff Smith, Mark Spreitzer, Lena Taylor.

**Assembly:** Clinton Anderson, Jimmy Anderson, Deb Andraca, Samba Batch Baldeh, Mike Bare, Jill Billings, Marisabel Cabrera, Ryan Clancy, Sue Conley, Dave Considine, Steve Doyle, Dora Drake, Jodi Emerson, Evan Goyke, Kalan Haywood, Francesca Hong, Jenna Jacobson, Alex Joers, Darrin Madison, Tip McGuire, Supreme Moore Omokunde, Greta Neubauer, Tod Ohnstad, Daniel Riemer, Kristina Shelton, Christine Sinicki, Lee Snodgrass, Shelia Stubbs, Lisa Subeck, Robyn Vining.



We are also disappointed in the Conservation Zeros, who received 0%, meaning they did not vote a single time for pro-conservation legislation:

**Senate:** Rachael Cabral-Guevara, Robert "Rob" Cowles, Mary Felzkowski, Dan Feyen, Robert "Rob" Hutton, Andre Jacque, John Jagler, Jesse James, Daniel "Dan" Knodl, Devin LeMahieu, Howard Marklein, Steve Nass, Romaine Quinn, Rob Stafsholt, Duey Stroebel, Patrick Testin, Cory Tomczyk, Van Wanggaard.

**Assembly:** Scott Allen, David "Dave" Armstrong, Tyler August, Elijah Behnke, Amy Binsfeld, Ty Bodden, Mark Born, Janel Brandtjen, Robert "Rob" Brooks, Calvin Callahan, Alex Dallman, Barbara Dittrich, Bob Donovan, Cindi Duchow, James "Jimmy Boy" Edming, Joy Goeben, Chanz Green, Rick Gundrum, Nate Gustafson, Karen Hurd, Scott Johnson, Terry Katsma, Joel Kitchens, Scott Krug, Tony Kurtz, John Macco, Gae Magnafici, Dave Maxey, Paul Melotik, Thomas "Tom" Michalski, Clint Moses, David "Dave" Murphy, Jeffrey "Jeff" Mursau, Amanda Nedweski, Adam Neylon, Todd Novak, Jerry O'Connor, Loren Oldenburg, William Penterman, Kevin Petersen, Warren Petryk, Jon Plumer, Treig Pronschinske, Nik Rettinger, Jessie Rodriguez, Donna Rozar, Angie Sapik, Peter Schmidt, Michael Schraa, Ellen Schutt, Patrick "Pat" Snyder, Shae Sortwell, John Spiros, David Steffen, Rob Summerfield, Rob Swearingen, Paul Tittl, Travis Tranel, Ron Tusler, Nancy VanderMeer, Robin Vos, Chuck Wichgers, Robert "Bob" Wittke, Shannon Zimmerman.

## Celebrating Gov Evers

Governor Evers was able to protect Wisconsin's environment and democracy by vetoing the terrible bills that were sent to his desk. He's the real hero of this legislative session.



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