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2020 Oklahoma Environmental Legislative Scorecard

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2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2020 Oklahoma state legislative session—officially the Second Session of the 57th Oklahoma Legislature—will certainly be remembered for the fact that the Covid-19 pandemic caused a dramatic pause in the proceedings around mid-March, and the remainder of the legislative session was conducted under unusual circumstances due to the need to assure the safety of all individuals involved in conducting legislative business. This disruption basically led to a very stripped-down legislative calendar that ultimately focused on “emergency” legislation related to either dealing with the pandemic or passing the annual State of Oklahoma budget. As a result, many bills were left in limbo, never to receive the final votes needed to move the legislation forward or kill it outright.

Regarding the state budget, the pandemic played a significant role there as well. State revenue forecasts plummeted, driven by oil and gas usage reductions attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic. Thus state tax revenue reductions caused state leaders to hash out a smaller-than-expected budget which led to agency cuts across the board. However, the biggest tragedy was a 10% budget cut to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), continuing an on-going trend of slashing away at this already-underfunded agency. Despite continued reductions to the ODEQ budget, the State of Oklahoma continues to call upon the EPA to grant ODEQ additional environmental oversight responsibilities.

One bright spot from this historical session—on Thursday, March 5th, 2020, citizens, tribal representatives, and public interest organizations dedicated to protecting Oklahoma’s water resources gathered at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City to hold our second annual Oklahoma Water Lobby Day. This event was (and is) dedicated to educating the general public and state legislators on a variety of topics that impact Oklahoma’s water. Groups shared information on Oklahoma aquifers, lakes and rivers and the issues impacting them. Participating groups included Trout Unlimited 420, Save the Rush Springs Aquifer, (STIR) Save the Illinois River, Oklahoma Sierra Club, Green Country Guardians, ORWP (Oklahomans for Responsible Water Policy), Local Environmental Action Demanded (L.E.A.D.) Agency, and Green Country Guardians. We were also honored that Casey Camp-Horinek, environmental icon and member of the Ponca Nation, delivered a moving keynote speech at the event.

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.

Please note—this coming legislative session, February, 2021 to May, 2021, may require us to do all of our lobbying remotely and digitally. We will happily provide any tools, technology or training needed to fully support distance advocacy work until such time as Covid-19 does not pose a significant safety risk to our volunteers.

The Legislative Committee

Oklahoma Sierra Club also has a chapter-level Legislative Committee to help 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

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

You will find all the information needed to contact your Senator, find out what is going on in the Senate, identify Senate leadership, and track Senate legislation. You can also join in LIVE on most Senate meetings such as Committee hearings and Senate Floor Sessions.

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

You will find all the information needed to contact your Representative, find out what is going on in the House, identify House leadership, and track House legislation. You can also join in LIVE on most House meetings such as Committee hearings and House Floor Sessions.

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 among 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

HB3619, Rep. Terry O'Donnell, R-Catoosa and Sen. Mark Allen, R-Spiro, would prohibit a community from outlawing natural gas hookups or requiring solar energy use or in any other way regulating what energy source must be used or not used within their building codes.

- Oklahoma Sierra Club OPPOSED this bill.
- The bill was signed into law.

SB0521, Sen. Mark Allen, R-Spiro and Rep. Jim Olsen, R-Roland, requires rules promulgated by the Corporation Commission to not be more stringent than any Environmental Protection Agency standards or regulations.

- Oklahoma Sierra Club OPPOSEDED this bill.
- The bill stalled in the House of Representatives.

SB1742, Oklahoma Water Resources Board; Authorizes the OWRB Executive Director to issue certain groundwater permits where there is no protest. Permits must be approved by the Board now. Makes some changes to protest procedures.

- Oklahoma Sierra Club OPPOSED this bill.
- The bill stalled in the House of Representatives.

SJR0040, Sen. Julie Daniels, R-Bartlesville and Rep. Mike Sanders, R-Kingfisher, proposes a vote of the people on a constitutional amendment to add a new Section 13 to Article 23 that would create a limit on noneconomic damages in a civil action.

- Oklahoma Sierra Club OPPOSED this bill.
- The bill was signed into law.

SB1592, Sen. James Leewright, R-Bristow and Rep. Scott Fetgatter, R-Okmulgee, update and expansion of last year's PACE program. Property Assessed Clean Energy program operated by counties; provides funding for efficiency improvements to buildings.

- Oklahoma Sierra Club SUPPORTED this bill.
- The bill was signed into law.

SENATORS' SCORECARDS

Yellow highlight indicates Senators who will be on the General Election ballot in November

Senator	Party	District	HB3619 (Nay)	SB0521 (Nay)	SB1742 (Nay)	SJR0040 (Nay)	SB1592 (aye)	Grade
Allen, Mark	R	4	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Bergstrom, Micheal	R	1	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Bice, Stephanie	R	22	Aye	Excused	Aye	Excused	Aye	D
Boggs, Larry	R	7	Aye	Aye	Nay	Nay	Aye	F
Boren, Mary	D	16	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
Brooks, Michael	D	44	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
Bullard, David	R	6	Aye	Aye	Nay	Excused	Nay	D
Coleman, Bill	R	10	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Dahm, Nathan	R	33	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Daniels, Julie	R	29	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	F
David, Kimberly	R	18	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Dossett, J.J.	D	34	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	B
Dugger, Tom	R	21	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Floyd, Kay	D	46	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
Hall, Chuck	R	20	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Haste, John	R	36	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Hicks, Carri	D	40	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
Howard, Brent	R	38	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Nay	F
Ikley-Freeman, Allison	D	37	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	B
Jech, Darcy	R	26	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Kidd, Chris	R	31	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	F
Kirt, Julia	D	30	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
Leewright, James	R	12	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Matthews, Kevin	D	11	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
McCortney, Greg	R	13	Aye	Aye	Excused	Nay	Aye	C
Montgomery, John	R	32	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	D
Murdock, Casey	R	27	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Newhouse, Joe	R	25	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Paxton, Lonnie	R	23	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Pederson, Roland	R	19	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Nay	F
Pemberton, Dewayne	R	9	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Pugh, Adam	R	41	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Nay	F
Quinn, Marty	R	2	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Rader, Dave	R	39	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Rosino, Paul	R	45	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	D
Scott, Paul	R	43	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
Sharp, Ron	R	17	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	D

Shaw, Wayne	R	3	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Silk, Joseph	R	5	Aye	Aye	Excused	Excused	Nay	F
Simpson, Frank	R	14	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	D
Standridge, Robert	R	15	Aye	Excused	Nay	Aye	Nay	D
Stanislawski, Gary	R	35	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Stanley, Brenda	R	42	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Thompson, Roger	R	8	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	F
Treat, Greg	R	47	Excused	Aye	Excused	Aye	Excused	F
Weaver, Darrell	R	24	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	F
Young, George	D	48	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+

BILLS ON REPRESENTATIVES' SCORECARD

HB4019, Rep. Charles McCall, R-Atoka and Sen. James Leewright, R-Bristow, directs ODEQ to sell their building and property downtown and give the money to the State. OMES will find a closet somewhere for them to work out of.

- Oklahoma Sierra Club OPPOSED this bill.
- The bill stalled in the Senate.

HB3619, Rep. Terry O'Donnell, R-Catoosa and Sen. Mark Allen, R-Spiro, would prohibit a community from outlawing natural gas hookups or requiring solar energy use or in any other way regulating what energy source must be used or not used within their building codes.

- Oklahoma Sierra Club OPPOSED this bill.
- The bill was signed into law.

HB3970, Rep. Mark McBride, R-Moore and Sen. Casey Murdock, R-Felt, directs Oklahoma Corporation Commission to adopt rules setting goals for use of "renewable natural gas," update our RFS to reflect such and produce "educational materials" trumpeting the benefits of "renewable natural gas."

- Oklahoma Sierra Club OPPOSED this bill.
- The bill stalled in the Senate.

HJR1027, Rep. John Pfeiffer, R-Mulhall and Sen. Kimberly David, R-Porter, proposes constitutional amendment requiring the % of legal voters signing an initiative or referendum petition to apply to each congressional district, not statewide.

- Oklahoma Sierra Club OPPOSED this bill.
- The bill stalled in the Senate.

SB1592, Sen. James Leewright, R-Bristow and Rep. Scott Fetgatter, R-Okmulgee, update and expansion of last year's PACE program. Property Assessed Clean Energy program operated by counties; provides funding for efficiency improvements to buildings.

- Oklahoma Sierra Club SUPPORTED this bill.
- The bill was signed into law.

REPRESENTATIVES' SCORECARD

Yellow highlight indicates Representative will be on November ballot.

Legislator	Party	District	HB4019 (Nay)	HB3619 (Nay)	HB3970 (Nay)	HJR1027 (Nay)	SB1592 (Aye)	Grade
Albright, Kelly	D	95	Nay	Excused	Excused	Nay	Aye	B
Baker, Rhonda	R	60	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
Bell, Merleyn	D	45	Nay	Nay	Excused	Nay	Aye	A
Bennett, Forrest	D	92	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
Blancett, Meloyde	D	78	Nay	Aye	Excused	Nay	Aye	B
Boatman, Jeff	R	67	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	D
Boles, Brad	R	51	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	D
Branham, Chelsey	D	83	Nay	Excused	Nay	Nay	Aye	A
Brewer, Denise	D	71	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
Burns, Ty	R	35	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Bush, Carol	R	70	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Caldwell, Chad	R	40	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
Caldwell, Trey	R	63	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
Conley, Sherrie	R	20	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
Cornwell, Rusty	R	6	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Crosswhite Hader, Denise	R	41	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Davis, Dean	R	98	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Dills, Sheila	R	69	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Dollens, Mickey	D	93	Nay	Nay	Excused	Nay	Aye	A
Dunnington, Jason	D	88	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
Echols, Jon	R	90	Aye	Aye	Excused	Nay	Aye	C
Fetgatter, Scott	R	16	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Fincher, Derrel	R	11	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	D
Ford, Ross	R	76	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Frix, Avery	R	13	Aye	Excused	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
Fugate, Andy	D	94	Aye	Nay	Excused	Nay	Aye	B
Gann, Tom	R	8	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Goodwin, Regina	D	73	Nay	Nay	Excused	Nay	Aye	A
Grego, Jim	R	17	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	D
Hardin, David	R	86	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Hardin, Tommy	R	49	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Hasenbeck, Toni	R	65	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	D
Hilbert, Kyle	R	29	Excused	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
Hill, Brian	R	47	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Humphrey, Justin	R	19	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	D
Johns, Ronny	R	25	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	D
Kannady, Chris	R	91	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	F
Kerbs, Dell	R	26	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Kiger, Lundy	R	3	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Lawson, Mark	R	30	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Lepak, Mark	R	9	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F

Loring, Ben	D	7	Aye	Excused	Nay	Nay	Aye	B
Lowe, Jason	D	97	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
Luttrell, Ken	R	37	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	D
Manger, Robert	R	101	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	D
Marti, T.J.	R	75	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Excused	F
Martinez, Ryan	R	39	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
May, Stan	R	80	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
McBride, Mark	R	53	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	D
McCall, Charles	R	22	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
McDugle, Kevin	R	12	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
McEntire, Marcus	R	50	Excused	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	C
Meredith, Matt	D	4	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Miller, Nicole	R	82	Nay	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	C
Mize, Garry	R	31	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Moore, Lewis	R	96	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Munson, Cyndi	D	85	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
Newton, Carl	R	58	Nay	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	C
Nichols, Monroe	D	72	Nay	Nay	Excused	Nay	Aye	A
Nollan, Jadine	R	66	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
O'Donnell, Terry	R	23	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Olsen, Jim	R	2	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Ortega, Charles	R	52	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Osburn, Mike	R	81	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Pae, Daniel	R	62	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Patzkowsky, Kenton	R	61	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Perryman, David	D	56	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A
Pfeiffer, John	R	38	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
Phillips, Logan	R	24	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
Pittman, Ajay	D	99	Excused	Nay	Excused	Nay	Aye	B
Provenzano, Melissa	D	79	Nay	Aye	Nay	Nay	Aye	B
Randleman, Randy	R	15	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Ranson, Trish	D	34	Nay	Nay	Excused	Nay	Aye	A
Roberts, Dustin	R	21	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Roberts, Sean	R	36	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Nay	F
Roe, Cynthia	R	42	Aye	Excused	Aye	Excused	Aye	D
Rosecrants, Jacob	D	46	Aye	Aye	Excused	Nay	Aye	C
Russ, Todd	R	55	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Sanders, Mike	R	59	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Sims, Lonnie	R	68	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	D
Smith, David	R	18	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Sneed, Chris	R	14	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Stark, Marilyn	R	100	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	D
Steagall, Jay	R	43	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	D
Sterling, Danny	R	27	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
Strom, Judd	R	10	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay	Aye	D
Tadlock, Johnny	R	1	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Talley, John	R	33	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F

Taylor, (RESIGNED)	R	28	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Townley, Tammy	R	48	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	D
Vancuren, Mark	R	74	Nay	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	D
Virgin, Emily	D	44	Nay	Nay	Excused	Nay	Aye	A
Waldron, John	D	77	Nay	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	A+
Walke, Collin	D	87	Aye	Nay	Nay	Nay	Aye	B
Wallace, Kevin	R	32	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Excused	F
West, Josh	R	5	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
West, Kevin	R	54	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
West, Tammy	R	84	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F
Worthen, Rande	R	64	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Nay	F
Wright, Harold	R	57	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	F