

MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD LAME DUCK SESSION 2011-2012



AT A GLANCE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AVERAGES

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| House | 57% |
| Democrats | 81% |
| Republicans | 39% |

Top of the Class - Score of 90%

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| Ananich, J. (D-49) | Irwin, J. (D-53) |
| Bauer, J. (D-68) | Jackson, S. (D-9) |
| Brown, L. (D-39) | Kandrevas, A. (D-13) |
| Byrum, B. (D-67) | Lipton, E.C. (D-27) |
| Cavanagh, P. (D-17) | McCann, S. (D-60) |
| Clemente, P. (D-14) | Meadows, M. (D-69) |
| Darany, G. (D-15) | Slavens, D. (D-21) |
| Dillon, B. (D-75) | Stallworth III, T. (D-8) |
| Durhal Jr., F. (D-6) | Stanley, W. (D-34) |
| Greimel, T. (D-29) | Stapleton, M. (D-4) |
| Hammel, R. (D-48) | Switalski, J. (D-25) |
| Hobbs, R. (D-35) | Tlaib, R. (D-12) |
| Hovey-Wright, M. (D-92) | Townsend, J. (D-26) |
| Howze, L. (D-2) | |

Bottom of the Class - Score of 0%

Womack, J. (D-7)

SENATE

AVERAGES

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| Senate | 54% |
| Democrats | 95% |
| Republicans | 35% |

Top of the Class - Score of 100%

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| Anderson, G. (D-6) | Johnson, B. (D-2) |
| Gregory, V. (D-14) | Smith, V. (D-4) |
| Hood III, M. (D-3) | Warren, R. (D-18) |
| Hopgood, H. (D-8) | Whitmer, G. (D-23) |
| Hunter, T. (D-5) | |

Bottom of the Class - Score of 20%

Caswell, B. (R-16)
Robertson, D. (R-26)

LEADERSHIP

House

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| Speaker of the House: Bolger, J. (R-63) | 40% |
| Majority Floor Leader: Stamas, J. (R-98) | 40% |
| Minority Leader: Hammel, R. (D-48) | 90% |
| Minority Floor Leader: Segal, K. (D-62) | 80% |

House Committee Chairs

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| Natural Resources, Tourism, & Outdoor Recreation: | |
| Foster, F. (R-107) | 40% |
| Energy & Technology: Horn, K. (R-94) | 40% |
| Agriculture: Daley, K. (R-82) | 40% |
| Health Policy: Haines, G. (R-43) | 40% |
| Transportation: Opsommer, P. (R-93) | 40% |

Senate

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| Majority Leader: Richardville, R. (R-17) | 40% |
| Majority Floor Leader: Meekhof, A. (R-30) | 30% |
| Minority Leader: Whitmer, G. (D-23) | 100% |
| Minority Floor Leader: Hunter, T. (D-5) | 100% |

Senate Committee Chairs

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| Natural Resources, Environment, & Great Lakes: | |
| Casperson, T. (R-38) | 40% |
| Energy & Technology: Nofs, M. (R-19) | 40% |
| Agriculture: Hune, J. (R-22) | 30% |
| Health Policy: Marleau, J. (R-12) | 30% |
| Outdoor Recreation & Tourism: Hansen, G. (R-34) | 40% |
| Transportation: Casperson, T. (R-38) | 40% |

House Votes

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| REPRESENTATIVE | PARTY | DISTRICT | HOMETOWN | TERM | 2011-12 LAMEDUCK SCORE | 2011-12 ORIGINAL SCORE | 2011-12 NEW SCORE | LIFETIME AVERAGE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|------------------|-------|----------|------------------|------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Agema, D. | R | 74 | Grandville | 3 | 30% | 23% | 26% | 17% | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | + |
| Ananich, J. | D | 49 | Flint | 1 | 90% | 69% | 78% | 78% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Barnett, V. | D | 37 | Farmington Hills | 2 | 80% | 85% | 83% | 89% | + | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Bauer, J. | D | 68 | Lansing | 3 | 90% | 77% | 83% | 92% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Bledsoe, T. | D | 1 | Grosse Pointe | 2 | 70% | 77% | 74% | 84% | + | + | + | / | - | + | / | + | + | + |
| Bolger, J. | R | 63 | Marshall | 2 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 36% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Brown, L. | D | 39 | West Bloomfield | 2 | 90% | 85% | 87% | 92% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Brunner, C. | D | 96 | Bay City | 1 | 80% | 54% | 65% | 65% | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | + |
| Bumstead, J. | R | 100 | Newaygo | 1 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 39% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Byrum, B. | D | 67 | Onondaga | 3 | 90% | 77% | 83% | 88% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Callton, M. | R | 87 | Nashville | 1 | 40% | 23% | 30% | 30% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Cavanagh, P. | D | 17 | Redford Twp. | 1 | 90% | 69% | 78% | 78% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Clemente, P. | D | 14 | Lincoln Park | 1 | 90% | 38% | 61% | 61% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Constan, B. | D | 16 | Dearborn Hts. | 3 | 80% | 69% | 74% | 88% | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Cotter, K. | R | 99 | Mt. Pleasant | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Crawford, H. | R | 38 | Novi | 2 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 28% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Daley, K. | R | 82 | Lum | 2 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 31% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Damrow, K. | R | 84 | Port Austin | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Darany, G. | D | 15 | Dearborn | 1 | 90% | 77% | 83% | 83% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Denby, C. | R | 47 | Fowlerville | 2 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 30% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Dillon, B. | D | 75 | Grand Rapids | 1 | 90% | 85% | 87% | 87% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Durhal Jr., F. | D | 6 | Detroit | *2 | 90% | 69% | 78% | 84% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Farrington, J. | R | 30 | Utica | 1 | 30% | 31% | 31% | 31% | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | + |
| Forlini, A. | R | 24 | Harrison Twp. | 1 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 39% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Foster, F. | R | 107 | Pellston | 1 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 39% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Franz, R. | R | 101 | Onkama | 1 | 40% | 15% | 26% | 26% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Geiss, D. | D | 22 | Taylor | 2 | 80% | 62% | 70% | 81% | + | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Genetski, B. | R | 88 | Saugatuck | 2 | 40% | 23% | 30% | 18% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Gilbert, J. | R | 81 | Algonac | 3 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 25% | - | - | + | / | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Gardon, B. | R | 85 | Owosso | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Goike, K. | R | 33 | Ray Twp. | 1 | 30% | 31% | 31% | 31% | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | + |
| Graves, J. | R | 51 | Argentine Twp. | *1 | 40% | 20% | 29% | 29% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Greimel, T. | D | 29 | Pontiac | *1 | 90% | 100% | 96% | 96% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Haines, G. | R | 43 | Waterford | 2 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 58% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Hammel, R. | D | 48 | Flushing | 3 | 90% | 62% | 74% | 80% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Haugh, H. | D | 42 | Roseville | 2 | 70% | 38% | 52% | 67% | + | - | + | - | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Haveman, J. | R | 90 | Holland | 2 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 28% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Heise, K. | R | 20 | Plymouth | 1 | 30% | 38% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | + |
| Hobbs, R. | D | 35 | Lathrup Village | 1 | 90% | 69% | 78% | 78% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Hooker, T. | R | 77 | Byron Center | 1 | 40% | 15% | 26% | 26% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Horn, K. | R | 94 | Frankenmuth | 3 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 28% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Hovey-Wright, M. | D | 92 | Muskegon | 1 | 90% | 85% | 87% | 87% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Howze, L. | D | 2 | Detroit | 1 | 90% | 69% | 78% | 78% | + | + | + | + | / | + | + | + | + | + |
| Hughes, H. | R | 91 | Montague | 1 | 50% | 46% | 48% | 48% | + | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Huuki, M. | R | 110 | Atlantic Mine | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |

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| Irwin, J. | D | 53 | Ann Arbor | 1 | 90% | 92% | 91% | 91% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Jackson, S. | D | 9 | Detroit | 3 | 90% | 62% | 74% | 72% | / | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Jacobsen, B. | R | 46 | Oxford | 1 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 39% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Jenkins, N. | R | 57 | Clayton | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Johnson, J. | R | 97 | Clare | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Kandrevas, A. | D | 13 | Southgate | 2 | 90% | 54% | 70% | 76% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Knollenberg, M. | R | 41 | Troy | 3 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 31% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Kowall, E. | R | 44 | White Lake | 2 | 40% | 23% | 30% | 31% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Kurtz, K. | R | 58 | Coldwater | 2 | 40% | 23% | 30% | 21% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| LaFontaine, A. | R | 32 | Richmond | 1 | 30% | 31% | 31% | 31% | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | + |
| Lane, M. | D | 31 | Fraser | 1 | 70% | 54% | 61% | 61% | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | - | + |
| LeBlanc, R. | D | 18 | Westland | 3 | 70% | 46% | 56% | 68% | + | - | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | + |
| Lindberg, S. | D | 109 | Marquette | 3 | 50% | 38% | 43% | 74% | / | + | + | - | - | + | - | + | - | + |
| Lipton, E. C. | D | 27 | Huntington Wds. | 2 | 90% | 92% | 91% | 95% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Liss, L. | D | 28 | Warren | 2 | 80% | 38% | 56% | 72% | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Lori, M. | R | 59 | Constantine | 2 | 40% | 46% | 43% | 34% | - | - | + | / | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Lund, P. | R | 36 | Shelby Twp. | 2 | 30% | 31% | 31% | 21% | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | + |
| Lyons, L. | R | 86 | Alto | 1 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 39% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| MacGregor, P. | R | 73 | Rockford | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| MacMaster, G. | R | 105 | Kewadin | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| McBroom, E. | R | 108 | Vulcan | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| McCann, S. | D | 60 | Kalamazoo | 1 | 90% | 77% | 83% | 83% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| McMillin, T. | R | 45 | Rochester Hills | 2 | 30% | 15% | 22% | 13% | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | + |
| Meadows, M. | D | 69 | East Lansing | 3* | 90% | 77% | 83% | 92% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Moss, C. | R | 40 | Birmingham | 3 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Muxlow, P. | R | 83 | Brown City | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | / | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Nathan, D. | D | 11 | Detroit | 2 | 80% | 77% | 78% | 84% | / | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Nesbitt, A. | R | 80 | Lawton | 1 | 40% | 15% | 26% | 26% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Oakes, S. | D | 95 | Saginaw | 1* | 40% | 62% | 52% | 52% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| O'Brien, M. | R | 61 | Portage | 1 | 70% | 31% | 48% | 48% | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | - | + |
| Olson, R. | R | 55 | Saline | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Olumba, J. | D | 5 | Detroit | 1 | 60% | 77% | 70% | 70% | / | + | + | / | - | + | / | + | + | + |
| Opsommer, P. | R | 93 | Dewitt | 3 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 36% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Ouimet, M. | R | 52 | Scio Twp. | 1 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 39% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Outman, R. | R | 70 | Six Lakes | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Pettalia, P. | R | 106 | Presque Ile | 1 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 39% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Poleski, E. | R | 64 | Jackson | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Potvin, P. | R | 102 | Cadillac | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Price, A. | R | 89 | Park Twp. | 1 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 39% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Pscholka, A. | R | 79 | Stevensville | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Rendon, B. | R | 103 | Lake City | 1 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 39% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Rogers, B. | R | 66 | Brighton | 2 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 37% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |

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| Rutledge, D. | D | 54 | Ypsilanti | 1 | 80% | 85% | 83% | 83% | + | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Santana, H. | D | 10 | Detroit | 1 | 80% | 69% | 74% | 74% | / | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Schmidt, R. | R** | 76 | Grand Rapids | 2 | 30% | 38% | 35% | 57% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | / |
| Schmidt, W. | R | 104 | Traverse City | 2 | 40% | 46% | 43% | 40% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Segal, K. | D | 62 | Battle Creek | 2 | 80% | 77% | 78% | 86% | - | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Shaughnessy, D. | R | 71 | Charlotte | 1 | 40% | 23% | 30% | 30% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Shirkey, M. | R | 65 | Clark Lake | 1* | 40% | 23% | 30% | 30% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Slavens, D. | D | 21 | Canton Twp. | 2 | 90% | 92% | 91% | 95% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Smiley, C. | D | 50 | Burton | 1 | 80% | 77% | 78% | 78% | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | + |
| Somerville, P. | R | 23 | New Boston | 1 | 30% | 15% | 22% | 22% | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | + |
| Stallworth III, T. | D | 8 | Detroit | 1 | 90% | 62% | 74% | 74% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Stamas, J. | R | 98 | Midland | 2 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 28% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Stanley, W. | D | 34 | Flint | 2 | 90% | 62% | 74% | 83% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Stapleton, M. | D | 4 | Detroit | 1 | 90% | 62% | 74% | 74% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Switalski, J. | D | 25 | Warren | 2 | 90% | 92% | 91% | 95% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Tinsley-Talabi, A. | D | 3 | Detroit | 1 | 80% | 69% | 74% | 74% | + | + | + | + | - | + | / | + | + | + |
| Tlaib, R. | D | 12 | Detroit | 2 | 90% | 85% | 87% | 90% | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + |
| Townsend, J. | D | 26 | Royal Oak | 1 | 90% | 77% | 83% | 83% | + | + | + | + | / | + | + | + | + | + |
| Tyler, S. | R | 78 | Niles | 2 | 30% | 38% | 35% | 41% | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | + | - | + |
| Walsh, J. | R | 19 | Livonia | 2 | 20% | 31% | 26% | 27% | - | - | / | - | + | - | - | + | - | / |
| Womack, J. | D | 7 | Detroit | 2 | 0% | 69% | 39% | 62% | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Yonker, K. | R | 72 | Caledonia | 1 | 40% | 31% | 35% | 35% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |
| Zorn, D. | R | 56 | Ida | 1 | 40% | 38% | 39% | 39% | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | + | - | + |

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House of Representatives

Bill Descriptions

1 Remove Critical Sand Dune Protections

SB 1130 | In Favor = 63 Oppose = 40 | Passed the House & Senate. Signed by the Governor.

In July 2012, the Michigan House passed SB 1130, which amends the law governing permitting for proposed developments of Critical Dune Areas. It makes it harder for residents to request a public hearing before the issuance of a permit, prohibited local critical dune zoning ordinances stricter than the state's model ordinance, prohibited a local government from requiring an environmental impact statement except for special use projects, and removed the prohibition on permitting uses that are not in the public interest. *A NO vote was a vote for the environment.*

2 Delay Review of Construction Codes

HB 4561 | In Favor = 70 Oppose = 39 | Passed the House & Senate. Signed by the Governor.

In December 2012, the Michigan House passed HB 4561, which doubles the span of time between reviews of Michigan's construction codes from every three years to every six years. *A NO vote was a vote for the environment.*

3 Strengthen Water Pollution Control

HB 5673-5676 | In Favor = 108 Oppose = 0 | Passed the House & Senate. Signed by the Governor.

In December 2012, the Michigan House passed HB 5673-5676, which expands the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, a fund that provides loans to municipalities to control water pollution, assist with wastewater and sewage treatment projects and ensure safe drinking water. The legislation also provides loans to municipalities for wetland mitigation and water quality improvements. *A YES vote was a vote for the environment.*

4 Change the Tax Structure for Non-Ferrous Minerals

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5 Create SE Michigan Regional Transit Authority

SB 909-912 | In Favor = 57 Oppose = 50 | Passed the House & Senate. Signed by the Governor.

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6 Weaken Cleanup Regulations for Contaminated Property

SB 1328 | In Favor = 68 Oppose = 41 | Passed the House & Senate. Signed by the Governor.

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7 Term Limit the Trust Fund Advisory Board

SB 1238 | In Favor = 65 Oppose = 41 | Passed the House & Senate. Signed by the Governor.

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8 Revitalize Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps

SB 1261 – 1265 | In Favor = 109 Oppose = 0 | Passed the House & Senate. Signed by the Governor.

In December 2012, the Michigan House passed SB 1261-1265, which revives the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps. *A YES vote was a vote for the environment.*

9 Limit the NRC's Role within the DNR

SB 1280 | In Favor = 67 Oppose = 42 | Passed the House & Senate. Signed by the Governor.

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10 Require Government Units to Implement Energy Efficiency

HB 5727 | In Favor = 107 Oppose = 0 | Passed the House & Senate. Signed by the Governor.

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Senate Votes

- + Pro environment action
- Anti-environment action
- / Absence, Not Voting; Counts as a negative

- 1=Eliminate Biodiversity Stewardship Areas
- 2=Create SE Michigan Regional Transit Authority
- 3=Change the Tax Structure for Non-ferrous Minerals
- 4= Delay Review of Construction Codes
- 5=Term Limit the Trust Fund Advisory Board

- 6=Revitalize the Civilian Conservation Corps
- 7=Limit NRC's Role within the DNR
- 8=Strengthen Water Pollution Control
- 9=Require Government Units to Implement Energy Efficiency
- 10=Weaken Regulations for Contaminated Property

| SENATOR | PARTY | DISTRICT | HOMETOWN | TERM | 2011-12 LAMEDUCK SCORE | 2011-12 NEW SCORE | ORIGINAL 2011-12 SCORE | LIFETIME AVERAGE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|------------------|-------|----------|---------------|------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Anderson, G. | D | 6 | Westland | 2 | 100% | 96% | 92% | 94% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Bieda, S. | D | 9 | Warren | 1 | 100% | 98% | 95% | 96% | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Booher, D. | R | 35 | Ewart | 1 | 40% | 32% | 25% | 26% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Brandenburg, J. | R | 11 | Harrison Twp. | 1 | 30% | 32% | 33% | 42% | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Casperson, T. | R | 38 | Escanaba | 1 | 40% | 36% | 33% | 33% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Caswell, B. | R | 16 | Hillsdale | 1 | 20% | 36% | 50% | 31% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | - |
| Colbeck, P. | R | 7 | Canton | 1 | 30% | 32% | 33% | 32% | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Emmons, J. | R | 33 | Sheridan | 1 | 40% | 41% | 42% | 29% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Gleason, J. | D | 27 | Flushing | 2 | 60% | 68% | 75% | 76% | - | + | + | / | + | + | - | / | + | + |
| Green, M. | R | 31 | Mayville | 1 | 30% | 32% | 33% | 32% | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Gregory, V. | D | 14 | Southfield | 1 | 100% | 96% | 92% | 97% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Hansen, G. | R | 34 | Hart | 1 | 40% | 45% | 50% | 43% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Hildenbrand, D. | R | 29 | Lowell | 1 | 40% | 36% | 33% | 34% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Hood III, M. | D | 3 | Detroit | 1 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 98% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Hopgood, H. | D | 8 | Taylor | 1 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Hune, J. | R | 22 | Hamburg | 1 | 30% | 27% | 25% | 28% | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Hunter, T. | D | 5 | Detroit | 2 | 100% | 91% | 83% | 95% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Jansen, M. | R | 28 | Cutlerville | 2 | 40% | 36% | 33% | 29% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Johnson, B. | D | 2 | Highland Park | 1 | 100% | 91% | 83% | 93% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Jones, R. | R | 24 | Grand Ledge | 1 | 30% | 32% | 33% | 35% | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Kahn, R. | R | 32 | Saginaw | 2 | 40% | 36% | 33% | 26% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Kowall, M. | R | 15 | White Lake | 1 | 40% | 36% | 33% | 41% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Marleau, J. | R | 12 | Lake Orion | 1 | 30% | 32% | 33% | 34% | / | - | - | - | / | + | - | + | + | - |
| Meekhof, A. | R | 30 | West Olive | 1 | 30% | 27% | 25% | 26% | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Moolenaar, J. | R | 36 | Midland | 1 | 30% | 32% | 33% | 29% | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Nofs, M. | R | 19 | Battle Creek | *2 | 40% | 36% | 33% | 31% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Pappageorge, J. | R | 13 | Troy | 2 | 40% | 36% | 33% | 32% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | / |
| Pavlov, P. | R | 25 | St. Clair | 1 | 30% | 32% | 33% | 25% | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Proos, J. | R | 21 | St. Joseph | 1 | 40% | 41% | 42% | 37% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Richardville, R. | R | 17 | Monroe | 2 | 40% | 36% | 33% | 36% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Robertson, D. | R | 26 | Grand Blanc | 1 | 20% | 23% | 25% | 21% | - | - | - | - | - | / | - | + | + | - |
| Rocca, T. | R | 10 | Sterling Hgts | 1 | 40% | 36% | 33% | 57% | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Schuitmaker, T. | R | 20 | Lawton | 1 | 30% | 27% | 25% | 33% | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Smith, V. | D | 4 | Detroit | 1 | 100% | 86% | 75% | 85% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Walker, H. | R | 37 | Traverse City | 1 | 40% | 41% | 42% | 39% | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | - |
| Warren, R. | D | 18 | Ann Arbor | 1 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Whitmer, G. | D | 23 | East Lansing | **3 | 100% | 96% | 92% | 92% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Young II, C. | D | 1 | Detroit | 1 | 90% | 91% | 92% | 94% | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |

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Senate

Bill Descriptions

1 Eliminate Biodiversity Stewardship Areas

SB 1276 | In Favor = 26 Oppose = 11 | Passed by the Senate, stalled in the House.

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It is our mission to hold elected officials accountable for all of the decisions they make that affect Michigan's environment. We are thrilled to provide this level of accountability for a period of the legislative session that often gets overlooked. I am confident you will find the information useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wozniak



Executive Director

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