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# KNOW THE SCORE!

Welcome to the 2007 Conservation Scorecard for the Colorado Legislature, created by Colorado Conservation Voters (CCV). Colorado Conservation Voters serves as the independent political voice of Colorado's conservation community. This marks the eleventh year CCV has published the scorecard.

Coloradans need leaders who value and work to protect our state's incredible natural heritage. Every year Colorado legislators make decisions that impact the quality of our lives and the conservation legacy we pass on to our children. It is sometimes difficult to know where your representatives stand on conservation issues. The scorecard is a tool to help you determine if your representatives are in step with your conservation values. This scorecard is a convenient summary of how each member of the legislature voted on key conservation issues during the 2007 legislative session. This information, as well as scorecards for every year since 1997, is available on the web at [www.ColoradoConservationVoters.org](http://www.ColoradoConservationVoters.org).

This scorecard provides nonpartisan, factual information about how each member of the legislature voted on a range of conservation issues. To compile the scorecard, CCV asked the respected experts listed on the opposite page to select the most important conservation votes of the year. The scorecard includes only those House and Senate votes on which the conservation community clearly communicated its position to legislators, and, except in rare circumstances, excludes non-controversial consensus votes. Scored votes cover a range of policy issues on energy, water, wildlife, and open space protection.

While useful, the scores included here provide only one component of each legislator's conservation record. For example, a lawmaker's score doesn't capture the work that is done in committee and doesn't reflect leadership taken to urge colleagues to support a pro-environment position. The issue overviews highlight some of the most important committee actions and recognize sponsors and champions.

To use the scorecard, read the short description of each vote that was scored, as well as the overview of the session that begins on the next page. Then see how individual lawmakers stack up in the chart that begins on page 15. Members are organized alphabetically, with their district numbers next to their names. To determine your member of the House and Senate, check the maps on pages 10 and 11 or go on-line to [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org) for help.

We encourage you to examine the scores of your representative and your senator and match your values with your legislators' votes. If your legislators scored high, it's important to thank and support them. If your legislators scored low, it's important to hold them accountable by letting them know what you think about their votes. We encourage you to call or write your legislators and let them know you follow their environmental scores. Should you wish to contact your legislators, you may write them at 200 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80203. Phone numbers and email addresses can be found at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/>.

CCV greatly appreciates all of the lawmakers who work so hard for the people of Colorado.

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# 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## OVERVIEW

2007 marked the most pro-conservation legislative session in our state's history. Elected leaders from both chambers, from both parties, and from the governor's office took bold action for Colorado's environment. The 65th General Assembly made Colorado a true leader in renewable energy, drew closure on a battle to create a more balanced oil and gas commission that has raged for seventeen years, and created historic protections for our water quality.

Of particular note was the leadership we saw to make Colorado a renewable energy leader. Over a dozen bills promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency were approved this year including the cornerstone of Governor Ritter's renewable energy platform - House Bill (HB) 1281, which increases the Colorado Renewable Energy Standard to 20% by 2020. According to a report by Environment Colorado, the increased Renewable Energy Standard will add over \$1.9 billion to the state's economy by 2020.

In 2007 we saw conservationists, business leaders, sportsmen and labor unions working together to achieve landmark conservation policy. We saw what happens when strong policy is aligned with bold political leadership. We believe that 2007 marks the beginning of a new conversation about how we work together to protect what is most precious about Colorado.

## ENERGY

2007 was the "New Energy Economy" session at the Colorado General Assembly - clean energy legislation dominated the debate. Conservationists played a lead role in developing and moving a clean energy legislative package while working closely with farmers and rural interests, labor unions, the renewable energy industry, Xcel energy and, most importantly, our new Governor.

Governor Bill Ritter came into office in January and made HB 1281, the doubling of the Renewable Energy Standard, his top legislative priority. Sponsored by Representative Jack Pommer, Representative Rob Witwer, and Senator Gail Schwartz, HB 1281 moves Colorado into a small tier of states that have made serious commitments to renewable energy. By 2020, Colorado will get nearly 20% of its electricity from renewable resources. Conservationists, Xcel Energy, labor unions, the Rocky Mountain Farmer's Union, and the renewable energy industry all played a role in passing HB 1281.

The legislature also made great strides in improving energy efficiency. Representative Claire Levy and Senator Joan Fitz-Gerald championed HB 1037 which widely expands utility energy efficiency programs both for electricity and natural gas customers. Similar versions of HB 1037 were vetoed by Governor Owens in the previous two years. Some experts believe this legislation could cut in half the growth in future demand for electricity in Colorado by 2020. Representative Levy, this time teaming up with Senator Ken Gordon, also sponsored legislation that creates a statewide energy efficiency building code for the first time. HB 1146 puts Colorado on a path to reduce carbon emissions from a sector responsible for almost eight percent of Colorado's total emissions.

Conservationists helped craft several bills to increase funding for clean energy. Senator Joan Fitz-Gerald and Representative Bernie Buescher passed Senate Bill (SB) 246 which establishes the Colorado Clean Energy Fund, a multi-million dollar fund that will be managed by the Governor's Energy Office and will fund research, development, and implementation of small

clean energy projects. Clean energy companies will also be able to take advantage of the newly created Colorado Clean Energy Authority, a quasi-governmental state agency with bonding authority, established by HB 1150, sponsored by Representative Cory Gardner and Senator Ken Kester. Freshman Senator Chris Romer played a big role in helping to shape the Clean Energy Authority along with conservationists, farmers, independent bankers, and the utilities.

New transmission lines to wind and solar rich areas of the state are more likely to be built with the passage of SB 100, sponsored by Senator Joan Fitz-Gerald and Representative Buffie McFadyen. SB 100 directs the utilities to create plans for building or expanding transmission capacity to areas of the state with energy resources that lack transmission. The utility gets an additional financial incentive for building the lines.

There were many other successful clean energy bills that passed in the 2007 session. Senator Schwartz and Representative Tom Massey championed SB 91 which creates a task force to develop a map of renewable energy resource areas across the state. Representative Andy Kerr and Senator Romer sponsored HB 1087 which provides incentives for schools to develop renewable energy systems on site. Representative Michael Merrifield and Senator Gordon sponsored HB 1145 that allows the State Land Board to develop renewable energy.

There was only one legislative disappointment in the arena of clean energy this year. HB 1169, sponsored by the tireless Representative Judy Solano and Senator Brandon Shaffer, would have established strong net-metering standards to make it easier for rural Coloradans to develop homegrown renewable energy on their homes and ranches. Though it passed out of the House, Tri-State and the Rural Electric Cooperatives succeeded in significantly weakening the bill in the Senate.

## **BALANCED OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT**

Oil and gas drilling is increasing at an unprecedented rate in Colorado with the number of wells doubling in the last two years alone. While this development plays an important role in Colorado's economy, it can have dramatic impacts on our land, wildlife and public health if protections are not put in place to avoid or minimize negative impacts.

After decades of work, the conservation community and our allies were successful in reforming the way oil and gas development occurs in Colorado. HB 1341, sponsored by Representative Kathleen Curry and Senator Jim Isgar, changes the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) to ensure that the commission is no longer dominated by industry representatives. The commission will now include representatives with expertise in agriculture, wildlife, public health and local government and the mission will balance the needs of energy development with protecting local communities, wildlife and public health.

The conservation community teamed up with sportsmen groups to champion HB 1298, sponsored by Representative Dan Gibbs and Senator Lois Tochtrop, to protect critical wildlife habitat from the harmful impacts of oil and gas development. The Division of Wildlife will now work more collaboratively with the COGCC to protect wildlife resources.

West Slope conservation groups took the lead on legislation to require the COGCC to work with the Department of Public Health & Environment to protect public health from the negative impacts of energy development. The bill was voted out of the House Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources Committee on a 9 to 4 vote and was eventually rolled into HB 1341 as it

moved through the Senate. Because the requirement to protect public health was included in HB 1341, there was no longer a need for HB 1223 to pass separately and it was postponed indefinitely in House Appropriations Committee.

#### KEY COMMITTEE VOTE: House Bill 1223 - Oil & Gas Health Impacts

The bill was voted out of the House Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources Committee on a 9 to 4 vote. YES was the pro-environment vote.

YES: Fischer, Gibbs, Hodge, Looper, McFadyen, Rose, Solano, Gallegos, Curry

NO: Gardner C., McKinley, McNulty, Sonnenberg

Thanks to the leadership of Representative Ellen Roberts, Colorado has passed an important state law to protect landowners' rights and the environment. Landowners now have tools to encourage directional drilling to reduce surface impact and require pollution controls to reduce health impacts.

HB 1252 complements HB 1341 by addressing operational issues on a case-by-case basis and encouraging negotiation between the landowner and operator. Colorado residents facing oil and gas development now have an important tool to prevent excessive land use and poor environmental practices.

## WATER

Water continued to be a high priority for the Colorado conservation community during the 2007 legislative session. From the passage of long-awaited water quality legislation to the broad support shown for water conservation, the 2007 General Assembly worked to pass legislation that will conserve, protect and restore Colorado's rivers.

Chief among the 2007 legislature's successes on water quality was the passage of HB 1132. This bill was modeled on similar legislation that had fallen short of passing for seven years. Sponsored by Representative Buffie McFadyen and Senator Gail Schwartz, the bill allows courts to consider water quality impacts when deciding transfer cases. This legislation was supported by a variety of conservation groups, water providers, and many others because it is pragmatic legislation that will protect water quality.

Water quality was also a winner in the success of HB 1329, sponsored by Representative Kathleen Curry and Senator Betty Boyd. HB 1329 is aimed at addressing severe resource shortages at the Water Quality Control Division. An audit found the Division's water quality enforcement program so understaffed as to be at risk of failure. This legislation will provide funding for the Division to hire five full-time employees, and will put the Division on track to fulfilling its mission of protecting Colorado's water quality and complying with the Clean Water and the Safe Drinking Water Acts.

In addition to seeing proactive legislation to protect water quality, the General Assembly also renewed support for water conservation and efficiency with the passage of SB 008. Sponsored by Senator Jack Taylor and Representative Kathleen Curry, this bill will expand the state's Water Efficiency Grant Program. This program provides grants and assistance to water providers and communities to complete water conservation and efficiency plans.

The legislature also made important improvements under SB 122, the annual projects bills for the Colorado Water Conservation Board. The bill includes positive measures including a grant program for pilot projects on water-sharing arrangements between farms and cities that could reduce the need

for permanent dry-up of agricultural lands. As introduced, however, the bill also contained some troubling provisions - most notably, a proposed study of water available in the Colorado basin for large, new, trans-basin projects. Under the leadership of Representative Kathleen Curry, the House Agriculture Committee adopted changes to the bill to modify that study into a useful look at water available in the Colorado, with consideration of water uses such as recreational and instream flows.

#### KEY COMMITTEE VOTE: Senate Bill 122 - Water Conservation Board Funding

During the House committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources an amendment was made removing several harmful provisions of the proposed water availability study. The final result is legislation that will provide funding for a beneficial and balanced study. YES was the pro-environment vote.

YES: Fischer, Gibbs, Hodge, McFadyen, McKinley, McNulty, Rose, Solano, Sonnenberg, Gallegos, Curry

NO: Gardner C., Looper

Senate Bill 121, sponsored by Jack Taylor, would have moved the regulation of waste produced from oil and gas development to the Colorado Oil and Gas Control Commission (COGCC). The authority to regulate this waste, which can have harmful effects on our rivers, ground water and local environment, currently is vested in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). This legislation would have moved the authority from CDPHE, which has the expertise and experience to handle this waste to COGCC. After passing through the Senate, the House Health and Human Services committee killed the bill.

#### KEY COMMITTEE VOTE: Senate Bill 121 - Oil & Gas Production

The House committee on Health and Human Services postponed the bill indefinitely, securing the CDPHE's authority in the regulation of waste produced from oil and gas development on a 8-3 vote. YES was the pro-environment vote.

YES: Gagliardi, Kefalas, Labuda, Primavera, Riesberg, Roberts, Frangas, McGihon

NO: Kerr J., Stafford, Swalm



# WILDLIFE HABITAT, COLORADO OPEN SPACES, AND SMART LAND USE

As Colorado grows, the pressures on our open landscapes continue to increase. This year the legislature took steps to protect critical wildlife habitat, allow more open space protection, and encourage smart land use planning. In addition to HB 1298 to provide greater consideration of wildlife habitat when making oil and gas management decisions (described in the oil and gas section), a number of bills were considered to address these issues.

The habitat partnership is a voluntary program involving conservationists, landowners, and the state that reimburses landowners for damage caused by wildlife. Senate Bill 82 by Senator Chris Romer and Representative Dan Gibbs continues this program which would otherwise have ended this year. House Bill 1182 by Representative Kathleen Curry and Senator Jim Isgar expands the native species conservation trust fund to help protect endangered species from the impacts of water development.

Senate Bill 98 sponsored by Senator Joan Fitz-Gerald and Representative Al White allows communities to raise funds to protect open space. The 2007 session was the third attempt for this bill, which had passed previously only to be vetoed by Governor Owens. With the change in administration, SB 98 was signed into law this year.

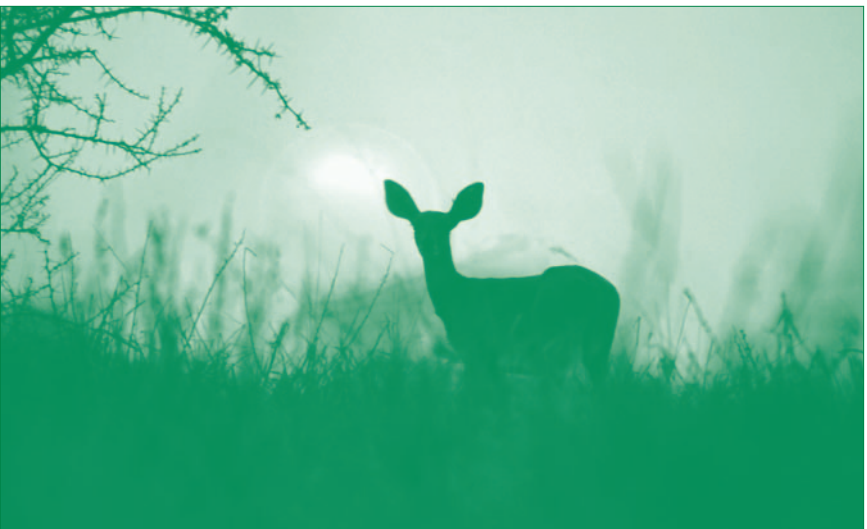
Two land use planning measures deserve mention. On the positive side, HB 1246 by Representative Claire Levy and Senator Lois Tochtrop allows local governments to make their master plans enforceable. While this seems like common sense, Colorado law has prohibited enforceable plans until now. On the other hand, HB 1110 by Representative Lambert and Senator Brophy would have required governments to pay developers to obey land use laws or waive the laws. With many of our environmental protections linked to local land use laws, this bill would have been a disaster for public health and the environment. Fortunately, HB 1110 was killed in the House Local Government Committee.

## KEY COMMITTEE VOTE: House Bill 1110 - Land Use

HB 1110 was defeated in the House Local Government Committee on a 6 to 5 vote on a motion to kill the bill. YES was the pro-environment vote.

YES: Hodge, McKinley, Curry, Gagliardi, Peniston, Soper

NO: Gardner B., Garza-Hicks, Looper, Summers, Witwer



## SPORTSMEN AND ENVIRONMENTALISTS - PARTNERS FOR CONSERVATION

While the perception has been that sportsmen and environmentalists don't see eye-to-eye, they have in fact always been natural allies who both work to protect our natural resources.

After more than a year of discussions led by the Colorado Mule Deer Association and the Colorado Wildlife Federation, hunting and fishing organizations and environmental groups published a set of wildlife management guidelines for oil and gas development last June. These guidelines made recommendations to oil and gas operators about how to minimize the impacts of oil and gas development on critical wildlife habitat. Using fewer drill pads in combination with directional drilling, and sharing roads rather than building new ones with the subsequent traffic, dust and weeds are examples of some of the recommendations outlined in the report.

Last fall, this same coalition began discussions about codifying some of these guidelines in state legislation. Representative Dan Gibbs and Senator Lois Tochtrop, co-chairs of the Sportsmen's Caucus, agreed to sponsor this legislation. Working on these wildlife guidelines was a real partnership between sportsmen and environmentalists, and that spirit of collaboration carried into our negotiations with the oil and gas industry as well.

Colorado environmental organizations want to thank the sportsmen and women who have led the way on conservation policy. And, we celebrate the passion we share for protecting Colorado's special places.



**Representative Dan Gibbs shakes hands with Bob Elderkin. Dennis Buechler is facing away from the camera. Buechler has recently been appointed to the Wildlife Commission.**

## CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP

A lawmaker's voting record tells one part of the story, but factors such as leadership in committee, willingness to bring stakeholders together, and ability to block weakening amendments are all instrumental in passing strong conservation policy. In 2007 we saw leadership from both chambers, both parties and the governor's office. We wanted to recognize some of these individuals in the 2007 scorecard.

**Representative Jack Pommer** (D-Boulder), **Representative Rob Witwer** (R-Golden), and **Representative Buffie McFadyen** (D-Pueblo West) for working together to pass the renewable energy standard in the House.

**Senate President Joan Fitz-Gerald** (D-Coal Creek Canyon) who worked to bring together conservationists, local governments, landowners and industry to reform the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

**Representative Al White** (R-Winter Park) who persevered for three years in a row and was ultimately successful in enabling counties to increase funding for open space protection.

**Representative Kathleen Curry** (D-Gunnison) for her leadership on oil and gas reform and her important work as Chair of the House Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee.

**Representative Judy Solano** (D-Brighton), for her work on one of the toughest renewable energy fights of the year - the ill-fated attempt at establishing fair net-metering rules to help rural electric customers who want to install renewable energy systems.

In a year when thirty percent of all lawmakers were in their first year, we saw a number of new ideas and real leadership from the freshman class.

**Senator Gail Schwartz** (D-Snowmass Village) sponsored significant policy proposals to protect water quality in her district and promote renewable energy.

The oil and gas industry can be formidable opponents and tough negotiators. **Representative Ellen Roberts** (R-Durango) jumped right in by sponsoring a measure to give landowners more say when development happens on their property.

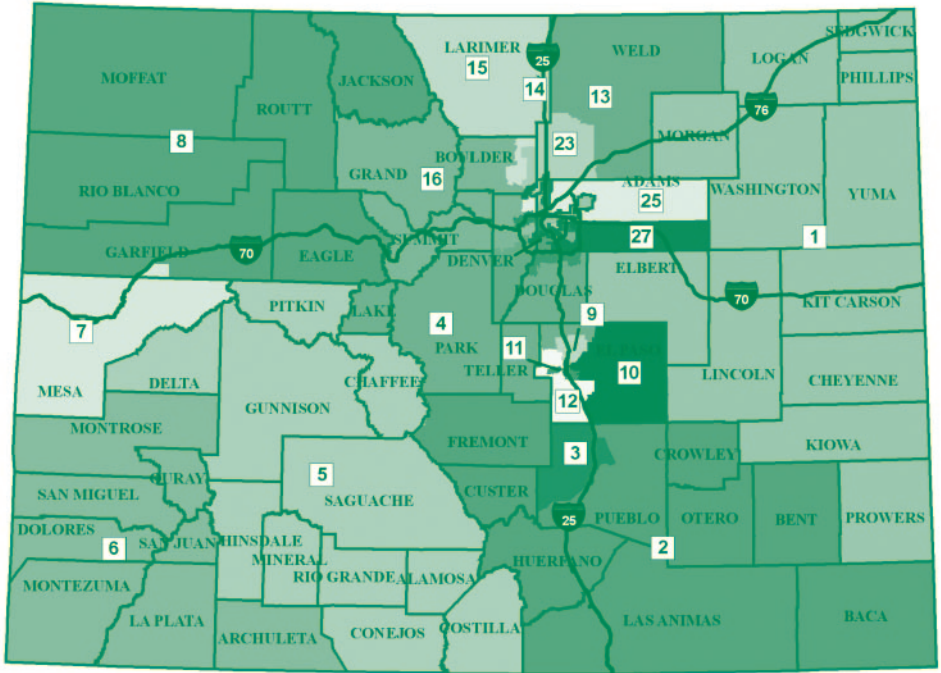
As co-chair of the Sportsmen's Caucus, **Representative Dan Gibbs** (D-Silverthorne) worked with sportsmen, conservationists, and oil and gas operators to bring consideration of wildlife habitat when making oil and gas management decisions.

Finally, it wasn't just lawmakers who were in their inaugural year. In 2007 we had a new governor who set a new direction for the state when it came to conservation policy.

**Governor Bill Ritter** promised to be a "stubborn steward" for our environment as a candidate for office. In 2007 he delivered on that promise. Governor Ritter was instrumental in crafting a bold renewable energy standard and was indefatigable in negotiating for oil and gas commission reform. He was aided by several in his cabinet including Department of Natural Resources Director Harris Sherman and Public Health and Environment Director Jim Martin in carrying out his vision.

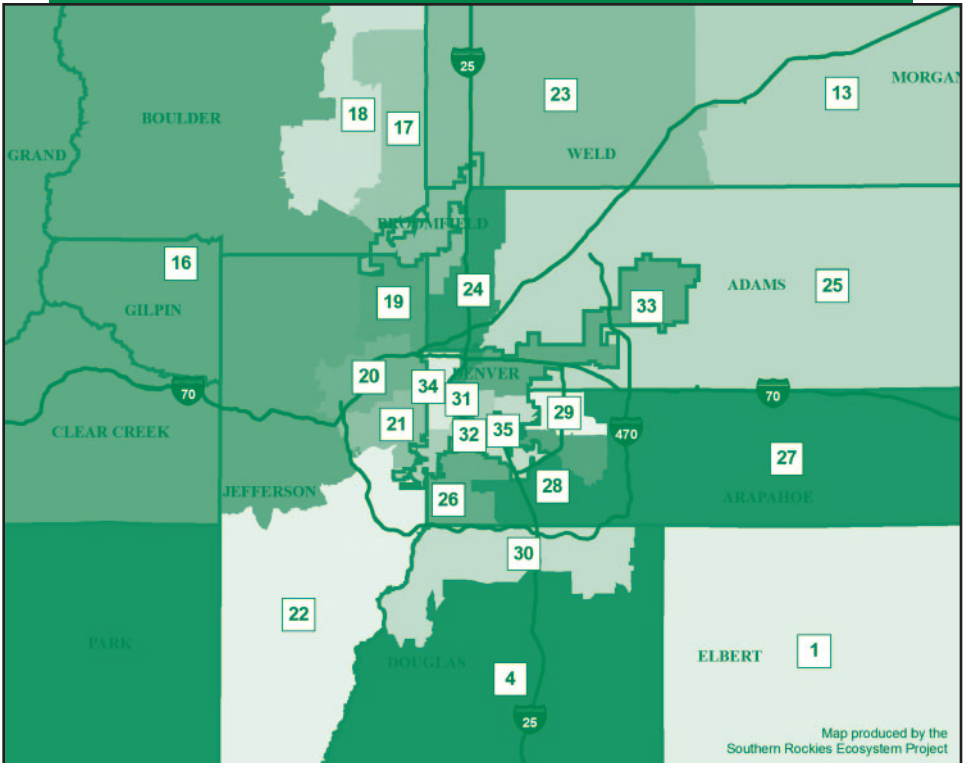


# Colorado Senate District Map



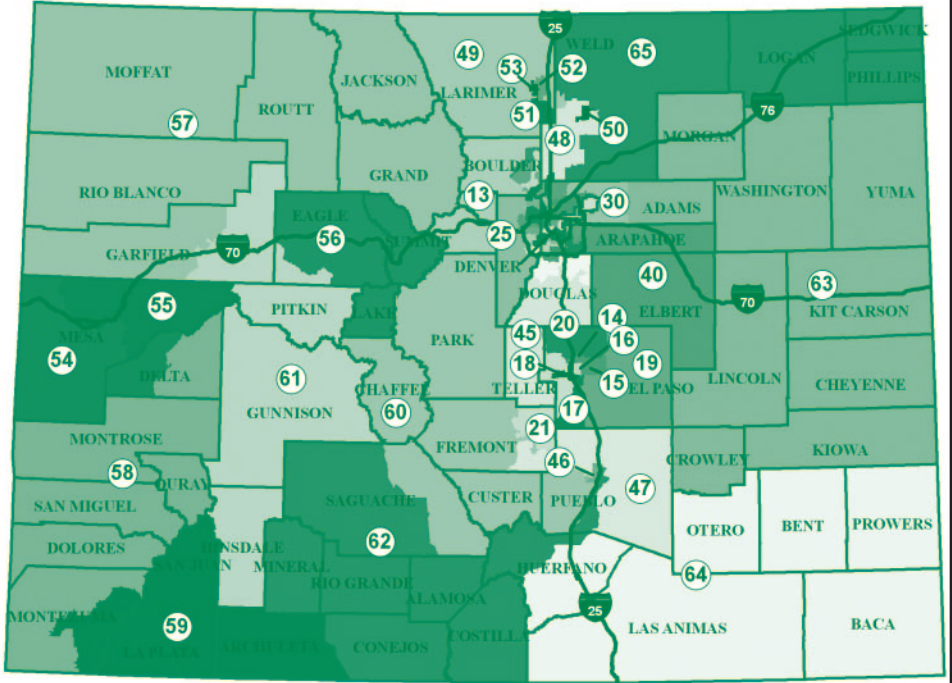
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# Denver Senate District Map



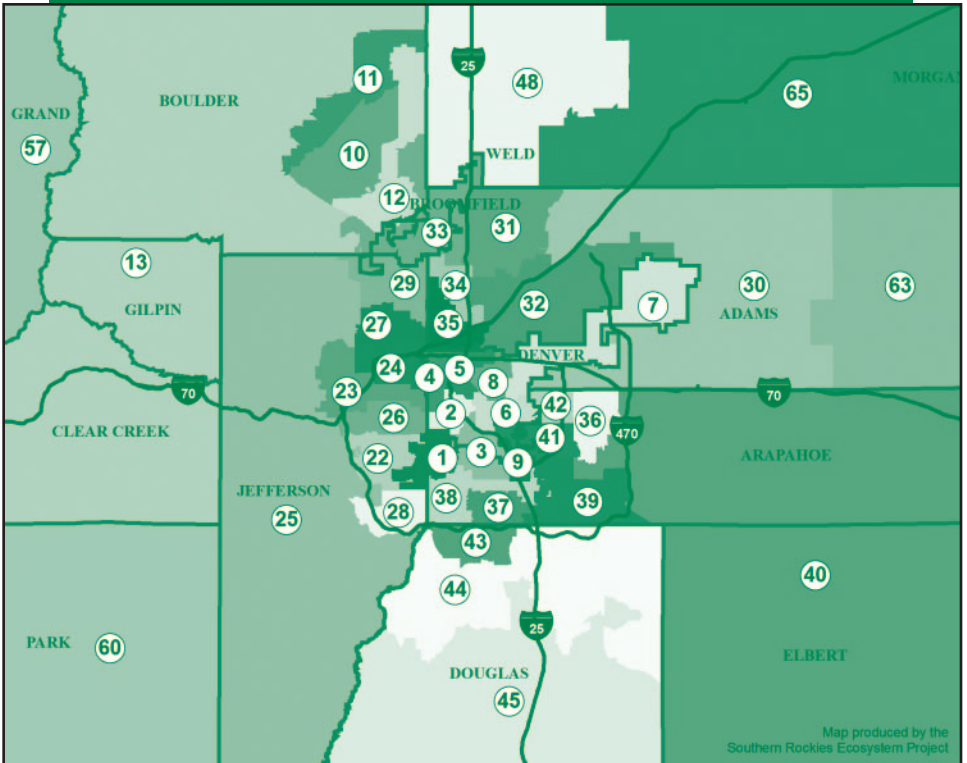
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# Colorado House District Map



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# Denver House District Map



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## SCORED VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

### **Senate Bill 98: City Open Space & Park Sales & Use Tax**

*(House Vote #1, Senate Vote #1)*

Senate Bill 98, sponsored by Senator Joan Fitz-Gerald and Representative Al White, allows communities to approve a sales tax increase for the purchase of open space. After passing in 2005 and 2006 only to be vetoed by Governor Owens, the third time proved the charm with support from both chambers and Governor Ritter. Senate Bill 98 passed the Senate 20 - 14 and the House 46 - 17. YES was the pro-environment vote.

### **House Bill 1132: Water Quality Term in Change Decreases**

*(House Vote #2, Senate Vote #2)*

House Bill 1132, sponsored by Representative Buffie McFadyen and Senator Gail Schwartz, protects water quality by allowing water courts to consider how removing large amounts of water from of a river will impact water quality downstream. The seventh year was the charm for this measure that failed by just one vote in the Senate last year. House Bill 1132 passed the House 56-8 and the Senate 33-0 and was among the first bills signed by Governor Ritter. YES was the pro-environment vote.

### **House Bill 1329: Water Quality Permit Drinking Water Fees**

*(House Vote #3, Senate Vote #3)*

House Bill 1329, sponsored by Representative Kathleen Curry and Senator Betty Boyd, provides increased water quality enforcement funding. Recent audits of the Water Quality Control Division showed that the Division needs to increase staffing levels by 20 to 80 employees in order to adequately protect Colorado's water quality. This legislation is a smart first step in that direction, and enjoyed support from both sides of the aisle and from a diverse coalition of supporters. HB 1329 passed the House by a vote of 50-15 and the Senate by a vote of 26-8. YES was the pro-environment vote.

### **House Bill 1341: Modify Membership Oil & Gas Commission**

*(House Vote #4, Senate Vote #4)*

After 17 years of trying, the conservation community and our allies were successful in reforming the way oil and gas development occurs in Colorado. HB 1341, sponsored by Representative Kathleen Curry and Senator Jim Isgar, changes the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) to ensure that the commission is no longer dominated by industry representatives. The commission will now include representatives with expertise in agriculture, wildlife, public health and local government and the mission will balance the needs of energy development with protecting our environment, wildlife and public health. The bill passed the House 37-27. Thanks to the leadership of Senator Fitz-Gerald and Senator Josh Penry, who brought the oil and gas industry to the table, where a compromise was struck. As a result the bill passed the Senate 29-6. YES was the pro-environment vote.

### **House Bill 1298: Conserve Wildlife Habitat Oil & Gas Development**

*(House Vote #5, Senate Vote #5)*

As oil and gas development increases in Colorado, it is taking a toll on the state's wildlife resources. To address this issue, the conservation community teamed up with sportsmen groups to champion HB 1298, sponsored by

Representative Dan Gibbs and Senator Lois Tochtrop, to protect wildlife resources from the harmful impacts of oil and gas development. The Division of Wildlife will now be required to consult with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) to protect wildlife, and the COGCC will promulgate rules to ensure wildlife is protected. HB 1298 was the product of delicate negotiations with various stakeholders, and as a result was strongly supported by both sides of the aisle, receiving unanimous support in both the House and Senate. YES was the pro-environment vote.

### **House Bill 1037: Natural Gas Energy Efficiency**

*(House Vote #6, Senate Vote #6)*

Representative Claire Levy and Senator Joan Fitz-Gerald championed HB 1037 which widely expands Xcel's energy efficiency programs both for electricity and natural gas customers. Similar versions of HB 1037 were vetoed by Governor Owens in the previous two years. Some experts believe this legislation could cut in half the growth in future demand for electricity in Colorado by 2020. The bill passed with strong support in both chambers despite an attempt by Senator Josh Penry to gut the bill with an amendment. The bill passed 50-15 in the House and 24-11 in the Senate. YES was the pro-environment vote.

### **House Bill 1037: Natural Gas Energy Efficiency-COW amendment**

*(Senate Vote #7)*

This amendment was an attempt by Senator Josh Penry to cap the amount of energy efficiency that could be achieved by HB 1037. The amendment would have established a cap on spending for efficiency programs, which according to the bill are required to prove that the measures are cost effective and save people money. The amendment failed in the Senate 18-17. NO was the pro-environment vote.

### **House Bill 1146: Energy Conservation Building Codes**

*(House Vote #7, Senate Vote #8)*

This bill establishes the first statewide energy efficiency building codes. It requires that every local government entity with a building code and every entity that creates a building code to also establish an energy efficiency code at least as strong as the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code. The bill passed 53-11 in the House and 26-9 in the Senate. It was sponsored by Representative Claire Levy and Senator Ken Gordon. YES was the pro-environment vote.

### **House Bill 1169: Net-Metering**

*(House Vote #8, Senate Vote #9)*

Sponsored by the tireless Representative Judy Solano and Senator Ken Gordon, this bill would have established strong net-metering standards to make it easier for rural Coloradans to develop homegrown renewable energy on their homes and ranches. Though it passed the House, Tri-State and the Rural Electric Cooperatives succeeded in significantly weakening the bill in the Senate. The bill passed 42-22 in the House and 24-10 in the Senate. YES was the pro-environment vote.

### **House Bill 1281: Increase Renewable Energy Standard**

*(House Vote #9, Senate Vote #10)*

HB 1281, sponsored by Representative Jack Pommer, Representative Rob Witwer, and Senator Gail Schwartz, was the cornerstone bill of the 2007 legislative session. The bill doubles the Colorado Renewable Energy

Standard to 20% by 2020. A report by Environment Colorado predicts that the bill will add \$1.9 billion to the state's economy while reducing global warming pollution 11% below projected levels in 2020. The bill passed with strong majorities in both houses, though there were close votes on amendments to exempt certain rural electric cooperatives from the standards. The bill passed 59-5 in the House and 27-8 in the Senate. YES was the pro-environment vote.

### **House Bill 1281: Increase Renewable Energy Standard-COW amendment**

*(House Vote #10)*

This amendment was a second attempt by supporters of Intermountain Rural Electric Association and coal interests to exempt the largest rural electric coops from the renewable energy standard. The amendment would have substantially reduced the impact of HB 1281. The amendment, sponsored by Representatives David Balmer, Mike May, Cory Gardner, Jerry Sonnenberg, Jim Kerr, and Kevin Lundberg, failed with 19 yeses and 44 nos. NO was the pro-environment vote.



# 2007 Senate Votes

## KEY

+	Pro-environment
-	Anti-environment
E	Excused
NA	Not Applicable
<i>Italics</i>	In State House
*	Combined House & Senate Score

## Bold

Name 100% score in '07

	Dist.	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	SB 98: City Open Space & Park Sales & Use Tax	HB 1152: Water Quality Term in Change Decree	HB 1329: Water Quality Permit Drinking Water Fees	HB 1341: Modify Membership Oil & Gas Commission	HB 1298: Conserve Wildlife Habitat Oil & Gas Development	HB 1057: Natural Gas Energy Efficiency	HB 1057: Natural Gas Energy Efficiency-COW	HB 1146: Energy Conservation Building Codes	HB 1169: Net-Metering	HB 1281: Increase Renewable Energy Standard
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<b>Bacon, Bob (D)</b>	SD 14	<b>100</b>	100	100	NA	NA	92	92	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Boyd, Betty (D)</b>	SD 21	<b>100</b>	100*	91	78	73	91	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brophy, Greg (R)	SD 1	<b>50</b>	33	18	38	18	NA	NA	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+
<b>Fitz-Gerald, Joan (D)</b>	SD 16	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	100	92	69	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gordon, Ken (D)	SD 35	<b>89</b>	100	100	100	91	100	92	E	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
<b>Groff, Peter (D)</b>	SD 33	<b>100</b>	100	91	100	95*	83	88	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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Harvey, Ted (R)	SD 30	<b>40</b>	10	18	33	18	17	NA	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-
Isgar, Jim (D)	SD 6	<b>90</b>	100	82	100	82	75	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Johnson, Steve (R)	SD 15	<b>60</b>	44	55	63	36	33	35	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
<b>Keller, Moe (D)</b>	SD 20	<b>100</b>	100	100	88	91	NA	NA	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kester, Ken (R)	SD 2	<b>70</b>	67	56	63	36	40	24	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+
Kopp, Mike (R)	SD 22	<b>40</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+
May, Ron (R)	SD 10	<b>20</b>	11	9	38	30	8	0	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
McElhany, Andy (R)	SD 12	<b>30</b>	11	9	63	30	42	7	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Mitchell, Shawn (R)	SD 23	<b>40</b>	14	22	44	27	25	19	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Morse, John (D)</b>	SD 11	<b>100</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Penry, Josh (R)	SD 7	<b>60</b>	40	55	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+
Renfroe, Scott (R)	SD 12	<b>20</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Romer, Chris (D)</b>	SD 32	<b>100</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Sandoval, Paula (D)</b>	SD 34	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	64	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Schultheis, David (R)	SD 9	<b>14</b>	10	9	22	22	33	18	-	+	E	-	E	-	-	-	E	-
<b>Schwartz, Gail (D)</b>	SD 5	<b>100</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Shaffer, Brandon (D)</b>	SD 17	<b>100</b>	100	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Spence, Nancy (R)	SD 27	<b>40</b>	44	18	33	36	42	19	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-
<b>Takis, Stephanie (D)</b>	SD 25	<b>100</b>	78	91	88	91	100	85	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tapia, Abel (D)	SD 3	<b>90</b>	100	91	100	82	75	56	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Taylor, Jack (R)	SD 8	<b>60</b>	33	45	38	64	25	15	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
<b>Tochtrop, Lois (D)</b>	SD 24	<b>100</b>	89	100	100	100	92	71	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Tupa, Ron (D)</b>	SD 18	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	100	92	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Veiga, Jennifer (D)</b>	SD 31	<b>100</b>	100	91	100	91	91	88	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ward, Steve (R)	SD 26	<b>80</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Wiens, Tom (R)	SD 4	<b>50</b>	56	55	44	64	NA	NA	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+
<b>Williams, Suzanne (D)</b>	SD 28	<b>100</b>	78	91	78	64	75	59	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Windels, Sue (D)</b>	SD 19	<b>100</b>	100	91	88	91	92	85	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Balmer, David (R)	HD 39	60	30	27	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
<b>Benefield, Debbie (D)</b>	HD 29	100	100	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Borodkin, Alice (D)</b>	HD 9	100	100	100	100	100	92	76	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Buescher, Bernie (D)</b>	HD 55	100	80	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E
Butcher, Dorothy (D)	HD 46	90	89	91	88	82	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Cadman, Bill (R)	HD 15	13	10	10	33	27	25	6	E	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	E
<b>Carroll, Morgan (D)</b>	HD 36	100	90	91	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Carroll, Terrance (D)</b>	HD 7	100	100	91	75	100	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Casso, Edward (D)	HD 32	90	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Carbo, Mike (D)</b>	HD 2	100	100	100	100	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Curry, Kathleen (D)</b>	HD 61	100	100	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+
<b>Fischer, Randy (D)</b>	HD 53	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Frangas, K. Jerry (D)</b>	HD 4	100	100	100	100	73	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Gagliardi, Sara (D)</b>	HD 27	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gallegos, Rafael (D)	HD 62	90	80	91	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Garcia, Michael (D)	HD 42	90	80	91	78	55	92	71	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gardner, Bob (R)	HD 21	30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Gardner, Cory (R)	HD 63	30	30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
<b>Gibbs, Dan (D)</b>	HD 56	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Green, Gwyn (D)</b>	HD 23	100	100	82	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hicks, Stella (R)	HD 17	60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
<b>Hodge, Mary (D)</b>	HD 30	100	90	91	67	73	100	82	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Jahn, Cheri (D)</b>	HD 24	100	90	91	67	64	73	47	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Judd, Joel (D)</b>	HD 5	100	90	100	100	100	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Kefalas, John (D)</b>	HD 52	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Kerr, Andrew (D)</b>	HD 26	100	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kerr, Jim (R)	HD 28	70	30	40	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
King, Steve (R)	HD 54	50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
<b>Labuda, Jean (D)</b>	HD 1	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lambert, Kent (R)	HD 14	10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Levy, Claire (D)</b>	HD 13	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Liston, Larry (R)	HD 16	40	40	45	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-

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Looper, Marsha (R)	HD 19	<b>40</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+
Lundberg, Kevin (R)	HD 49	<b>20</b>	20	9	22	27	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
<b>Madden, Alice (D)</b>	HD 10	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	100	100	100	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Marostica, Don (R)	HD 51	<b>80</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
<b>Marshall, Rosemary (D)</b>	HD 8	<b>100</b>	100	100	89	80	83	69	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Massey, Tom (R)	HD 60	<b>60</b>	50	55	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+
May, Mike (R)	HD 44	<b>22</b>	20	10	33	27	NA	NA	-	+	-	-	+	-	E	-	-	-
<b>McFadyen, Buffie (D)</b>	HD 47	<b>100</b>	100	100	78	100	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>McGihon, Anne (D)</b>	HD 3	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McKinley, Wes (D)	HD 64	<b>80</b>	70	64	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-
McNulty, Frank (R)	HD 43	<b>50</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
<b>Merrifield, Mike (D)</b>	HD 18	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	100	NA	NA	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	E	+	+
Mitchell, Victor (R)	HD 45	<b>30</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
Peniston, Cheryl (D)	HD 35	<b>90</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Pommer, Jack (D)</b>	HD 11	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	100	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Primavera, Dianne (D)</b>	HD 33	<b>100</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Rice, Joe (D)</b>	HD 38	<b>100</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<b>Riesberg, James (D)</b>	HD 50	<b>100</b>	100	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Roberts, Ellen (R)	HD 59	<b>80</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
<b>Romanoff, Andrew (D)</b>	HD 6	<b>100</b>	100	100	100	91	100	94	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rose, Ray (R)	HD 58	<b>50</b>	20	55	100	73	NA	NA	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
<b>Solano, Judy (D)</b>	HD 31	<b>100</b>	90	100	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sonnenberg, Jerry (R)	HD 65	<b>30</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
<b>Soper, John (D)</b>	HD 34	<b>100</b>	90	82	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Stafford, Debbie (R)	HD 40	<b>70</b>	40	36	44	33	8	18	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
Stephens, Amy (R)	HD 20	<b>40</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
Summers, Ken (R)	HD 22	<b>50</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Swalm, Spencer (R)	HD 37	<b>30</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
<b>Todd, Nancy (D)</b>	HD 41	<b>100</b>	90	91	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vaad, Glenn (R)	HD 48	<b>80</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
<b>Weissmann, Paul (D)</b>	HD 12	<b>100</b>	90	91	100	100	NA	NA	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
White, Al (R)	HD 57	<b>70</b>	78	91	67	64	50	24	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Witwer, Rob (R)	HD 25	<b>90</b>	78	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Colorado Conservation Trust	720-565-8289	<a href="http://www.coloradocconservationtrust.org">www.coloradocconservationtrust.org</a>
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Colorado Environmental Coalition	303-534-7066	<a href="http://www.ourcolorado.org">www.ourcolorado.org</a>
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