### 2017 Texas State Senate Scorecard

#### Environment Texas

Environment Texas is a nonpartisan organization that combines independent research, practical ideas and tough-minded advocacy to overcome the opposition of powerful special interests and win real results for Texas’ environment.

We have compiled this legislative scorecard as a tool to educate Texas citizens about the voting records of their elected officials.

#### Scorecard Key

- **Vote for the environment** (+)
- **Vote against the environment** (-)
- **Present, Not Voting** (P)
- **Excused from Vote** (E)
- **Unexcused Absence from Vote** (–)

#### Votes In This Scorecard

Of the hundreds of bills voted on by the 85th Legislature, we identified a few key votes that will have the greatest impact on Texas’ environment and public health. Short descriptions of each bill can be found below, and more details are available on our website.

Go to [http://www.EnvironmentTexas.org](http://www.EnvironmentTexas.org) to learn the names of your representative and senator.

### 1. Tire Dumping: SB 570

- **Pro-environment Vote:** YES
- SB 570 provides a civil penalty for the illegal dumping of tires.
- Outcome: PASSED

### 2. Wind Energy: SB 277

- **Pro-environment Vote:** NO
- SB 277 eliminates state tax incentives for wind farms near military bases.
- Outcome: PASSED

### 3. Bee Protection: SB 1172

- **Pro-environment Vote:** NO
- SB 1172 preempts local governments from protecting bees by regulating seeds treated with neonicotinoids, a class of insecticide known to kill bees and other pollinating insects.
- Outcome: PASSED

### 4. Clean Air: SB 26

- **Pro-environment Vote:** YES
- SB 26 modernizes the state clean air program and provides incentives for purchasing electric vehicles.
- Outcome: PASSED

### 5. Pollution Lawsuits: HB 2533

- **Pro-environment Vote:** NO
- HB 2533 makes it more difficult for local governments and citizens to file civil suits that seek penalties for illegal pollution.
- Outcome: PASSED

### 6. Green Infrastructure: HB 1536, SB 2026

- **Pro-environment Vote:** YES
- The bills direct the state to study green stormwater management strategies such as green roofs and rainwater harvesting.
- Outcome: PASSED

### 7. Electric Cars: SB 26

- **Pro-environment Vote:** YES
- SB 26 reauthorizes the state clean air program and provides incentives for purchasing electric vehicles.
- Outcome: PASSED

### 8. Fracking Enforcement: HB 1818 Amd 1

- **Amendment passed:** NO on the motion to table Amendment 10 increases penalties for oil and gas companies in violation of state environmental laws.
- Vote was on a motion to table the amendment.
- Outcome: Amendment tabled


- **Amendment failed:** NO on the motion to table Amendment 13 requires state oil and gas regulators to hold public hearings for proposed new fracking waste injection sites. The vote was on a motion to table the amendment.
- Outcome: Amendment tabled

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