

LEGEND

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HOUSE

Percent Voted
Pro-Conservation

2091 Timber
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Representative (Party-District)	99-00	91-00	2091 Timber	2420 Pipeline	6731 LkWhatcom	5001 Cougars	2462 Water Signs	6062 Sumas	1448 Sediments	5208 Fertilizer	5729 Dump	5781 CTR	6525 Water
Poulsen, Erik (D-34)	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McIntire, Jim (D-46)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fisher, Ruth (D-27)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Constantine, Dow (D-34)	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Veloria, Velma (D-11)	91%	94%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Schual-Berke, Shay (D-33)	91%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Regala, Debbie (D-27)	91%	93%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Murray, Edward (D-43)	91%	95%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kenney, Phyllis (D-46)	91%	89%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Edmonds, Carolyn (D-32)	91%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
Dunshee, Hans (D-39)	91%	89%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dickerson, Mary Lou (D-36)	91%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barlean, Kelly (R-10)	91%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Romero, Sandra (D-22)	91%	98%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thomas, Brian (R-5)	82%	40%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-
Gombosky, Jeff (D-3)	82%	78%	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
Tokuda, Kip (D-37)	82%	92%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Ogden, Val (D-49)	82%	86%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kagi, Ruth (D-32)	82%	82%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓
Anderson, David (D-10)	82%	81%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓
Lantz, Patricia (D-26)	82%	88%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Wood, Alex (D-3)	73%	73%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓
Wolfe, Cathy (D-22)	73%	90%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sommers, Helen (D-36)	73%	89%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-
Ruderman, Laura (D-45)	73%	73%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-
Rockefeller, Phil (D-23)	73%	73%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Morris, Jeff (D-40)	73%	70%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-
Lovick, John (D-44)	73%	73%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-
Keiser, Karen (D-33)	73%	85%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kastama, Jim (D-25)	73%	72%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hurst, Christopher (D-31)	73%	73%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Haigh, Kathy (D-35)	73%	73%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Cooper, Mike (D-21)	73%	77%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓
Cody, Eileen (D-11)	73%	84%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chopp, Frank (D-43)	73%	87%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wensman, Mike (R-41)	73%	50%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-
Van Luven, Steve (R-48)	70%	23%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-
Santos, Sharon Tomiko (D-37)	70%	70%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	E	-
Stensen, Michael (D-31)	64%	64%	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
O'Brien, Al (D-1)	64%	62%	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-
Conway, Steve (D-29)	64%	85%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carlson, Don (R-49)	64%	25%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Edwards, Jeanne (D-1)	60%	60%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	E	-
Sullivan, Brian (D-29)	55%	54%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓
Reardon, Aaron (D-38)	55%	55%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓
Mielke, Thomas (R-18)	55%	20%	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-
Lambert, Kathy (R-45)	55%	21%	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Esser, Luke (R-48)	55%	55%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	-
Ericksen, Doug (R-42)	55%	55%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓

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Representative (Party-District)	Percent Voted Pro-Conservation		Projects										
	99-00	91-00	2091 Timber	2420 Pipeline	6731 LkWhatcom	5001 Cougars	2462 Water Signs	6062 Sumas	1448 Sediments	5208 Fertilizer	5729 Dump	5781 CTR	6525 Water
Dunn, Jim (R-17)	55%	31%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-
Campbell, Tom (R-2)	55%	44%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-
Benson, Brad (R-6)	55%	31%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	-
Miloscia, Mark (D-30)	50%	50%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	E	-
Woods, Beverly (R-23)	50%	50%	X	✓	✓	-	✓	-	X	X	X	X	-
Sump, Bob (R-7)	46%	27%	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Sommers, Duane (R-6)	46%	18%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Skinner, Mary (R-14)	46%	18%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Schmidt, Dave (R-44)	46%	18%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Pflug, Cheryl (R-5)	46%	46%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Pennington, John (R-18)	46%	18%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Koster, John (R-39)	46%	18%	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Kessler, Lynn (D-24)	46%	53%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Fortunato, Phil (R-47)	46%	46%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	✓	-
Clements, Jim (R-14)	46%	20%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Cairnes, Jack (R-47)	46%	20%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	-	✓	-
Bush, Roger (R-2)	46%	27%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Boldt, Marc (R-17)	46%	18%	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Ballasiotes, Ida (R-41)	46%	23%	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Hatfield, Brian (D-19)	46%	38%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Quall, David (D-40)	44%	56%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	E	✓	E	-
Schindler, Lynn (R-4)	40%	40%	E	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Radcliff, Renee (R-21)	40%	16%	-	E	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Eickmeyer, Bill (D-35)	40%	45%	-	E	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	✓	✓	-
Ballard, Clyde (R-12)	40%	17%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	E	✓	-
Alexander, Gary (R-20)	40%	24%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	E	✓	-
Schoesler, Mark (R-9)	36%	15%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-
Cox, Don (R-9)	36%	36%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-
Talcott, Gigi (R-28)	36%	20%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Parlette, Linda Evans (R-12)	36%	25%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Mulliken, Joyce (R-13)	36%	14%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Mitchell, Maryann (R-30)	36%	16%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
McMorris, Cathy (R-7)	36%	14%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
McDonald, Joyce (R-25)	36%	22%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Mastin, Dave (R-16)	36%	27%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Lisk, Barbara (R-15)	36%	9%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Huff, Tom (R-26)	36%	15%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Hankins, Shirley (R-8)	36%	14%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Grant, Bill (D-16)	36%	28%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Doumit, Mark (D-19)	36%	42%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Crouse, Larry (R-4)	36%	14%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Chandler, Gary (R-13)	36%	9%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Chandler, Bruce (R-15)	36%	36%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Carrell, Michael (R-28)	36%	14%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Buck, Jim (R-24)	36%	14%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Linville, Kelli (D-42)	36%	57%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-
Scott, Pat (D-38)	33%	71%	E	E	✓	✓	E	-	-	-	E	E	-
DeBolt, Richard (R-20)	30%	12%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	E	-	-
Delvin, Jerome (R-8)	27%	11%	-	✓	✓	-	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Fairley, Darlene (D-32)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Fraser, Karen (D-22)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kohl-Welles, Jeanne (D-36)	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Thibaudeau, Pat (D-43)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E
Brown, Lisa J. (D-3)	100%	92%	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eide, Tracey (D-30)	91%	96%	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Haugen, Mary M. (D-10)	91%	82%	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kline, Adam (D-37)	91%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McAuliffe, Rosemary (D-1)	91%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Patterson, Julia (D-33)	91%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sheldon, Betti L. (D-23)	91%	84%	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gardner, Georgia (D-42)	87%	80%	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Goings, Calvin (D-25)	82%	68%	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Heavey, Michael J. (D-34)	82%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
Prentice, Margarita (D-11)	82%	92%	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spanel, Harriet A. (D-40)	82%	86%	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jacobsen, Ken (D-46)	80%	90%	-	✓	E	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wojahn, R. Lorraine (D-27)	80%	85%	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E
Bauer, Albert (D-49)	73%	57%	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Costa, Jeralita "Jeri" (D-38)	73%	84%	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Shin, Paul H. (-21)	73%	73%	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Snyder, Sid (D-19)	73%	53%	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Loveland, Valoria H. (D-16)	73%	62%	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
Franklin, Rosa (D-29)	64%	86%	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Rasmussen, Marilyn (D-2)	64%	59%	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Winsley, Shirley J. (R-28)	64%	51%	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
Hargrove, James E. (D-24)	55%	41%	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓
Oke, Bob (R-26)	55%	34%	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Swecker, Dan (R-20)	55%	32%	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓
Sheldon, Tim (D-35)	55%	38%	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓
Sellar, George L. (R-12)	50%	19%	-	E	E	E	E	E	-	✓	✓	E	E
Long, Jeanine H. (R-44)	50%	39%	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	E	-	✓
Finkbeiner, Bill (R-45)	50%	70%	E	E	✓	-	-	✓	E	✓	-	-	✓
Horn, Jim (R-41)	46%	30%	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓
McDonald, Dan (R-48)	46%	30%	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	-	✓
Benton, Don (R-17)	40%	24%	E	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓
Hale, Patricia S. (R-8)	40%	32%	-	✓	✓	E	-	-	-	✓	-	-	✓
Hochstatter, Harold (R-13)	36%	13%	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓
Honeyford, Jim (R-15)	36%	14%	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	
Rossi, Dino (R-5)	36%	25%	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	✓
Stevens, Val (R-39)	36%	14%	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓
West, James E. (R-6)	36%	19%	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	✓
Johnson, Stephen L. (R-47)	27%	13%	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓
Morton, Bob (R-7)	27%	13%	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓
Roach, Pam (R-31)	27%	11%	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓
Zarelli, Joseph (R-18)	27%	13%	-	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓
McCaslin, Bob (R-4)	25%	11%	-	✓	E	E	-	-	-	-	E	-	✓
Sheahan, Larry L. (R-9)	22%	11%	✓	-	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	✓	
Deccio, Alex A. (R-14)	20%	11%	-	E	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	✓



A leaf indicates a pro-conservation bill.

BILL DESCRIPTIONS

HOUSE AND SENATE VOTES

Timber House Bill 2091

Modifying timber harvest rules to protect salmon

Without a doubt the most controversial environmental bill of the 1999 session. The bill, heavily supported by the timber industry, changed the rules guiding how and where timber is harvested in the state. Environmentalists opposed the legislation for not going far enough to adequately protect salmon. The legislation essentially sanctified a complex manual (the Forests and Fish Report) that was given to the Legislature at the eleventh hour. Many in the environmental community believe the legislation reduces public process, is too complex to be implemented, lacks much needed enforcement provisions, and allows too much logging next to rivers and streams. Also of concern was the huge tax credit given to the timber industry as compensation for the logging they are to forego in order to protect salmon. Senate: Yea 29, Nay 17. House: Yea 69, Nay 27 A “nay” vote is a green vote. *Passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.*

Pipeline House Bill 2420

Strengthening state regulation of oil pipelines

The need for strong oversight of oil pipelines was made all too evident by the pipeline explosion in Bellingham that killed 3 boys and wreaked environmental havoc on a local stream. The bill replaces lax and underfunded federal control with much more stringent state oversight. Federal legislation is pending to allow the state to assume primary regulatory responsibility. Senate: Yea 46, Nay 0. House: Yea 98, Nay 0. A “yea” vote is a green vote. *Passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.*

Lake Whatcom Senate Bill 6731

Improving forest practice regulations in the Lake Whatcom watershed

Landslides and drinking water concerns prompted residents in the Lake Whatcom area to lead an aggressive citizen lobbying campaign in Olympia. Their efforts and energy were rewarded with unanimous legislative approval to protect much of the Lake Whatcom watershed. The bill establishes a task force to develop a management plan that allows timber harvest and protects watershed health. Timber harvest and road construction is banned in the watershed until the management plan is developed. Senate: Yea 45, Nay 0. House: Yea 98, Nay 0. A “yea” vote is a green vote. *Passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.*

Cougars Senate Bill 5001

Hunting Cougars with Dogs

The bill overturned a key provision of I-655, which generally banned the use of dogs to hunt cougars. This popular Initiative received 63 percent citizen vote in 1996. The bill allows citizens or Fish and Wildlife agents to hunt cougars with the use of dogs for “population control”. The Initiative allowed the use of dogs only for public safety reasons. Senate: Yea 31, Nay 13. House: Yea 62, Nay 36. A “nay” vote is a green vote. *Passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.*

Sumas Senate Bill 6062

Providing a tax credit for large gas-powered electricity plants

The bill would have provided a \$24 million dollar tax break to a proposed gas-fired electricity plant in Sumas, Washington and other similar (large) facilities. The Governor vetoed the bill because it would only create 25 permanent jobs and because the proposed plant had not received the necessary permits. Environmentalists were concerned about the complete lack of mitigation requirements to offset the large quantity of greenhouse gases emitted by these type of power plants. Senate: Yea 40, Nay 8. House: Yea 67, Nay 31. A “nay” vote is a green vote. *Passed by the Legislature and vetoed by the Governor.*

Water 6525

Allocating water rights

Recent court cases have complicated the allocation of water rights. Decisions on “transfers” (changes to existing water rights already allocated by the Department of Ecology) cannot be made independently of decisions to grant totally new water rights. **Senate Version** Simplifies the Department of Ecology’s administrative process by allowing the agency to make decisions on transfers independently of decisions to grant new water rights. Senate: Yea 30, Nay 18. A “yea” vote is a green vote. *The bill did not pass the Legislature.* **House Version** In addition to the Senate provisions, the House version added language that would have prohibited the Department linking water conservation incentives to water right decisions and would have micro-managed the agency in terms of which transfer decisions to make first. House: Yea 67, Nay 31. A “nay” vote is a green vote. *The bill did not pass the Legislature.*

**Transportation Senate Bill 5929****Local options for local transit**

Legislation in 1993 lowered the maximum amount of taxes that are levied by local transit agencies. The bill would have restored the taxing authority to pre-1993 levels to address growing congestion and public transportation needs. The increased funding would help pay for buses, vans, high capacity transit systems, HOV lanes, roads that benefit transit systems, and other projects that improve traffic congestion. Senate: Yea 31, Nay 16. A “yea” vote is a green vote. *Passed the Senate and died in the House.*

HOV Lanes House Bill 1125 Amendment 446**Reducing hours of operation for HOV Lanes**

The amendment would have eliminated HOV lanes except for the “peak” hours of 6-10 a.m. and 3-6 p.m. Senate: Yea 23, Nay 25. A “nay” vote is a green vote. *The amendment was defeated in the Senate.*

WWRP House Bill 1165 Amendment 387**Funding for recreation and critical wildlife habitat**

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides funds to acquire state and local parks, ball fields, and critical wildlife habitat. The grants are competitive and the demand far exceeds the supply of dollars to fund all of the proposed projects. The proposed amendment would have eliminated approximately half of all funding for this program. Senate: Yea 10, Nay 38. A “nay” vote is a green vote. *The amendment was defeated in the Senate.*

**Sewer Senate Bill 5336****Fairness in funding new sewer capacity**

When population in a community increases, costs go up to pay for the basic services: sewers, schools, roads, parks, etc. Sewer hook-up fees are one mechanism to ensure fairness in who pays for growth (new customers rather than the existing customers - who have already paid for the capital cost of the local sewer system). The bill would increase the maximum amount local sewer districts could charge for sewer hookups, thereby allowing the costs of growth to be paid by new users. Senate: Yea 27, Nay 16. A “yea” vote is a green vote. *Passed the Senate and died in the House.*

**Schools Senate Bill 6479****Improving parent notification of pesticides at schools**

Current law requires pesticide applicators to provide only minimal public notice when pesticides are applied. Pesticide applicators are not required to post notice before spraying (posting is required only at the time the area is sprayed). Children are much more vulnerable to toxic pesticides than adults. The bill would have increased notification to parents when pesticides are applied at schools, daycare centers, or pre-schools. Parents were to be notified, in writing, at least 48 hours before spraying. Senate: Yea 45, Nay 0. A “yea” vote is a green vote. *Passed the Senate and died in the House.*

Toxic Sediments House Bill 1448**Managing toxic sediments on state-owned aquatic lands**

Our state-owned aquatic lands (bays, harbors, tidelands) are currently home to over 60 state or federal hazardous waste sites. Over the years, toxic sediments from industries, cars, and other sources have been deposited on our aquatic lands. This bill would have promoted the use of state-owned aquatic lands (bays and harbors) as dumpsites for toxic sediments by decreasing the authority of the Depart. of Natural Resources to decide how, when, and where toxic sediments should be handled. One likely result of this bill would have been increased taxes, as taxpayers would have been forced to pay for future clean-ups, instead of the industries that were most responsible for the toxic sediments. House: Yea 71, Nay 27. A “nay” vote is a green vote. *Passed by the legislature and vetoed by the Governor.*

Fertilizer Labeling House Bill 5208**Reducing labeling requirements on fertilizers**

Packaged fertilizers typically contain a number of metals including arsenic, mercury, and lead. Prior to this bill becoming law, packaged fertilizers sold in this state had to register with the state Dept. of Agriculture and have a label notifying consumers that, when applied properly, the fertilizer meets the state standards for the metals found in commercial fertilizer. The bill eliminates the label requirement if the product information is provided on the internet. House: Yea 55, Nay 42. A “nay” vote is a green vote. *Passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.*

**Solid Waste Landfills Senate Bill 5208****Establishing new construction standards for certain landfills**

Establishes stringent new standards for solid waste landfills built directly above a groundwater aquifer. Prior to this legislation, there were no specific standards for building new landfills on top of underground aquifers. This bill originated when a landfill was proposed to be built directly over an aquifer in Pierce County. House: Yea 55, Nay 42. A “yea” vote is a green vote. *Passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.*

**Commute Reduction Senate Bill 5781****Expanding the CTR program**

Carpooling is an effective, cheap way to reduce air pollution and traffic congestion. Legislation enacted in the early 1990's established a program requiring large businesses to provide carpooling programs, including financial incentives, to their employees. The legislation also established a tax credit to offset the costs of running a carpooling program. The original program is set to expire June 30, 2000. SB 5781 expanded the program by increasing the eligibility to the program and by increasing the amount of public dollars to fund the tax break. In addition, the legislation set a new sunset date to June 30, 2006. (The new sunset date was vetoed by the Governor because it would cause a shortfall in the budget that funds this activity.) Senate: Yea 43, Nay 3. House: Yea 85, Nay 8. Senate: Yea 37, Nay 4. A “yea” vote is a green vote. *Passed by the Legislature and partially vetoed by the Governor.*