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Aliseda (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	+	* intended to vote YES
Allen (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	A	A	+	+	+	+	+	
Alonzo (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Alvarado (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Anchia (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Anderson C (R)	–	–	–	+	+	+	–	–	–	E	–	–	–	–	+	* intended to vote NO
Anderson R (R)	+	–	–	A	–	+	–	–	–	–	A	–	–	–	+	
Aycock (R)	–	–	–	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	
Beck (R)	+	–	–	+	–	–*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	* intended to vote YES
Berman (R)	–	–	–	–	–	+	A*	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	+	* would have voted NO
Bohac (R)	+	E	P	A*	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	+	A	–	–	* would have voted YES
Bonnen (R)	–	–	A	P	–	–	P	P	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	* intended to vote YES
Branch (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	A#	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	* intended to vote NO # would have voted NO
Brown, Fred (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	
Burkett (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Burnam (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	
Button (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Cain (R)	–	–	–	+	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Callegari (R)	+	–	–	A	–	+	A	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	* intended to vote NO

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Carter (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	–	+	–	+	
Castro (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	
Chisum (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	
Christian (R)	+	–	–	–	–	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	* Intended to vote NO
Coleman (D)	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	+	+	
Cook (R)	+	–	–	+	E	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	
Craddick (R)	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Creighton (R)	+	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Crownover (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	A	–	–	+	* intended to vote NO
Darby (R)	–	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	
Davis, John (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	+	+	–	+	–	+	+	–	+	
Davis, Sarah (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	–	+	–	–	
Davis, Yvonne (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Deshotel (D)	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	–	–	+	+	+	
Driver (R)	+	–	–	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	+	* intended to vote NO # intended to vote NO
Dukes (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	+	+	
Dutton (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Eiland (D)	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	+	–	+	+	+	
Eissler (R)	+	–	–*	+	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	* intended to vote NO

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Elkins (R)	+	–	–	–	–	+	A	–	+	–	–	+	–	–	–	
Farias (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	
Farrar (D)	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Fletcher (R)	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	
Flynn (R)	+*	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	+	* Intended to vote NO
Frullo (R)	+	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	A*	–	–	–	–	–	–	* would have voted YES
Gallego (D)	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	–	+	+	+	
Garza (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	+	A	+*	–	–	–	+	+	A	* intended to vote YES
Geren (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	A	E*	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	* would have voted NO
Giddings (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	–*	+	+	+	+	* intended to vote NO
Gonzales, Larry (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	–	+	–	–	+*	–	+ #	* intended to vote NO # intended to vote NO
Gonzales, V. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Gonzalez, Naomi (D)	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+*	+	+	+	* intended to vote YES
Gooden (R)	+	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	
Guillen (D)	+	–	+	+	A	+	+	+	A	+	–	–	A*	A#	+	* would have voted NO # would have voted YES
Gutierrez (D)	+	+	+	A	+	+	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Hamilton (R)	+	–	–	+	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Hancock (R)	+	–	–	+	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	
Hardcastle (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	A	–	–	–	–	+	–	+	
Harless (R)	+	–	–	+	+*	+	+	+ #	–	–	–	+	–	–	+ @	* intended to vote NO # intended to vote NO @ intended to vote NO

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Harper-Brown (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	–	A*	–	A	–	–	–	–	+#	* would have voted NO # intended to vote NO
Hartnett (R)	+	–	+	+	–	A	+	+	–	–	–	–	+	+	+	
Hernandez Lunz (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	
Hilderbran (R)	+	–	–*	+	–	+	A#	–	+	+	–	+@	+	+	–	* Intended to vote NO # would have voted NO @ intended to vote YES
Hochberg (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–*	+	+	+	+	* intended to vote NO
Hopson (R)	+	–	+	E	–	+	+	+	–	–	–	+	–	–	+	
Howard, Charlie (R)	–	–	–	+	–*	+	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	* intended to vote YES
Howard, Donna (D)	+	+	+	+	A*	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	* would’ve voted YES
Huberty (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	+	+*	A#	–	–	–	–	–	+	* intended to vote NO # would’ve voted YES
Hughes (R)	A	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	
Hunter (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	+	E	E	–	–	–	–	+	
Isaac (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	+	–	+	–	–	–	+	+	+	
Jackson, Jim (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	A	–	A	+	
Johnson (D)	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Keffer (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	–	–	–	–	+	
King, Phil (R)	–	–	–	+	A*	+	A#	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	* would’ve voted YES # would’ve voted YES
King, Susan (R)	+	A	–	+	–	+	E	E	+	+	–	–	–	+	–	
King, Tracy (D)	+	–	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	–	–	A	A	+	
Kleinschmidt (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	

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Kolkhorst (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	–	+	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	* intended to vote NO # intended to vote YES
Kuempel (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	
Landtroop (R)	+	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	A	+	–	–	
Larson (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	+	
Laubenberg (R)	+	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	A	–	
Lavender (R)	+	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	+	–	–	
Legler (R)	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Lewis (R)	+	–	–	A*	–	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	* would have voted NO # intended to vote NO
Lozano (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	E	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	
Lucio III (D)	+	+	+	A	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Lyne (R)	–	–	–	A	–	+	+	–	A	–	–	+	+	A	+	
Madden (R)	–	–	–	+	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	
Mallory Caraway (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Margo (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	+	* intended to vote YES
Marquez (D)	A	P	+	+	+	E	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	
Martinez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Martinez Fischer (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	
McClendon (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	+	+	
Menendez (D)	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	A	–	+	+	+	

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Miles (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	
Miller, Doug (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	
Miller, Sid (R)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	
Morrison (R)	+	–	–	E	A	+	A*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	* would have voted YES
Munoz (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A*	+	+	+	+	* would have voted NO
Murphy (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	
Naishtat (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Nash (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	+	–	–	–	+	–	+	* intended to vote NO # intended to vote YES
Oliveira (D)	+	+	+	A	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Orr (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	* intended to vote NO
Otto (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	E	E	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	
Parker (R)	–	–	–	+	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	
Patrick , Diane (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	E	+	–	–	–	
Paxton (R)	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	* intended to vote NO
Pena (R)	+	A	+	+	–	+	+	–	–	A*	–	+	+	+	–	* would have voted NO
Perry (R)	+	–	–	–	–	+	A	–	–	–	–	A	–	–	–	
Phillips (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	* intended to vote NO # intended to vote NO
Pickett (D)	+	E	+	+	A	+	+	+	–	+	A	–	+	+	+	
Pitts (R)	+	–	–	+	+	A	A	+	–	–	–	+	–	–	+	

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Price (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	–	+	–	–	+	+	E	
Quintanilla (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	–	+	+	+	
Raymond (D)	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	–	+	+	+	
Reynolds (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Riddle (D)	+	–	–	+*	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	* intended to vote NO
Ritter (R)	+	–	–	+	–	P	+	+	–	–	–	+	+	–	P	
Rodriguez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A*	+	+	+	+	* would have voted NO
Schwertner (R)	+	–	–	+	E	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	+	
Scott (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	
Sheets (R)	+	–	+	+	–	+	–	+	–	+	–	–	+	+*	+	* intended to vote YES
Sheffield (R)	+	+	–	+	A	+	+*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	* intended to vote NO
Shelton (R)	–	–	–	+	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	–	
Simpson (R)	–	–	–	–	–	+	–	–	+	+	–	–	+	+	–	
Smith, Todd (R)	–	–	–	+	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	+	+	–	
Smith, Wayne (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	–	+*	–	–	–	+	–	–	+	* intended to vote NO
Smithee (R)	+	–	–	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	–	–	+	–	+	
Solomons (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	+	–	–	–	–	A	+	+	+*	* intended to vote NO
Strama (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	
Taylor, Larry (R)	+	–	–	+	A	+	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	+*	* intended to vote NO
Taylor, Van (R)	+	–	–	+	–	+	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	

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Thompson (D)	A	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	—*	+	+	+	+	* intended to vote NO
Torres (R)	+	—	—	+	+	+	—	+	—	—	—	+	+	—	+	
Truitt (R)	+	+	+	E	+*	+	+	—	—	—	—	+	+	+	—	* intended to vote NO
Turner, Sylvester (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	—*	+	+	+	+	* intended to vote NO
Veasey (D)	+	+	+	+	E	+	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Villarreal (D)	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	A	E	
Vo (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Walle (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Weber (R)	+*	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	+	+	+ #	* intended to vote NO # intended to vote NO
White (R)	—	—	—	A*	—	+	—	—	—	+	—	—	+	+	—	* would have voted YES
Woolley (R)	+	—	—	+	+	+	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	+	
Workman (R)	—	—	—	+	—	+	—	—	—	+	—	+	+	—	—	
Zedler (R)	—	—	—	+*	—	+	—	—	—	—	—	—	+ #	+	—	* intended to vote NO # intended to vote NO
Zerwas (R)	+	—	—	+	—	—*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	* intended to vote YES

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PLEASE NOTE: The Speaker of the Texas House by custom almost always registers “Present, Not Voting” on all floor votes and indeed did so on all of the above record votes, so the “votes” of Speaker Straus are not included in this analysis.

See accompanying explanation of each record vote, indicated above by #.

This Texas House of Representatives 2011 voting record was compiled by Ken Kramer, Director, Lone Star Chapter, Sierra Club and Sierra Club Intern Ben Wollam.

August 2011

Sierra Club Description of House Environmental Record Votes
82nd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2011

Record Vote #1 – Creation of a “Don’t Mess with Texas Water” Program - Passage on Second Reading of HB 451 by Rep. Lucio III – a bill requiring the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to establish a program to prevent illegal dumping into surface waters of the state (the bill passed by a vote of 122 to 21) - A YES vote was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #2 – Undermining Contested Case Hearings on Pollution Permits Issued by TCEQ - Motion to Adopt Amendment #40 (adopted floor amendment #21) by Rep. Chisum – an amendment to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) “sunset” bill (HB 2694) on second reading – the amendment switched the burden of proof in contested cases on pollution permits from the permit applicant to citizens contesting the permit and made other changes in the contested case process that would benefit applicants (the amendment was adopted by a 96 to 44 vote) - A NO vote was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #3 – Supporting Citizens Contesting Pollution Permits - Motion to Table Amendment #2 by Rep. Anchia – an amendment to the TCEQ “sunset” bill (HB 2694) on third reading – the amendment attempted to delete the Chisum amendment (see record vote #2 above) that had been added to the bill the day before on second reading (the motion to table prevailed 92-55) - A NO vote on the motion to table the amendment was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #4 – Pilot Program to Promote Use of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy - Third Reading and Final Passage of HB 2077 by Rep. Eddie Rodriguez – a bill directing the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to establish and administer a pilot program to provide loans to houses of workshop and community based organizations to implement energy efficiency measures or install renewable energy technology in buildings they own or operate (the bill passed on third reading 120-16) - A YES vote was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #5 – Raising & Revising Utility Energy Efficiency Goals - Passage on Second Reading of SB 1125 by Rep. Anchia (Senate sponsor: Carona) – a bill raising the energy efficiency goals for investor-owned utility companies and requiring a transition to a new metric (percent of peak demand) for evaluating progress on energy efficiency (the bill passed to third reading by a vote of 77 to 56) - A YES vote was a vote in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #6 – Public Disclosure of Natural Gas Fracking Fluids - Third Reading and Final Passage of HB 3328 by Rep. Keffer – a bill to require the disclosure of the composition of hydraulic fracturing fluids used in the hydraulic fracturing process for the production of oil and gas, subject to certain trade secret restrictions (the bill passed on third reading 133-12) - A YES vote was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #7 – High Performance Standards for Water and Energy Conservation for State Agency and University Buildings - Third Reading and Final Passage of HB 51 by Rep. Lucio III – a bill to require and facilitate the use of high performance building standards for water and energy conservation in the design, construction, and renovation of state agency and university buildings (the bill passed on third reading by a vote of 97 to 33) - A YES vote was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #8 – Creation of an Energy Efficiency Council - Third Reading and Final Passage of HB 773 by Rep. Anchia – a bill to create a council with representation from state environmental, energy, utility, water, and research agencies (plus public members) to monitor, evaluate, and report on energy efficiency programs in Texas and make recommendations for improvements in energy efficiency efforts (the bill failed to pass on third reading on a 65-70 vote) - A YES vote was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #9 – Increased Radioactive Waste Disposal Surcharges - Motion to Table Amendment #3 by Rep. Hilderbran – an amendment to SB 1504 by Sen. Seliger (House Sponsor: Lewis) that would have increased the surcharge levied by the State of Texas on the facility licensed to dispose of low-level radioactive waste (the motion to table the amendment prevailed 86 to 56) - A NO vote – opposing the motion to table – was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #10 – Study of Impact on Transportation, Public Health, and Public Safety of Importing Radioactive Wastes from Out of State - Motion to Table Amendment #4 by Rep. Gallego – an amendment to SB 1504 that would have required TCEQ and the Texas Department of Transportation to conduct a study to determine the impact on transportation, public health, and public safety of importing low-level radioactive waste from other states not part of the Texas-Vermont Compact (the motion to table the amendment prevailed 81 to 61) - A NO vote – opposing the motion to table – was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #11 – Urging Congress to Prevent the U.S. EPA from Regulating Greenhouse Gases - Adoption of House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 66 by Rep. Hancock urging the U.S. Congress to take actions necessary to prevent the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency from regulating greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources (the resolution was adopted by a 107 to 34 vote) - A NO vote was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #12 – Prohibition on Texas State Agencies Implementing Greenhouse Gas Emissions Regulatory Programs - Motion to Adopt Amendment #52 by Rep. Larson – an amendment to an omnibus fiscal matters bill, SB 1811 by Sen. Duncan (House sponsor: Rep. Pitts) that would have prohibited a Texas state agency, including TCEQ, from implementing a greenhouse gas emissions regulatory program required by the federal government unless the federal government provided funds to cover all anticipated costs and economic losses in Texas that might result from implementation of the program (the amendment as adopted by a 76 to 67 vote) - A NO vote was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #13 – Public’s Right to Sue for Protection from Pollution - Motion to Adopt Amendment #5 by Rep. Eiland – an amendment to SB 875 by Sen. Fraser (House sponsor: Rep. Hancock) that attempted to delete an earlier amendment by Rep. Bonnen that would have made it virtually impossible for individuals to sue polluters operating under state permits to recover damages for harm to them, their families, or their property from the effects of pollution (the amendment received a favorable vote of 82 to 63 but was not adopted because amendments on third reading require a two-thirds vote – in other words, 100 votes) - A YES vote was a vote in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #14 – Shielding Greenhouse Gas Emitters from Lawsuits - Third Reading and Final Passage of SB 875 – after the Eiland amendment did not receive the necessary 100 votes to strip the Bonnen amendment off SB 875 there was a final vote on the bill, whose primary purpose was to shield polluters operating under state permits (such as an air pollution permit from TCEQ) from being sued for the impacts of their emitting any greenhouse gases (such as carbon dioxide or methane) – the bill passed the House by a vote of 78 to 65 - A NO vote was in support of the Sierra Club position.

Record Vote #15 – Redux: High Performance Standards for Water & Energy Conservation for State Agency and University Buildings - Motion for the House to Concur with Senate Amendments to HB 51 – the bill that passed the House earlier and required and facilitated the use of high performance building standards for water and energy conservation in the design, construction, and renovation of state agency and university buildings – the Senate changes included an “out” for educational institutions who determined that compliance with the high performance standards was impractical and provided documentation but other important provisions were retained in the bill (the motion to concur passed 86-53) - A YES vote was in support of the Sierra Club position.

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