

10. **Farmland Sprawl 2 (HB 2807) *Oppose***. Allowed up to 20% of farmland to be developed in exchange for labeling 80% of the owner's land as Important Agricultural Land (IAL). Vote 3/4/08. Failed.

11. **Development oversight (HB 2522) *Oppose***. Reduced public input and development decision deliberation by eliminating Land Use Commission approval for reclassifications up to 50 acres. Vote 2/29/08. Became law.

Senate Bills (*Bills 1 – 5 same as House*)

6. **GMO taro (SB 958) *Support***. Placed a 10-year moratorium on genetically modifying taro in Hawai'i. Vote 2/8/07. Failed.

7. **Peter Young DLNR (GM 276) *Support***. Nomination of Peter Young as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Young made many pro-environment decisions in the second half of his first term. Vote 4/24/07. Failed.

8. **Recycling (SB 2841) *Support***. Makes recycling beverage containers more convenient by requiring large retailers to operate redemption centers. Vote 2/20/08. Failed.

9. **Corporate donations (SB 2204) *Oppose***. Lifted the corporate contribution cap, increasing the amount of special interest money in local campaigns. Vote 3/4/08. Failed.

10. **E-waste recycling (SB 2843) *Support***. Establishes an electronic waste recycling program to reduce the amount of toxic materials in island landfills and incinerators. Vote 4/29/08. Became law.

2007—2008
Legislature
Environmental
SCORECARD



Who's advocating a sustainable Hawai'i at the State Capitol?
The Sierra Club is keeping score.

This scorecard serves as a measure by which to compare the relative environmental actions of Hawai'i's lawmakers. While the environmental record of any one legislator can only be judged by all of his or her actions, a scorecard provides a rough guide of each legislator's level of environmental stewardship as compared with other legislators. The scores were calculated based on a combination of floor votes on the Sierra Club's priority environmental bills an index of "other actions" taken by a legislator (bill introductions, committee votes, caucus advocacy, etc.). These "other actions" are separate from the recording of floor votes and are represented on the chart as turtles (🐢). Each legislator's score is a percentage of the maximum points (14 Senate; 15 House). Letter grades were then assigned based on the spread of scores. Bills and actions were selected based on breadth of issues, distinctions among legislators, and consistency in actions. *Senate and House scores are based on different measures, so comparisons between the two are not valid.*

"+" represents the pro-environment position
ab = absent

SENATE	District	Rating	Other Actions	1. Greenhouse Gas 2. Invasive Species 3. Superfund Sites 4. Solar Roofs 5. Farmland Sprawl 6. GMO Taro 7. Peter Young DLNR 8. Recycling 9. Corporate Donations 10. E-waste Recycling										NOTES
Ihara, Les, Jr. (D)	9 - Kaimuki - Palolo	A	93%	🐢🐢🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	Strong environmental and good government advocate; introduced bill to allow use of clotheslines (SB 2933)
Hooser, Gary (D)	7 - Kauai and Niihau	A-	86%	🐢🐢🐢🐢	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	Strong and effective environmental advocate; used leadership role to forward significant green measures; introduced and advocated for numerous sustainability bills
Gabbard, Mike (D)	19 - Makakilo - Kapolei	A-	86%	🐢🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	Generally supportive of environmental initiatives
Menor, Ron (D)	17 - Mililani	A-	85%	🐢🐢🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	+	+	ab	+	-	Strong clean energy, energy efficiency, and recycling advocate; effectively used Energy and Environment Chairmanship to forward major sustainability measures; prevented a bill to weaken the endangered species act from passing (SB 3103)
English, J. Kalani (D)	6 - Lanai - Molokai - Hana	A-	85%	🐢🐢🐢	+	+	+	+	+	+	ab	+	-	Generally strong advocate; introduced measures to test for and examine the effects of depleted uranium.
Tsutsui, Shan (D)	4 - Waihee - Paia	B+	79%	🐢🐢🐢	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	Generally an environmental advocate
Hee, Clayton (D)	23 - Kahuku - Haiku Valley	B+	77%	🐢🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	ab	+	As Judiciary Chair, held a bill to allow catch inspections (HB 1499 "Finding Nemo" bill) but resurrected a shoreline protection bill (HB 1037) to increase development setbacks in anticipation of sea level rise; introduced and advocated for a measure to protect ophi from over-harvesting and helped fight bad land use bills
Fukunaga, Carol (D)	11 - Tantalus - Punchbowl	B	71%	🐢🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	Generally supportive of environmental initiatives
Kokubun, Russell (D)	2 - Keeaou - Volcano - Kahuku	B	71%	🐢🐢	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	As chair of Consumer Protection, didn't hear bills to increase the renewable energy standard (SB 2990) and to prohibit the expansion of coal in Hawaii (SB 1247); as Water Land Chair (2007), didn't forward bill to increase shoreline setback (HB 1037) and amended strong ag bill (HB 257); but vocal advocate against bad land use bill (SB 2646)
Ige, David (D)	16 - Aiea Heights - Waimalu	B-	69%	🐢🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	ab	+	-	+	-	Generally supportive, but no distinguishing actions
Baker, Rosalyn (D)	5 - Lahaina - Kihei	B-	64%	🐢🐢🐢	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	As Ways and Means Chair, supported key environmental items in the state budget and supported greenhouse gas cap (HB 226) at critical time, but didn't forward measures to reduce fossil fuel subsidy (HB 3213), provide clean energy funding from a carbon fee (HB 3444), or restrict the use of foam containers (SB 2629).
Nishihara, Clarence (D)	18 - Waipahu - Pearl City	B-	64%	🐢🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	Sympathetic to sustainability concerns, but not always priority
Inouye, Lorraine (D)	1 - Hilo - Waimea	C+	62%	🐢🐢	+	ab	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	No distinguishing actions
Kim, Donna Mercado (D)	14 - Kalihi - Halawa Valley	C+	58%	🐢🐢	+	ab	-	+	+	+	-	ab	-	Pushed for food waste recycling measure.
Chun Oakland, Suzanne (D)	13 - Sand Island - Nuuanu	C	57%	🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	Generally supportive of environmental initiatives, but did not distinguish
Hanabusa, Colleen (D)	21 - Nanakuli - Makaha	C	57%	🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	As Senate President, cleared path for significant energy legislative (HB 226, SB 644), but also allowed bad land use bill to pass and pushed lifting corporate donation cap
Sakamoto, Norman (D)	15 - Moanalua - Pearl Harbor	C	57%	🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	No distinguishing actions
Tokuda, Jill (D)	24 - Kaneohe MCB - Kailua	C	57%	🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	Introduced bill to create a "cooling off" period on farmland development (SB 2641), but sacrificed green credentials in advocating farmland urbanization bill (SB 2646) knowingly without necessary safeguards
Espero, Will (D)	20 - Waipahu - Ewa	C-	50%	🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	No distinguishing actions
Taniguchi, Brian (D)	10 - Manoa - portion of Makiki	C-	50%	🐢🐢	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	As chair of Consumer Protection in 2007, didn't hear measure to prohibit the expansion of coal in Hawaii (SB 1247)
Bunda, Robert (D)	22 - Central, N. Shore Oahu	C-	46%	🐢	+	-	-	+	-	ab	+	+	-	No distinguishing actions
Hemmings, Fred (R)	25 - Lanikai - Hawaii Kai	D+	43%	🐢🐢	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	Voted against measures to require that stores redeem beverage containers (SB 1702), conduct depleted uranium testing at Schofield Barracks (HB 1452), and increase carbon fee for environmental programs (SB 2932)
Whalen, Paul (R)	3 - Kona Coast	F	15%		-	ab	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	Voted against measures to expand bottle law (SB 1026), require that stores redeem beverage containers (SB 1702), allow use of clotheslines (SB 2933), and increase carbon fee for environmental programs (SB 2932)
Slom, Sam (R)	8 - Hawaii Kai - Kahala	F	14%		-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	Sole vote against net energy metering expansion (HB 2550); voted against measures to expand bottle law (SB 1026), require that stores redeem beverage containers (SB 1702, HB 639), allow use of clotheslines (SB 2933), increase the efficiency of lights (SB 2842), increase carbon fee for environmental programs (SB 2932), and use recycling receptacles in state buildings (SB 651)
Trimble, Gordon (R)	12 - Ala Moana - Iwilei	F	14%		-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	Voted against measures to expand bottle law (SB 1026), require that stores redeem beverage containers (SB 1702, HB 639), increase the efficiency of lights (SB 2842), increase carbon fee for environmental programs (SB 2932), and place recycling receptacles in state buildings (SB 651)

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HOUSE	District	Rating	Other Actions	1 Greenhouse Gas	2 Invasive Species	3 Superferry Exempt	4 Solar Roofs	5 Farmland Sprawl	6 Airport Permitting	7 Marine Protected Areas	8 Superferry Compromise	9 Carbon Fund	10 Farmland Sprawl 2	11 Development Oversight	NOTES
Morita, Hermina (D)	14 - Hanalei - Kapaa	A+	100%	🌱🌱🌱🌱	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	MORITA: Strong advocate for sustainability; used her Energy and Environment Chair to forward bold clean energy and energy efficiency measures; voted against measure to weaken controls on gill netting (HB 1578)
Carroll, Mele (D)	13 - Lanai- Molokai - Hana	A	87%	🌱🌱🌱🌱	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	CARROLL: Environmental champion; The lone no vote against a bad bill to allow mining in the ag district without a land use permit (HB 3286); introduced measures to test for and examine the effects of depleted uranium
Saiki, Scott K. (D)	22 - Molokai - McCully	A	86%	🌱🌱🌱	+	ab	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	SAIKI: An environmental advocate
Berg, Lyla (D)	18 - Kahala - Kulouou	A	86%	🌱🌱🌱	+	ab	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	BERG: Voted against measure that reduced the ability to control plastic bags (SB 651)
Thielen, Cynthia (R)	50 - Kaneohe MCAB - Kaliua	A-	85%	🌱🌱🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	+	ab	ab	-	+	+	THIELEN: Staunch advocate for clean energy bills; voted against measure to weaken controls on gill netting (HB 1578); the lone "no" vote on measures to increase the corporate donation cap (HB 2455) and to weaken the endangered species act (SB 3103)
Bellatti, Della Au (D)	25 - Tantalus - Makiki	A-	80%	🌱🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	BELLATTI: Environmental advocate; voted against measures to weaken controls on gill netting (HB 1578) and that reduced the ability to control plastic bags (SB 651)
Shimabukuro, Maile (D)	45 - Waiānae - Makaha	A-	79%	🌱🌱🌱	+	+	+	+	+	ab	+	+	+	-	SHIMABUKURO: An advocate; voted against measures to weaken controls on gill netting (HB 1578) and that reduced the ability to control plastic bags (SB 651)
Green, Josh (D)	6 - Kailua-Kona - Keauhou	B+	73%	🌱🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	GREEN: Generally supportive; introduced measure to regulate greenhouse gas emissions (HB 226)
Hanohano, Faye (D)	4 - Keea - Kalapana	B+	73%	🌱🌱	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	HANOHANO: Supportive of green bills
Takumi, Roy (D)	36 - Pearl City - Manana	B	69%	🌱🌱🌱	+	ab	+	+	+	-	+	ab	+	-	TAKUMI: Generally supportive of environmental initiatives
Luke, Sylvia (D)	26 - Dowsett Highlands - Makiki	B	67%	🌱🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	LUKE: Generally an environmental champion
Wakai, Glenn (D)	21 - Mānana Valley - Salt Lake	B	67%	🌱🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	WAKAI: Usually an ally on environmental initiatives
Bertram, Joe, III (D)	11 - Keonekole - portion of Kihel	B-	64%	🌱🌱🌱	ab	+	-	ab	ab	+	+	+	+	-	BERTRAM: Bikeway advocate; voted against measure to weaken controls on gill netting (HB 1578)
Lee, Marilyn (D)	38 - Milliani Mauka	B-	60%	🌱🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	LEE: Leans green, but no distinguishing actions
Rhoads, Karl (D)	28 - Kakaako, Iwilei, Honolulu	B-	60%	🌱🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	RHOADS: Generally green; no distinguishing actions
Takai, K. Mark (D)	34 - Pearl City	B-	60%	🌱🌱🌱	+	ab	-	+	+	-	ab	ab	ab	ab	TAKAI: Helpful on environmental issues; Voted against measure that reduced the ability to control plastic bags (SB 651)
Takamine, Dwight (D)	1 - Hawi - Hilo	B-	60%	🌱🌱	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	TAKAMINE: No distinguishing actions
Cabanilla, Rida (D)	42 - Portion of Waipahu - Ewa	C+	57%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	ab	+	+	CABANILLA: No distinguishing actions
Oshiro, Marcus (D)	39 - Wahiawa - Whitmore Village	C+	53%	🌱🌱🌱	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	OSHIRO: Introduced bill to create a "cooling off" period on farmland development (HB 2684); forwarded numerous good bills from his Finance Committee
Waters, Tommy (D)	51 - Lanikai - Waimanalo	C+	50%	🌱🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	ab	-	-	-	+	-	WATERS: Generally supportive of environmental initiatives
Tokioka, James (D)	15 - Hanamaulu - Lihue	C+	50%	🌱🌱	+	+	+	+	-	ab	-	-	+	-	TOKIOKA: No distinguishing actions
Oshiro, Blake (D)	33 - Aiea - Halawa Valley	C	47%	🌱🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	OSHIRO: Leans green but made some disappointing decisions in his leadership capacity
Evans, Cindy (D)	7 - Makalawena - Waimea	C	47%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	EVANS: No distinguishing actions
McKelvey, Angus (D)	10 - Kapaula - Kihel	C	47%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	MCKELVEY: No distinguishing actions
Nishimoto, Scott (D)	21 - Kaimuki - Kapahulu	C	47%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	NISHIMOTO: Introduced measure to reduce public oversight on airport approvals (HB 416); no distinguishing actions
Awana, Karen (D)	44 - Nanakuli - Luualalei	C-	43%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	ab	-	-	+	-	AWANA: No distinguishing actions
Caldwell, Kirk (D)	24 - Manoa	C-	43%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	ab	-	-	+	-	CALDWELL: While an advocate for many of the priority energy measures (HB 226, SB 644, others), Caldwell used his leadership role to push bad land use, corporate contribution, and Superferry exception measures
Karamatsu, Jon Riki (D)	41 - Village Park - Waikele	C-	43%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	ab	-	-	+	-	KARAMATSU: Introduced measure to weaken the state water code (SB 2820)
Ching, Corinne (R)	27 - Nuuanu, Puunui, Liliha	C-	40%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	CHING: Occasionally supportive, but voted against bill to increase Legacy Lands funding from speculative home purchases (HB 252)
Manahan, Joey (D)	29 - Sand Island - Kapalama	C-	40%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	MANAHAN: No distinguishing actions
Say, Calvin (D)	20 - St. Louis - Palolo	C-	40%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	SAY: As Speaker of the House, cleared path for significant energy legislative (HB 226, SB 644), but also advocated for bad land use bill
Yamane, Ryan (D)	37 - Waipahu - Milliani	C-	40%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	YAMANE: No distinguishing actions
Yamashita, Kyle (D)	12 - Pokalani - Ulupalaikua	C-	40%	🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	YAMASHITA: As Economic Development Chair, repeatedly refused to hear measures to increase recycling convenience for consumers (SB 1702)
Magaoy, Michael (D)	46 - North Shore Oahu	D+	36%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	ab	-	MAGAOAY: No distinguishing actions
Mizuno, John (D)	30 - Alewa Heights - Fort Shafter	D+	36%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	ab	-	MIZUNO: No distinguishing actions
Chang, Jerry (D)	2 - Portion of Hilo - Keaukaha	D+	36%	🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	ab	+	-	CHANG: Generally not supportive of environmental initiatives
Brower, Tom (D)	23 - Part Waikiki, Ala Moana	D+	33%	🌱🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	BROWER: Voted against measures to expand bottle law (SB 1026) and increase Legacy Lands funding from speculative home purchases (HB 252)
Ward, Gene (R)	17 - Hawaii Kai	D+	33%	🌱🌱	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	WARD: Voted against measure to increase Legacy Lands funding from speculative home purchases (HB 252)
Chong, Pono (D)	49 - Enchanted Lake - Kaneohe	D+	33%	🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	CHONG: Used leadership position to orchestrate dangerous land use measures and other questionable bills
Har, Sharon (D)	40 - Makakilo - Kapolei	D+	33%	🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	HAR: Introduced and advocated pro-development measures, including one to decrease LUC oversight over reclassifications (HB 2522); worked to prevent veto override of "Right to Dry" (SB 2933)
Herkes, Robert (D)	5 - Mountain View - Kaimaliu	D+	33%	🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	HERKES: As Consumer Protection Chair, didn't hear a measures to fix Hawaii's renewable portfolio standard law to require classic clean energy sources only (HB 3068) or require store take-back of bottles and cans for large retailers (HB 2508)
Ito, Ken (D)	48 - Heela - Haku Valley	D+	33%	🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	ITO: As Water Land Chair, didn't hear measures to require supplemental environmental review when conditions have changed (SB 642), establish a "use it or lose it" policy for land reclassifications (SB 1368), or ensure public access when new permits are issued (SB 2835)
Tsuji, Cliff (D)	3 - Portion of Hilo - Puna	D+	33%	🌱	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	TSUJI: Introduced measures to weaken state water code (HB 2808 and HB 407); as Ag Chair, forwarded a measure (SB 958) to severely restrict the ability to protect against genetically modified organisms (GMOs)
Sonson, Alex (D)	35 - Pearl City - Waipahu	D+	31%	🌱	-	+	+	ab	ab	-	-	-	+	-	SONSON: Voted against measure to increase Legacy Lands funding from speculative home purchases (HB 252)
Nakasone, Bob (D)	9 - Kahului - Paia	D+	30%	🌱	+	+	-	ab	ab	-	-	-	ab	ab	NAKASONE: Generally not supportive of environmental initiatives
Sagum, Roland (D)	16 - Niihau - Waimea - Kokee	D	25%	🌱🌱	+	-	-	ab	-	-	ab	-	ab	-	SAGUM: Introduced bill to allow mining in the ag district without a land use permit (HB 3286)
Marumoto, Barbara (R)	19 - Waiālae Iki - Kaimuki	D	23%		+	+	ab	+	-	-	-	ab	-	-	MARUMOTO: Voted against measures to expand bottle law (SB 1026), tighten restrictions on farmland development (HB 257), increase Legacy Lands funding from speculative home purchases (HB 252), and assign liability for GMO damages (HB 1453)
Souki, Joseph (D)	8 - Waihee - Waikuku	D	23%		+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	ab	ab	SOUKI: Introduced measure to reduce public oversight on airport approvals (HB 416); refused to hear measure to allow Superferry to operate while completing environmental review (SB 1276)--a measure which would have prevented the Superferry shutdown and special session; voted against measure to increase Legacy Lands funding from speculative home purchases (HB 252)
Finnegan, Lynn (R)	32 - Lower Aiea - Pearl Harbor	D-	21%	🌱	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	ab	FINNEGAN: Voted against measures to allow use of clotheslines (SB 2933), establish an electronic waste recycling program (SB 2843), and increase Legacy Lands funding from speculative home purchases (HB 252)
Pine, Kimberly (R)	43 - Ewa Beach - Iroquois Point	D-	20%	🌱	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	PINE: Voted against good measures to fence off game management areas (HB 1831) and increase Legacy Lands funding from speculative home purchases (HB 252)
Meyer, Colleen (R)	47 - Lale - Hauula	F	7%		-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	MEYER: Voted against measures to expand bottle law (SB 1026), require stores to redeem bottles and cans (SB 2841), establish an electronic waste recycling program (SB 2843), increase the efficiency of lights sold in Hawaii (SB 2842), and increase Legacy Lands funding from speculative home purchases (HB 252)

SCORECARD BILLS

House Bills

- Greenhouse Gas (HB 226) *Support*.** Global Warming Solutions Act created an enforceable, binding cap on Hawaii’s greenhouse gas emissions. Vote 5/3/07. Be-came law.
- Invasive Species (SB 1066) *Support*.** Established a \$1 per cargo container fee to fund invasive species inspection and prevention. Vote 7/10/07. Became law.
- Superferry exemption (SB1) *Oppose*.** Allowed the Superferry to circumvent Hawaii’s three-decade-old environmental review law and start operating before complete mitigation was in place. Vote 10/29/07. Be-came law.
- Solar roofs (SB 644) *Support*.** Requires that all new homes starting 2010 come equipped with money- and greenhouse gas-saving solar water heaters. Vote 5/1/08. Became law.
- Farmland sprawl (SB 2646) *Oppose*.** Allows large landowners to fast-track reclassification of 15% of ag lands to the Urban or Rural districts in exchange for labeling 85% of lands as Important Ag Land. Vote 5/1/08. Became law.
- Airport permitting (HB 416) *Oppose*.** Reduced public input and county oversight in airport expansion plans. Vote 2/21/07. Failed.
- Marine protected areas (HB 1848) *Oppose*.** Pre-vented the state from effectively manage and sustain Hawaii’s marine resources by reducing their ability to create marine protected areas. Vote 3/6/07. Failed.
- Superferry compromise (HB1 FA1) *Support*.** Floor amendment to the Superferry exemption bill, offered by Rep. Hermina Morita, was a compromise to preserve some critical environmental protections before Super-ferry operated. Vote 10/26/07. Failed.
- Carbon fund (HB 3444) *Support*.** Established the energy security fund for clean energy and efficiency funded by an increase in the oil barrel fee. Vote 3/4/08. Failed.