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The 2011 Consumer Federation of California Scorecard for State Lawmakers rates legislators on their votes cast on key consumer rights bills. State Assembly members and Senators were evaluated on a number of issues, including financial privacy protection, health care reform, drug safety, household toxics, insurance rate regulation, and real estate lending practices.

Lawmakers are graded on legislative proposals that the CFC sponsored, supported or opposed. We assessed final substantive floor votes. Committee votes were included in cases where important consumer bills died in committee.

Scores are based on the percentage of votes in which the lawmaker sided with consumers. A favorable vote from the consumer's standpoint is represented with an "R" (Right). A vote against consumers is noted with a "W" (Wrong). If a lawmaker was present and did not vote or abstained, the failure to vote is scored based on the effect that the non-vote had on the forward movement of the bill, and is designated with an asterisk (*) after the "R" or "W." Failure to vote on a pro-consumer bill is scored as a vote against consumers (W*), and failure to vote on an anti-consumer bill is scored as a vote for consumers (R*). A dash (--) specifies either that a lawmaker was not a member of that committee being evaluated, or that the lawmaker had an excused leave of absence from the legislature on the day of a vote.

The scorecard does not evaluate the Governor's record on consumer protection legislation. Many pro-consumer bills are killed in the legislature. Grading the Governor on the bills that reach his desk would not provide a valid comparison to the scores assigned to legislators.

We have included 2005-2011 cumulative scores. These scores are based on the annual CFC scorecards issued each year. Percentages represent the total number of right and wrong votes cast by the lawmaker during his or her tenure in the legislature from 2005 through 2011.



2011 CONSUMER SCORECARD FOR STATE LAWMAKERS

Assembly Member	Party	Total Right Votes Cast	Total Wrong Votes Cast	AB 22 9/8 Floor	AB 52 6/2 Floor	AB 158 3/15 Judiciary	AB 183 9/9 Floor	AB 403 5/26 Floor	AB 591 6/1 Floor	AB 688 9/9 Floor	AB 753 4/28 Floor	AB 935 4/25 BP & CP	AB 1062 5/26 Floor	AB 1319 9/6 Floor	SB 24 8/15 Floor	SB 408 9/1 Floor	SB 558 6/21 Judiciary	SB 850 9/7 Floor	2011 Score	Lifetime Score
Achadjian	REP.	3	10	W	W		W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W		R	23%	23%
Alejo	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	100%
Allen	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	100%
Ammiano	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	100%
Atkins	DEM.	14	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	100%	100%
Beall	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	97%
Berryhill, B.	REP.	2	10	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		R	17%	14%
Block	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	83%
Blumenfield	DEM.	11	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R		R		R	100%	94%
Bonilla	DEM.	10	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R				R	100%	100%
Bradford	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	96%
Brownley	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	98%
Buchanan	DEM.	9	3	R	W*		R	R	R	R	R		W*	R	R	W		R	75%	76%
Butler	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	100%
Calderon, C.	DEM.	10	3	R	R		R	R	R	R	W*	R	W*	R	R	R		W*	77%	74%
Campos	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	100%
Carter	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	92%
Cedillo	DEM.	10	0	R	R		R		R	R	R			R	R	R		R	100%	87%
Chesbro	DEM.	10	2	W*	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	W*		R	83%	92%
Conway	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	8%	9%
Cook	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	W*	W		W	8%	12%
Davis	DEM.	9	2	R	R		R	W*	R	R	R		W*	R	R			R	82%	80%
Dickinson	DEM.	14	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	100%	100%
Donnelly	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	8%	8%
Eng	DEM.	13	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	100%	98%
Feuer	DEM.	14	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	100%	100%
Fletcher	REP.	4	9	W	W		R	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W		R	31%	23%
Fong	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	97%
Fuentes	DEM.	12	1	R	R		R	R	R	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R		R	92%	81%
Furutani	DEM.	11	1	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		W*	92%	85%
Gaines, B.	REP.	3	9	W	W		W	R	W	W			W	W	R	W	W	R	25%	25%
Galgiani	DEM.	7	5	R	W*		R	R	W*	R	W*		W	W*	R	R		R	58%	53%
Garrick	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W*	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	8%	15%

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Gatto	DEM.	11	1	W	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	92%	86%
Gordon	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	100%
Gorell	REP.	0	1			W													0%	0%
Grove	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W*	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	8%	8%
Hagman	REP.	2	10	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	R	W		W	17%	11%
Halderman	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	8%	8%
Hall	DEM.	9	2	R			R	R	R	R	W*		W*	R	R	R		R	82%	71%
Harkey	REP.	1	12	W	W		W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	8%	8%
Hayashi	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	93%
Hernández, R.	DEM.	12	1	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	W*	R	R	R	R		R	92%	92%
Hill	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	92%
Huber	DEM.	9	5	W	W*	R	W	R	R	R	W		W	R	R	R	R	R	64%	58%
Hueso	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	100%
Huffman	DEM.	14	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	100%	100%
Jeffries	REP.	3	9	W	W		W	R	W*	W	W		W	W	R	W		R	25%	17%
Jones	REP.	1	11	W	W	W	W		W	W	W			W	R	W	W	W	8%	8%
Knight	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	8%	11%
Lara	DEM.	12	1	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	W*	R	R	R	R		R	92%	92%
Logue	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	8%	14%
Lowenthal, B.	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	100%
Ma	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	95%
Mansoor	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		W*	8%	8%
Mendoza	DEM.	11	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R		R	R		R	100%	86%
Miller	REP.	3	9	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	R	W		R	25%	18%
Mitchell	DEM.	11	1	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		W*	R	R	R		R	92%	92%
Monning	DEM.	14	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	100%	100%
Morrell	REP.	1	12	W	W		W	R	W	W	W*	W	W	W	W	W		W	8%	8%
Nestande	REP.	3	9	W	W		W	R	W	W*	W		W	W	R	W		R	25%	19%
Nielsen	REP.	1	11	W*	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	8%	21%
Norby	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	8%	4%
Olsen	REP.	2	10	W	W		W	R	W	W*	W		W	W	R	W		W	17%	17%
Pan	DEM.	11	1	R	W		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	92%	92%
Perea	DEM.	8	5	W*	W*		R	R	R	R	W	W*	W	R	R	R		R	62%	62%
Pérez, V. M.	DEM.	10	2	R	R		R	R	W*	R	W*		R	R	R	R		R	83%	77%
Pérez, J.	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	97%
Portantino	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	90%
Silva	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	8%	11%
Skinner	DEM.	13	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	100%	95%

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Smyth	REP.	2	10	W	W		W	R	W	W	W*		W	W	W	W		R	17%	13%
Solorio	DEM.	8	4	R	W*		R	R	R	R	W*		W*	W*	R	R		R	67%	73%
Swanson	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	97%
Torres	DEM.	11	2	R	R		R	R	R	R	W*	W*	R	R	R	R		R	85%	78%
Valadao	REP.	1	11	W	W		W	R	W*	W	W		W	W	W	W		W	8%	8%
Wagner	REP.	2	12	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W		W	W	R	W	W	W	14%	14%
Wieckowski	DEM.	14	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R	100%	100%
Williams	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	100%
Yamada	DEM.	12	0	R	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R	R		R	100%	94%

Legend:

 \mathbf{R} = Right, voted for consumers

 W^* = Present, did not vote - same as voting against consumers

 \mathbf{R}^* = Present, did not vote, same as voting in favor of consumers

-- = Excused absence, not a member of committee, or not a member of the Assembly at the time the vote was cast

W = Wrong, voted against consumers

BP & CP = Assembly Business Professional and Consumer Protection Committee

E.Q. = Senate Environmental Quality Committee

N. R. & W. = Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

B. P. & E. = Senate Business Professional and Economic Development Committee

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Alquist	DEM.	12	0	R	R	R R	R R	- 6	¥ 9 	R	- 1	R	R R	R	x	R R	R	R	R R	100%	94%
Anderson	REP.	2	9	W	W	W	R			W		W	W	R		W	W	W	W	18%	19%
Berryhill, T.	REP.	0	9	W		W	W*			W		W	W	W		W	W		W	0%	14%
Blakeslee	REP.	4	9	W	W	W	R	W*		R	R	W	W	R		W	W	W	W	31%	22%
Calderon, R.	DEM.	3	6	W*		W	W*			R		W	W	R		W*	R		R	33%	51%
Cannella	REP.	2	8	W		W	R		W	W		W	W	R		W	W		W	20%	20%
Corbett	DEM.	11	0	R		R	R			R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	100%	100%
Correa	DEM.	5	5	W		R	R			R		W*	R	R	W	W	W*		R	50%	52%
de León	DEM.	9	1	R	R	R	W*			R		R	R			R	R	R	R	90%	92%
DeSaulnier	DEM.	11	0	R	R	R	R			R		R	R	R		R	R	R	R	100%	95%
Dutton	REP.	2	7	W		W	R			W		W	W	R		W	W		W	22%	17%
Emmerson	REP.	3	7	W		W	R			R		W	W*	R	W	W	W*		R	30%	19%
Evans	DEM.	11	0	R		R	R		R	R	R	R	R	R		R	R		R	100%	96%
Fuller	REP.	2	8	W		W	R		W	W		W	W	R		W	W		W	20%	16%
Gaines, T.	REP.	2	7	W		W	R			W		W	W	R		W	W		W	22%	16%
Hancock	DEM.	10	0	R		R	R	R		R		R	R	R		R	R		R	100%	99%
Harman	REP.	2	7	W		W	W*			R	W	W		R		W	W		W	22%	16%
Hernandez, E.	DEM.	7	5	W*	R	R	R			R		W	W*	R	W	R	W*	R	R	58%	75%
Huff	REP.	0	9	W		W	W*			W		W	W*	W		W	W		W	0%	13%
Kehoe	DEM.	11	0	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R		R	R		R	100%	93%
La Malfa	REP.	1	9	W		W*	R		W	W		W	W	W		W	W		W	10%	11%
Leno	DEM.	10	0	R		R	R			R	R	R	R	R		R	R		R	100%	100%
Lieu	DEM.	8	1	R		R	R			R		W*	R	R		R	R		R	89%	88%
Liu	DEM.	8	1	R		W*	R			R		R	R	R		R	R		R	89%	96%
Lowenthal, A.	DEM.	10	0	R		R	R	R		R		R	R	R		R	R		R	100%	96%
Negrete McLeod	DEM.	3	6	R		R	-	-	-	W		W	W*	R	W	W*	W*		R	33%	69%
Padilla	DEM.	10	0	R		R	R		R	R		R	R	R		R	R		R	100%	85%
Pavley	DEM.	11	0	R		R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R		R	R		R	100%	98%
Price	DEM.	8	2	R		R	R			R		W	R	R	W	R	R		R	80%	85%
Rubio	DEM.	7	4	R	W*	W	R			R		W*	R	R		R	R	W*	W*	64%	67%
Runner	REP.	2	6	W		W	R			W		W		R		W	W		W	25%	14%
Simitian	DEM.	10	1	R		R	R	R	W*	R		R	R	R		R	R		R	91%	98%
Steinberg	DEM.	9	0	R		R	R			R		R	R	R		R	R		R	100%	97%
Strickland	REP.	3	9	W	W	W	R	W		R		W	W	R		W	W	W	W	25%	21%
Vargas	DEM.	6	4	R		R	R			W*		W*	R	R	W	R	W*		W*	60%	74%
Walters	REP.	0	9	W		W	W*			W		W	W	W	W		W		W	0%	6%
Wolk	DEM.	11	1	R	R	W*	R		R	R		R	R	R		R	R	R	R	92%	92%
Wright	DEM.	6	3	W		R	R			R		W	W*	R		R	R		R	67%	65%

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Wyland	REP.	2	8	W		W	R			W		W	W	R	W	W	W		W	20%	18%
Yee	DEM.	8	1	R		R	R			R		W	R	R		R	R		R	89%	81%

Bill # - CFC Position

Summary and Status on 12/31/2011

AB 22 (Mendoza) - SUPPORT	Would prohibit a prospective employer from obtaining a job applicant's credit report if the report is not germane to the job duties. Signed into law.
AB 52 (Feuer) - SUPPORT	Would authorize Department of Insurance or Department of Managed Health Care to approve, modify or reject proposed health insurance or HMO premium rate increases. Inactive File.
AB 158 (Halderman) - OPPOSE	Would create an immunity from damage awards in lawsuits for manufacturers and distributors of harmful products, and for businesses that engaged in fraudulent or oppressive practices, based on their compliance with any state or federal regulation. Two year bill.
AB 183 (Ma) - SUPPORT	Would prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages at unstaffed customer-operated checkout stands. Signed into law.
AB 403 (Campos) - SUPPORT	Would require the Department of Public Health and Department of Finance to promptly carry out duties not completed despite 2004 deadline for establishing a maximum safe drinking water standard for hexavalent chromium, a toxic carcinogen. Inactive file.
AB 591 (Wieckowski) - SUPPORT	Would requires oil and natural gas well operators to provide the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources information on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for publication on the Division's website. Two year bill.
AB 688 (Pan) - SUPPORT	Would prohibit the sale of infant formula, baby food and over the counter drugs after the "use by" date on product label. Signed into law.
AB 753 (Monning) SUPPORT	Would prohibit rental car companies from renting a vehicle subject to a recall notice which has not been repaired as specified in the notice. Two year bill.
AB 935 (Blumenfield) - SUPPORT	Would charge a mortgage servicer a foreclosure mitigation fee of 5% of the price for which a house was last sold (not to exceed \$20,000) before filing a notice of trustee sale, to compensate local schools and government agencies for losses due to foreclosures. Two year bill.
AB 1062 (Dickinson) - SUPPORT	Would eliminate the appeal of a court order denying a petition to compel arbitration to delay the processing of a lawsuit brought by a consumer, worker or other aggrieved person. Inactive file.
AB 1319 (Butler) - SUPPORT	Would ban toxic bisphenol A (BPA) above safe levels from containers of food and beverages intended for consumption by children age three or younger. Signed into law.
SB 24 (Simitian) - SUPPORT	Would require security breach notices to describe the nature of the breach and to inform consumer about how to contact credit reporting agencies. Signed into law.
SB 147 (Leno) - SUPPORT	Would require the Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation to develop a new smolder resistance standard, enabling California consumers to purchase furniture that is not filled with toxic flame retardant chemicals. Two year bill.
SB 408 (E. Hernandez) - SUPPORT	Would close a loophole in existing law and require a new owner of an existing licensed acute care, psychiatric, or special hospital, to apply to the Department of Public Health for a license to operate. Vetoed.
SB 558 (Simitian) - SUPPORT	Would change the standard of proof in cases of elder or dependent adult physical abuse or neglect from clear and convincing evidence to a preponderance of the evidence. Suspense file.
SB 810 (Leno) - SUPPORT	Would establish a universal single-payer health insurance program. Held in Appropriations.
SB 850 (Leno) - SUPPORT	Would require electronic health records to keep a record of any information that is changed or deleted and would affirm the patient's right to access the information. Signed into law.