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The 2012 Scorecard for State Lawmakers rates lawmakers' votes on a range of legislative proposals, including utility regulation, access to civil justice, truth in advertising, debt collection practices, automobile safety, insurance policyholder protection, and corporate accountability.

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.

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 did not have an excused absence on the day of a vote, it is marked as a failure to vote. 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 the 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.

Scores are based on the percentage of votes in which the lawmaker sided with consumers. We have included 2005-2012 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 2012.



2012 CONSUMER SCORECARD FOR STATE LAWMAKERS

(Revised February 22, 2013)

Assembly Member	Party	Total Right Votes Cast	Total Wrong Votes Cast	AB 1447 Floor 5/29	AB 1648 Floor 8/20	AB 1747 Floor 5/14	AB 1875 Floor 5/31	AB 2149 Floor 5/25	AB 2296 Floor 5/14	AB 2505 B, P & CP 4/24	SB 491 Judiciary 7/3	SB 890 B. & F. 7/2	SB 890 Judiciary 6/26	SB 1161 Floor 8/20	SB 1208 Floor 8/21	CPUC Intervenor Compensation Audit JLAC 8/8	2012 Score	Lifetime Score
Achadjian	REP.	0	9	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	W	--	W	W	--	0%	14%
Alejo	DEM.	8	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	R	R*	89%	95%
Allen	DEM.	8	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	--	--	--	R	R	--	89%	95%
Ammiano	DEM.	8	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	R	R	--	100%	100%
Atkins	DEM.	5	2	R	R	--	R	--	--	--	W*	--	R	W	R	--	71%	90%
Beall	DEM.	8	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	R	R	--	100%	97%
Berryhill, B.	REP.	0	8	W	W	W	W	--	W*	W	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	11%
Block	DEM.	7	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	R	--	88%	84%
Blumenfield	DEM.	7	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	R	--	88%	93%
Bonilla	DEM.	6	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	W*	--	75%	89%
Bradford	DEM.	6	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	W*	--	75%	90%
Brownley	DEM.	7	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	R	--	88%	97%
Buchanan	DEM.	5	3	R	R	R	R	W*	R	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	63%	73%
Butler	DEM.	8	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	--	--	--	R*	R	--	89%	95%
Calderon, C.	DEM.	7	2	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	--	W	R	--	78%	75%
Campos	DEM.	7	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	R	--	88%	95%
Carter	DEM.	7	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	R	--	88%	92%
Cedillo	DEM.	4	3	--	R	R	W*	W*	R	--	--	--	--	W	R	--	57%	85%
Chesbro	DEM.	8	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	R	R	--	100%	93%
Conway	REP.	0	8	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	8%
Cook	REP.	0	8	W*	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	10%
Davis	DEM.	7	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	R	--	88%	81%
Dickinson	DEM.	9	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	--	R	W	R	--	90%	96%
Donnelly	REP.	0	9	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	W	0%	5%
Eng	DEM.	8	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	--	R	--	W	R	--	80%	96%
Feuer	DEM.	10	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	--	100%	100%
Fletcher	IND.	1	4	--	R	--	W*	--	--	--	--	W*	--	W	W	--	20%	22%

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Fong	DEM.	6	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	W*	--	75%	93%
Fuentes	DEM.	5	4	R	R	R	R	W*	R	--	--	W*	--	W	W*	--	56%	78%
Furutani	DEM.	6	0	R	--	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	--	R	--	100%	87%
Gaines, B.	REP.	0	8	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	15%
Galgiani	DEM.	5	3	W*	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	63%	54%
Garrick	REP.	0	8	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	13%
Gatto	DEM.	7	2	R	R	R	R	R	W	--	--	W*	--	R	R	--	78%	84%
Gordon	DEM.	6	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	75%	90%
Gorell	REP.	1	9	R	W	W	W	W	W	--	W	--	W*	W	W	--	10%	9%
Grove	REP.	0	8	W	W	W	W	W*	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	5%
Hagman	REP.	1	8	W	W	W	W	W	W	R*	--	--	--	W	W	--	11%	11%
Halderman	REP.	0	8	W	W	W*	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	5%
Hall	DEM.	4	2	--	R	R	R	--	R	--	--	--	--	W	W*	--	67%	70%
Harkey	REP.	0	9	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	W	--	W	W	--	0%	6%
Hayashi	DEM.	6	3	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	--	--	--	W	W	--	67%	89%
Hernández, R.	DEM.	5	1	R	--	R	R	R	R	--	--	W*	--	--	--	--	83%	89%
Hill	DEM.	7	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	--	--	--	W	R	--	78%	89%
Huber	DEM.	6	4	R	R	R	R	W	R	--	W	--	R	W	W*	--	60%	58%
Hueso	DEM.	5	3	W*	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	W*	--	63%	85%
Huffman	DEM.	8	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	R	R	--	100%	100%
Jeffries	REP.	0	8	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	15%
Jones	REP.	0	10	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	W	--	W*	W	W	--	0%	5%
Knight	REP.	0	7	W	W	W	W	--	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	9%
Lara	DEM.	8	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	--	W	R	W	80%	87%
Logue	REP.	0	8	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	11%
Lowenthal, B.	DEM.	10	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	--	100%	100%
Ma	DEM.	5	3	R	R	R	R	--	R	W	--	--	--	W	W*	--	63%	92%
Mansoor	REP.	0	8	W	W*	W	W*	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	5%
Mendoza	DEM.	6	2	R	R	R	W*	R	R	--	--	--	--	R*	W	--	75%	85%
Miller	REP.	0	8	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	15%
Mitchell	DEM.	7	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	R	--	88%	90%
Monning	DEM.	11	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R*	100%	100%
Morrell	REP.	0	9	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	W	--	W	W	--	0%	5%

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Nestande	REP.	0	8	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	16%
Nielsen	REP.	1	7	W	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	13%	19%
Norby	REP.	0	9	W	W	W	W*	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	W	0%	3%
Olsen	REP.	0	8	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	10%
Pan	DEM.	7	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	R*	W*	W	78%	86%
Perea	DEM.	3	3	R	R	--	R	--	--	--	--	W*	--	W	W	--	50%	58%
Pérez, V. M.	DEM.	6	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	75%	93%
Pérez, J.	DEM.	7	1	R	R	R	R	W*	R	--	--	--	--	R	R	--	88%	79%
Portantino	DEM.	6	2	R	R	R	R	R	W*	--	--	--	--	W	R	--	75%	88%
Silva	REP.	0	7	W	W	W	W	--	W	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	0%	10%
Skinner	DEM.	8	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	R	R	--	100%	96%
Smyth	REP.	0	10	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	--	W	W	W	0%	11%
Solorio	DEM.	5	3	R	R	R	R	R	W*	--	--	--	--	W	W	--	63%	71%
Swanson	DEM.	7	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	R	--	88%	96%
Torres	DEM.	6	3	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	W*	--	W	W*	--	67%	76%
Valadao	REP.	0	5	W	W	--	W*	W	--	--	--	--	--	W	--	--	0%	6%
Wagner	REP.	0	10	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	W	--	W	W	W	--	0%	8%
Wieckowski	DEM.	8	2	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	--	R	W	W	--	80%	92%
Williams	DEM.	7	1	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	W	R	--	88%	95%
Yamada	DEM.	8	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	R	R	--	100%	95%

Legend:

R = Right, voted for consumers

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

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

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Alquist	DEM.	8	1	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	W	R	--	R*	89%	94%
Anderson	REP.	1	8	--	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	W	W	--	W	11%	18%
Berryhill, T.	REP.	1	7	--	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	W	W	--	--	13%	14%
Blakeslee	REP.	2	5	W	--	R	W	R	--	W	--	W	W	--	--	29%	22%
Calderon, R.	DEM.	3	5	--	W*	R	R	W*	R	W*	--	W	W	--	--	38%	50%
Cannella	REP.	1	7	--	W	R	W	W*	W	W	--	W	W	--	--	13%	17%
Corbett	DEM.	10	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	--	100%	100%
Correa	DEM.	5	4	--	W*	R	R	R	R	R	--	W	W	W	--	56%	52%
de León	DEM.	6	1	--	--	R	R	R	--	R	--	W	R	--	R*	86%	92%
DeSaulnier	DEM.	8	1	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	--	--	89%	94%
Dutton	REP.	1	8	--	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	W	W	--	W	11%	17%
Emmerson	REP.	2	7	--	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	W	W	R*	--	22%	19%
Evans	DEM.	9	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R*	R	--	--	100%	97%
Fuller	REP.	1	7	--	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	W	W	--	--	13%	15%
Gaines, T.	REP.	1	8	--	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	11%	15%
Hancock	DEM.	8	0	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	--	--	100%	99%
Harman	REP.	0	9	W	W	--	W	W*	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	0%	14%
Hernandez, E.	DEM.	8	1	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	W	R	R*	--	89%	76%
Huff	REP.	1	7	--	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	W	W*	--	--	13%	13%
Kehoe	DEM.	8	1	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R*	W	R	--	--	89%	93%
La Malfa	REP.	1	8	--	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	W	W	--	W	11%	11%
Leno	DEM.	9	0	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	--	--	100%	100%
Lieu	DEM.	5	2	--	R	R	R	--	R	R	--	W	W	--	--	71%	87%
Liu	DEM.	7	1	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	W	R	--	--	88%	95%
Lowenthal, A.	DEM.	8	1	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R*	W	R	--	--	89%	96%
Negrete McLeod	DEM.	7	2	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	W	R	W	--	78%	70%
Padilla	DEM.	7	1	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	W	R	--	--	88%	86%
Pavley	DEM.	9	0	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R*	R	--	--	100%	99%
Price	DEM.	7	2	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	W	R	W	--	78%	84%
Rubio	DEM.	6	4	--	R	R	R	R	R	W	R*	W	W*	--	W	60%	64%
Runner	REP.	1	3	--	W	R	--	W	W	--	--	--	--	--	--	25%	15%
Simitian	DEM.	9	0	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	100%	98%
Steinberg	DEM.	7	1	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	W	R	--	--	88%	96%
Strickland	REP.	1	6	--	W	R	W	W*	W	W	--	--	--	W	--	14%	20%

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Vargas	DEM.	5	4	--	R	R	W	R	R	W	--	W	R	W	--	56%	70%
Walters	REP.	1	6	--	W	R	W	W	W	--	--	W	W	--	--	14%	7%
Wolk	DEM.	9	0	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	--	R	100%	93%
Wright	DEM.	7	1	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	W	R	--	--	88%	69%
Wyland	REP.	4	4	--	W	R	--	R	W	--	R*	W	W	R*	--	50%	21%
Yee	DEM.	8	0	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	--	--	100%	82%

Bill # - CFC Position	Summary and Status on 10/1/2012
AB 1648 (Brownley) SUPPORT	Would make changes to the Political Reform Act of 1974 by requiring political slate mail to include information about campaign donors. <i>Held in Rules</i>
AB 1747 (Feuer) SUPPORT	Would require that every life insurance policy issued or delivered in this state contain a provision for a grace period of not less than 60 days from the premium due date to help ensure that anyone with a life insurance policy have ample time to make all of their payments without being stripped of coverage. <i>Chaptered</i>
AB 1875 SUPPORT	Would limit a deposition of any person to 7 hours of total testimony, except under specified circumstances. <i>Chaptered</i>
AB 2149 (Butler) SUPPORT	Would prohibit "gag clauses" from appearing in the settlement of a civil lawsuit stemming from elder or dependent adult abuse. <i>Chaptered</i>
AB 2296 (Block) SUPPORT	Would require non-accredited for-profit postsecondary schools to post their catalogue, performance fact sheet, and their most recent annual report to the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) on their school website. <i>Chaptered</i>
AB 2505 (Ma) OPPOSE	Would create a new, undefined category of motor vehicle replacement part, called a "nonoriginal equipment manufacturer certified aftermarket crash part," giving legitimacy to a certification process which is not consumer friendly. <i>Held in Assembly Appropriations</i>
SB 491 (Evans) SUPPORT	Would void waivers of class action rights and other representative actions in contracts of adhesion. <i>Failed in Senate Judiciary</i>
SB 890 SUPPORT	Would enact the Fair Debt Buyers Practices Act, which would regulate the activities of debt buyers. <i>Failed in Assembly Business & Professions</i>
SB 990 (Vargas) OPPOSE	Would allow the use of reports from the usually less-dependable commercial data providers, instead of the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS), to satisfy current consumer protection laws regarding the sale of used cars. <i>Failed in Senate Transportation & Housing</i>
SB 1161 (Padilla) OPPOSE	Would stop the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) from regulating Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone service, leaving the legislature as the only body able to govern this utility. <i>Chaptered</i>
SB 1208 (Leno) SUPPORT	Would require publicly traded corporations to include the names and compensation of the five most highly compensated retirees in statements filed with the Secretary of State. <i>Failed on Assembly Floor</i>
SB 1460 (Yee) OPPOSE	Would create a new class of crash parts called "certified new non-OEM parts" but does not specify which accredited developer may certify the parts, what criteria a developer might use for certification, or whether that criteria might be standardized, and thus would empower insurers to "shop" for an accrediter to certify the parts the insurer wants to use. <i>First hearing cancelled at request of author</i>