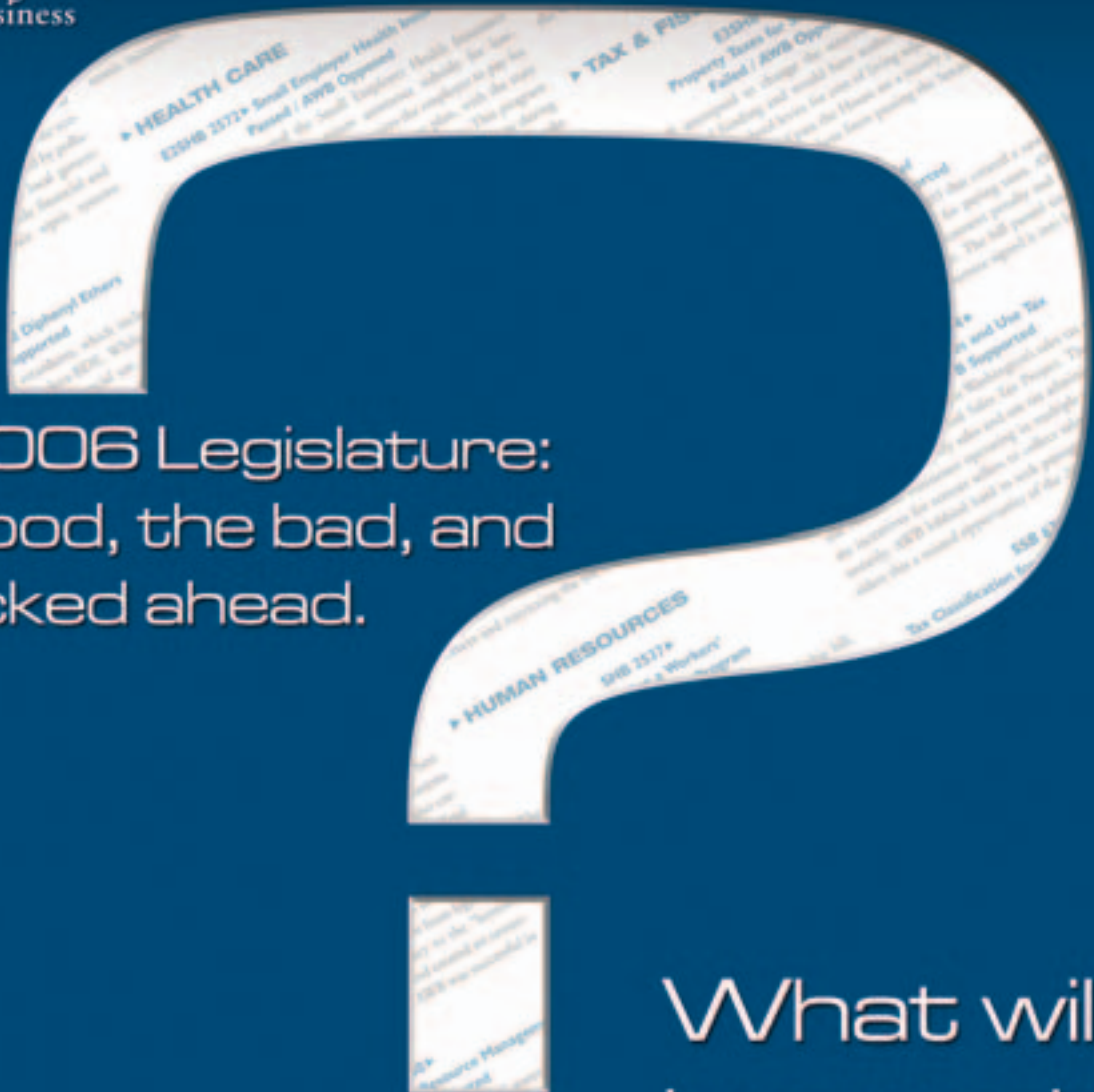


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2006 Legislative Report Card

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Each year, shortly after the legislative session ends, the Association of Washington Business rates the governor and legislators on the way they voted on bills that have the potential to affect the state's business community.

AWB's Governmental Affairs Council compiles the legislative voting record from a list of bills considered most important by Washington's business community. Each legislator receives a rating based on how he or she voted in relation to AWB's position, either supporting or opposing significant bills and amendments. Many of Washington's voters will use this record to base their endorsements at the polls in November.

AWB records votes on either the final passage of a bill or—in some cases—only on an amendment, depending on its significance. Often, AWB tabulates the votes of legislators on an amendment without including the final passage of a bill. Such amendments are included when they have a substantial impact on the business community.

AWB ultimately determines whether it supports or opposes legislation by referencing its legislative objectives, which AWB members draft and approve prior to the start of each legislative session. After compiling a comprehensive list of legislative objectives, AWB looks for bills or amendments that fit with the recommended needs of the business community.

Sorting

In order to make it easier to locate a particular legislator within the table, AWB sorts the tables by chamber—one for the Senate and one for the House of Representatives—and then sorts legislators alphabetically using their last name. To sort the voting record by voting percentage or by district, please visit AWB's Web site at www.awb.org.

To find a more in-depth description of the bills cited in the voting record, please refer to the 2006 Legislative Review, a separate supplement found inside this magazine.

Gov. Christine Gregoire's 2006 Voting Record Percentage: 80%

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>AWB Position</u>	<u>Governor's Action</u>
HB 1458	On-site Septics	Supported	Signed
E2SHB 2860	Columbia River Water Management	Supported	Signed
ESSB 6151	Odessa Aquifer	Supported	Signed
SB 6508	Biofuels	Opposed	Signed
SB 6885	Modifying Unemployment Insurance	Supported	Signed
HB 3185	Wage Payment Provision Violations	Supported	Signed
HB 2537	Employer Reporting Pilot Program	Supported	Signed
HB 2538	WISHA Right of Entry	Supported	Signed
HB 2671	Excise Tax Relief	Supported	Signed
SB 6781	Environmental Remediation	Supported	Vetoed

Bill Descriptions

► ENVIRONMENTAL

3SHB 1458►

On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems in Marine Areas Passed / AWB Supported

This legislation addresses failing septic systems located near marine waters. AWB supported this legislation because of the economic impacts on shellfish-harvesting companies caused by pollution from failing septic systems. The bill requires local governments and the Department of Ecology to provide financial and technical assistance to homeowners to repair septic systems impacting shellfish growing areas.

E2SHB 1488►

Prohibiting Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers Failed / AWB Supported

This bill addressed PBDE flame retardants, which include the chemicals penta-BDE, octa-BDE and deca-BDE. While the first two are no longer manufactured for commercial use, deca-BDE continues to be the safest, most cost effective, and highest-performing flame retardant available for some products. In its original form, the bill would have banned all three types of PBDEs, despite the best available scientific information. The House wisely agreed with AWB and exempted deca-BDE from prohibition.

ESHB 2738►

Renewable Fuel Requirements Failed / AWB Opposed

This bill acted as the companion bill to Senate Bill 6508. Like its counterpart, this bill attempted to impose alternative fuel mandates on diesel fuel sales. An amendment introduced by Rep. Doug Ericksen, R-Ferndale, would have shifted the 2 percent volume metric biodiesel sales mandate from special fuels licensees to government agencies, but it failed. AWB sought an incentive-based approach, rather than mandates, in implementing an alternative fuel market in Washington. For this reason, AWB opposed this legislation.

SHB 2815►

Best Available Science and Critical Areas Failed / AWB Opposed

This bill provided that cities and counties would include best available science by indicating the specific policies and regulations along with the sources of scientific information. The bill also created a lengthy, detailed procedure for public comment and final adoption of written management recommendations by the Department of Community Trade, and Economic Development, which local government could choose to follow. In doing so, local



Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe, D-Bothell.

governments would receive safe harbor protection from legal challenges. This “top down” approach was contrary to the “bottom up” intent of the Growth Management Act and created an unnecessary and lengthy bureaucratic procedure. AWB was successful in blocking the passage of this legislation.

E2SHB 2860►

Columbia River Basin Water Resource Management Passed / AWB Supported

This law will provide new appropriations of water from the Columbia River based on new storage, conservation and voluntary regional agreements between the Department of Ecology and individual stakeholders. AWB strongly supported this historic piece of legislation.



Rep. Jim McIntire, D-Seattle.

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2005 Percentage 2004 Percentage

Sen. Benson	94%	95%	NA
Sen. Benton	93%	83%	80%
Sen. Berkey	65%	20%	50%
Sen. Brandland	100%	89%	90%
Sen. Brown	63%	16%	26%
Sen. Carroll	94%	95%	NA
Sen. Deccio	92%	88%	90%
Sen. Delvin	94%	88%	NA
Sen. Doumit	65%	20%	50%
Sen. Eide	71%	20%	50%
Sen. Esser	94%	85%	90%
Sen. Fairley	65%	20%	21%
Sen. Finkbeiner	94%	84%	89%
Sen. Franklin	65%	20%	35%
Sen. Fraser	65%	20%	25%
Sen. Hargrove	69%	25%	60%
Sen. Haugen	75%	30%	70%
Sen. Hewitt	94%	90%	90%
Sen. Honeyford	88%	100%	90%
Sen. Jacobsen	65%	20%	35%
Sen. Johnson	94%	90%	90%
Sen. Kastama	71%	20%	50%
Sen. Keiser	65%	20%	30%
Sen. Kline	56%	11%	20%
Sen. Kohl-Wellies	59%	20%	35%
Sen. McAuliffe	60%	20%	45%
Sen. McCaslin	92%	92%	85%
Sen. Morton	82%	100%	90%
Sen. Mulliken	94%	95%	90%
Sen. Oke	86%	67%	90%
Sen. Parlette	94%	94%	90%
Sen. Pflug	100%	90%	90%
Sen. Poulsen	65%	21%	32%
Sen. Prentice	65%	20%	30%
Sen. Pridemore	56%	20%	NA
Sen. Rasmussen	65%	20%	65%
Sen. Regala	59%	20%	25%
Sen. Roach	88%	75%	85%
Sen. Rockefeller	65%	25%	NA
Sen. Schmidt	94%	80%	89%
Sen. Schoesler	94%	100%	NA
Sen. Sheldon	94%	95%	95%
Sen. Shin	71%	20%	50%
Sen. Spanel	65%	20%	30%
Sen. Stevens	94%	100%	89%
Sen. Swecker	100%	85%	90%
Sen. Thibodeau	59%	20%	22%
Sen. Weinstein	65%	20%	NA
Sen. Zarelli	94%	89%	98%

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	E2SHB 1458	E2SHB 2860	ESSB 6151	ESSB 6508	E2SHB 2572	E2SHB 2572	E2SHB 2572	SB 6885	ESSB 6885	SHB 2537	SHB 2538	SHB 3185
	28-15	48-0	48-0	29-19	27-21	42-5	25-23	25-22	44-2	45-2	49-0	46-0
	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
	ENVIRONMENTAL				HEALTH CARE			UI		HUMAN RESOURCES		
Sen. Benson	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	E	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Benton	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	A	Y	Y
Sen. Berkey	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Brandland	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Brown	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Carroll	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Deccio	N	E	Y	A	Y	Y	N	E	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Delvin	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Doumit	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Eide	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Esser	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Fairley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Finkbeiner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Franklin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Fraser	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Hargrove	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Haugen	E	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Hewitt	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Honeyford	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Jacobsen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Johnson	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Kastama	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Keiser	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Kline	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Kohl-Wellies	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. McAuliffe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A
Sen. McCaslin	E	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	E	N	Y	Y
Sen. Morton	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
Sen. Mulliken	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Oke	E	Y	E	Y	E	E	E	E	Y	Y	Y	E
Sen. Parlette	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Pflug	E	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Poulsen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Prentice	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Pridemore	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E
Sen. Rasmussen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Regala	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Roach	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Rockefeller	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Schmidt	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Schoesler	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Sheldon	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Shin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Spanel	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Stevens	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Swecker	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Thibodeau	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Weinstein	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sen. Zarelli	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Vote Count

AWB's Position ▶

	2006	2005	2004
	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Rep. Ahern	91%	100%	100%
Rep. Alexander	96%	96%	87%
Rep. Anderson	86%	96%	87%
Rep. Appleton	43%	21%	NA
Rep. Armstrong	91%	96%	80%
Rep. Bailey	100%	100%	87%
Rep. Blake	61%	22%	53%
Rep. Buck	91%	100%	93%
Rep. Buri	83%	96%	NA
Rep. Campbell	65%	59%	53%
Rep. Chandler	96%	100%	93%
Rep. Chase	39%	17%	33%
Rep. Chopp	43%	21%	57%
Rep. Clements	96%	100%	87%
Rep. Clibborn	43%	25%	60%
Rep. Cody	43%	22%	47%
Rep. Condotta	96%	100%	87%
Rep. Conway	43%	17%	40%
Rep. Cox	91%	100%	87%
Rep. Crouse	91%	100%	100%
Rep. Curtis	86%	100%	NA
Rep. Darnelle	43%	21%	40%
Rep. DeBolt	91%	95%	93%
Rep. Dickerson	39%	21%	53%
Rep. Dunn	87%	100%	NA
Rep. Dunshee	43%	21%	53%
Rep. Eickmeyer	48%	21%	50%
Rep. Ericks	43%	25%	NA
Rep. Ericksen	96%	100%	86%
Rep. Flannigan	43%	21%	33%
Rep. Fromhold	45%	21%	60%
Rep. Grant	48%	25%	60%
Rep. Green	52%	46%	NA
Rep. Haigh	52%	21%	53%
Rep. Haler	87%	83%	NA
Rep. Hankins	83%	75%	67%
Rep. Hasegawa	35%	17%	NA
Rep. Hinkle	96%	96%	100%
Rep. Holmquist	83%	96%	93%
Rep. Hudgins	43%	21%	47%
Rep. Hunt	43%	23%	47%
Rep. Hunter	43%	25%	60%
Rep. Jarrett	70%	87%	73%
Rep. Kagi	43%	21%	47%
Rep. Kenney	43%	17%	47%
Rep. Kessler	48%	25%	60%
Rep. Kilmer	52%	50%	NA
Rep. Kirby	43%	21%	47%
Rep. Kretz	91%	100%	NA

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	70-26	97-0	44-54	70-28	57-41	94-4	96-2	68-30	43-55	42-56	42-56	56-42
	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
	ENVIRONMENTAL								HEALTH CARE			
Rep. Ahern	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Alexander	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Anderson	Y	E	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Appleton	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Armstrong	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Bailey	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Blake	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Buck	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Buri	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Campbell	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Rep. Chandler	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Chase	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Chopp	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Clements	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Clibborn	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Cody	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Condotta	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Conway	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Cox	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Crouse	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Curtis	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Darnelle	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. DeBolt	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Dickerson	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Dunn	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Dunshee	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Eickmeyer	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Ericks	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Ericksen	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Flannigan	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Fromhold	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Grant	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Green	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Haigh	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Haler	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Hankins	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Hasegawa	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Hinkle	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Holmquist	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Hudgins	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Hunt	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Hunter	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Jarrett	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rep. Kagi	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Kenney	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Kessler	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Kilmer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Kirby	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Kretz	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N

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Rep. Kristiansen	91%	100%	93%
Rep. Lantz	43%	25%	60%
Rep. Linville	48%	38%	67%
Rep. Lovick	43%	21%	53%
Rep. McCoy	39%	17%	53%
Rep. McCune	83%	96%	NA
Rep. McDermott	43%	17%	47%
Rep. McDonald	83%	96%	73%
Rep. McIntire	43%	21%	53%
Rep. Miloscia	43%	21%	60%
Rep. Moeller	57%	21%	40%
Rep. Morrell	52%	25%	53%
Rep. Morris	43%	25%	60%
Rep. Murray	43%	21%	47%
Rep. Newhouse	96%	100%	93%
Rep. Nixon	100%	100%	87%
Rep. O'Brien	43%	21%	60%
Rep. Orcutt	87%	100%	100%
Rep. Ormsby	43%	17%	33%
Rep. Pearson	87%	100%	93%
Rep. Pettigrew	43%	21%	53%
Rep. Priest	83%	88%	73%
Rep. Quall	43%	23%	60%
Rep. Roach	91%	100%	100%
Rep. Roberts	43%	21%	NA
Rep. Rodne	83%	92%	86%
Rep. Santos	43%	23%	53%
Rep. Schindler	91%	100%	93%
Rep. Schual-Berke	43%	26%	47%
Rep. Sells	43%	21%	NA
Rep. Serben	87%	100%	NA
Rep. Shabro	91%	96%	80%
Rep. Simpson	43%	21%	40%
Rep. Skinner	87%	95%	80%
Rep. Sommers	43%	21%	60%
Rep. Springer	57%	29%	NA
Rep. Strow	91%	88%	NA
Rep. Sullivan, B.	43%	17%	NA
Rep. Sullivan, P.	43%	33%	43%
Rep. Sump	91%	100%	93%
Rep. Takko	48%	33%	NA
Rep. Talcott	91%	100%	87%
Rep. Tom	87%	86%	80%
Rep. Upthegrove	43%	21%	53%
Rep. Wallace	52%	38%	53%
Rep. Walsh	78%	96%	NA
Rep. Williams	43%	21%	NA
Rep. Wood	43%	21%	40%
Rep. Woods	83%	96%	80%

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	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
	ENVIRONMENTAL						HEALTH CARE					
Rep. Kristiansen	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Lantz	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Linville	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Lovick	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. McCoy	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. McCune	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. McDermott	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. McDonald	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. McIntire	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Miloscia	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Moeller	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Morrell	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Morris	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Murray	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Newhouse	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Nixon	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. O'Brien	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Orcutt	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Ormsby	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Pearson	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Pettigrew	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Priest	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Quall	E	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Roach	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Roberts	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Rodne	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Santos	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Schindler	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Schual-Berke	E	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Sells	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Serben	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Shabro	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Simpson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Skinner	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Sommers	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Springer	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Strow	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Sullivan, B.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Sullivan, P.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Sump	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Takko	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Talcott	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Tom	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Upthegrove	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Wallace	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Walsh	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rep. Williams	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Wood	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Rep. Woods	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N



Sen. Margarita Prentice, D-Renton.

► UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

ESSB 6885 ►

Reforming Unemployment Insurance Laws Passed / AWB Supported

AWB strongly opposed this bill as it originally passed the Senate because it reinstated high benefits, but misdirected supposedly offsetting tax breaks toward the wrong targets, thus creating tax increases for some businesses and decreases for others. Due to tireless negotiations between business, labor, and legislators, the final version of the bill was greatly improved. While the business community lost some of the vital reforms acquired in 2003, they also retained several. Employers may even see tax decreases as long as the UI Trust Fund balance remains high.

► TAX & FISCAL

E3SHB 1484 ►

Property Taxes for School Levies Failed / AWB Opposed

This bill attempted to change the structure of property tax levies for school funding and would have authorized schools to use voter approved school levies for cost of living adjustments for teachers. While the bill did pass the House on a mostly party line vote, AWB was able to block them from passing the Senate.



Sen. Mark Schoesler, R-Ritzville.

HB 2671 ▶

Excise Tax Relief

Passed / AWB Supported

This bill rolled back legislation from 2003 that created a new 5 percent penalty and shortened the period for paying taxes. AWB strongly supported the removal of the assessment penalty and the subsequent rollback of the reporting date. The bill passed unanimously through both houses and the governor signed it into law.

SSB 6594 ▶

Streamlined Sales and Use Tax

Failed / AWB Supported

This bill would have brought Washington's sales tax rules in line with the Federal Streamlined Sales Tax Project. The project is a national effort to simplify sales and use tax administration to ease the burden on businesses operating in multiple states and to create incentives for remote sellers to collect sales and use taxes voluntarily. AWB lobbied hard to seek passage of this bill and considers this a missed opportunity of the 2006 session.

SSB 6781 ▶

Tax Classification for Environmental Remediation

Failed / AWB Supported

This bill re-enacted the law establishing a tax classification for environmental remediation activities, providing a sales and use tax exemption and a preferential business and occupation tax rate of 0.471 percent until July 1, 2010. This bill was a priority during the 2006 session and the employer community actively lobbied legislators for support. The bill passed through both the Senate and the House, but Gov. Gregoire vetoed it. AWB was discouraged when learning of Gov. Gregoire's unwillingness to sign a bill that helps the environment.

ESSB 6896 ▶

State Funding Stabilization

Failed / AWB Opposed

Unfortunately, the Legislature passed ESSB 6896 without the key amendments necessary to ensure a sustainable budget. This bill was included in the voting record twice because the final version omitted two key amendments. The first would have deleted two sections amending Initiative 601 and adjusted the state expenditure limit. The other would have made the bill contingent with voter approval of a resolution establishing a required rainy day fund be added to the state constitution. Unfortunately, lawmakers repeatedly legislated around the requirements of voter approved Initiative 601, which negated the effectiveness of spending limits, and the bill passed without these key amendments.



Rep. Richard DeBolt, R-Chehalis.