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The 2008 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 campaign finance reform, financial privacy protection, health care reform, telecommunications subscribers' rights, assistance to low-income consumers, and safety standards for consumer products.

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 the committee being evaluated, or that the lawmaker had an excused leave of absence from the legislature for the day of a vote. Therefore, they were not scored.

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 – 2008 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 from 2005 through 2008.



2008 CONSUMER SCORECARD FOR STATE LAWMAKERS

Assembly Member	2008 Percent	AB 372 1/28 Floor	AB 583 8/30 Floor	AB 1656 8/31 Floor	AB 1860 8/31 Floor	AB 1943 5/1 Floor	AB 2572 5/29 Floor	AB 2918 8/30 Floor	AB 3011 5/29 Floor	SB 29 8/18 Floor	SB 31 8/12 Floor	SB 823 8/19 Floor	SB 840 8/29 Floor	SB 1096 6/17 Asm Health	SB 1313 8/27 Floor	SB 1420 8/27 Floor	Cumulative Percent (2005-2008)
Adams (R)	29%	R	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	21%
Aghazarian (R)	29%	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	R	24%
Anderson (R)	29%	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	R	R	W	W	--	W	W	22%
Arambula (D)	86%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	83%
Bass (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	98%
Beall (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	100%
Benoit (R)	7%	W	W	W*	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	16%
Berg (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	94%
Berryhill (R)	21%	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	21%
Blakeslee (R)	29%	R	W	R	W	R	R	W	W	W	W*	W	W	--	W	W	25%
Brownley (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W*	R	--	R	R	96%
Caballero(D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	--	R	R	R	R	R*	R	R	96%
C. Calderon (D)	92%	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	--	W	R	R	R	--	R	R	76%
Carter (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R*	R	R	96%
Cook (R)	21%	W*	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	17%
Coto (D)	86%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	91%
Davis (D)	79%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	R	W*	83%
De La Torre (D)	80%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R*	W*	R	89%
de Leon (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	96%
DeSaulnier (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	100%
DeVore (R)	23%	--	W	R	W	W	R*	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	11%
Duvall (R)	14%	W	W	W*	W	W	R*	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	8%
Dymally (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	90%
Emmerson (R)	27%	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R*	W	W	16%
Eng (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	96%
Evans (D)	86%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	94%
Feuer (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	100%
Fuentes (D)	86%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	83%
Fuller (R)	14%	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	17%
Furutani (D)	85%	--	R	R	R	R	W	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	85%

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Gaines (R)	27%	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	23%
Galgiani (D)	57%	R	W	R	R	R	W	R	W*	W	R	R	W*	--	W*	R	50%
Garcia (R)	21%	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W*	22%
Garrick (R)	21%	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	22%
Hancock (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	98%
Hayashi (D)	87%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	92%
Hernandez (D)	87%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R*	R	R	88%
Horton (R)	14%	W*	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	20%
Houston (R)	21%	W	W	R	W	W*	R*	W	W*	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	18%
Huff (R)	27%	W	W	R	W	W	R*	W	W	W	R	W	W	R*	W	W	15%
Huffman (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	100%
Jeffries (R)	21%	W*	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	17%
Jones (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	R	98%
Karnette (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	96%
Keene (R)	21%	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	18%
Krekorian (D)	85%	R	R	R	R	--	R*	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	W*	R	85%
La Malfa (R)	21%	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	14%
Laird (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	98%
Leno (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	100%
Levine (D)	92%	R	W	R	R	--	R*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	90%
Lieber (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R*	R	R	96%
Lieu (D)	79%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	W*	R	R	R	--	R	R	87%
Ma (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	96%
Maze (R)	21%	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	11%
Mendoza (D)	79%	R	W*	R	R	R	W	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	83%
Mullin (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	100%
Nakanishi (R)	20%	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	16%
Nava (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	96%
Niello (R)	14%	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	10%
Nunez (D)	75%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	W*	W*	--	--	--	93%
Parra (D)	64%	R	W	R	R	R	W	R	W	R	R	W*	W	--	R	R	63%
Plescia (R)	21%	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	16%
Portantino (D)	86%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	W*	R	R	R	--	R	R	88%
Price (D)	86%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	91%
S. Runner (R)	0%	--	--	--	--	--	W	--	W	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	12%
Ruskin (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	88%
Salas (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	88%

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Saldana (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	98%
Silva (R)	20%	W	W*	R	W	W	W	W*	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	17%
Smyth (R)	21%	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	17%
Solorio (D)	64%	R	W*	R	R	W*	W	R	W	W*	R	R	R	--	R	R	71%
Soto (D)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	96%
Spitzer (R)	29%	R	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W*	W*	20%
Strickland (R)	29%	W	W	R	W	R	W	W	W	R	R	W	W	--	W	W	20%
Swanson (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	96%
Torrico (D)	86%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W*	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	87%
Tran (R)	10%	W	--	--	--	W	W	--	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	14%
Villines (R)	14%	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	11%
Walters (R)	14%	W	W	W	W	W	R*	W	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	9%
Wolk (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	96%

Bill #/CFC Position

AB 372 - Support

AB 583 - Support

AB 1656 – Support

AB 1860 – Support

AB 1943 – Support

AB 2572 – Oppose

AB 2918 – Support

AB 3011 – Sponsor

SB 29 – Support

SB 31 – Support

SB 823 – Support

SB 840 - Support

SB 1096 – Oppose

SB 1313 – Support

SB 1389 - Oppose

SB 1420 - Support

SB 1423 - Support

Bill Description and Status

Reduces fees and shortens waiting time for consumer security freeze on credit report. Signed into law.

Creates a pilot project whereby candidates for Secretary of State will be eligible to receive public campaign funds for the 2014 and 2018 elections. Signed into law.

Would require businesses and state agencies to better safeguard personal financial information they possess. A retailer responsible for a security breach would need to describe nature of breach in notice to customers. Vetoed.

Bans manufacture or sale of products recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Signed into law.

Requires airlines to provide water, air, and restrooms to passengers stuck on runway for 3 hours. Held in Senate.

Requires restaurant chains to provide nutritional information in format that is difficult for customers to access. Held in Senate Appropriations.

Would prohibit the user of a consumer credit report from obtaining a credit report for employment purposes unless the information is substantially job related or required by law. Vetoed.

Prohibits phone companies from releasing cellular subscriber’s calling records without subscriber’s written consent. Failed in Assembly Floor.

Would allow schools to use radio frequency identification devices (RFID) in student IDs only if parents give their expressed and informed consent. Vetoed.

Would make it illegal to “skim” or surreptitiously read data from an RFID document without the knowledge and consent of the ID holder. Signed into law.

Establishes state agency to regulate for-profit vocational schools. Urgency measure. Vetoed.

Would make all California residents eligible for specified health care benefits under a single-payer Universal Healthcare System. Vetoed.

Amends medical confidentiality law to allow pharmacy to share patient prescription information with certain third parties. Failed in Assembly Health.

Would prohibit the use of food packaging materials that contain specified toxic chemicals and new toxic alternatives that could replace them. Vetoed.

Eliminates PUC authority over telecommunication company mergers. Held in Senate Rules.

Requires restaurant chains to post nutritional information in menus or menu boards. Signed into law.

Prohibits phone companies from charging a fee for an unlisted phone number. Failed in Senate.

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Aanestad (R)	27%	W	W	R	W	--	--	W	W	R	R	W	W	R	W	--	W	W	W*	32%
Ackerman (R)	7%	W	W	W	W	--	W	--	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	--	W	W	9%
Alquist (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	--	--	R	R	94%
Ashburn (R)	33%	R	W	R	W	W	--	--	W	W*	R	W	W	R	W	--	W	W	R	31%
Battin (R)	14%	W	W	W*	W	--	--	--	W	W*	R	W	W	R	W	W	--	W	W	21%
R. Calderon (D)	57%	R	W	R	W*	--	--	--	R	R	R	R	R	W	W	W	--	R	W	55%
Cedillo (D)	81%	R	R	R	W*	R	--	R*	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	--	W	R	R	86%
Cogdill (R)	23%	W	W	R	W	--	--	--	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	--	--	W	W	17%
Corbett (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	100%
Correa (D)	54%	R	W*	R	R	--	--	--	R	R	R	W*	W*	W	W	--	--	R	W*	42%
Cox (R)	25%	W	W	R	W	--	--	W	W	W	R	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	R	22%
Denham (R)	31%	W	W	R	W	--	--	--	W	R	R	W	W	R	W	--	--	W	W	32%
Ducheny (D)	77%	R	W	R	R	--	--	--	W*	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	W*	80%
Dutton (R)	13%	W	W	R	W	--	--	--	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	18%
Florez (D)	71%	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	R	W*	R	R	R	W	R	--	W	R	W	79%
Harman (R)	13%	W	W	W	W	W	W	--	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	--	--	W	W	14%
Hollingsworth (R)	21%	W	W	W	W	W	--	--	W	R	R	W	W	R*	W	--	--	W	W	17%
Kehoe (D)	87%	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	W*	R	R	R	R	W	R	R	--	R	R	94%
Kuehl (D)	94%	R	R	R	R	--	R	W	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	R	94%
Lowenthal (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	96%
Machado (D)	75%	--	R	R	W*	--	--	--	R	R	R	R	W*	R	W	--	--	R	R	64%
Maldonado (R)	33%	R	W	R	W	W*	--	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	R	--	--	R	W	36%
Margett (R)	31%	W	W	R	W	--	--	--	W	R	R	W	W	R	W	--	--	W	W*	25%
McClintock (R)	36%	W	W	R	W	W*	--	--	W	R	R	W	W	R	W	--	--	W	R	28%
Migden (D)	77%	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	R	W*	W*	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	W	91%
Negrete																				
McLeod (D)	64%	R	W	R	R	--	--	W	R	R	R	R	R	W	W*	--	--	R	W	71%
Oropeza (D)	69%	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	R	W*	R	W	W*	R*	W	W*	R	87%
Padilla (D)	64%	W*	R	W*	R	--	--	--	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	W	--	R	W*	76%
Perata (D)	85%	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	--	--	R	W*	89%
Ridley-Thomas (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	--	--	R*	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	--	--	R	W*	92%
Romero (D)	85%	W*	R	R	R	--	--	--	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	--	--	R	R	91%
G. Runner (R)	14%	W*	W	R	W	--	--	--	W	W	R	W	W	W	W	--	W	W	W	18%

¹ Roll call vote taken at 4:53 PM.

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Scott (D)	92%	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	--	R	R	R	R	W	R	--	--	R	R	93%
Simitian (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	98%
Steinberg (D)	93%	R	R	R	R	--	R	R*	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	--	--	R	R	96%
Torlakson (D)	87%	R	R	R	W*	R	--	--	R	R	R	R	R	R*	R	--	R	R	W	90%
Vincent (D)	50%	--	R	--	R	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	W	--	--	--	--	W*	83%
Wiggins (D)	100%	R	R	R	R	--	--	--	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	R	96%
Wyland (R)	30%	R	W	R	W	--	--	W	W	W	R	--	--	W	--	--	--	--	W	17%
Yee (D)	80%	R	R	R	R	R	--	--	R	R	R	R	R	W	R	--	W	R	W	84%

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

Asm. Health = Assembly Health Committee

Sen. Appr. = Senate Appropriations Committee

Sen. E., U., & C. = Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

Sen. Health = Senate Health Committee

Sen. Jud. = Senate Judiciary Committee

Sen. T. & H. = Senate Transportation and Housing Committee