



WELCOME

During the 2021 Legislative Session, O2 Utah tracked 60 different bills. The bills we tracked ranged from air quality, renewable energy, smart growth, public lands, natural resources, good governance, and voter access to the ballot. You can [click here](#) to see the full list of tracked bills as well as O2 Utah's stance on each bill.

REPORT CARD NOTES

You'll find each legislators' overall grade for 2021 as well as the "support of top bills" column which shows support for some of our most important bills in the 2021 legislative session. You may notice that some legislators have a high overall grade, but a lower amount of top bills they supported, or vice versa. This just shows the difference in their support between our top five bills and the overall score of the 60 bills that we tracked. Further, you may see that within the State House of Representatives, HB 209 is the third bill presented, but in the State Senate, SB 205 is the third bill presented. This is because HB 209 did not make it to the Senate and SB 205 did not make it to the House.



TOP BILLS

HOUSE BILL 17

Category | Renewable Energy

Stance | **Bad Bill**

Chief Sponsor | Rep. Steve Handy (R)

Short Title | Utility Permitting

Amendments

Description | Prohibits municipalities and counties from making certain restrictions on energy utility services.

Why it's Bad | Prohibited municipalities & counties from banning natural gas utilities, making it impossible to achieve 100% renewable energy at the local level

Status | Passed both House & Senate; signed by Governor

HOUSE BILL 197

Category | Voter Access

Stance | **Bad Bill**

Chief Sponsor | Rep. Jordan Teuscher (R)

Short Title | Voter Affiliation

Amendments

Description | Amends the Election Code relating to a voter's change of political party affiliation.

Why it's Bad | Limits voter choice by making it harder to participate in primary elections

Status | Passed both House & Senate; became law without Governor signature

HOUSE BILL 209

Category | Air Quality

Stance | **Bad Bill**

Chief Sponsor | Rep. Kay Christofferson (R)

Short Title | Vehicle Registration Fee Revisions

Description | Increases vehicle registration fees on electric, plug-in hybrid, and other vehicles.

Why it's Bad | Would make Utah the most expensive state in the nation to register electric & hybrid vehicles

Status | Failed in the House

HOUSE BILL 91

Category | Air Quality

Stance | **Good Bill**

Chief Sponsor | Rep. Andrew Stoddard (D)

Short Title | Tax Credit for Alternative Fuel Heavy Duty Vehicles

Description | Reenacts a tax credit related to certain alternative fuel heavy duty vehicles.

Why it's Good | Incentivizes the use of cleaner fuels for heavy duty vehicles

Status | Passed both House & Senate; signed by Governor



TOP BILLS (continued)

HOUSE BILL 224

Category | Natural Resources

Stance | Good Bill

Chief Sponsor | Rep. Ashlee Matthews (D)

Short Title | Pollinator Amendments

Description | Creates a pilot program to address issues related to pollinators.

Why it's Good | Creates a pilot program to conserve our state's bee colonies

Status | Passed both House & Senate; signed by Governor

SENATE BILL 205

Category | Voter Access

Stance | Bad Bill

Chief Sponsor | Sen. Dan McCay (R)

Short Title | Election Process Amendments

Description | Amends provisions relating to the conduct of elections.

Why it's Bad | Allows political parties to eliminate the ability to petition a candidate onto the ballot

Status | Failed in the Senate



METHODOLOGY

Our grading system is based on both positive and negative points, which are weighted differently based on whether it's a bill or resolution. Further, we grade on a curve, separated by each legislative chamber, meaning the State House member who had the highest score sets the ceiling for the House chamber and receives an A+, while the State House member who receives the lowest score sets the floor for the House chamber and receives an F. All other scores lay within the ceiling and floor and are graded accordingly. We do the same thing for the Senate chamber. We grade the two legislative chambers separately to give a more accurate representation of the legislators' voting records by grading them directly against their legislative chamber colleagues.

HERE'S HOW OUR GRADING SYSTEM WORKS

BILLS

Positive bills

- ❖ Sponsor/co-sponsor: **+4 points**
- ❖ Yes vote: **+2 points**
- ❖ No vote: **-2 points**
- ❖ Absent: **0 points**

Negative bills

- ❖ Sponsor/co-sponsor: **-4 points**
- ❖ Yes vote: **-2 points**
- ❖ No vote: **+2 points**
- ❖ Absent: **0 points**

RESOLUTIONS

Positive resolutions

- ❖ Sponsor/co-sponsor: **+2 points**
- ❖ Yes vote: **+1 points**
- ❖ No vote: **-1 points**
- ❖ Absent: **0 points**

Negative resolutions

- ❖ Sponsor/co-sponsor: **-2 points**
- ❖ Yes vote: **-1 points**
- ❖ No vote: **+1 points**
- ❖ Absent: **0 points**



O₂ Utah: 2021 Utah State Legislature Report Card Utah State House of Representatives

Republican		✗ Negative Vote		Overall 2021 Grade	Support of Top Bills	Renewable Energy		Air Quality		Voter Access		Air Quality		Natural Resources	
Democrat		✓ Positive Vote				HB 17 Bad Bill		HB 91 Good Bill		HB 197 Bad Bill		HB 209 Bad Bill		HB 224 Good Bill	
** Sponsor		"N/A" Abstain													
District #	Representative														
1	Ferry, Joel	C-	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
2	Moss, Jefferson	D	0/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	A	N/A	A	N/A	A	N/A
3	Peterson, Michael	D-	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	N	✓	N	✗
4	Johnson, Dan	C-	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
5	Snider, Casey	D	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
6	Maloy, A. Cory	C-	2/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓	Y	✓
7	Wilcox, Ryan	F	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	N	✓	N	✗
8	Waldrup, Steve	B-	4/5	Y	✗	Y**	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
9	Musselman, Calvin	C	3/5	A	N/A	Y	✓	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓	Y	✓
10	Lesser, Rosemary	A-	5/5	N	✓	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
11	Miles, Kelly	C+	3/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓	Y	✓
12	Schultz, Mike	D	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
13	Ray, Paul	C-	3/5	Y	✗	N	✗	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
14	Lisonbee, Karianne	D+	2/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓	Y	✓
15	Wilson, Brad	C-	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	A	N/A	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
16	Handy, Stephen	B	4/5	Y**	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
17	Barlow, Stewart	C	3/5	A	N/A	N	✗	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
18	Hawkes, Timothy	C	1/5	A	N/A	N	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
19	Ward, Raymond	C	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	A	N/A
20	Ballard, Melissa	C-	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
21	Sagers, Douglas	C+	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	A	N/A	Y	✓	Y	✓
22	Collard, Clare	B+	4/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
23	Hollins, Sandra	A	5/5	N	✓	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
24	Dailey-Provost, Jennifer	A-	5/5	N	✓	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
25	Briscoe, Joel	A+	5/5	N	✓	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
26	Romero, Angela	A	5/5	N	✓	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
27	Brammer, Brady	D	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
28	King, Brian	B+	4/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
29	Gwynn, Matthew	D	2/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓	Y	✓
30	Winder, Mike	C+	3/5	N	✓	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
31	Weight, Elizabeth	A	5/5	N	✓	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
32	Harrison, Suzanne	A-	5/5	N	✓	Y**	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
33	Hall, Craig	B-	4/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
34	Kwan, Karen	B+	5/5	N	✓	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓

35	Wheatley, Mark	B+	5/5	N	✓	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
36	Owens, Doug	A+	5/5	N	✓	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
37	Moss, Carol Spackman	A-	5/5	N	✓	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
38	Matthews, Ashlee	B+	4/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y**	✓
39	Dunnigan, James	C	4/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
40	Pitcher, Stephanie	B-	3/5	A	N/A	Y	✓	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓
41	Strong, Mark	D	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	A	N/A	Y	✗	Y	✓
42	Teuscher, Jordan	D+	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y**	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
43	Acton, Cheryl	C-	3/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓
44	Stoddard, Andrew	B+	5/5	N	✓	Y**	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
45	Eliason, Steve	C+	4/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
46	Bennion, Gay Lynn	A	5/5	N	✓	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
47	Christiansen, Steve	F	0/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	N	✗
48	Stratton, Keven	D+	2/5	Y	✗	N	✗	N	✓	Y	✗	Y	✓
49	Spendlove, Robert	C	4/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
50	Pulsipher, Susan	C-	2/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓
51	Stenquist, Jeffrey	C-	3/5	Y	✗	N	✗	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
52	Pierucci, Candice	D+	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
53	Birkeland, Kera	D+	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	A	N/A
54	Kohler, Mike	D	2/5	N	✓	N	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
55	Chew, Scott	D+	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
56	Christofferson, Kay	D+	1/5	A	N/A	N	✗	Y	✗	Y**	✗	Y	✓
57	Hawkins, Jon	C-	0/5	A	N/A	A	N/A	A	N/A	A	N/A	A	N/A
58	Lund, Steven	C-	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
59	Peterson, Val	D+	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
60	Abbott, Nelson	C	3/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓
61	Judkins, Marsha	B-	4/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓
62	Seegmiller, Travis	D-	2/5	N	✓	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	N	✗
63	Robertson, Adam	D-	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
64	Thurston, Norman	D+	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	N	✓	Y	✗	N	✗
65	Gibson, Francis	D	1/5	Y	✗	N	✗	A	N/A	Y	✗	Y	✓
66	Burton, Jefferson	C	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
67	Welton, Doug	C+	3/5	N	✓	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓
68	Nelson, Merrill	D+	2/5	Y	✗	N	✗	N	✓	Y	✗	Y	✓
69	Watkins, Christine	C	2/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓
70	Albrecht, Carl	C-	2/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓
71	Last, Bradley	D	0/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	A	N/A	A	N/A
72	Shipp, Rex	D	2/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓
73	Lyman, Phil	D+	2/5	Y	✗	N	✗	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓
74	Snow, V. Lowry	C-	3/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓
75	Brooks, Walt	D	1/5	Y	✗	A	N/A	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓



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Democrat		✓ Positive Vote				HB 17 Bad Bill		HB 91 Good Bill		HB 197 Bad Bill		SB 205 Bad Bill		HB 224 Good Bill	
** Sponsor		"N/A" Abstain													
District #	Senator														
1	Escamilla, Luz	A+	4/5	N	✓	Y	✓	A	N/A	N	✓	Y	✓		
2	Kitchen, Derek	A+	4/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓		
3	Davis, Gene	D+	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
4	Iwamoto, Jani	A+	4/5	N	✓	A	N/A	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓		
5	Mayne, Karen	B	4/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	N	✓	N	✓	Y	✓		
6	Harper, Wayne	F	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
7	McKell, Michael	C+	3/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	A	N/A	N	✓	Y	✓		
8	Riebe, Kathleen	A	4/5	N	✓	Y	✓	A	N/A	N	✓	Y	✓		
9	Cullimore, Kirk	C	1/5	Y	✗	A	N/A	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
10	Fillmore, Lincoln	D	1/5	Y	✗	Y**	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	N	✗		
11	McCay, Daniel	F	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y**	✗	Y	✓		
12	Thatcher, Daniel	C-	3/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓		
13	Anderegg, Jacob	D-	2/5	A	N/A	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
14	Kennedy, Michael	D-	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
15	Grover, Keith	D-	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
16	Bramble, Curtis	C	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y**	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
17	Sandall, Scott	D	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
18	Milner, Ann	C-	2/5	Y	✗	A	N/A	A	N/A	N	✓	Y	✓		
19	Johnson, John	D-	1/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	N	✗		
20	Buxton, David	C-	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
21	Stevenson, Jerry	D	3/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓		
22	Adams, J. Stuart	D	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
23	Weiler, Todd	D+	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
24	Owens, Derrin	F	1/5	Y	✗	A	N/A	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
25	Wilson, Chris	D	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
26	Winterton, Ronald	C-	2/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
27	Hinkins, David	D	2/5	Y**	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	Y	✗	Y	✓		
28	Vickers, Evan	C	3/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	N	✓	Y**	✓		
29	Ipson, Don	D+	3/5	Y	✗	Y	✓	Y	✗	N	✓	Y	✓		