



East King County  
**Chambers of Commerce**  
Legislative Coalition

2011

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LEGISLATIVE  
REPORT CARD

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Description		2011-2013 Bienium Budget	Innovation Schools	405 HOT Lane Study	Transportation Budget	Unemployment Insurance Restructuring	Workers' Compensation Reform	Solar Systems Incentives	Impact Fee Usage	Washington State Health Care Exchange	Information Technology Protection	Small Business Violations				
Bill Number		1087	1546	1382	1175	5135	2123	5526	1953	5445	1495	1150				
House Vote		54-42	46-1	51-44	87-9	98-0	69-26	95-2	79-18	75-22	85-11	96-0				
Senate Vote		34-13	96-0	36-13	39-9	46-1	35-12	47-0	28-20	32-16	39-7	47-0				
Coalition Position		S	S	O	S	S	S	S	S	O	S	S	2011 Score	2011	2010 Score	Lifetime Average
Rep. Anderson	R-5	○	●	E	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	8	73%	83%	87%
Rep. Clibborn	D-41	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	9	82%	58%	75%
Rep. Eddy	D-48	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	9	82%	67%	72%
Rep. Goodman	D-45	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	8	73%	58%	67%
Rep. Hargrove	R-47	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	9	82%	-	82%
Rep. Hunter	D-48	●	●	○	E	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	8	73%	58%	73%
Rep. Kagi	D-32	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	9	82%	58%	70%
Rep. Maxwell	D-41	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	9	82%	50%	65%
Rep. Moscoso	D-1	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	8	73%	-	73%
Rep. Rodne	R-5	○	●	E	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	E	8	73%	92%	87%
Rep. Ryu	D-32	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	E	○	●	●	7	64%	-	64%
Rep. Springer	D-45	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	9	82%	58%	68%
Rep. Stanford	D-1	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	8	73%	-	73%
Rep. Sullivan	D-47	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	9	82%	58%	67%
Sen. Chase	D-32	○	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	7	64%	50%	61%
Sen. Fain	R-47	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	8	73%	-	73%
Sen. Hill	R-45	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	8	73%	-	73%
Sen. Litzow	R-41	○	●	○	●	●	●	E	●	○	●	●	7	64%	-	64%
Sen. McAuliffe	D-1	●	●	○	●	●	○	E	●	○	●	●	7	64%	50%	62%
Sen. Pflug	R-5	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	7	64%	70%	82%
Sen. Tom	D-48	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	8	73%	70%	76%
Governor Gregoire	D	PV	L	L	PV	L	L	L	L	L	L	L				

**Legend**

- S** - Supported by Coalition
- O** - Opposed by Coalition
- - Supported Coalition Position
- - Opposed Coalition Position
- E** - Excused
- L** - Governor signed into law
- PV** - Governor partial veto

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The East King County Chambers of Commerce Legislative Coalition is proud to release its 2011 Legislative Report Card. Each year, the Coalition releases the report card following the Legislative Session as a way to rate Eastside Legislators on East King County business objectives. Only bills that received a final floor vote and falls within the Coalition's policy objectives are considered. The Coalition determines whether it supports or opposes legislation based on the positions outlined in our annual Legislative Agenda that is approved by every Chamber Board of Directors involved in the Coalition.

We have moved to a new easier to read format for our report card this year. Instead of a series of "Y's" and "N's" we are using circles to indicate how a lawmaker voted. If the legislator voted in support of the Coalition's position, it is marked by a black circle. If the legislator did not support our position, it is indicated by an empty circle. As we have done in the past, we have scored an absence as a vote against our position. Additionally, the Coalition included last year's scores for comparison purposes, as well as the average Coalition scores of legislators during their time in Olympia.

The Washington State Legislature took several steps in the right direction for the East King County business community during the 2011 session. With drastic revenue shortfalls, it would have been tempting for Legislators to seek out new sources of revenue that would have had a profoundly negative impact on businesses during these uncertain times. Instead, legislators worked together to develop a budget that held the line on taxes and included other key reforms that will have a positive impact on the business community.

The budget was not perfect, no budget is, but it was forward-looking and did not raise taxes. We felt the budget could have taken stronger steps to reduce employee pay and benefits, but it did take steps in those directions and we recognize that these are ongoing issues we hope our legislators will continue to seek to improve.

Legislators also worked across the aisle to reform our state's broken workers' compensation system. While we felt the legislation could have been stronger, it was an important step in the right direction. Additionally, rather than allow unemployment insurance rates to rise in a way that would have cost Washington state businesses approximately \$300 million, our legislators worked together to prevent this tax increase on the business community.

The Coalition appreciates these important steps taken by the Legislature this year. We hope lawmakers will continue to work with the business community to address concerns in order to create an environment in our state that promotes job creation. We look forward to continuing to be a part of those discussions and advocating on behalf of those issues that matter the most to the East King County business community.

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COALITION SPONSORS...



Sincerely,

Kathy Putt  
2011-2012 Coalition Chair  
East King County Chambers of  
Commerce Legislative Coalition