

Tax and Spend Scorecard - Senate

(see vote descriptions below)

Record Vote Number/Link	VN	VN	VN	VN	VN	VN	VN	VN	VN	VN	VN	VN	VN	VN	VN	%
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	For	
Chosen Favorable Position	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	100	
Sen. Eltife, Kevin (R-1)	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	71	
Sen. Janek, Kyle (R-17)	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	71	
Sen. Staples, Todd (R-3)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	64	
Sen. Jackson, Mike (R-11)	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	64	
Sen. Brimer, Kenneth (R-10)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57	
Sen. Deuell, Bob (R-2)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57	
Sen. Duncan, Robert (R-28)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57	
Sen. Estes, Craig (R-30)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57	
Sen. Hinojosa, Juan (D-20)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	57	
Sen. Nelson, Jane (R-12)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57	
Sen. Ogden, Steve (R-5)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57	
Sen. Seliger, Kel (R-31)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57	
Sen. Shapiro, Florence (R-8)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57	
Sen. Wentworth, Jeff (R-25)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57	
Sen. Williams, Thomas (R-4)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	57	
Sen. Averitt, Kip (R-22)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	50	
Sen. Madla, Frank (D-19)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	50	
Sen. Lindsay, Jon (R-7)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	50	
Sen. Armbrister, Kenneth (D-18)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	43	
Sen. Harris, Chris (R-9)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	43	
Sen. Whitmire, John (D-15)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	43	
Sen. Barrientos, Gonzalo (D-14)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	36	
Sen. Gallegos, Mario (D-6)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	36	
Sen. Lucio, Eduardo (D-27)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	36	
Sen. Van de Putte, Leticia (D-26)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	36	
Sen. Zaffirini, Judith (D-21)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	36	
Sen. Shapleigh, Eliot (D-29)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	Y	N	N	N	36	
Sen. West, Royce (D-23)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	A	36	
Sen. Ellis, Rodney (D-13)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	A	A	N	36	
Sen. Fraser, Troy (R-24)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	A	36	
Sen. Carona, John (R-16)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	A	A	29	

Record Vote Descriptions

Vote #1 Adopt floor amendment 2 to CSHB 2

Amendment by Barrientos

Journal page: 89

Conservative vote: No

Amendment description: HB 2 as reported from the House requires 2/3 of the money appropriated from the fund be used only for purposes that will result in a reduction in the maintenance and operations for a school district and 1/3 to be allocated to the TEA for the purpose of increasing the basic allotment to school districts. Amendment 2 would require only 1/3 be allotted to the districts and 2/3 be allotted to the TEA.

Conservative Principle: Fails to avoid making government bigger.

Vote total: 10y/21n

Vote #2 Table floor amendment 3 to CSHB 2

Amendment by: Whitmire

Journal page: 90

Conservative vote: Yes

Amendment description: This amendment would have placed an expiration date of September 1, 2012 on the property tax relief

Conservative principle: Violates protecting future generations from becoming encumbered by debt.

Vote total: 21y/10n

Vote #3 CSHB 2 Passage to engrossment

Senate Sponsor: Williams

Journal page: 90

Conservative vote: Yes

Bill description: The House version of HB 2 specifically called for the creation of a fund to reduce property taxes, however the senate version strips the language that requires the revenue to go directly to property tax reductions.

Conservative principle: Violates reducing the overall tax burden.

Vote total: 21y/10n

Vote #4 Motion to suspend regular order of business to take up HB 3 for second reading

Motion by: Ogden

Journal page: 90-91

Conservative vote: No

Amendment description: This motion allowed the suspension of the rules in order for the senate to vote on HB 3 which increases the tax on businesses in Texas.

Conservative principle: Does not provide visible taxation.

Vote total: 21y/10n

Vote #5 HB 3 passage to engrossment

Senate sponsor: Ogden

Journal page: 91

Conservative vote: No

Amendment description: Increases the gross receipts taxes in Texas which makes the cost of doing business in Texas higher. This cost will ultimately be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher prices.

Conservative principle: Does not provide visible taxation.

Vote total: 18y/13n

absent

Vote #6 Suspension of regular order of business to take up HB 3 for third reading

Senate Sponsor: Ogden

Journal page: 101

Conservative vote: No

Amendment description: This vote was to suspend the regular order of business in order to vote on HB 3 which would increase the gross receipt taxes. This motion required a 2/3 vote in order for the vote to occur.

Conservative principle: Does not provide visible taxation.

Vote total: 20y/11n

Vote #7 Suspension of regular order of business to take up HB 3 for third reading

Senate sponsor: Ogden

Journal page: 102

Conservative vote: No

Amendment description: The previous vote to suspend the regular order of business failed to receive the 2/3 necessary to prevail. A second vote was taken shortly after the first the departure of Senator Jon Lindsay allowed created a 2/3 majority.

Conservative principle: Does not provide visible taxation.

Vote total: 20y/10n/1 absent

Vote #8 HB 3 final passage

Senate sponsor: Ogden

Journal page: 102

Conservative vote: No

Amendment description: Increases the gross receipts taxes in Texas which makes the cost of doing business in Texas higher. This cost will ultimately be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher prices.

Conservative principle: Violates Does not provide visible taxation.

Vote total: 16y/14n/1absent

Vote #9 Reconsider final passage of CSHB 2

Motion by: Williams

Journal page: 127

Conservative vote: Yes

Amendment description: HB 2 had received a vote on final passage but because of some confusion the senators took another vote after receiving clarification.

Conservative principle: Violates Reduces the overall tax burden.

Vote total: 20y/10n/1 absent

Vote #10 Table floor amendment 11 to CSHB 1

Amendment by: Barrientos

Journal page: 143

Conservative vote: Yes

Amendment description: Amendment 11 changes the bill to require an election to ensure a majority of the classroom teachers to support the campus incentive program that has been created for the campus.

Conservative principle: Maintains the division of power between levels of government.

Vote total: 21y/10n

Vote #11 CSHB 1 passage to engrossment

Senate sponsor: Shapiro

Journal page: 149

Conservative vote: No

Description: Although this bill decreases the property tax rate it also increases spending by the state. It also mandates a school start date which removes power from the local school districts.

Conservative principle: Violates the protection of future generations from becoming encumbered by debt. It violate maintaining a division of power between the levels of government.

Vote total: 31y/0n

Vote #12 Motion to grant a conference committee for HB 2

Motion by: Williams

Journal page: 165

Conservative vote: Yes

Description: The members of the House had some disagreements with the Senate version of the bill. This vote would allow the House and Senate to create a conference committee to work out the differences.

Conservative principle: Reduces the overall tax burden.

Vote total: 18y/7n/6 absent

Vote #13 Motion to table instructions of conferees on CSHB 2

Motion by: Williams

Journal page: 165

Conservative vote: Yes

Description: Senator Shapleigh moved to instruct the conferees to honor the intent of the Senate on the investment in public education and to honor that dedication language to public education.

Conservative principle: Reduces the overall tax burden.

Vote total: 16y/9n/6 absent

Vote #14 Adoption of the conference committee report on CSHB 2

Senate sponsor: Williams

Journal page: 183

Conservative vote: Yes

Description: The conference committee report included a provision that allowed some of the revenue in this fund to be used for property tax equalization.

Conservative principle: Reduces the overall tax burden.

Total vote: 19y/8n/4