

2014 Sutherland Institute Legislative Scorecard

After analyzing and tracking the 784 bills introduced during the 2014 general session, Sutherland Institute has selected 17 bills voted on in the Senate and 18 in the House. The bills were selected for their bearing on sound conservative public policy and were not necessarily priority bills for Sutherland.

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Rank	Sutherland's position		<u> </u>	N	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	N
15	Adams, Stuart*	R	80%																	
23	Bramble, Curtis	R	69%																	
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29	Dabakis, Jim	D	50%																	
26	Davis, Gene*	D	59%																	
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26	Mayne, Karen*	D	59%																	
15	Niederhauser, Wayne*	R	80%																	
24	Okerlund, Ralph*	R	67%																	
15	Osmond, Aaron	R	80%																	
3	Reid, Stuart	R	94%																	
25	Robles, Luz*	D	64%																	
21	Shiozawa, Brian	R	71%																	
5	Stephenson, Howard	R	93%																	
13	Stevenson, Jerry*	R	81%																	
15	Thatcher, Daniel	R	80%																	
20	Urquhart, Steve	R	75%																	
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61	Cosgrove, Tim*	D	59%																		
44	Cox, Jon	R	72%																		
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33	Draxler, Jack	R	78%																		
72	Duckworth, Susan	D	50%																		
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44	Greenwood, Richard	R	72%																		
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64	Hemingway, Lynn	D	57%																		
14	Hughes, Gregory*	R	87%																		
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70	King, Brian	D	53%																		
16	Knotwell, John	R	83%																		
30	Last, Bradley	R	81%																		
1	Layton, Dana	R	94%																		
8	Lifferth, David	R	89%																		
6	Lockhart, Rebecca *	R	92%																		
25	Mathis, John	R	82%																		
16	McCay, Daniel	R	83%																		
60	McIff, Kay	R	60%																		
25	McKell, Mike	R	82%																		
38	Menlove, Ronda Rudd	R	76%																		
65	Moss, Carol Spackman	D	56%																		
44	Nelson, Merrill	R	72%																		
33	Nielson, Jim	R	78%																		
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25	Oda, Curtis	R	82%																		
41	Perry, Lee	R	75%																		
16	Peterson, Jeremy	R	83%																		
1	Peterson, Val	R	94%																		
38	Pitcher, Dixon	R	76%																		
65	Poulson, Marie	D	56%																		
44	Powell, Kraig	R	72%																		
58	Ray, Paul	R	63%																		
16	Redd, Edward	R	83%																		
8	Roberts, Marc	R	89%																		
70	Romero, Angela	D	53%																		
54	Sagers, Douglas	R	69%																		
33	Sanpei, Dean*	R	78%																		
61	Seelig, Jennifer*	D	59%																		

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33	Spendlove, Robert	R	78%																		
6	Stanard, Jon	R	92%																		
16	Stratton, Keven	R	83%																		
16	Tanner, Earl	R	83%																		
8	Webb, Curt	R	89%																		
59	Westwood, John	R	61%																		
72	Wheatley, Mark	D	50%																		
1	Wilcox, Ryan	R	94%																		
75	Wiley, Larry	D	44%																		
25	Wilson, Brad*	R	82%																		

Lifetime Legislator Scores (2012-2014)

Senate (1-3 years scored depending on years served)

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Adams, Stuart	90%	Niederhauser, Wayne	90%
Bramble, Curtis	85%	Okerlund, Ralph	79%
Christensen, Allen	84%	Osmond, Aaron	86%
Dabakis, Jim	46%	Reid, Stuart	91%
Davis, Gene	50%	Robles, Luz	50%
Dayton, Margaret	98%	Shiozawa, Brian	65%
Harper, Wayne	86%	Stephenson, Howard	98%
Henderson, Deidre	94%	Stevenson, Jerry	87%
Hillyard, Lyle	78%	Thatcher, Daniel	83%
Hinkins, David	86%	Urquhart, Steve	80%
Jenkins, Scott	97%	Valentine, John	91%
Jones, Patricia	56%	Van Tassell, Kevin	83%
Knudson, Peter	79%	Vickers, Evan	83%
Madsen, Mark	100%	Weiler, Todd	86%
Mayne, Karen	54%		

House (1-3 years scored depending on years served)

Anderegg, Jacob	82%	Dee, Brad	73%	Hughes, Gregory	87%	Menlove, Ronda Rudd	72%	Romero, Angela	32%
Anderson, Jerry	73%	Draxler, Jack	68%	Hutchings, Eric	71%	Moss, Carol Spackman	43%	Sagers, Douglas	74%
Anderson, Johnny	60%	Duckworth, Susan	42%	Ipson, Don	80%	Nelson, Merrill	64%	Sanpei, Dean	83%
Arent, Patrice	35%	Dunnigan, James	64%	Ivory, Ken	89%	Nielson, Jim	76%	Seelig, Jennifer	33%
Barlow, Stewart	76%	Edwards, Rebecca	65%	Kennedy, Michael	91%	Noel, Michael	84%	Snow, Lowry	74%
Barrus, Roger	83%	Eliason, Steve	80%	King, Brian	36%	Oda, Curtis	89%	Spendlove, Robert	78%
Bird, Jim	56%	Fisher, Janice	36%	Knotwell, John	78%	Perry, Lee	68%	Stanard, Jon	82%
Briscoe, Joel	39%	Froerer, Gage	77%	Last, Bradley	77%	Peterson, Jeremy	85%	Stratton, Keven	82%
Brown, Melvin	86%	Gibson, Francis	73%	Layton, Dana	84%	Peterson, Val	89%	Tanner, Earl	81%
Chavez-Houck, Rebecca	38%	Greene, Brian	82%	Lifferth, David	84%	Pitcher, Dixon	76%	Webb, Curt	80%
Christensen, LaVar	84%	Greenwood, Richard	72%	Lockhart, Rebecca	92%	Poulson, Marie	40%	Westwood, John	61%
Christofferson, Kay	77%	Grover, Keith	98%	Mathis, John	82%	Powell, Kraig	61%	Wheatley, Mark	29%
Cosgrove, Tim	39%	Hall, Craig	58%	McCay, Daniel	83%	Ray, Paul	58%	Wilcox, Ryan	93%
Cox, Jon	72%	Handy, Stephen	65%	McIff, Kay	73%	Redd, Edward	61%	Wiley, Larry	33%
Cunningham, Rich	53%	Hemingway, Lynn	34%	McKell, Mike	75%	Roberts, Marc	84%	Wilson, Brad	77%