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CLEAN WATER ACTION'S New Jersey Legislative Scorecard 2020–2021

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Clean Water Action's New Jersey Legislative Scorecard 2020–2021 scores every New Jersey state legislator on votes, action and leadership on significant environmental activity (bills, funding, appointments) between December 2019 – September 2021. The full report is available at www.CleanWaterAction.org/NJscorecard2021.

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Executive Summary:

The world looked very different when Clean Water Action last assessed the New Jersey legislature two years ago. Since then, New Jersey has faced multiple catastrophes, taking one of the earliest and hardest hits of the pandemic and the devastation of Hurricane Ida. The climate emergency, as well as racial and democratic crises, have accelerated. Urgent action is needed now to create a healthier future for New Jersey families and generations to come.

In the face of these crises, the New Jersey legislature has risen to the challenge, passing nearly a dozen major pro-environment laws which include national models like the landmark Environmental Justice Law. Eight of these laws were highlighted as “stalled” in [Clean Water Action’s 2019 Scorecard](#), making their passage all the more noteworthy.

This scorecard identifies the 16 most environmentally significant bills the legislature considered in the past two years. The pro-environment position succeeded 11 times and failed twice, while 3 bills are still pending. A majority of Democrats took the pro-environment position most of the time while a majority of Republicans took the anti-environment position at a similar rate.

Despite this progress, there is still much to be done. The legislature must get the three stalled bills, Clean Energy Equity, the Green Amendment, and Recycled Content, across the finish line. The state must also stop underfunding clean energy and mass transit. Most critically, the legislature must work with the governor’s office to mount a response to the climate crisis that meets the urgency of the moment. The torrential rains of Ida are only the beginning, and New Jersey must confront the crisis as soon as the legislature returns in November, to ensure a livable future.

Additionally, while the governor and legislature did significantly expand voting opportunities in response to COVID, there are still many pro-democracy reforms that need to be made in New Jersey. Party line primary ballots, problematic redistricting, and legislative practices that stifle public engagement all alienate too many New Jerseyans, and public policy suffers. At a time when some states are shrinking access to the ballot box, New Jersey has an opportunity to lead the way and expand public participation.

This scorecard also highlights the leadership of legislators who fight for clean air, clean water, and a sustainable future. Sadly, two of the state’s biggest environmental champions, Senators Kip Bateman (R-Somerset) and Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen) are retiring. Tackling the environmental and social justice challenges confronting New Jersey will require the leadership of the legislative champions highlighted in this scorecard, both old and new.

Progress in Challenging Times: Stalled Bills Now Law

In 2019, Clean Water Action gave the legislature a failing grade for leaving too many good bills stranded in committees, languishing in wait for a floor vote, or saddled with terrible amendments. The good news? Since then, the legislature has passed most of those bills! In a year of bad news, here is some very good news.

Environmental Justice Law (S232/A2212)

This bill, the strongest of its kind in the nation, is a triumph that found its way to passage via the unique events of 2020. The knowledge that covid was disproportionately killing residents of historically overburdened and polluted communities coupled with the summer of nationwide activism for black lives got this bill, first introduced in 2008, across the finish line. It directs the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to deny or condition certain permits due to cumulative, disproportionate impacts of pollution in environmental justice communities. Clean Water Action and its allies worked

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for decades to ensure this bill became law. Senators Loretta Weinberg, Theresa Ruiz, and Ron Rice, Assemblyman John McKeon, and especially Senator Troy Singleton led the way in finally securing the bill's passage.

Lead Service Line Replacement Law (S3398/A5343)

In the 2018-2019 session, there were more than 40 bills related to lead that were proposed, but only a minor one became law, despite the threat lead poses in drinking water. This session, several bills addressing lead in water became law. This bill, the most significant of the bunch, mandates that water providers inventory all of their lead service lines within a year, requires replacement of them within 10 years, and spreads the costs across their entire rate base rather than leaving individual property owners on the hook.

Bag Ban Law (S864/A1978)

In 2018, Governor Murphy rightfully vetoed a plastic bag fee bill because it would not meaningfully address the problem of plastic bags clogging water infrastructure and polluting streams and coastlines. Clean Water Action supported his veto and called on the legislature to pass a stronger response to plastic pollution in its 2019 Scorecard. This term, the legislature responded by passing this bill, the strongest law in the nation to reduce single-use waste. The legislation bans single-use plastic carryout bags and polystyrene foam food service ware, allows plastic straws only on request, and phases out paper bags at large grocery stores.

Food Waste Law (S865/A2371)

This law requires large scale food waste generators such as prisons, restaurants, university dining halls, and grocery stores to separate their food waste and send it to an authorized composting facility. As noted in the 2019 Scorecard, the legislature had passed a version of the bill last session that included massive loopholes allowing food waste to continue to be sent to landfills and incinerators. Governor Murphy rightly vetoed that version. In the 2020-2021 session, the bill passed with the exemptions removed.

Electric Vehicles Law (S2252/A4819)

In the 2019 Scorecard, Clean Water Action highlighted the plight of this bill, which would increase the use of electric vehicles, because it was stuck in committee. After a final push in the final days of the lame duck session in early 2020, this bill finally came to a floor vote, passed, and was signed by Governor Murphy. The law establishes a rebate program for the purchase of passenger electric vehicles and directs NJ Transit to transition its entire fleet to zero-emission buses.

Measuring Climate Impacts Law (S3215/A4606)

As of the publication of the 2019 Scorecard, this bill was stalled in the legislature, but it finally passed at the end of the lame duck session. It requires all state agencies to use a 20-year time horizon in addition to a 100-year horizon to more accurately calculate the global warming potential of greenhouse gas emissions. In particular, the shorter timeline better documents the need for drastic reductions in methane and black carbon, which are much more potent climate pollutants than CO2 emissions in the short term.

Millionaire's Tax (S2949/A10)

The Democratic-controlled legislature passed versions of a Millionaire's Tax for years under Governor Christie knowing he would never sign it. Clean Water Action noted in the 2019 Scorecard that once Governor Murphy took office, the Democratic legislative leadership stopped passing this tax increase on the state's wealthiest despite pressing needs in our state budget continuing to go underfunded including water infrastructure, clean energy, and mass transit. In the fall of 2020, the legislature finally agreed to send a tax increase on incomes of over \$1 million to the governor's desk. The state is estimated to collect an additional \$390 million in the first year, and it is a step towards ensuring that the state's wealthiest residents pay their fair share.

Still Stuck: Priorities That Still Require Action

While it is great that so many of Clean Water Action's stalled 2019 priorities have finally passed, it should not require years of struggle and a singularly unique political climate to finally see the light of day. Passage of bills to protect public health, ensure that New Jersey residents drink clean water, fight the climate crisis, and prevent environmental injustice should be prioritized and more routine, starting with finishing the job on the following legislative priorities this term:

Clean Energy Equity Bill (S2484/A4185)

While many of the state's clean energy and climate incentives programs benefit primarily wealthier residents and communities who have the property and the capital to install home solar systems or purchase an electric vehicle, this bill is designed to bring the benefits of clean energy to those New Jersey residents who may not own a suitable roof on which to install solar but who disproportionately suffer the impacts of dirty energy generation. Passed by the Senate and awaiting action in the Assembly, it requires the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to enhance community and on site solar, energy storage, and energy efficiency programs that benefit low income households in overburdened communities. The bill would also create and fund programs to recruit and train at least 2,500 individuals from overburdened communities to join the clean energy paid workforce.

Green Constitutional Amendment (SCR30/ACR80)

Too often our environmental laws are designed to manage pollution, not prevent it. Drinking water free of contamination and breathing clean air should not come second to the interests of large, well funded, politically connected polluters. The Green Amendment would level the playing field by amending the state constitution to recognize and protect the rights of all the people of the state, including future generations, to pure water, clean air, a stable climate, and a healthy environment. In particular, a Green Amendment could be a valuable tool for ensuring environmental justice as all residents of New Jersey would be granted these rights, regardless of their zip code. Passage before August 2022 would put the question of whether to amend the state constitution to include the Green Amendment onto the November 2022 ballot.

Recycled Content Bill (S2515/A4676)

This bill is the necessary next step to reduce single-use plastic pollution and waste. For decades, the plastic pollution crisis has continued to grow because it has been cheaper for manufacturers to use virgin plastics from newly extracted fossil fuels than to use recycled material. By requiring manufacturers to use post-consumer recycled materials, this bill will help strengthen the market for recyclables and help keep new fossil fuel-derived plastics out of the waste stream. New Jersey will be one of only a handful of states to pass a recycled content bill and will help set the standard for recycling across the entire northeast. The bill passed the Senate and awaits action by the Assembly.

Fully Funding Clean Energy and Mass Transit

After initially thinking that the pandemic would blow a hole into New Jersey's budget, the legislature was instead handed a \$10 billion surplus. This was due to higher than expected revenue from state taxes, federal stimulus dollars, and a massive bond. Even then, the legislature opted to continue raiding the funds intended for critical investments in clean energy and mass transit when it needed to fully fund both instead. Beyond these specific concerns, the entire budget process is flawed. Long term budgeting and planning could result in more efficient and effective financing of state programs, as well as allow the legislature to tackle larger scale problems, like NJ Transit, more thoughtfully.

Democracy: Accessible and Representative

Our democracy was in need of protection and strengthening even before the “Big Lie” and the crisis of the January 6 insurrection. While the state’s rapid expansion of vote by mail, ballot drop boxes, and early voting during the pandemic were all welcome developments, there are still structural issues in the way democracy functions in New Jersey that privilege insiders and party bosses over average residents, voters, and community groups.

Improving Transparency

A case example of the democratic process gone wrong was the swift introduction and passage of the Corporate Welfare Act of 2020 (S3295/A4) with no meaningful opportunity for public or even legislative input and scrutiny. New Jersey chronically underfunds critical clean energy, drinking water, and mass transit systems; but the state still managed to find billions of dollars for corporate giveaways. Not only was the public not afforded the bill language before the hearing, legislators weren’t either, and they voted on amendments that weren’t even drafted yet. The bill, hundreds of pages long, passed in less than a week during the busy holiday season. When our government cuts the public out of large scale decisions, it discourages the public from participating in democracy.

Clean Water Action demands that all legislators, the press, and the public be given sufficient time to read, digest, and comment on legislation before it is passed. Additionally, we support making permanent some of the “temporary” accommodations enacted in response to the pandemic such as live video feeds of committee hearings and floor debates and the option for residents to testify over Zoom rather than in person.

Ending Party-Line Ballot Design

New Jersey is the only state in the country with party-line ballot design. This allows unelected party leaders to place their preferred candidates in easy to locate areas of a primary ballot while burying all challengers. With many districts in New Jersey essentially under single party control, party-line ballots prevent the public from any meaningful opportunity to challenge an incumbent elected official. Clean Water Action supports ending party-line ballot design.

Improving the Redistricting Process

While our state does not leave redistricting up to elected legislators, it still hands the power of drawing our districts to commissioners handpicked by the leadership of the two major parties. This privileges incumbents and party leaders over ordinary residents. To make matters worse, the legislature approved a ballot measure (SCR123/ACR188) that delays redistricting this year, and any future census year when census data is delayed, thus allowing incumbents to run in districts drawn by census data from over ten years ago. When party leaders draw maps to protect existing elected officials, the public and communities of interest are less able to influence their elected officials. Clean Water Action supports efforts to reform our redistricting process to have a nonpartisan, rather than bipartisan, redistricting commission that draws maps in such a way as to preserve communities of interest and removes party leaders from the process.



Champions and Significant Retirements, Who Will Step Up?

A Salute to Retiring Environmental Champions:

In winter 2021, two champions of the environment are retiring from the New Jersey State Senate: Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen) and Kip Bateman (R-Somerset). Although representing different sides of the aisle, both have been longtime leaders on clean energy and the environment, and neither has been afraid to buck party leadership when the environmental cause was just. Moving forward, Clean Water Action will miss both legislators, but now the search is on to find the next team of environmental champions to carry the baton.



Senator Loretta Weinberg has been a progressive leader throughout her political career and has not been afraid to take on bullies from Governor Christie to corrupt party bosses. She is a longtime advocate for environmental justice and championed the recently passed Environmental Justice Law. She has called for a moratorium on all new fossil fuel projects and fought alongside local activists to defeat the proposed Meadowlands gas plant. She continues to lead the charge to overhaul and reform NJ Transit to ensure New Jersey has a reliable and affordable mass transit system for years to come. Her progressive voice in leadership will be missed.



Senator Kip Bateman has been a consistent voice in the fight against climate change and is the current standard-bearer for New Jersey's long tradition of environmental bipartisanship. He has opposed both the PennEast and NESE gas pipelines and co-sponsored legislation to push New Jersey to achieve 100% green energy by 2035. With his retirement, it becomes difficult to find any remaining environmental leaders in New Jersey's Republican ranks which is a shame as our state was once known as a place where the two parties worked together to solve environmental crises.

With the retirement of these two senators, we will need more legislators to stand up and fight for clean air, clean water, and our climate future. Our current “heroes” list has some familiar champions and some emerging leaders. Ideally, this list would be a majority of the legislature. We look forward to adding more names, from both sides of the aisle, in our next scorecard.



Current Heroes:

It's easy to evaluate legislators just on how they voted, but it isn't very informative. What legislators do behind the scenes before the final floor vote is harder to measure, but these efforts determine the strength of the bill or even whether a bill gets a final floor vote at all. The following legislators went the extra mile to move pro-environment bills forward this term, and they deserve special recognition for their efforts.

SENATE

Troy Singleton (D-7) led the way on environmental and climate justice this term. He personally willed the Environmental Justice Law across the finish line, was the prime sponsor of the Lead Service Line Replacement Law, and is the legislative leader of the Clean Energy Equity bill.

Linda Greenstein (D-14) is the prime sponsor of the Green Amendment and the Measuring Climate Impacts Law and used her influence as chair of a special committee to help pass the Lead Service Line Replacement Law.

Shirley Turner (D-15) played a key role in the seven year campaign that just succeeded in stopping the PennEast frack gas pipeline along the Delaware River. She also serves her constituents fighting for better mass transit and playgrounds and ballfields without toxic pesticides.

Bob Smith (D-17) is the environmental nerve center of the Senate with his fingerprints all over the passage of the Electric Vehicle Law, Food Waste Law, Bag Ban Law, Offshore Wind Law, Grid Scale Solar Law, and Dual Use Solar Law. He is currently driving the Recycled Content Bill to the finish line.

Richard Codey (D-27) pushes pro-environment bills as a member of the Senate Environment Committee using his experience as a former governor and Senate President.

Teresa Ruiz (D-29) smartly leveraged her yes vote on the Food Waste Law to protect her community and help secure passage of the Environmental Justice Law. She is also a leading opponent of proposed polluting frack gas and sludge facilities in Newark.

Senate President Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Coughlin also deserve recognition for overseeing bicameral passage of eleven significant pro-environmental laws over the past two years.

ASSEMBLY

Dan Benson (D-14) is a perennial champ who helped drive the Electric Vehicle Law to victory. He uses his leverage as a member of the crucial Budget Committee and as Chair of the Transportation and Utilities Committee to fight for strong environmental legislation.

Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D-15) is a leading voice for fully funding the Clean Energy Fund and NJ Transit, opposes all new proposed fossil fuel projects, and is fighting to divest state pension funds from fossil fuels.

Andrew Zwicker (D-16) was the prime sponsor of the Accurately Measure Climate Impacts Law, has fought to stop raids of the Clean Energy Fund and NJ Transit, and, as chair of the Science and Innovation Committee, is advancing wind, solar, and battery storage technology.

Robert Karabinchak (D-18) was a prime sponsor of the Grid Scale Solar Law and the inaugural chairman of the Special Committee on Infrastructure and Natural Resources where he shepherded the Lead Service Line Inventory Law to the Assembly floor.

James Kennedy (D-22) is the lead sponsor of the Electric Vehicles Law, Food Waste Law, and Bag Ban Law, and the new chair of the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

John McKeon (D-27) is the Assembly's go-to guy for all things environment, was the prime sponsor of and leading advocate for the Environmental Justice Law.

He is the prime sponsor of the Green Constitutional Amendment and a key member of the Budget Committee supporting funding mass transit and clean energy.

Mila Jasey (D-27) is a key advocate against fossil fuels and supports a moratorium on fossil fuel projects. She also is an advocate for fully funding NJ Transit and the Clean Energy Fund.

Raj Mukherji (D-33) is a longtime outspoken leader against proposed fossil fuel projects like the NJ Transit frack gas power plant and the now defeated North Bergen Meadowlands frack gas power plant. He is an advocate for a moratorium on all new fossil fuel projects.

Britnee Timberlake (D-34) is the prime sponsor of the Environmental Justice Law and the leading legislator against the Garden State Parkway expansion into developed urban areas.

Shavonda Sumter (D-35) is one of the few legislators who supports "ending the line," a democratic reform to allow the public to hold their elected officials more accountable. She is a leader in the fight to stop lead poisoning and pass the Green Constitutional Amendment.

Clinton Calabrese (D-36) isn't afraid to take on powerful polluting interests as evidenced by his successful effort to stop the Meadowlands frack gas power plant proposed in North Bergen.

Conclusion

New Jersey, once a national model of bipartisan environmental leadership, had lost its way in recent years. However, with the flurry of environmental legislation passed since the 2019 Scorecard was released, people are finally seeing our state regain its green swagger. Positioning New Jersey as a national leader in clean energy and electric transportation not only helps fight the climate crisis, but also means cleaner air and economic growth. Replacing lead service lines means generations of healthier kids in the long and short term as well as job creation right now. The recent burst of legislative action to protect New Jersey's air and water ensures healthier communities and families AND creates sustainable jobs. But there is still a long way to go.

Years of disinvestment in environmental priorities from clean energy to water infrastructure to mass transit have left New Jersey playing catch up. The recent passage of landmark laws to protect environmental justice communities and clean up plastic waste are a great step, but we now need strong rules and implementation to make their intent real. There are still many challenges looming ahead as the intertwining racial, democratic, public health, and climate crises continue to challenge the Garden State. Will New Jersey's elected officials continue on this trajectory of passing meaningful pro-environment legislation, or will the anti-democratic trends and traditions of New Jersey politics once again slow down environmental progress?

It is important to celebrate the legislative achievements of this session, while also calling upon the legislature to press forward and keep our state at the forefront of protecting our residents' health and fighting the climate crisis. The legislature must get the Clean Energy Equity Bill, the Green Constitutional Amendment, and the Recycled Content Bill across the finish line in short order. The state needs to fully fund efforts to move us to a green energy economy. Let's further solidify the pro-democracy changes our state made in response to the pandemic by making it even easier for residents to participate in the democratic process. We need a larger and larger share of our legislature to become environmental heroes. Let's get to work.



How Did Your New Jersey Legislator Vote?

What We Scored: The Top 16 Environmental Bills in 2020-21



1. Electric Vehicles Law (S2252/A4819): Sets ambitious goals for moving New Jersey to a clean transportation sector and establishes a rebate program (up to \$5,000) for the

purchase of light-duty plug-in electric vehicles as well as an incentive program for the purchase and installation of in-home electric vehicle charging equipment. It also requires at least 10% of NJ Transit new bus purchases to be zero emissions after 2024, 50% after 2026, and 100% after 2032. *(passed at the end of the 2018-19 session; YES vote is pro-environment)*

2. Measuring Climate Impacts Law (S3215/A4606): requires the state to use a 20-year time horizon when calculating global warming potential to measure the impact of greenhouse gases. *(passed at the end of the 2018-19 session; YES vote is pro-environment)*

3. Food Waste Law (S865/A2371): requires certain large-scale generators of food waste to source separate this food waste from other solid waste and send that food waste to an authorized food waste recycling facility. This will prevent tons of food waste from being disposed of in landfills and incinerators as well as incentivize the expansion of a food waste recycling economy in New Jersey. *(YES vote is pro-environment)*

4. Redistricting Constitutional Amendment (SCR123/ACR188): created a referendum asking voters to approve of a constitutional amendment that would automatically delay the creation of new districts following a census year if the census data was received by the state any later than February 15th. This would allow legislators to run in districts with outdated census data for an extra term. We oppose creating a permanent constitutional change that delays accurate representation of the people in response to a once in a lifetime crisis. *(NO vote is pro-environment)*



5. Environmental Justice Law (S232/A22120): requires the DEP to evaluate the environmental and public health stressors of certain facilities on overburdened communities when

reviewing certain permit applications. The bill would require the DEP to deny a permit to a new polluting facility that would increase the disproportionate negative environmental and public health impacts on an overburdened community and would allow the DEP to apply conditions to the approval of permits for

existing polluting facilities. It also supports robust public input in any hearings regarding these permits to allow community members to more easily have their voices heard. *(YES vote is pro-environment)*



6. Bag Ban Law (S864/A1978): bill will prohibit all stores and restaurants from giving out or selling single-use plastic bags and grocery stores from giving out or selling single-use paper

bags. It also prohibits the use of polystyrene foam food service products and limits the distribution of single-use disposable plastic straws. This will reduce New Jersey's generation of single-use disposable waste and help to reduce litter and plastic pollution in waterways. *(YES vote is pro-environment)*

7. Green Constitutional Amendment (SCR30/ACR80): would amend the New Jersey Constitution to provide that every person has a right to a clean and healthy environment and gives common ownership of New Jersey's public natural resources to the people of New Jersey with the State serving as trustee. It also requires the State to consider the effect of any proposed action on the environment before taking that action and to make a reasonable effort to address the action's environmental effects. *(Co-sponsorship is pro-environment)*

8. Corporation Business Tax (S2934/A4721): restores the corporation business tax (CBT) surtax at a rate of 2.5% ensuring that large corporations pay their fair share. The CBT is a funding mechanism for dedicated environmental funds and programs. *(YES vote is pro-environment)*

9. Millionaires Tax (S2949/A10): increases the gross income tax rate on taxpayers with a gross income exceeding \$1,000,000. This is a responsible, revenue-raising move at a time when many programs in NJ, including many environmental programs, face budget cuts. *(YES vote is pro-environment)*

10. Clean Energy Equity Bill (S2484/A4185) focuses state efforts on the equitable deployment of clean energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage programs and technologies in overburdened communities. It will bring equitable and tangible benefits to low income and overburdened communities at the household and community level including clean energy asset ownership, energy cost savings, employment, and economic opportunities. *(Senate only; YES vote is pro-environment)*

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11. Corporate Welfare Act of 2020 (S3295/A4): approved more than \$14 billion dollars of corporate tax breaks while critical programs like the Clean Energy Fund remain underfunded. Despite being hundreds of pages long, it was introduced and passed in less than a week with no time for meaningful public or even legislative scrutiny. *(NO vote is pro-environment)*



12. Lead Service Line Replacement Law (S3398/A5343): requires public community water systems to inventory and replace dangerous lead service lines across the state within ten years and provides a fair funding mechanism by spreading the cost across all water consumers within the water system. *(YES vote is pro-environment)*

13. Offshore Wind Law (S3926/A5894): prevents local municipalities from blocking the development of offshore wind and the accompanying power transmission lines. *(YES vote is pro-environment)*

14. Grid Scale Solar Law (S2605/A4554): establishes a new solar renewable energy certificate program, with the goal of incentivizing the development of at least 3.75 gigawatts of new solar energy by 2026. The financial incentives will be available to large scale solar projects as well as community solar projects. *(YES vote is pro-environment)*



15. Dual Use Solar Law (S3484/A5434): establishes a dual-use solar energy program allowing farmers to build solar generation projects on unpreserved farmland. This helps the

farmers extract financial value from farmland that may otherwise be lost to permanent new development while still allowing agricultural use of the land and also increasing solar generation in New Jersey. *(YES vote is pro-environment)*



16. Recycled Content Bill (S2515/A4676): establishes post-consumer recycled content requirements for rigid plastic containers, glass containers, paper and plastic carryout bags, and plastic

trash bags. Increasing recycled content requirements helps to create a market for recyclables. *(Senate only, YES vote is pro-environment)*



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Brown, CA	R 2	+	+	-	+	nv	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	nv	+	+
Sweeney	D 3	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Madden, Jr.	D 4	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	nv	nv	nv
Cruz-Perez	D 5	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	nv
Beach	D 6	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	nv	+	+	+
Singleton	D 7	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	nv	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	nv
Addiego	D 8	+	+	+	-	+	nv	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Connors	R 9	-	nv	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Holzapfel	R 10	-	nv	-	+	-	nv	-	nv	nv	nv	-	+	-	-	+	-
Gopal	D 11	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	nv	+	+	+
Thompson	R 12	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
O'Scanlon	R 13	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Greenstein	D 14	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Turner	D 15	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	nv	+	nv
Bateman	R 16	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Smith	D 17	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Diegnan	D 18	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Vitale	D 19	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	nv	-	+	+	+	+	+
Cryan	D 20	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Kean, Jr.	R 21	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Scutari	D 22	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Doherty	R 23	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	nv	-
Oroho	R 24	-	nv	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	nv	-
Bucco Jr.	R 25	-	nv	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Pennacchio	R 26	-	nv	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Codey	D 27	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Rice	D 28	-	nv	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Ruiz	D 29	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Singer	R 30	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-
Cunningham	D 31	+	nv	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Sacco	D 32	nv	+	-	-	nv	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Stack	D 33	+	+	+	-	nv	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Gill, Esq.	D 34	+	+	nv	-	nv	+	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+
Pou	D 35	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Sarlo	D 36	+	+	-	-	nv	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-
Weinberg	D 37	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Lagana	D 38	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Schepisi*	R 39	nv*	+	-*	+	-*	-*	+	-*	-*	nv	+	+	-	nv	nv	-
Corrado	R 40	-	nv	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-

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McClellan	R 1	nv	nv	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+
Simonsen	R 1	nv	nv	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	nv	nv	nv
Armato	D 2	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Mazzeo	D 2	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Burzichelli	D 3	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Taliaferro	D 3	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	nv	nv	nv
Mosquera	D 4	+	+	+	-	nv	+	+	+	+	-	nv	nv	nv	nv
Moriarty	D 4	+	+	nv	-	+	nv	-	nv	+	-	+	+	+	+
Spearman	D 5	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Moen	D 5			+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Greenwald	D 6	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Lampitt	D 6	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Murphy	D 7	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Conaway, Jr.	D 7	+	nv	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Peters	R 8	+	+	-	+	-	nv	-	nv	nv	+	+	-	+	+
Stanfield	R 8	nv	nv	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+
Gove	R 9	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Rumpf	R 9	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
McGuckin	R 10	-	nv	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Catalano	R 10	nv	nv	-	nv	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Downey	D 11	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Houghtaling	D 11	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Clifton	R 12	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+
Dancer	R 12	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	nv	nv	nv
Dimaso	R 13	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Scharfenberger	R 13	nv	nv	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Benson	D 14	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
DeAngelo	D 14	+	+	nv	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Reynolds-Jackson	D 15	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Verrelli	D 15	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Zwicker	D 16	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Freiman	D 16	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Danielsen	D 17	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Egan	D 17	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Stanley	D 18	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	+	+	+	+
Karabinchak	D 18	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Lopez	D 19	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Coughlin	D 19	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Quijano	D 20	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	nv	nv	nv
Holley	D 20	+	+	-	-	nv	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+

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Munoz	R 21	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Kennedy	D 22	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Carter	D 22	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
DiMaio	R 23	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Peterson	R 23	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Wirths	R 24	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Space	R 24	-	-	-	nv	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dunn	R 25	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Bergen	R 25	nv	nv	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
DeCroce	R 26	nv	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Webber	R 26	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Jasey	D 27	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
McKeon	D 27	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Caputo	D 28	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	+
Tucker	D 28	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Speight	D 29	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Pintor Marin	D 29	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Kean	R 30	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
Thomson	R 30	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+
McKnight	D 31	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Chiaravalloti	D 31	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Mejia	D 32	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Jimenez	D 32	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Chaparro	D 33	+	+	+	nv	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Mukherji	D 33	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Timberlake	D 34	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Giblin	D 34	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Sumter	D 35	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Wimberly	D 35	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Calabrese	D 36	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Schaer	D 36	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Johnson	D 37	+	nv	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Vainieri Huttle	D 37	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	nv
Swain	D 38	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Tully	D 38	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
DeFuccio	R 39	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	nv	+	-	-	+
Auth	R 39	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
DePhillips	R 40	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+
Rooney	R 40	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+

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Legislative Status of Scored Bills

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1. Electric Vehicles Law	S2252	1/13/20	27-12	PASSED	Signed into law
	A4819	1/13/20	65-9-0		
2. Measuring Climate Impacts Law	S3215	6/20/19	30-2	PASSED	Signed into law
	A4606	12/16/19	65-8-2		
3. Food Waste Law	S865	3/5/20	22-17	PASSED	Signed into law
	A2371	2/24/20	49-28-1		
4. Redistricting Constitutional Amendment	SCR123	7/30/20	25-15	PASSED	Approved by voters
	ACR188	7/30/20	51-26-0		
5. Environmental Justice Law	S232	6/29/20	22-14	PASSED	Signed into law
	A2212	8/27/20	49-28-1		
6. Bag Ban Law	S864	3/5/20	22-14	PASSED	Signed into law
	A1978	9/24/20	47-24-7		
7. Green Constitutional Amendment	SCR30	tbd	tbd	Stuck in Environment	
	ACR80	tbd	tbd	Stuck in Agriculture	
8. Corporation Business Tax	S2934	9/24/20	21-17	PASSED	Signed into law
	A4721	9/24/20	42-35-1		
9. Millionaires Tax	S2949	9/24/20	25-14	PASSED	Signed into law
	A10	9/24/20	52-27-0		
10. Clean Energy Equity Bill	S2484	11/16/20	28-10	PASSED	
	A4185	tbd	tbd	Stuck in Utilities	
11. Corporate Welfare Act of 2020	S3295	12/21/20	38-1	PASSED	Signed into law
	A4	12/21/20	68-11-0		
12. Lead Service Line Replacement Law	S3398	6/21/21	40-0	PASSED	Signed into law
	A5343	3/25/21	71-0-2		
13. Offshore Wind Law	S3926	6/24/21	25-13	PASSED	Signed into law
	A5894	6/24/21	49-26-0		
14. Grid Scale Solar Law	S2605	6/21/21	24-12	PASSED	Signed into law
	A4554	6/24/21	57-16-2		
15. Dual Use Solar Law	S3484	6/30/21	36-0	PASSED	Signed into law
	A5434	6/24/21	68-4-2		
16. Recycled Content Bill	S2515	6/24/21	22-14	PASSED	
	A4676	tbd	tbd	Pending in Environment	

In the Vote Tally Column, first number are Yes's, second are No's, and third number (if displayed) represents abstentions. In the Status Column, red highlight indicates anti-environment action. Stuck indicates that it is being prevented from advancing out of committee. Pending indicates movement is anticipated with possible amendments. Passed indicates that it was voted on the floor of Senate, Assembly or both.