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## KENTUCKY SENATE 2009-2010 Kentucky Legislative Scorecard

Rnk	Representative	2010		2009		2008	2007
		Rnk	Scr	Rnk	Scr	Rnk	Rnk
1	Thayer, Damon	1	68	1	76	2	29
2	Schickel, John	4	63	2	73	--	--
3	Buford, Tom	11	57	3	69	5	5
4	Westwood, Jack	11	57	4	63	5	24
5	Seum, Dan "Malano"	4	63	5	59	7	24
6	Denton, Julie	4	63	7	59	11	29
7	Stine, Katie	7	62	5	59	1	24
8	Higdon, Jimmy*	9	59	--	--	--	--
9	McGaha, Vernie	23	53	8	54	9	29
10	Webb, Robin*	23	53	--	--	--	--
11	Tapp, Gary	11	57	9	51	4	24
12	Reynolds, Mike	2	67	19	41	--	--
13	Leeper, Bob	11	57	10	46	9	2
14	Smith, Brandon	10	59	14	44	23	--
15	Tori, Elizabeth	11	57	13	44	3	29
16	Stivers, Robert	3	66	18	41	19	24
17	Givens, David	11	57	12	44	--	--
18	Kerr, Alice Forgy	11	57	16	43	19	24
19	Clark, Perry	23	53	11	45	25	24
20	Pendleton, Joey	21	54	15	43	28	24
21	Harris, Ernie	11	57	17	41	11	24
22	Jensen, Tom	11	57	22	36	11	29
23	Winters, Kenneth	8	60	25	33	11	24
24	Carroll, Julian	36	47	20	40	31	30
25	Williams, David L.	11	57	25	33	19	24
26	Gibson, Carroll	22	54	23	35	11	24
27	Boswell, David E.	23	53	28	29	25	30
27	Ridley, Dorsey	23	53	28	29	31	5
29	Shaughnessy, Tim	28	53	28	29	37	37
30	Stein, Kathy	38	33	21	38	--	--
31	Neal, Gerald A.	31	48	28	29	36	38
31	Rhoads, Jerry P.	31	48	28	29	31	24
33	Turner, Johnny Ray	31	48	35	28	24	5
34	Palmer II, R. J.	31	48	38	28	27	34
35	Kelly, Dan*	--	--	23	35	11	24
36	Harper Angel, Denise	31	48	36	26	35	34

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37	Worley, Ed	30	49	36	26	31	24
38	Borders, Charlie*	--	--	25	33	11	24
39	Jones II, Ray S.	29	49	38	23	30	24
40	Blevins Jr., Walter	37	37	33	28	29	24

**RANK (Rnk):** Legislators are ranked according to their score with #1 being the best.

**SCORE (Scr):** A higher score indicates that your legislator has spent your tax dollars well. A lower score indicates that your legislator has voted to wastefully spend your tax dollars.

**NOTE:** It is always difficult to fully evaluate the Senate. We can only score recorded votes. While the House often takes votes on new spending and taxes, often the Senate defeats these efforts without a vote to score.

It is important to consider the context when reading the Senate scorecard. In 2010, the Senate stopped tax increases, advocated reducing spending and limiting debt, and all scores except one range from 68-48. In 2009, the Senate helped the House push through five new taxes and tax increases. In 2009 a few individuals voted against the tax increases leading to a greater variance of scores.

**\*It is important to note - Borders and Kelly only served in the 2009 tax-hiking long session which weighs heavily in this scorecard, while Higdon and Webb did not serve in 2009.**

We consider a **Score of 70 and above** acceptable, and those lawmakers receiving a **Score of 85 points or more** have truly been good stewards of your money.

**The Kentucky Club for Growth is a nonpartisan taxpayers' advocacy group. We score legislators on fiscal issues only. In other words, only those votes which affect the pocketbook of Kentucky's working families are considered.**

The 2009-2010 Kentucky Legislative Scorecard has been developed by the Kentucky Club for Growth to show you, the hard-working taxpayer, how your legislators voted on important spending issues affecting your pocketbook.

The primary purpose of the Kentucky Club for Growth is to be the **TAXPAYERS VOICE** in Frankfort by holding legislators accountable for votes resulting in a harmful financial impact to Kentucky families.

Simply put, the Kentucky Club for Growth believes that deficit spending of taxpayer money must stop now! In order to reverse the out-of control spending habits of our legislators, we all must work together to protect our future. It is no longer acceptable to waste taxpayer money!

We owe it to ourselves and our families to create a future in which we shall no longer be subject to the oppressive taxation of public officials and big government.

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