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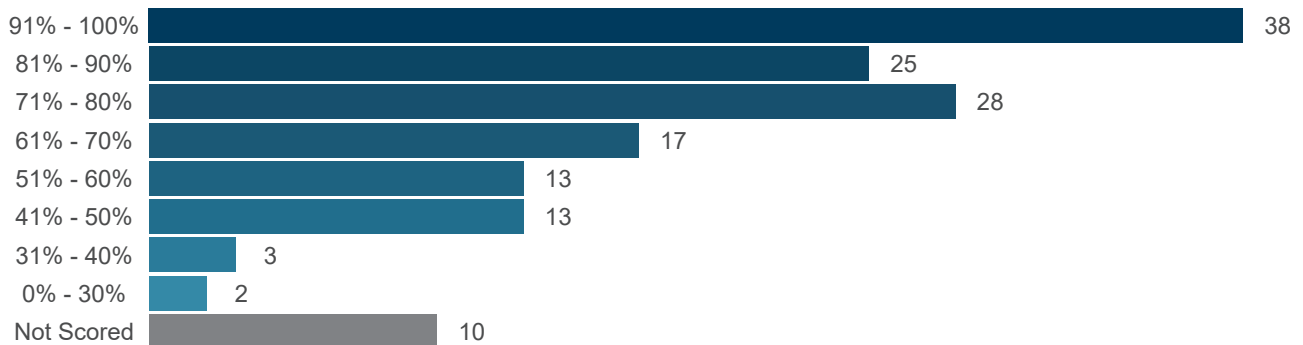


RIED, a program of The State Chamber Research Foundation, promotes economic growth through the evaluation of business, job and economic growth issues considered by the Oklahoma Legislature. At the end of each session, RIED scores each legislator on their votes of various economic issues.

2024 Session Summary

After a session focused on economic and workforce development, the Legislature, as a whole, received an average score of 75.5. The two bills with the highest allotted points were **SB 1447** and **HB 3278**. Together these bills will create a strong outlook for Oklahoma by ensuring the state is pursuing the right companies for recruitment and growth opportunities and helping students pursue their right career pathway.

Number of Legislators in Score Buckets



One of the bill's scored in the 2024 Report —**SB 1447**—creates two distinct divisions within the Department of Commerce, one focusing solely on economic development opportunities, and the other division focused on community development and infrastructure needs. Additionally, the new law creates a legislative joint committee responsible for vetting and approving projects over a certain threshold. The economic impact of having a state entity focusing solely on economic development and community needs will be profound for the state's future growth. They can be more focused on the needs of Oklahoma and shift programs not aimed at this goal over to other state entities with better expertise.

Another bill heavily weight in this year's 2024 Report modified high school graduation requirements. **HB 3278** allows different pathways for high school students completing required coursework. These pathways – college-bound, military-bound or career-bound, will allow more courses to count toward those requirements and give students the opportunity to explore different career, college or military-related courses.

The Legislators receiving a perfect score in 2024

Rep. John George

Rep. Brian Hill

Rep. Tammy Townley

Sen. Bill Coleman

Sen. Ally Seifreid

Sen. Roger Thompson

Pro Tem. Greg Treat

2024 RIED SCORED BILLS



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HB 3278 by Rep. Rhonda Baker and Sen. Adam Pugh

PRO-GROWTH | 25 points

HB 3278 modifies the graduation requirements allowing more types of courses to count toward graduation. New courses include locally created courses and CareerTech courses. The bill also requires a fourth math of all graduating students. These changes will prepare Oklahoma students for their future—not the prescribed future of college—but of any post-secondary option. Ensuring students are well-prepared for their individual future will ensure Oklahoma’s workforce can meet the needs of the future.

SB 1447 by Sen. Kristen Thompson and Rep. Mike Osburn

PRO-GROWTH | 25 points

SB 1447 creates two divisions within the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. CORE will be responsible for community development, while EDGE will be the economic development division. The bill also creates the LEAD committee, a mechanism for the legislature to pre-vet projects before the state goes all in. These two initiatives—the divisions and LEAD—will increase Oklahoma’s economic development plans and targets for the state. The bill also sets qualifications for the CEO of the Department so that the state can have the best leader in economic development.

HB 3252 by Rep. Mike Osburn and Sen. Kristen Thompson

PRO-GROWTH | 20 points

HB 3252 is the companion bill to SB 1447. It moves programs to other various agencies from the Department of Commerce that those agencies are more equipped to administer or are administering similar programs. In doing so, the Department of Commerce’s resources are freed up to better focus on community development and economic development. It is vital for Oklahoma’s future to have a department of commerce laser focused on developing a plan to attract and retain talent and businesses.

SB 1424 by Sen. Brent Howard and Rep. John Pfeiffer

PRO-GROWTH | 15 points

SB 1424 declares that when utilizing poultry waste under a Nutrient Management Plan, the business will be in compliance with best management practices. This shields good actors from liability related to wrongful poultry waste application and limits litigation costs for businesses.

HB 3595 by Rep. Brian Hill and Sen. Jerry Alvord

PRO-GROWTH | 15 points

HB 3595 directs the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission to create an online job center for the state that includes an optional skills test. Skills based hiring is on the rise across the nation. Not only does it credit job seekers for their previous work, but it also allows more flexibility for the job seeker. The benefits of skills-based hiring extend to the employer as well. If a job seeker is hired based on skills, it stands to lower the cost of training because the new employee already has the proven skills necessary for the role.

HB 3234 by Rep. Mark Lawson and Sen. Grant Green

PRO-GROWTH | 10 points

HB 3234 will increase the population with a high school equivalent diploma by allowing work experience to count toward the criteria needed. This is a big step in creating a workforce pipeline that works for all Oklahoma learners. HB 3234 gives value to work experience that otherwise would go unaccounted for. This is imperative for the workforce of tomorrow. It is estimated that 77% of jobs in Oklahoma will need more than a high school diploma by 2025. Providing a means for adult learners seeking a high school diploma to use what they know as a base will increase their earning potential and the workforce needed in Oklahoma.

SJR 34 by Sen. Julie Daniels and Rep. Mark Lepak

PRO-GROWTH | 10 points

SJR 34 would have sent to the vote of the people a constitutional amendment dismantling the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) in favor of direct appointment by the governor with senate approval for judicial nominations. The JNC is the mechanism for appointing Oklahoma judges in the appellate courts. It is comprised of lawyers and laypeople, together they interview candidates and suggest to the governor three names for appointment. There are numerous problems with the JNC system in Oklahoma, including transparency, liberal leaning judges being appointed and the complex application and interview process. SJR 34 would have adopted the federal system of appointment and confirmation, which would provide Oklahoma with judges that are reflective of the people's opinions and views and created a transparent process.

HB 3194 by Rep. Carl Newton and Sen. Brent Howard

ANTI-GROWTH | 10 points

House Bill 3194 requires permit holders to install a meter for the use of groundwater and provides for a five-year maximum basin yield determined by the Oklahoma Water Resource Board. HB 3194 creates a costly government mandate on Oklahoma's business community. The costs to equip each well with the required meter are upwards of \$2,500 per meter. Oklahoma's leading industries, such as energy and agriculture, will be forced to carry the costs of this mandate. The bill also leaves businesses in the dark as to when these meters must be in place, creating an uncertain liability opening.

SB 473 by Sen. Greg Treat and Rep. Terry O'Donnell

PRO-GROWTH | 10 points

SB 473 creates a task force to study the viability of the creation of business courts in Oklahoma and creates two new judicial posts should the recommendations of the task force be adopted. Business Courts are a jurisdictional division of the civil court system that only handle business versus business cases of complex litigation. These specialized courts have been shown to decrease litigation costs because of the parameters around various stages of litigation and speed up the litigation process because it is a specialized docket.

HB 3959 by Rep. Jon Echols and Sen. Greg Treat

PRO-GROWTH | 5 points

HB 3959 creates the Oklahoma Five Major Sports Leagues Rebate Program. Attempting to attract teams from the five major sports leagues to Oklahoma. Major league sports can bring economic prosperity to not only the city the team plays in but also the state. The tax revenue impact is three-fold: local taxes, state sales tax, and player contract income taxes. Both the local sales tax and state sales tax are bolstered by out-of-state attendees. A major league sports stadium also champions other spectator events, like concerts. Once the sports league's Quality Jobs Program contract has ended, the Major Sports League rebate may begin, ensuring that the jobs created and brought to Oklahoma by the sports league remain in Oklahoma.

SJR 16 by Sen. John Haste and Rep. Terry O'Donnell

PRO-GROWTH | 5 points

SJR 16 proposes an amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution, allowing for public infrastructure districts. These districts would allow bonds to pay for the intended infrastructure if 100% of the landowners agree to the designation of public infrastructure district. These districts empower municipalities to have a mechanism for improving public infrastructure without burdening the entire population with taxes.

SB 1259 by Sen. Roger Thompson and Rep. Kevin Wallace

PRO-GROWTH | 5 points

SB 1259 corrects an error within the broadband services equipment sales tax exemption. This correction allows broadband service providers to continue to have the sales tax exemption during the continued build out of Oklahoma's rural broadband expansion efforts.

HB 1105 by Rep. Charles McCall and Sen. Julie Daniels

PRO-GROWTH | 5 points

HB 1105 increases all challenge windows from 10 days to 90 days in the initiative petition process. By increasing this window, it allows more challengers to be informed about the potential ballot question and gather the resources needed to make a challenge. While it could change in the future, the typical proponents of initiative petitions are not on the side of economic growth and prosperity, so lengthening the window will increase the chances of a challenge and for the question to remain off the ballot.



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2024 SCORES



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2024 SCORES

HOUSE	Party	Dist.	"Term Limit"	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Cumulative Score
Alonso-Sandoval, Arturo	D	89	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	74	55	65
Archer, Nick	R	55	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	70	85
Baker, Rhonda	R	60	28	NA	100	77	87	100	94	84	84	93	90
Banning, Chris	R	24	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	53	69	61
Bashore, Steve	R	7	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	91	85	78	94	87
Bennett, Forrest	D	92	28	NA	69	63	69	53	76	68	74	53	66
Blancett, Meloyde	D	78	28	NA	59	72	38	65	88	58	79	72	66
Boatman, Jeff	R	67	30	NA	NA	NA	89	100	94	88	100	82	92
Boles, Brad	R	51	30	NA	NA	89	80	100	88	70	100	88	88
Burns, Ty	R	35	30	NA	NA	NA	89	100	94	85	69	70	85
Caldwell, Chad	R	40	26	77	95	86	78	100	100	77	71	88	87
Caldwell, Trey	R	63	30	NA	NA	NA	84	100	97	74	100	NS	91
Cantrell, Josh	R	49	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	69	74	72
Conley, Sherrie	R	20	30	NA	NA	NA	67	100	88	NS	66	74	79
Cornwell, Rusty	R	6	30	NA	NA	NA	87	100	88	85	95	93	91
Crosswhite Hader, Denise	R	41	30	NA	NA	NA	67	88	85	82	71	69	77
Culver, Bob	R	4	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	91	76	95	72	83
Davis, Dean	R	98	30	NA	NA	NA	91	100	94	88	50	94	86
Deck, Jared	D	44	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	74	45	59
Dempsey, Eddy	R	1	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	97	85	93	70	86
Dobinski, Mike	R	59	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	97	76	100	93	91
Dollens, Mickey	D	93	28	NA	59	77	69	41	82	42	48	NS	60
Duel, Collin	R	31	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	85	94	90
Echols, Jon	R	90	24	82	85	86	87	94	94	88	100	94	90
Fetgatter, Scott	R	16	28	NA	90	74	82	88	88	71	67	89	81
Ford, Ross	R	76	29	NA	NA	81	78	100	82	87	63	74	81
Fugate, Andy	D	94	30	NA	NA	NA	80	88	91	58	48	43	68
Gann, Tom	R	8	28	NA	51	33	53	65	42	55	23	41	45
George, John	R	36	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	57	100	78
Goodwin, Regina	D	73	28	51	46	77	69	47	64	44	45	59	56
Grego, Jim	R	17	30	NA	NA	NA	91	100	91	86	71	72	85
Hardin, David	R	86	30	NA	NA	NA	71	100	85	85	95	47	80
Harris, Erik	R	39	36	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	88	88
Hasenbeck, Toni	R	65	30	NA	NA	NA	84	100	100	83	100	72	90
Hays, Neil	R	13	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	85	96	91
Hefner, Ellyn	D	87	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	69	59	64
Hilbert, Kyle	R	29	28	NA	74	91	84	100	97	88	100	86	90
Hill, Brian	R	47	30	NA	NA	NA	84	100	100	85	88	100	93
Humphrey, Justin	R	19	28	NA	74	77	82	94	97	97	53	74	81
Johns, Ronny	R	25	30	NA	NA	NA	87	100	100	77	69	59	82
Kane, John	R	11	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	88	91	89
Kannady, Chris	R	91	26	79	95	79	78	100	79	85	94	69	85

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Kendrix, Gerrid	R	52	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	85	70	71	75	75
Kerbs, Dell	R	26	28	NA	100	95	78	100	91	78	100	87	91
Lawson, Mark	R	30	28	NA	85	77	80	100	91	86	100	73	86
Lepak, Mark	R	9	26	100	90	86	87	100	88	100	88	97	94
Lowe, Dick	R	56	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	97	85	69	86	84
Lowe, Jason	D	97	28	NA	38	72	60	59	76	58	48	59	59
Luttrell, Ken	R	37	26	NA	NA	NA	87	94	94	84	100	76	89
Manger, Robert	R	101	30	NA	NA	NA	84	100	97	74	94	88	90
Marti, T.J.	R	75	30	NA	NA	NA	91	76	100	81	69	60	79
May, Stan	R	80	30	NA	NA	NA	91	100	91	88	94	69	89
Maynard, Cody	R	21	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	53	91	72
McBride, Mark	R	53	24	90	85	53	82	100	85	97	100	70	84
McCall, Charles	R	22	24	72	100	91	91	100	88	83	88	94	90
McDugle, Kevin	R	12	28	NA	64	65	87	100	88	83	94	NS	83
McEntire, Marcus	R	50	28	NA	85	93	80	100	97	73	69	70	83
Menz, Annie	D	45	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	74	63	69
Miller, Nicole	R	82	30	NA	NA	NA	91	100	97	88	95	88	93
Moore, Anthony	R	57	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	97	76	95	78	86
Munson, Cyndi	D	85	28	74	64	91	69	47	88	55	48	59	66
Newton, Carl	R	58	28	NA	85	81	67	94	97	79	49	69	78
Nichols, Monroe	D	72	28	NA	69	58	82	65	82	68	58	NS	69
O'Donnell, Terry	R	23	24	77	100	56	82	100	79	79	75	84	80
Olsen, Jim	R	2	30	NA	NA	NA	78	94	55	67	83	78	76
Osburn, Mike	R	81	28	NA	95	74	91	100	94	97	100	88	92
Pae, Daniel	R	62	30	NA	NA	NA	87	100	91	76	94	84	89
Patzkowsky, Kenton	R	61	30	NA	NA	NA	80	100	82	88	83	67	83
Pfeiffer, John	R	38	26	95	90	91	80	100	91	97	100	89	91
Pittman, Ajay	D	99	30	NA	NA	NA	64	59	70	50	76	NS	64
Provenzano, Melissa	D	79	30	NA	NA	NA	60	76	82	70	61	66	69
Randleman, Randy	R	15	30	NA	NA	NA	87	100	100	84	90	NS	92
Ranson, Trish	D	34	30	NA	NA	NA	69	53	88	58	48	24	57
Roberts, Eric	R	83	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	91	85	88	91	89
Roe, Cynthia	R	42	30	NA	NA	NA	82	88	100	86	63	87	84
Rosecrants, Jacob	D	46	29	NA	NA	81	69	71	82	58	74	48	69
Schreiber, Suzanne	D	70	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	79	72	76
Sims, Lonnie	R	68	30	NA	NA	NA	78	100	94	81	72	62	81
Smith, David	R	18	30	NA	NA	NA	78	100	88	76	83	65	82
Sneed, Chris	R	14	30	NA	NA	NA	78	100	82	71	46	75	75
Staires, Clay	R	66	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	88	62	75
Stark, Marilyn	R	100	30	NA	NA	NA	87	100	100	74	88	72	87
Steagall, Jay	R	43	30	NA	NA	NA	89	100	94	40	40	76	73
Sterling, Danny	R	27	30	NA	NA	NA	87	100	85	85	69	72	83
Stinson, Preston	R	96	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NS	84	100	NS	92
Strom, Judd	R	10	30	NA	NA	NA	87	100	91	81	57	91	85
Swope, Amanda	D	71	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	48	NS	48
Talley, John	R	33	30	NA	NA	NA	69	100	97	85	65	78	82
Tedford, Mark	R	69	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	75	88
Townley, Tammy	R	48	30	NA	NA	NA	82	100	97	81	100	100	93
Turner, Mauree	D	88	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	82	67	38	64	63
Vancuren, Mark	R	74	30	NA	NA	NA	87	100	88	69	69	53	78
Waldron, John	D	77	30	NA	NA	NA	64	53	88	76	48	29	60
Wallace, Kevin	R	32	26	95	85	47	80	88	88	76	84	81	81

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West, Josh	R	5	28	NA	90	88	76	100	91	73	100	73	86
West, Kevin	R	54	28	NA	100	53	67	100	82	61	50	72	73
West, Rick	R	3	30	NA	46	42	NA	NA	42	61	23	41	42
West, Tammy	R	84	28	NA	95	95	91	100	100	85	100	87	94
Williams, Danny	R	28	30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	88	88	66	94	84
Wolfley, Max	R	95	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	94	64	100	72	82
Worthen, Rande	R	64	28	NA	79	65	40	94	88	85	63	73	73

SENATE	Party	Dist.	"Term Limit"	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Cumulative Score
Alvord, Jerry	R	14	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	94	97
Bergstrom, Micheal	R	1	28	NA	90	95	78	100	82	72	NS	81	85
Boren, Mary	D	16	30	NA	NA	NA	69	35	76	45	58	34	53
Brooks, Michael	D	44	29	NA	NA	90	69	59	85	61	58	47	67
Bullard, David	R	6	30	NA	NA	NA	78	94	94	78	100	59	84
Burns, George	R	5	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	73	74	83	41	68
Coleman, Bill	R	10	30	NA	NA	NA	91	100	100	85	100	100	96
Dahm, Nathan	R	33	24	49	41	62	58	76	39	60	NS	34	55
Daniels, Julie	R	29	28	NA	100	92	84	100	82	94	100	97	94
Deevers, Dusty	R	32	35	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NS	41	41
Dossett, Jo Anna	D	35	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	88	58	58	72	69
Dugger, Tom	R	21	28	NA	100	100	87	100	97	85	100	78	93
Floyd, Kay	D	46	24	82	59	90	78	47	88	50	58	53	68
Garvin, Jessica	R	43	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	91	84	100	94	92
Gollihare, Todd	R	12	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	94	97
Green, Grant	R	28	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	93	97
Hall, Chuck	R	20	30	NA	NA	NA	91	94	82	75	79	83	84
Hamilton, Warren	R	7	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	58	64	81	38	60
Haste, John	R	36	30	NA	NA	NA	91	100	100	84	100	84	93
Hicks, Carri	D	40	30	NA	NA	NA	73	47	88	52	52	50	60
Howard, Brent	R	38	30	NA	NA	NA	80	82	67	88	67	90	79
Jech, Darcy	R	26	26	90	79	95	87	100	100	85	100	94	93
Jett, Shane	R	17	26	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	67	52	71	44	58
Kidd, Chris	R	31	28	NA	92	95	78	41	100	82	100	93	85
Kirt, Julia	D	30	30	NA	NA	NA	78	47	88	52	52	47	61
Matthews, Kevin	D	11	24	67	59	74	60	47	82	50	58	58	60
McCortney, Greg	R	13	28	NA	90	95	82	65	88	84	56	94	82
Murdock, Casey	R	27	26	95	100	85	80	94	82	85	100	79	88
Newhouse, Joe	R	25	28	NA	62	NA	73	88	70	86	81	75	76
Paxton, Lonnie	R	23	28	NA	100	85	91	94	88	87	88	94	91
Pederson, Roland	R	19	28	NA	95	85	82	100	85	79	88	94	88
Pemberton, Dewayne	R	9	28	NA	79	95	87	100	97	85	100	84	91
Prieto, Dana	R	34	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	81	91
Pugh, Adam	R	41	28	NA	100	74	71	100	94	81	100	84	88
Rader, Dave	R	39	28	NA	95	85	91	100	100	88	83	84	91
Rogers, Cody	R	37	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	88	79	100	NS	89
Rosino, Paul	R	45	29	NA	NA	85	91	100	88	76	79	94	88
Seifried, Ally	R	2	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	100	100
Standridge, Robert	R	15	24	100	62	56	64	88	76	58	80	58	74

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Stanley, Brenda	R	42	30	NA	NA	NA	87	94	100	85	42	93	83
Stephens, Blake	R	3	32	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	85	100	94	95
Stewart, Jack	R	18	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	88	94	91
Thompson, Kristen	R	22	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	93	97
Thompson, Roger	R	8	26	100	100	95	71	88	91	84	100	100	92
Treat, Greg	R	47	24	79	90	72	71	88	91	86	100	100	87
Weaver, Darrell	R	24	30	NA	NA	NA	82	88	100	79	100	94	90
Woods, Tom	R	4	34	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	NS	100
Young, George	D	48	26	67	69	91	73	47	82	61	58	NS	69

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