

2007 Colorado State Legislature Voting Record

State Senate District 3 - Abel Tapia (D)

Legislator's Votes on High-Priority Animal-Related Legislation

Bill or Resolution #	Description	Committee Vote(s)	Floor Vote(s)	CHVL Position(s)	Final outcome of legislation
SB07-187	Creates academic license to practice veterinary medicine as an employee of a veterinary school, not outside of it; requires vets to make veterinary records available in cruelty investigations; requires vets to report suspected cruelty to animals or animal fighting; and provides civil and criminal immunity for vets who comply.	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes	Signed into law
HB07-1126	Authorizes physical therapists to perform physical therapy on animals after obtaining clearance from a licensed veterinarian.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
HB07-1201	Extends the Colorado income tax checkoff program that benefits the pet overpopulation fund.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
HB07-1235	Permits euthanasia without a court order for animals in extreme pain or severely injured/diseased past recovery; establishes petty offense for owning a dangerous dog who damages the property of another person; allows Bureau of Animal Protection agent or peace officer to euthanize in some circumstances; allows restraining order for animal protection; specifies that sexual acts with animals constitute cruelty to animals; expands "domestic violence" definition to include acts against animals when used as coercion, again allowing animals to be protected in restraining orders; requires genetic testing of convicted aggravated cruelty to animals offenders.		Yes	Yes	Signed into law
HB07-1298	Requires the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to administer the oil and gas conservation law so as to minimize adverse impacts on wildlife.	Yes ¹	Yes	Yes	Signed into law

SCORES

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**Legislator's Overall Score on CHVL's Top-Priority Legislation ~ 100% ~ A-
(Numeric score is the legislator's score on actual votes. Letter grade reflects overall evaluation.)**

1. Senate Committee on Appropriations

(CHVL also tracks petition-related legislation; however, this legislator did not have the opportunity to vote on any of CHVL's high-priority petition-related legislation during the 2007 session.)

Legislator's CHVL History

Legislator's overall voting record score in previous years tracked:

1999 ~ 25% | 2000 ~ 67% | 2001 ~ 75% | 2002 ~ 88% | 2003 ~ 70% | 2004 ~ 100% (A) | 2005 ~ 100% (A-)
2006 ~ 100% (A-)

Legislator's scores on candidate questionnaires:

2000 ~ Did not respond | 2002 ~ 54% | 2004 ~ Not up for re-election | 2006 ~ 67%