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## Power and influence

Electric power interests gave \$1.7 million to elected officials during the past three election cycles. Of the top 25 lawmaker recipients, 20 sit on committees that regulate or oversee utilities and other electricity providers. Donations to gubernatorial candidates, attorney general, the state parties and legislative caucus political action committees are also shown.

| Members of the state Legislature | DTE Energy and Consumers Energy | Alternative electric providers | Total    |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Ken Sikkema*                     | \$27,025                        | \$8,400                        | \$35,425 |
| Rick Johnson                     | 23,880                          | 2,175                          | 26,055   |
| Bruce Patterson*                 | 19,405                          | 4,725                          | 24,130   |
| Bev Hammerstrom*                 | 19,200                          | 1,450                          | 20,650   |
| Buzz Thomas*                     | 18,525                          | 1,375                          | 19,900   |
| Shirley Johnson                  | 17,350                          | 0                              | 17,350   |
| Dianne Byrum*                    | 14,900                          | 1,700                          | 16,600   |
| Mat Dunaskiss*                   | 11,900                          | 4,600                          | 16,500   |
| Laura Toy*                       | 15,250                          | 1,200                          | 16,450   |
| Randy Richardville*              | 14,350                          | 1,525                          | 15,875   |
| Jason Allen*                     | 14,150                          | 1,550                          | 15,700   |
| Kwame Kilpatrick                 | 14,600                          | 1,000                          | 15,600   |
| Mark Schauer*                    | 13,275                          | 2,250                          | 15,525   |
| Ken Bradstreet*                  | 8,585                           | 5,735                          | 14,320   |
| Nancy Cassis*                    | 13,050                          | 475                            | 13,525   |
| Jim Howell*                      | 11,675                          | 725                            | 12,400   |
| Patty Birkholz*                  | 8,450                           | 3,075                          | 11,525   |
| Bob Emerson                      | 9,750                           | 1,700                          | 11,450   |
| Jud Gilbert*                     | 11,200                          | 0                              | 11,200   |
| Mike Bishop*                     | 9,600                           | 975                            | 10,575   |
| Jerry VanWoerkem                 | 10,050                          | 400                            | 10,450   |
| Mary Ann Middaugh*               | 8,700                           | 1,750                          | 10,450   |
| Clark Bisbee*                    | 8,875                           | 875                            | 9,750    |
| Alan Sanborn*                    | 9,500                           | 0                              | 9,500    |
| Virg Bernero*                    | 8,750                           | 425                            | 9,175    |

### Statewide elected officials, gubernatorial candidates

|                   |        |       |        |
|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Jennifer Granholm | 67,350 | 3,000 | 70,350 |
| Dick Posthumus    | 44,100 | 0     | 44,150 |
| John Engler       | 40,000 | 0     | 40,000 |
| Mike Cox          | 5,900  | 800   | 6,700  |

### Legislative PACs

|                   |         |       |         |
|-------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| House Republicans | 114,050 | 6,700 | 120,750 |
| House Democrats   | 103,775 | 3,000 | 106,775 |

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|--------------------|---------|-------|---------|--|
| House Republicans  | 114,050 | 8,700 | 120,750 |  |
| House Democrats    | 103,775 | 3,000 | 106,775 |  |
| Senate Republicans | 93,750  | 3,200 | 96,950  |  |
| Senate Democrats   | 69,250  | 1,800 | 71,050  |  |

**State parties**

|                        |        |   |        |  |
|------------------------|--------|---|--------|--|
| State Republican Party | 30,350 | 0 | 30,350 |  |
| State Democratic Party | 14,350 | 0 | 14,350 |  |

**Total donated**      **1,583,192\*\***      **128,083**      **1,711,275**

\*Member of Senate Technology & Energy Committee; House Energy & Technology Committee, Senate Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform Committee; or House Regulatory Reform Committee

\*\*Includes additional donations

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