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Even BlackRock Funds Buying Oil Stocks Are Banned by Texas ESG Fight.

- **Funds prohibited in Texas invested \$5 billion in fossil fuels**
- **Texas's list of funds that boycott has gotten little scrutiny**

Texas bars its public pensions from investing in 350 funds run by asset-management giants such as BlackRock Inc. and Invesco Ltd. because a key Republican state official says they “boycott” the oil and gas industries.

But a Bloomberg News analysis found that the 72 BlackRock funds on the prohibited list have invested more than \$2 billion in the oil industry, while an Invesco fund allocates about 20% to oil and natural gas companies, some of which are also Texas-based. The TIAA-CREF Social Choice International Equity Fund has a nearly 5% allocation to fossil fuels.

Altogether, almost half the funds on the boycotters list have invested a combined \$5 billion directly in the oil and gas industry. And two thirds of the now banned funds have more than \$13 billion invested in Texas-based companies, including Tesla Inc. and Waste Management Inc.

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