

## Arizona Legislature Queues Up More Hate-Based Legislation



A joint committee hearing on HCR2060, the Legislature's latest anti-immigrant measure

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Hi all!

This week at the Legislature, only the Arizona Senate met and most of their focus was on <u>HCR2060 Now: border; benefits; fentanyl; illegal entry</u>, a bill that aims to refer to the ballot a measure to make it easier for law enforcement to engage in racial profiling and to investigate and detain suspected undocumented individuals. It is very likely unconstitutional,

would cost the state a lot, and, of course, is inhumane. Opposition speakers did a great job in Committee. You can <u>listen to the hearing here</u>. Note, you will also hear the proponents and their ridiculous comments. If HCR2060 passes in the Senate, it will go back to the House for concurrence or refusal and a final vote. There is unlikely to be additional opportunity to comment, but you may have a chance to vote no on it.

There was also some debate over several housing bills this week in the Senate. For whatever reason, it has been impossible to get everyone to the table on this. Of course, what is needed, are measures to actually require that developments include affordable and low-income housing.

Next week, they will be doing an elections strike-everything amendment on HB2056. It will likely relate to early ballots and on-site tabulation, among other things. We are quite sure it will be another effort to curb voting.

If you have not created an account on the Request to Speak system, I encourage you to do so. If you need it activated, please let us know. We can help you out. Also, Civic Engagement Beyond Voting has a training and can also help you get signed up for this system. Find more information here.

### Sign in on Request to Speak to oppose HCR2056!

You can see more bills we are tracking here.

You can find contact information for all legislators here.

For more information on these and other bills, reach out to Sandy Bahr at sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org.

Thank you for continuing to take action against HCR2056 and please take action below to support Great Bend of the Gila, a non-legislative action!

All the best,

Sandy Bahr Chapter Director

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# **Coming Up This Week at the Legislature!**



### Thursday, May 16th

### Senate Elections Committee at 10:00 AM in SHR1

Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here.

• HCR2056 preferential treatment; discrimination; prohibition (Montenegro: Biasiucci, Bliss, et al) will have a strike-everything amendment on elections that will in some way affect early voting and how people can deliver ballots. OPPOSE

### Take Action to Protect Great Bend of the Gila



# GREAT BEND

The Great Bend of the Gila is a unique area of Sonoran Desert, an ecologically fragile and culturally significant area that needs protection from destructive roads, mining, and from harm to cultural resources.

At least 13 Tribes across the Southwest have connections to this region, which was once a flourishing river valley and features remnants of Indigenous structures and cultural sites, petroglyphs and geoglyphs, and many thousands of pottery sherds.

Please sign our petition to support protection of the Great Bend of the Gila as a national monument to recognize the cultural significance that the land holds for Indigenous Peoples, while establishing new ways for Tribes to lead in the stewardship and management of those lands.

### Sign below to protect Great Bend of the Gila!

Sign the Petition for Great Bend





