



Long Agendas with Deadline for Hearing Bills in Committee in House of Origin



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Hi everyone!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Environmental Day at the Capitol on Wednesday! It was a great event and it was wonderful to see everyone who could be there in person and also seeing the comments you made virtually. We heard about great climate actions at the city level from Mayor Woods, Mayor Gallego, and Mayor Giles; compelling stories from Westwood High School students Gabby and Ramon about environmental injustice and climate action; about electric vehicles from Senator Steele; and a bit about bills from various other legislators, plus organizations spoke up about what they're doing and Arizona Interfaith Power and Light hosted *Sacred Waters*. Here is a [link](#) if you would like to view much of the morning program.

Next week is the last week to hear bills in committee in the house of origin, that means there are some very long agendas below. At the end of next week, we will have a better idea about the universe of bills that may advance and will focus in on a few of them. While no new bills can be introduced at this point, don't forget that strike-everything amendments are allowed, which basically means a bill can be replaced with a brand new bill via an amendment. You will see there are a few strikers on upcoming agendas .

Keep calling your House members, asking them to oppose [HB2055 Harquahala non-expansion area; groundwater transportation](#) (Griffin: Bowers). The bill has not moved out of the House, so our efforts are making a difference. HB2055 allows private water companies

to import water from the Harquahala Valley and into active management areas (AMAs) for development. Creating groundwater sacrifice zones and further privatizing water is a bad idea. [You can find your representatives' phone numbers here.](#)

[HB2101 electric energy; reliability; public policy](#) (Griffin: Abraham, Blackman, et al.), which repeals provisions in the law that create parameters for retail competition of electricity, is likely to go to the floor of the House next week. We are still opposed as we have concerns about how it will affect community choice aggregation, rooftop solar in SRP territory, and have not seen what additional amendments they may be adding to it. **Let your House members know you have concerns about this bill too.** Its twin is up in the Senate Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee on Wednesday.

Please call and ask your representatives to oppose [HB2536 corporation commissioners; qualifications](#) (Griffin). It requires corporation commissioners to be at least 30 years old and have five years experience in business, accounting, finance, economics, administrative law, or professional engineering. This would disqualify a lot of people who have been or would be excellent commissioners. It is ready to go to the House floor.

Most of us have been experiencing great frustration with the [Request to Speak System](#) -- it has been super slow and sometimes will not allow you to sign in on a bill at all. It was supposed to be fixed today, but I noticed it was again taking forever last evening, which is why this update is going out on Saturday. If you are going to sign in on bills and we hope you will, plan to set aside a little extra time. We will keep pushing the Legislature to get this fixed. If you do not have a Request to Speak account. Civic Engagement Beyond Voting (CEBV) is graciously volunteering to sign you up. To get an account set up, just [go to this link](#).

This week, we encourage you to sign in on [Request to Speak](#) in opposition to the following bills: HB2041, HB2128, HB2181, HB2240, HB2242, HB2491, HB2492, HB2591, HB2703, HB2728, HB2731, HCR2025, HCR2038, and SB1032, SB1338, SB1465, SB1571, SB1572, SB1629, SB1631, SB1718, SCR1012, and SCR1032.

Sign in to support HB2151, HB2560, HB2750, SB1279, SB1638, and SB1656. See the details on the bills below under "Coming Up at the Arizona Legislature this Week."

To view bills we are tracking [go here](#).

If you want to learn a little more about how a bill becomes a law, check out this [new Zine by the Arizona Agenda](#). It takes you beyond Arizona Bill.

If you live in Tempe, please consider signing up for *It's Too Damn Hot! A forum on what to do about climate change locally*. It's today, Saturday, at 4:00PM. [Sign up here](#).

Thank you so much for all that you do!

All the best,



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Coming Up at the Arizona Legislature this Week.

Monday, February 14th

Happy Statehood and Happy Valentine's Day!

Senate Committee on Transportation & Technology at 2:00 PM in SHR109

- Presentations Lucid Motors, Daniel Witt, Head of State and Local Public Policy Cruise, Carter Stern, Senior Manager of Government Relations
- SB1596 off-highway vehicles (Kerr) will have a strike-everything amendment on [off highway vehicle study committee](#). The study committee includes Game and Fish, hunting and fishing groups, OHV groups, etc., but no one focused on resource protection or from an environmental group. There clearly are issues with damage from OHV activities and we would like to see some stronger protections, but I'm not sure this committee will get us there. **MONITOR**

Senate Committee on Government at 2:00 PM in SHR1

- [SB1169 email; prohibition; political campaigns](#) (Gowan) prohibits a candidate committee, political action committee, or political party from sending a campaign email to an email address that ends in .edu or .gov. If someone does, they are liable to the email recipient for \$100 per email in any action for damages. This seems onerous as it is easy to accidentally include an email in your lists. **MONITOR**
- [SB1259 recounts; requests; procedures; audits](#) (Mesnard) increases the minimum number of precincts included in post-election hand counts, and allows the Attorney General, Secretary of State, or Legislative Council to request an election recount. **MONITOR**
- [SB1338 paper ballots; hand count; precincts](#) (Rogers) prohibits the use of electronic voting and tabulating devices, unless required to comply with accessibility requirements. It requires paper ballots to be used in all elections and counted by hand. It prohibits a county board of supervisors from using voting centers. Why do they object so much to voting centers? **OPPOSE**
- [SB1460 election law amendments](#) (Shope) modifies requirements relating to the issuance of ballots at a polling place to persons that previously received an early ballot

- and procedures following redistricting and the filing of nomination papers and nomination petitions. **MONITOR**
- [SB1465 voting equipment; requirements; records; origin](#) (Rogers) requires the Secretary of State to revoke the certification for vote recording, vote aggregation and vote tabulating machines that do not meet certain requirements. Requires at least one of the members of the Equipment Certification Advisory Committee to hold an industry-recognized cybersecurity certification. Again, more stop the steal paranoia. **OPPOSE**
 - SB1476 public meetings; in-person attendance (Townsend: Burges, Fillmore) will have a strike-everything on [ballots; identification](#). It requires ballots for any election to be numbered consecutively and a unique number. It requires a chain of custody document for the ballots. **MONITOR**
 - [SB1478 elections; county supervisors; ballot; markers](#) (Townsend: Burges, Fillmore) prohibits a county board of supervisors from requiring the use of a specific marking on a paper ballot and providing the use of a pen that creates visible marks on the reverse side of a paper ballot or that may damage. This is so unnecessary. **MONITOR**
 - [SB1509 state officers; residency requirements](#) (Petersen) requires the deputy or assistant of an elected officer to be a U.S. citizen and asserts that the deputy or assistant is not required to be an Arizona resident. **MONITOR**
 - [SB1570 election equipment; security; results; tabulation](#) (Townsend) outlines requirements for voting equipment chain of custody, internet or remote access and accessible ports. Classifies, as a class 2 misdemeanor, a violation of requirements relating to voting equipment specifications and chain of custody. **MONITOR**
 - [SB1571 ballot drop boxes; surveillance; appropriation](#) (Townsend) prohibits voted early ballots from being returned by mail. Outlines requirements for ballot drop-boxes, including a monitoring camera. This is ridiculous. **OPPOSE**
 - [SB1572 voting list; images; cast votes](#) (Townsend) requires a county recorder to publish a list of eligible voters, with certain identifying information redacted, on the county recorder's website 10 days before a primary and general election. Requires a county recorder to digitally publish on the county's website all ballot images and a sortable cast-vote record. Requires early ballots, provisional ballots and election day ballots to be separated, tabulated and stored by precinct as applicable. **OPPOSE**
 - [SB1574 voting irregularities; report; legislative review](#) (Townsend) requires a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to maintain a record of all voting irregularities that occur during early voting, emergency voting and election day voting. **MONITOR**
 - [SB1576 tabulating equipment; fractional votes; manual](#) (Townsend) prohibits the use of any tabulating machines that are capable of registering fractional votes in Arizona elections. Requires a county recorder to post outlined information regarding tabulating equipment on the county website. Prohibits a county from contracting with a tabulating equipment provider that does not have a posted manual describing all capabilities for the equipment. **MONITOR**
 - [SB1577 elections; adjudicated ballots; categories](#) (Townsend) requires a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to separate and record duplicated and adjudicated ballots by type of defect or damage and by type of ballot and submit a report to the Legislature. Makes it a class 2 misdemeanor to violate prescribed separation and recording requirements. **MONITOR**
 - [SB1609 election contests; invalidated election; sanctions](#) (Townsend) says a court will order a new election if it determines the initial outcome was determined not to be the outcome. I am not sure what she is getting at with this one. Hoping that Trump appointed judges will help in the next round?
 - [SB1629 registration; verification; images; audits; boxes](#) (Borrelli: Barto, Fann, et al) outlines requirements for "election integrity audits" by the Office of the Auditor General, the posting of digital ballot images, registration of voter registration collectors with the Secretary of State, voter list maintenance procedures, signature verification training and testing, ballot drop boxes and hand count audits. **OPPOSE**
 - [SB1638 early ballots; visually impaired voters](#) (Pace: Shah) requires any Arizona election to provide for voting by the use of a remote accessible vote by mail system for persons with a visual impairment. **SUPPORT**
 - [SB1642 election management systems; security](#) (Fann) requires a county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to have a dedicated special purposes election management system gateway computer. **MONITOR**

- SCR1012 legislature; ninety house districts (Mesnard) will have a strike-everything amendment on [voter identification](#) that refers to the ballot a measure to require an early voter to provide the voter's date of birth and a copy of certain early voter identification when returning an early ballot. Removes the authorization for a person to provide two different forms of identification without a photograph in order to receive a ballot at a polling place. **OPPOSE**
- [SCR1032 plenary legislative authority; elections](#) (Townsend: Borrelli, Gowan, et al.) says the Legislature reaffirms the Legislature's plenary power with respect to elections and opposes any attempt by the federal government to usurp or otherwise interfere with state legislative sovereign authority over elections. This is objecting to much needed measures such as the Freedom to Vote Act. **OPPOSE**

House Committee on Land, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs at 2:00 PM in HHR3

- [HB2151 land division; acting in concert](#) (Kavanagh) authorizes a county or the State Real Estate Department to deny a building permit or certificate of occupancy if a group is under investigation for attempting to violate land division laws. It increases penalties for selling or leasing subdivided lands without obtaining a public report. This is a way to crack down a bit on wildcat subdivisions. **SUPPORT**
- HB2181 technical correction; game; fish; facilities (Cook) will have a S/E amendment on [game and fish; taking wolves](#) that forbids the Arizona Game and Fish Commission from prohibiting anyone from killing a wolf that is actively threatening or attacking a person, livestock or other domestic animal. The first of these is clear cut, although not necessary. People can kill wolves if they are threatened -- which almost never happens -- but allowing endangered wolves to be killed for taking livestock or other animals is not appropriate. **OPPOSE**
- [HB2182 livestock assistance program; infrastructure projects](#) (Cook: Dunn, Finchem, et al) establishes the Livestock and Crop Assistance Grant Program and requirements to qualify for program funding. Do we need another program to subsidize livestock interests? **MONITOR**
- [HB2334 state lands; lease provisions](#) (Cook) prohibits state trust land leases from containing certain indemnification and liability provisions. **MONITOR**
- [HB2588 state forester; legislative presentation; report](#) (Grantham) directs the State Forester to give a presentation of forestry issues in each regular session of the legislature. **MONITOR**

House Committee on Military Affairs & Public Safety at 2:00 PM in HHR1

- [HB2591 border security fund; administration](#) (Grantham) is an emergency measure to authorize the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs to use up to \$250,000 from the Border Security Fund to pay for additional full-time equivalent positions. This is more border militarization. **OPPOSE**

Tuesday, February 15th

House Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, & Water at 2:00 PM in HHR1

- [HB2037 expenditures; authority; water; wastewater](#) (Cook: Carter) adds participating in water reuse and recycling programs or regional water recharge and purchasing waters rights to demonstrate assured water supply to definition of economic development, allowing counties to expend funds on them. **MONITOR**
- [HB2056 fifth management period; extension](#) (Griffin: Blackman, Bowers, et al) extends the fifth management period out from 2025 to 2035, giving active management areas an additional 10 years to reach safe yield. It seems like this should be accompanied by additional requirements for water conservation. **MONITOR**
- [HB2128 rulemaking; exemption; limitation; corporation commission](#) (Griffin: Carroll) subjects the Arizona Corporation Commission to the rulemaking process that is followed by agencies. This is an effort by the legislature to assert more control over the ACC. **OPPOSE**
- [HB2408 Arizona game and fish; continuation](#) (Griffin) continues the Arizona Game and Fish Department for eight years. While we think the agency should be reformed to

better serve the broader public and to focus more on conservation, we do think it should be continued. **MONITOR**

- [HB2410 environmental programs; amendments](#) (Griffin) repeals ultra low sulfur diesel program, makes it optional for ADEQ to develop a program to expedite innovation relative to air quality. **MONITOR**
- HB2552 technical correction; defrauding secured creditors (Griffin) is likely a vehicle bill for a strike-everything amendment.
- HB2554 land divisions; property; technical correction (Griffin) is also likely a vehicle.
- [HB2560 appropriation; DWR; water efficiency projects](#) (Dunn) appropriates \$1 million to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to identify water efficiency projects that have significant potential for water savings and that also have legal impediments hindering implementation. **SUPPORT**
- [HB2725 Arizona water authority](#). (Griffin: Bowers) is a placeholder bill to establish the Arizona water authority and appropriate a certain amount for it. **MONITOR**
- [HB2836 interim groundwater review areas](#) (Griffin) allows these interim groundwater review areas to be established and limits on groundwater pumping for five years after they are established. Why would you limit it to just five years? **MONITOR**
- [HCR2038 supporting proper forest management](#) (Griffin) contains revisionist history regarding the history of national forests. It fails to recognize the impacts of commercial logging on forest health -- most of the larger trees were logged in Arizona, leaving more opportunities for the dense growth of smaller trees -- fire suppression, and livestock grazing. There is no mention of climate change. It seeks to repeat the mistakes of the past that have contributed to unhealthy forests. **OPPOSE**

Senate Committee on Appropriations at 2:00 PM in SHR109

- [SB1032 border fence construction; appropriation](#) (Rogers) appropriates \$700,000,000 to the Border Security Fund for the construction and maintenance of a physical border fence. **OPPOSE**
- [SB1362 early ballot on-site tabulation](#) (Mesnard) requires every county recorder to provide for a way to have completed early ballots tabulated on site at a polling place or voting center. It establishes the Early Ballot On-Site Tabulation Fund and appropriates a blank amount to the Fund. **MONITOR**
- [SB1411 early ballots; tracking system](#) (Mesnard) requires counties with a population of more than 100,000 persons to provide an early ballot tracking system and provide voters with access to the system on the county's website. Appropriates \$700,000 to the Secretary of State for establishing a grant program for counties to establish an early ballot tracking system. This seems fine and is similar to what we have in Maricopa County.
- [SB1718 appropriation; border security fund](#) (Gowan) appropriates \$1,140,800 and 14.5 full-time equivalent positions from the state General Fund to the Border Security Fund. **OPPOSE**

House Committee on Commerce at 2:00 P.M. in HHR3

- [HB2599 administrative hearings; GRRC](#) (Grantham) says successful appellants are entitled to attorneys' fees. **MONITOR**
- [HB2731 regulatory sandbox; expansion](#) (Kaiser) expands this regulatory sandbox program that allows entities to operate without permits. **OPPOSE**

Wednesday, February 16th

House Committee on Judiciary at 8:00 a.m. in HHR4

- [HB2750 prisoners; forest restoration projects; expungement](#) (Cano: Abraham, Andrade, et al.) allows prisoners who participated in forest restoration projects to petition for expungement of their record. **SUPPORT**

House Committee on Government & Elections at 9:00 AM in HHR1

- [HB2041 ballot fraud countermeasures; paper; ink](#) (Biasiucci: Blackman, Chaplik, et al) requires certain types of paper, ink, watermarks, etc. for ballots, furthering the big lie

related to voter fraud. **OPPOSE**

- [HB2240 elections; voting centers prohibited](#) (Hoffman: Barton, Burges, et al) prohibits voting centers. This is another measure to discourage early voting. **OPPOSE**
- [HB2242 voter registrations; validation requirement](#) (Hoffman: Barton, Biasiucci, et al) requires elections officials to independently verify the accuracy of the name, address, date of birth, and driver's license number on every voter registration form. This will create significant delays in new voter registrations. **OPPOSE**
- [HB2377 voting; seventy-five foot limit; photographs](#) (Bolick) prohibits photos of voters or their ballots within 75 feet of a polling place. **MONITOR**
- [HB2378 election lawsuits](#) (Bolick) prohibits the secretary of state from settling lawsuits that affect county recorders without involving the county recorder that is affected. **MONITOR**
- [HB2491 elections; signature matching requirements](#) (Hoffman: Martinez, Parker) requires a multi-factor (there is a blank in the bill) signature verification for early ballots and makes it a Class 5 felony if a person does follow that. **OPPOSE**
- [HB2492 voter registration; verification; citizenship](#) (Hoffman: Blackman, Carter, et al) requires proof of residency to register to vote -- an ID with a current address, creates new restrictions for federal-only voters, even though the state has no authority to do so, and provides new ways to punish non-citizens who may register to vote. **OPPOSE**
- [HB2567 nominating petitions; multiple petition signatures](#) (Carter) removes restrictions on how many nominating petitions someone can sign for various offices. **MONITOR**
- [HB2703 auditor general; audits; county elections](#) (Bolick: Biasiucci, Blackman, et al.) provides for "election integrity" audits. Again, more of the same. **OPPOSE**
- [HB2710 registrations; counting procedures; observers; verification](#) (Kavanagh) allows for public posting of voter registration records. **MONITOR**
- [HB2780 voter lists; images; voting records](#) (Kavanagh: Barton, Biasiucci, et al.) requires posting of voter registration lists before the Primary and General elections. **MONITOR**
- [HB2783 election law violations; procedures manual](#) (Bolick: Carroll, Carter, et al.) increases the penalty for violating elections procedures rules. **MONITOR**
- [HB2786 voter registrations; ballot requests; source](#) (Hoffman: Barton, Biasiucci, et al.) says that the county recorders can't use a signature on a form that is not an official form as an example of the most recent signature for purposes of signature verification. **MONITOR**
- [HCR2025 government-issued voter identification](#) (Fillmore: Biasiucci, Blackman, et al) refers to the ballot a measure relating to voter ID. **OPPOSE**

Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, & Water at 2:00 PM in SHR109

- SB1067 water infrastructure finance authority; cities (Shope) will have a strike-everything amendment on the same subject. It is not yet posted.
- SB1171 unlawful feeding; wildlife; exception (Gowan) will have a strike-everything amendment on treated process water; definitions. It is not yet posted.
- [SB1279 geographic; historic board; name change](#) (Steele: Alston, Bowie, et al) prohibits the use of the word squaw in naming of geographic features, highways, roads, etc. **SUPPORT**
- [SB1462 electrical grid resilience; standards; commission](#) (Rogers) establishes a commission to address the threat of electromagnetic pulse attacks. This is pretty out there.
- SB1595 irrigation districts; uses; drainage permit (Kerr) will have a strike-everything amendment on annexation that is not yet posted.
- [SB1631 electric energy; public policy; reliability](#) (Kerr: Fann, Gray, et al) eliminates the requirements for retail competition. The bill may have a negative impact on rooftop solar in SRP territory. **OPPOSE**
- [SB1656 water and energy; improvement district](#) (Pace: Shope, Abraham, et al) establishes a property assessed clean energy program for commercial property. This provides a mechanism for financing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. **SUPPORT**
- [SM1003 electrical grids; security; strengthening](#) (Rogers) asks Congress to strengthen the grid.

House Committee on Transportation at 2:00 PM in HHR3

- HB2052 defensive driving school fund; report (Wilmeth) will have a strike-everything amendment on [off-highway recreation fund; annual report; definition](#) that requires the report to be posted on the website, among other things. **MONITOR**
- [HB2728 appropriations; ADOT; tier 2 studies](#) (Wilmeth) appropriates funding for various freeway studies, including \$25 million for I-11. **OPPOSE**

