



Arizona Legislative Updates



Take Action Against Bad Referrals and Legislation!

VOTE NO ON HCR 2040!

This ballot referral would make it **illegal** if any public entity (the state of AZ, state agencies, community colleges, etc.) took action to:

- reduce GHG emissions & waste
- promote walking, biking, & public transport
- reduce meat/dairy consumption & airplane travel

This means AZ and its institutions can't fight for a better world without extreme heat, air pollution, and landfills of waste.

Graphic by Community Catalyst Fellow, Lyla Yango

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Hi all!

This was the last week to hear bills in committees, except for Appropriations and except if the majority in the legislature just changes their minds. As expected, it was a week full of bad legislation advancing -- very little was stopped in committee -- and a lot of last minute bad strike-everything amendments, including to do things like provide exemptions from public records law for water deals, You can read about that [here](#). We even saw friendly legislators agree to move a bill at the last minute, one that had never appeared on the actual agenda.

For this legislative update, there are only a couple of bills on committee agendas and only one to sign in on, so we are focusing more on some bills that we think might come to the floor next week, especially two referrals. The referrals cannot be vetoed, so need special attention.

[HCR2040 public monies; prohibited expenditures](#) (Smith: Biasiucci, Carbone, et al.) is one of those referrals. It would place a measure on the 2024 ballot to prohibit the state or any political subdivision, including universities, to do anything to help reduce global temperatures, have a climate action plan, participate in anything related to reducing meat consumption, etc. It wraps this up with a bow related to prohibiting "furthering Marxist ideologies." It is clearly intended to connect all of these issues and motivate voters who fear that there is a vast conspiracy to make this a better world.

[Tell your senator to vote no on HCR2040!](#)

Act on HCR2040!

[HCR2050 energy source; restriction; prohibition](#) (Griffin: Biasiucci, Bliss, et al) passed out of the Senate Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee along party lines on Thursday. It would put on the 2024 ballot a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit a city, town, county or any other political subdivision of the state from restricting the manufacture, use or sale of a device based on the energy source that is either used to power the device or consumed by the device. Device is not defined, but this is clearly intended to preclude any limits on fossil fuel "devices," including gas. This will make it harder to protect our air, our water, our health, and our communities.

[Please send a message to your senator asking them to oppose HCR2050.](#)

OPPOSE HCR 2050

AZ, any city, town, county, political subdivision, or public body would be **prohibited from restricting the manufacture, sale, or use of a device based on the energy source it uses.**

We can't limit products that use harmful energy!



We can't fight:

- **air pollution & its lethal health effects** caused by burning gas, propane, coal, wood, etc.
- **extreme weather & drought** caused by climate change
- **deforestation, land degradation, & biodiversity loss** caused by making biofuels and fossil fuels
- **environmental racism:** disproportionate negative impacts on people of color caused by environmentally destructive practices
- **the continual protection of the fossil fuel industry** funded by billions of taxpayer dollars

https://www.eesi.org/files/FactSheet_Fossil_Fuel_Subsidies_2024.pdf
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/mrs-energy-and-sustainability/article/social-and-economic-consequences-of-the-fossil-fuel-supply-chain/181CB4D021BA549E64D87B667D3FB987>

Tell Senators to Oppose HCR2050!

Help PROTECT AZ Public Lands!



Ask your AZ senators to oppose harmful bills
and support Public Lands and protection of Indigenous
cultural and ecological resources

Take Action Today!
bit.ly/AZPublicLands2024

Arizona has roughly 28 million acres of federal public lands. These places provide extensive opportunities for recreation and key habitat and corridors for numerous animal species. Public lands provide us with clean air and clean water, and they, like other lands in our state, are all Indigenous lands -- that should be part of the context of what happens with them.

The AZ Legislature has frequently sought more control of our federal public lands, attempting to privatize and eliminate or weaken protections for the land, water, and wildlife. These bills have been vetoed by Republican governors and also defeated overwhelmingly on the ballot. Arizonans love our public lands. Please tell your senator to vote no on bills that seek to hinder protection of public lands and waters. Read more about them and take action here.

Take Action to Protect Public Lands!



And last, but not least, please take action and tell your representatives to oppose SB1221. It sets up an impossible process for establishing basin management areas and codifies current overpumping of rural groundwater.

[Learn more and take action here.](#)

Act to Protect Rural Groundwater!

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.](#)

This week, please sign in to **Oppose HCR2058.**

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.

Many thanks for taking action and signing in against the bills again this session!

All the best,



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Coming Up This Week at the AZ Legislature



Historic Capitol courtesy of Sandy Bahr

Monday, March 25th

House Appropriations Committee at 1:30 PM in HHR1.

[Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here.](#)

- SB1176 appropriation; Arizona trail fund (Gowan: Diaz) will have a strike everything amendment, [S/E: off-highway vehicle; recreation fund](#). It allows dollars to be dispersed to county sheriffs for enforcement, but does not actually allocate any more dollars.
WATCH

Tuesday, March 26th

Senate Appropriations Committee at 2:00 PM in SHR109

[Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here.](#)

- [HCR2058 legislative districts; population; census; citizenship](#) (Heap: Chaplik, Gillette, et al) would put a measure on the 2024 ballot to require a state census that the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) must use to determine legislative districts based on citizenship population. This is a direct attack on the IRC and would subvert US census data to dilute and attack communities. If successfully referred and approved, it would impact minority districts disproportionately. **OPPOSE**

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