



Another Week -- well really just one day -- at the AZ Legislature and still no budget



Earth Day volunteers Shahriar and Larissa photo by Greg Clark

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Hi all!

Let's start with some good news. This week, Governor Hobbs vetoed [HB2646 power plants; public service corporations](#). This was a bad bill that sought to extend the life of outdated, expensive, dirty coal plants at the expense of utility ratepayers, setting out-of-reach parameters for their closures, and requiring the Attorney General to be engaged in opposing federal rules that would expedite their retirement. Thank you to everyone who contacted the Governor about it. We appreciate it. **Give her a call at 602-542-4331 to say thank you to her for vetoing it.**

She also vetoed [HB2002 power plants; transmission lines; definition](#), so you can thank her for that at the same time. It would have excluded switchyards and substations from review by the AZ Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee). The Committee is one of the few entities that considers environmental factors relative to siting and utilities are chipping away at what it applies to both at the Legislature and the Arizona Corporation Commission.

[HB2124 agricultural operations; water; protection; definition](#) (Smith) passed in the House on Wednesday along party lines. It requires the court to award attorneys' fees for nuisance claims related to groundwater pumping. This is another bill to protect big pumpers at the expense of those harmed who may have few tools available to them to challenge the pumping.

[Ask Governor Hobbs to Veto HB2124!](#)

Tell Governor to Veto Bad Water Bill!

I am not including the referrals in the update this week. You can find them in our legislative tracker. The majority likely will not move those until they have a budget and they will not have a budget until they address the bill to repeal the 1864 total abortion ban. They have already referred seven measures to the ballot, so perhaps they will call that good too. We shall see.

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 so much for taking action!

All the best,



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More Earth Day Photos!



Above, Sandy Bahr, Lyla Yango, and Riyla Robinson celebrate Earth Day. Both Lyla and Riyla were speakers at the event. Below, part of the Earth Day crowd at Wesley Bolin Plaza on the first 100 degree day of 2024 in Phoenix.



Part of the Earth Day crowd at the Rally last Sunday..

