



Arizona Legislative Updates



Harmful Referrals and Bad Water Bill Considered this Week

**THE ARIZONA GOP
IS ATTACKING OUR
FREEDOM TO VOTE.**

**Tell your lawmaker
to vote NO on HCR2056**

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Hi all!

This week at the Legislature, there was an attempt to get the votes to pass [HCR2060 Now: border; benefits; fentanyl; illegal entry](#) in the Senate, but they came up short of the required 16 votes, so did not bring it up for a vote. HCR2060 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. More business interests weighed in against this bill, so perhaps more GOP senators are wavering. We shall see when they return to the Capitol on Wednesday. **Please keep the calls coming to senators asking them to oppose HCR2060.**

The Senate Elections Committee approved [a strike-everything amendment on HCR2056](#) on Thursday. The amendment requires onsite tabulation of ballots on Election Day, limits the drop off of early ballots after 7:00 PM on the Friday before the election, and requires identification to drop off any early ballot on Election Day. If passed, this would hinder voting, especially for Tribal and rural communities, create longer lines at the polls, and cost a great deal more than the \$11 million that has been appropriated. **Call your senator and ask them to vote no on HCR2056.** On top of the other issues, it is half-baked and confusing.

[You can find senators' contact information here.](#)

Finally, the Senate also tried to jam through a terrible water bill this week and unfortunately had the backing of the Governor to do it. On Tuesday, Senator Sine Kerr (R) offered a 28-page amendment on HB2201, which was already a bad bill. Her amendment made it much worse -- a Christmas Tree of bad bills written by and for developers, land speculators, private water companies, and two places -- Buckeye and Queen Creek -- that want the rules changed to get around the groundwater modeling and create big exemptions to the assured water supply program, so they can keep building the same old sprawl development. Believe me, we are not talking affordable housing.

Thank you to Senate Democrats for standing strong against this bill. It was defeated 13-11-6, but it will be back for reconsideration next Wednesday. The development interests and governor's office are lobbying hard to get this bill through, so we need senators to know that their constituents do not support it.

Please take action below and tell your senator to vote no on HB2201!

Take Action to Protect Water!

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 speaking up for democracy and our water!

All the best,



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Coming Up This Week at the Legislature!



Wednesday, May 22nd

House Transportation, Technology, and Missing Children Committee at 10:00 AM in SHR1

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

State Transportation Board

- Bassam M. Elters
- Ginaveve L. Howard

