



# Arizona Legislative Updates



## Governor Hobbs Uses Her Veto and Legislature Slows Down Bills



April 17, 2026

Hi Friends!

Let's start off with a little bit of good news. Governor Hobbs vetoed [HB2787 federal nullification; Mexican wolf; reintroduction](#) (Diaz), a bill that would have prohibited the state from administering, enforcing, cooperating, or spending any money on Mexican gray wolf reintroduction and recovery. Please send the Governor a quick thank you by using [her contact form here](#).

The one thing the Arizona Legislature must do each legislative session is pass a budget. The one thing legislators still have not done is pass a budget. Conversations about the budget broke down as the majority in the Legislature failed to address funding issues for schools, including putting something on the ballot to allow for the use of additional funding from state trust lands. The Governor has grown impatient with legislative leaders and sent a message that she would veto all the bills they send to her until they get serious about a budget. So far, no action on a budget and a few more vetoes, but most bills have just been slowed down for now.

On Monday, the Senate Director Nominations Committee will be considering an executive nomination for the Department of Housing. On the floor calendars are memorials that do not have to go to the governor and bills that have to go back to the other house for a final vote. There have also been and will continue to be a handful of conference committees to resolve differences between the houses on various bills.

Legislators can avoid a gubernatorial veto by referring measures to the ballot, where we hope the voters will give them a "veto." Two such measures that continue to move along are **SCR1001 citizenship; identification; contributions; early voting** (Bolick) and **HCR2001 citizenship; identification; contributions; early voting** (Kolodin: Chaplik, Heap, et al). They refer identical measures to the ballot to limit early voting and require all voters (even those voting mail ballots) to "show valid government-issued proof of identity." Currently, our signatures on our early ballots are used for identification and have proven to be an effective means of confirming the identity of the voter. Counties would also have to immediately tabulate mail-in ballots onsite. The measure is clearly intended to hinder voting and there has been little thought given to actual implementation of it, including providing on-site tabulation equipment. The referral adds some troubling language about the Legislature adopting additional laws to expedite elections.

### [\*\*Ask your legislators to vote NO on SCR1001/HCR2001!\*\*](#)

[SB1418 corporation commission; small modular reactors](#) (Carroll) still awaits a Third Read vote in the House. It preempts counties – except Maricopa and Pima – from regulating the location of these small modular nuclear reactors if they are co-located with a large industrial electricity user such as a data center. SB1418 also says nuclear power units are not subject to requirements for a certificate of environmental compatibility, if they are being sited where there was another thermal power plant. Take action to demand accountability on small reactors and data centers below.

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Tell Your Reps to Vote NO on SB1418!

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All but one of the anti-wolf bills is dead. Still awaiting action in the House is [SB1280 Public monies; Mexican wolf; Prohibition](#) (Farnsworth). SB1280 would prohibit the Arizona Game and Fish Commission from transporting Mexican gray wolf puppies into Arizona and also from spending any money for transporting wolf puppies into the state.



[Tell your representatives to vote no on SB1280!](#)

Take Action to Oppose SB1280!

**Rural Arizona's water remains at risk to a New York Hedge Fund!**

[HB2758 McMullen Valley; eligible entities; groundwater](#) (Griffin: Blackman) is among the worst water legislation moving through the process. The bill allows private water companies and a New York hedge fund, Water Asset Management, to engage in the interbasin transfer of groundwater from the McMullen Valley in La Paz County to elsewhere in La Paz County or to an active management area - basically the Phoenix area. Learn more about the small communities fighting this bill [here](#).

[Please ask your Senator to Vote NO on HB2758!](#)

Protect Rural Arizona Water!

**Great work in helping to kill most of the harmful solar bills -- just one more to go!**

[HB2975 state lands; solar score; maps](#) (Heap: Marshall) prohibits the State Land Department from using solar score maps or other similar types of evaluation of state trust lands for its appropriateness for solar energy generation. This removes transparency and is contrary to the good planning. It is intended to be punitive of solar as it then goes on to require mapping for mining and housing. Why mining and not solar?

**[Please ask your senator to vote no on HB2975!](#)**

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Speak up for Solar!

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[SB1332 Now: light rail expansion; feasibility review](#) (Kavanagh) requires a biased study of light rail and attempts to pit it against other forms of transportation. Requiring an analysis that compares light rail and autonomous or semiautonomous vehicles is an apples to oranges comparison and provides no real beneficial information or benefits to our communities. Light rail is not in competition with other forms of transportation but rather augments them and is especially important to coordinate with buses, plus it is a key component of our transit system in the Phoenix area.

It's not like there are no studies on light rail either. Just visit the Valley Metro page and you will find several.

**Call your representatives and ask them to vote NO on SB1332. You can find their phone numbers [here](#).**

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[Find our 2026 bill tracker here.](#)

Below are a couple of Earth Day events in the Phoenix area, but please check out the ones in your community.

Thank you, as always, for speaking up and taking action!

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If you have any questions, reach out to [sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org](mailto:sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org).

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**Join Us for the People's Summit for Earth Justice!**



Join us tomorrow, Saturday, April 18 (12–4 PM) in Phoenix for a free, family-friendly event celebrating environmental justice and the leadership of frontline communities. Enjoy workshops, food, art, and youth activities, and help plan a community day of action focused on utility accountability as we head into another hot summer.

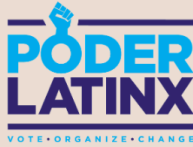
RSVP: <https://bit.ly/PeoplesEarthDay2026>

Location: Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center, 3131 S Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ

Thank you!

RSVP Here

## Check out this Earth Day Vigil



# EARTH DAY VIGIL @ THE CAPITOL

**Earth Day**  
April 22, 2026  
@ 7:15 PM

**Arizona State Capitol**  
1700 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**RSVP @ [bit.ly/earthvigil](https://bit.ly/earthvigil)**



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HONOR YOUR GRIEF.  
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