



**Thank Governor Hobbs for the Vetoes and Keep Those Veto Requests Coming!**

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Hi Friends!

As the dust begins to settle on the 2026 legislative session, we are beginning to work on the report card for the Arizona Legislature and Governor Hobbs, where we are mostly grading on bills we opposed. Look for the report card in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, please thank the Governor for some important vetoes,

including most of the bills on our veto list.

Before you get to those though, I wanted to thank you for helping to stop numerous bills that would have impeded solar and wind energy projects, legislation that would have undermined wildlife protections, a measure that would have allowed heavier off-road vehicles, and a bunch of bad water bills, including the one that would have harmed rural Arizona communities by allowing a hedge fund to profit off its water. While the ballot is loaded up with harmful referenda, you helped stop many others and a long list of anti-democracy, anti-voting rights bills. Thank you, thank you!

Please thank Governor Hobbs for vetoing SB1280, SB1281, SB1332, SB1418, and HB2873.

[SB1280 Public monies; Mexican wolf; Prohibition](#) (Farnsworth) would have prohibited 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.

[SB1281 federal government; land acquisition; consent](#) (Farnsworth) required the State Land Department to provide a new catalog of federal public lands, including the natural, scenic, historical or cultural value, species, ecosystem, habitat or characteristic to be protected, and whether the land protection – national park, national monument, wilderness area, national forest, etc. – is the smallest necessary to protect these resources. These are unreasonable requests, especially without additional funding, and are clearly intended to try to make a case for removing protections that are “too big.”

[SB1332 Now: light rail expansion; feasibility review](#) (Kavanagh) required a biased study of light rail and attempted 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.

[SB1418 corporation commission; small modular reactors](#) (Carroll) would have preempted counties – except Maricopa and Pima – from regulating the location of small modular nuclear reactors if they are co-located with high-load factor electricity user such as data centers. We have data centers locating here in our communities indiscriminately and using enormous amounts of water and electricity, plus providing very few sustainable jobs.

[HB2873 NOW: municipalities; referendum petitions; withdrawal](#) (Weninger) would have allowed anyone who files a referendum petition with a city or town to withdraw the petition in writing at any time before it qualifies for the ballot. There are numerous problems with this, but the biggest one is allowing one person or one entity to disenfranchise every person who signed the petitions -- people who in good faith signed to have an opportunity to vote on the issue -- would now not have an opportunity to do so merely because an entity or person did not plan well or got cold feet.

You can send a thank you note to Governor Hobbs by [using her online form here](#).

The Governor also vetoed HB2013 relating to air quality and HB2113 relating to the Residential Utility Consumers Office. You can see a full list of the bills Governor Hobbs signed and vetoed today [here](#).

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[Find our 2026 bill tracker here](#). Note that we will move to monthly updates and periodic updates on training and actions until the session starts next January.

I also want to acknowledge the Juneteenth holiday and remember that people were enslaved long after the Thirteen Amendment passed. Juneteenth marks implementation of freeing people who were enslaved in areas that had continued to be under confederate control. The work for justice continues.

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