

## Stop the Legislature's Attack on Clean Energy!



January 15, 2021

Hi everyone!

This week, please take action to help stop two identical bills that are a direct attack on clean energy. **HB2248 corporation commission; electric generation resources** (Griffin) and **SB1175 corporation commission; electric generation resources** (Kerr: Gowan, Gray, et al.) target the clean energy rules being considered by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), rules that have gone through nearly two years of development and vetting, enjoy strong public support, and that will save ratepayers dollars, reduce water use and pollution, and bolster Arizona's economy. The bills prohibit action by the ACC without express

legislative authority, so it is also a big power grab by the Arizona Legislature.

Please sign in on the [Request to Speak](#) system to oppose both **HB2248** and **SB1175**. You do not have to speak, but you can register your position on bills while they are in committee. You can also use it to request to speak, but this year must request that separately.

If you had an account previously, it is still active. You can request a new password if you forgot it. If you do not have an account, go ahead and set one up, but we will have to help you connect with folks who can activate it for you. Contact me directly about that.

For people who would like to speak remotely in committee hearings, I have included instructions on how to sign up to speak in the Senate and the House right after the Committee information below.

You can also separately email members of the House and Senate Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committees and ask them to oppose the bills.

**For HB2248, contact the following:**

[Rep Burges](#)  
[Rep Cano](#)  
[Rep Carroll](#)  
[Rep Dalessandro](#)  
[Rep Dunn](#)  
[Rep Finchem](#)  
[Rep Griffin, Chair](#)  
[Rep Lieberman](#)  
[Rep Parker](#)  
[Rep Stahl Hamilton](#)

**For SB1175 contact the following:**

[Senator Engel](#)  
[Senator Gowan](#)  
[Senator Gray](#)  
[Senator Kerr, Chair](#)  
[Senator Mendez](#)  
[Senator Otondo](#)  
[Senator Rogers](#)  
[Senator Shope](#)  
[Senator Steele](#)

You can also support the clean energy rules at the Arizona Corporation Commission! [Send a message and RSVP to provide public comment here.](#)

This week, please sign in on [Request to Speak](#) to oppose the following bills **HB2057, HB2248, HB2336, HCR2001, HCR2009, SB1069, SB1175, SCR1011** Please sign in to support **HB2329**.

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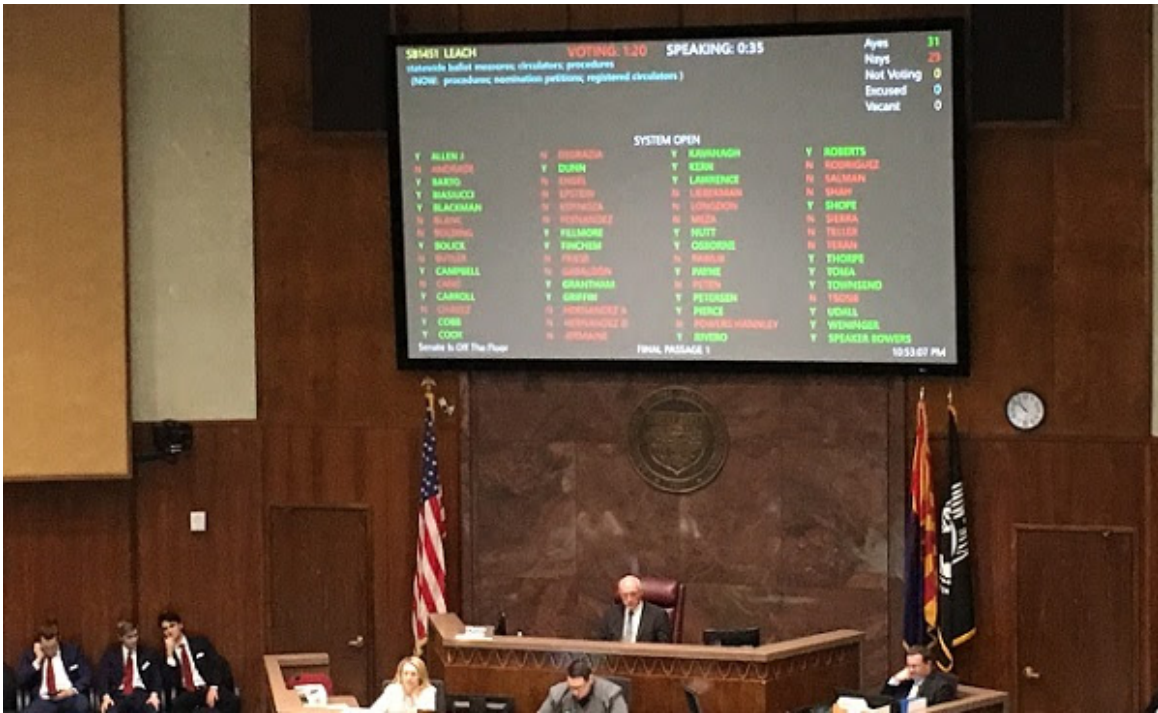
[You can see bills we are tracking here.](#)

If you don't know who your legislators are, just use this [Find My Legislator link](#) and enter your address to find your district, then go to [Members](#) to see who represents your district. You will find their phone numbers and email addresses there as well.

Thank you for taking action. Be well and take care.



Sandy Bahr  
Chapter Director  
Sierra Club - Grand Canyon Chapter



## Coming Up This Week At The Legislature

### Monday, January 18th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - Celebrate with service!

### Tuesday, January 19th

[House Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, & Water at 2:00 PM in HHR4](#) (the link will go to the video when the committee starts)

- [HB2038 salvage permit; big game animals](#) (Griffin) requires that an individual who transports a carcass from euthanized big game animal obtain a permit. There are various other conditions outlined. **MONITOR**.
- [HB2057 land divisions; county regulations](#) (Griffin) prohibits a county from requiring a land division applicant to survey the land before receiving approval to divide or convey the land or issue a building permit. This will promote more irresponsible wildcat subdivisions in rural areas. **OPPOSE**.
- [HB2077 state lake improvement fund; appropriations](#) (Biasiucci; Cobb, Borrelli) appropriates \$3 million for this fund. It funds boat ramps and other lake infrastructure, staff time, search and rescue, etc. **MONITOR**.
- [HB2247 forest products; processing; tax credit](#) (Griffin) establishes a tax credit for qualifying forest products through 2030 and caps the total amount that can be claimed at \$2 million annually. **MONITOR**.
- [HB2248 corporation commission; electric generation resources](#) (Griffin) See above. **OPPOSE**.
- [HB2249 state lands; leases; renewal applications](#) (Griffin) requires the State Land Department to accept lease renewals by mail or electronically. **MONITOR**.
- [HCM2001 salt cedars; urging eradication](#) (Griffin) is a memorial or message to Congress asking that appropriate dollars to Arizona for eradication of salt cedars. Key to this is exactly how it is done and what is left behind. **NO POSITION**.
- [HCR2009 hardrock mining; supporting](#) (Griffin) is a resolution exaggerating the benefits of hardrock mining, but none of the problems with it. **OPPOSE**.

**House Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, & Water in HHR4 upon adjournment of meeting above.**

- [HB2329 air quality; omnibus](#) (Griffin) includes changes to what kind of emissions testing is required and establishes the voluntary vehicle repair and retrofit program at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. The repair program does help to reduce emissions by

helping those who cannot afford it to get their vehicle repaired to comply with emissions requirements. **SUPPORT.**

- [HB2330 environmental quality programs; terminations; repeal](#) (Griffin) repeals the termination dates for several Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) programs and places the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission within ADEQ. **MONITOR.**
- [HB2336 assured water supply; subdivisions](#) (Pratt) limits additional hydrologic review of water providers in the Pinal Active Management Area (AMA) and allows them to just retain their most recent designation. It also allows developers to increase the number of housing associated with their assured water supply certificates. This is irresponsible as it does not address changes and the need to further conserve water, plus facilitates clearly unsustainable development. **OPPOSE.**

### **Wednesday January 20th**

#### **House Committee on Government & Elections at 9:00 AM in HHR1**

- [HCR2001 initiatives; single subject; title](#) (Kavanagh) refers to the ballot a measure that narrows what can be included in a ballot measure and requires every subject to be in the title. This would make it impossible to place something on the ballot that is comprehensive, including environmental protection measures, and would mean a series of ballot measures. Considering how expensive it is already to propose a measure, this proposal would put the initiative process further in the hands of only those with the deepest pockets. **OPPOSE.**

#### **Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy, and Water at 2:00 PM in SHR109**

- [SB1056 energy; water; savings accounts](#) (Gray) limits to 25 years the term of a financial agreement for energy and water savings measures with cities, towns, and counties. It also includes a definition for energy cost savings. I think this is probably overall positive, providing more flexibility and opportunities. **MONITOR.**
- [SB1147 water banking; storage credits; subcontractors](#) (Kerr) allows for distribution of long-term water storage credits directly to entities that contract with the Central Arizona Water Conservation District. **MONITOR.**
- [SB1175 corporation commission; electric generation resources](#) (Kerr: Gowan, Gray, et al.) See above. **OPPOSE.**
- [SB1177 forest products; processing; tax credit](#) (Kerr: Gowan, Gray, et al.) is the same as HB2247 above. **MONITOR.**
- [SCR1011 supporting hardrock mining](#) (Kerr) is the same as HCR2009 above. **OPPOSE.**

#### **House Committee on Appropriations at 2:00 PM in HHR1**

- [HB2035 appropriation; Arizona water protection fund](#) (Griffin) appropriate \$1 million for the Arizona Water Protection Fund, which used to be focused on riparian protections, but now funds a lot of agricultural projects. **MONITOR.**
- [HB2077 state lake improvement fund; appropriations](#) (Biasiucci: Cobb, Borrelli) appropriates \$3 million for this fund. It funds boat ramps and other lake infrastructure, staff time, search and rescue, etc. **MONITOR.**

### **Thursday, January 21st**

#### **Senate Committee on Government at 2:00 PM in SHR1**

- [SB1069 permanent early voting list; eligibility](#) (Ugenti-Rita) removes voters from the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) if they do not vote an early ballot in two consecutive primary and general elections. This is a purge of the list and another way to suppress votes. **OPPOSE.**
- [SB1083 elections; recount margin](#) (Ugenti-Rita) changes the threshold for automatic recount to .5 percent for all state races and ballot measures. **MONITOR.**

\*In accordance with Senate Rule 26(A), any person desiring to be heard concerning legislation remotely shall email that request to ([SenateNREW@azleg.gov](mailto:SenateNREW@azleg.gov)) at least 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, in advance of committee. The request must state the bill the person desires to present arguments upon, and whom the person represents. Timely requests will receive a response that includes meeting access information to participate in the committee remotely.

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## 2021 Virtual Environmental Day at the Capitol and Workshops

Environmental Day  
February 3, 2021  
8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
Participate for all or part of it.

[RSVP for Environmental Day](#)

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On Environmental Day, join hundreds of advocates from throughout Arizona in virtual meetings with state legislators to promote environmental protection and justice, climate action, lands and wildlife conservation, flowing rivers, democracy, and more, as well as to lobby on specific bills.

- **January 22<sup>nd</sup> Noon – Wildlife, Wolves, & AZ Game and Fish: Roz Switzer – [RSVP here.](#)**
- **January 26<sup>th</sup> Noon – Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund: Arizona Heritage Alliance – [RSVP here.](#)**
- **January 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – Volunteer Lobby Workshop: Sandy Bahr – [RSVP here.](#)**
- **January 29<sup>th</sup> Noon – Democracy: Voting and Ballot Measure Rights: LUCHA, AZ Advocacy Network, Progress Arizona - [RSVP here.](#)**
- **January 29<sup>th</sup> 6pm – Issues briefing on Environmental Day bills: Sandy Bahr – [RSVP here.](#)**

Our keynote speaker on Environmental Day is Tucson Mayor, Regina Romero. Don't miss it!

Environmental Day at the Capitol is a coalition event involving more than 20 organizations and schools. [RSVP here.](#)

**For more information and to get involved, contact Sandy Bahr at (602) 999-5790 or [sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org](mailto:sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org).**



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