



Take Action to Oppose Right to Harm!



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Hi everyone!

This week, not unlike last week, saw more bad public policies advance in the House and Senate, but with a few victories as well as at least one voter suppression bill died and a few bad bills were held, including one to give big tax breaks to an oil and gas operation. Next week, most committees are not meeting with the exception of the Rules and Appropriations committees as it is cross-over week where bills are voted out and transferred from one house to the other.

The attacks on the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) and its clean energy rules are still in the mix and inching forward. [HB2737 corporation commission actions; investigations](#) (Parker: Barton, Biasiucci, et al.) is ready to go to the House floor. It would allow any legislator to challenge an action by the ACC, sending it to the attorney general who could take it directly to the Arizona Supreme Court. A successful challenge would result in a hit to the ACC budget, affecting its ability to fulfill its responsibilities to regulate utilities and other entities. [HB2248 corporation commission; electric generation resources](#) (Griffin) is also ready to go to the floor. HB2248's twin in the Senate, [SB1175 corporation commission; electric generation resources](#) (Kerr: Gowan, Gray, et al.), is on the Senate Rules committee agenda for Monday. Both of these bills would prohibit the ACC from moving forward with the clean energy rules or other rule packages. One other bill, [SB1459 agency decisions; administrative reviews](#) (Petersen), is also advancing to make the ACC subject to the same administrative process as agencies. That is inappropriate as it is a separate branch of government, not just

another agency. **[Please keep up the pressure and contact your legislators, ask them to oppose all four bills.](#)** Also consider a phone call to your legislators. You can find the legislators' numbers [here](#).

[SB1069 permanent early voting list; eligibility](#) (Ugenti-Rita), the bill to remove voters from the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) if they do not vote an early ballot in two consecutive primary and general elections, was defeated on the Senate Floor 15-15. **Please thank all Senate Democrats plus [Senator Boyer](#) for opposing it.** Senator Ugenti-Rita is bringing the bill back as a strike-everything amendment on Tuesday, but this was an important win and we need to keep up the pressure.

Please sign in on the [Request to Speak](#) (RTS) system to oppose SB1485 and SB1593 .

Please sign in to support HB2498.

If you had an account with [RTS](#) previously, it is still active. If you do not have an account, go ahead and set one up, but we will have to help you activate it as it requires going to the Capitol. Contact me directly about that or reach out to [Civic Engagement Beyond Voting](#).

For people who would like to speak remotely in committee hearings, please contact me and I will help you submit your specific request, which must be submitted the day before.

Please also take action to oppose the "Right to Harm" bills advancing in the legislature. [HB2372](#) (Dunn) and [SB1224 agricultural operations; nuisance; liability](#) (Kerr) significantly increase the requirements for bringing a nuisance action against an agricultural operation -- must bring the action within one year of the facility beginning operation, be within a half mile of the facility, and the person must be the property owner -- and it preempts local ordinances relative to regulation of these facilities as a nuisance. This is likely in response to complaints and actions against large concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) that have significant smell, noise, and excessive lighting. Please use the button below to take action against these bills!

Stop Right to Harm

[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 all that you do!



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Coming Up This Week at the Arizona Legislature

Monday, February 22nd

House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM

- HB2498 battery storage technology; grants; appropriation (Lieberman: Butler, Rodriguez) has a strike-everything amendment on [clean energy technology; grants; appropriations](#) establishes a clean energy technology research grant program and appropriates \$5 million for it. **SUPPORT**.

Tuesday, February 23rd

Senate Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM

- SB1119 technical correction; taxation; excess withholding (Gowan) will have a [strike-everything amendment on attorney general; executive orders](#) that requires the attorney general to review executive orders issued by the President and recommend whether or not the state should ask for an exemption or challenge the order. This is ridiculous.
- SB1269 sale of state lands; notice (Leach) will have a strike-everything amendment on gaseous products. The amendment is not yet posted.
- SB1485 elections; voting center tabulation (Ugenti-Rita) will have a [strike-everything amendment on the permanent early voting list; eligibility](#) that is identical to SB1069 and removes people from the Permanent Early Voting List if they did not vote early in two election cycles. **OPPOSE**.
- [SB1593 early voting; time limits; envelope](#) (Gowan) reduces the early voting window from 27 days to 22 days; requires a third envelope - an envelope inside an envelope; requires a provisional ballot for PEVL voters that show up in person unless they bring the mailed ballot; and throws out any ballots

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not postmarked by the Thursday before the Election. **OPPOSE.**



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