



# **2015 Environmental Report Card** ***Arizona Legislature and Governor***

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# 2015 Arizona Legislature

## *Moving Arizona Backwards, One Bill At A Time*

The first regular session of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Legislature wrapped up quickly – in only 81 days – which was a good thing as the session was focused on taking Arizona backwards, one bill at a time.

Arizona – particularly Phoenix, the seat of our government – likes to think of itself as thoroughly modern: increasingly urbanized, dynamic, lots of creative capital, and very hip. (Seen any of the [Arizona Tourism blogs](#) lately? We're promoting our natural wonders, our vibrant cities – hard.) But the Legislature wants to turn back the clock to territorial days when shaking our fist at the feds was our default. And when the land seemed so bountiful, so wide open, that the thought that we'd have to protect it was preposterous.

Ironically, legislators trashed local control by [prohibiting ordinances to limit plastic bags](#) and other “auxiliary containers” and banned cities from implementing energy-saving benchmarking, too – all in one bill. This makes Arizona the first state in the nation to ban plastic bag bans. To take the Grand Canyon state backwards further still, legislators passed four bills to seek control of federal public lands through various means and passed a memorial opposing protection of public lands around Grand Canyon.



As if the bills themselves were not enough, legislators introduced and passed 10 anti-environmental memorials, sending bad messages to Congress on everything from opposing the [Clean Power Plan](#), the rules to reduce carbon emissions from existing power plants, to weakening endangered species protections to opposing protection of most of Arizona’s rivers and streams under the proposed Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Water Act [Waters of the U.S. rule](#). This may have been a record number of anti-environmental messages. It was hardly necessary for the Legislature to send so many messages encouraging this Congress to promote environmental harm – Congress is doing pretty well on that front on its own.



The Legislature passed no bills to significantly advance conservation. Even a bill to fix provisions relating to off-road vehicle enforcement – something that the Legislature weakened two years ago – was taken off-track with an exemption for mining activities. (Mining interests have gained exemptions from numerous programs, but yes, there was one more from which the mines were not exempt, off-road vehicle regulations. HB2365 has provided that exemption.) Legislators also extended the [tax to pay for leaky underground storage tanks](#). This was supposed to be a temporary program and tax to address historic pollution with the idea that private insurance would then cover future claims and, better yet, there would be minimal leakage. Instead, the tax has been extended several times.

Despite the anti-environmental bills that advanced, there was some really harmful legislation that failed to pass both houses. Legislators tried to prohibit native plant salvage requirements and tried to pass legislation to remove Clean Water Act protections from most of our rivers and streams, but those bills did not have the votes to advance. They also did not pass a bill to specifically fund litigation to hinder wolf recovery. A bill that included a repeal of pesticide spraying notification requirements in schools did not advance; neither did a proposed repeal of the Clean Elections Act and a measure to include nuclear power in the definition of renewable energy.



The closest the Legislature came to doing something positive for environmental protection is that it specifically authorized the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to adopt and enforce a plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants pursuant to the Clean Air Act. While it is a plus to make sure the state has this authority, legislators did it primarily to keep the Environmental Protection Agency from developing Arizona's plan for us; ironically, at the same time legislators passed a memorial to oppose the Clean Power Plan.

This year, all but one Republican in the Senate and House received failing grades, meaning they voted correctly on two or fewer bills. On a positive note, four senators and 11 representatives earned an "A+," which means they voted 100 percent pro-environment and also did not miss a vote on the key bills Sierra Club scored. Three senators and 10 House members also received an "A."

Senators were graded using eight bills, six memorials, and two referenda. House members were graded using ten bills, six memorials, and two referenda.

Governor Doug Ducey earned a "D" on the 2015 Environmental Report Card. Although we appreciate him vetoing two of the public lands grab bills, he did sign the ban on banning plastic bags and other disposable containers that litter the landscape and fill up landfills. He also signed a bill to restrict Arizonans' ability to refer measures to the ballot or to engage in the successful recall of an elected official. He was graded on seven bills.

Everyone was graded on a curve. The bills focused on public lands, a plastic bag and energy benchmarking ban, Mexican gray wolves, citizen referenda, and elections.

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<b>D</b>	Governor Ducey
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### SENATE GRADES

<b>A+</b>	Bradley, Cajero Bedford, Hobbs, and Quezada
<b>A</b>	Contreras, Dalessandro, and Farley
<b>B</b>	Ableser, Meza, and Pancrazi
<b>C</b>	Begay and Miranda
<b>D</b>	McGuire
<b>F</b>	S. Allen, Barto, Biggs, Burges, Dial, Driggs, D. Farnsworth, Griffin, Kavanagh, Lesko, S. Pierce, Shooter, Smith, Ward, Worsley, Yarbrough, and Yee

### HOUSE GRADES

<b>A+</b>	Alston, Andrade, Clark, Friese, Gabaldón, Gonzales, Mach, McCune Davis, Meyer, Sherwood, and Velasquez
<b>A</b>	Benally, Cardenas, Fernandez, Hale, Larkin, Mendez, Otondo, Rios, Saldate, and Steele
<b>B</b>	Bolding, Espinoza, and Wheeler
<b>C</b>	
<b>D</b>	Campbell
<b>F</b>	Ackerley, J. Allen, Barton, Borrelli, Bowers, Boyer, Brophy McGee, Carter, Cobb, Coleman, Fann, E. Farnsworth, Finchem, Gowan, Gray, Kern, Lawrence, Leach, Livingston, Lovas, Mesnard, Mitchell, Montenegro, Norgaard, Olson, Petersen, Pratt, Rivero, Robson, Shope, Stevens, Thorpe, Townsend, Ugenti, and Weninger

# CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS



Sen. David Bradley  
(D-10)



Sen. Olivia Cajero Bedford  
(D-3)



Sen. Katie Hobbs  
(D-24)



Sen. Martin Quezada  
(D-29)



Rep. Lela Alston  
(D-24)



Rep. Richard Andrade  
(D-29)



Rep. Ken Clark  
(D-24)



Rep. Randall Friese  
(D-9)



Rep. Rosanna Gabaldón  
(D-2)



Rep. Sally Gonzales  
(D-3)



Rep. Stefanie Mach  
(D-10)



Rep. Debbie McCune  
Davis (D-30)



Rep. Eric Meyer  
(D-28)



Rep. Andrew Sherwood  
(D-26)



Rep. Ceci Velasquez  
(D-29)

**Four Senators and eleven Representatives earned an “A+” on the Environmental Report Card this session, including Senators David Bradley (D-10), Olivia Cajero Bedford (D-3), Katie Hobbs (D-24), and Martin Quezada (D-29) and Representatives Lela Alston (D-24), Richard Andrade (D-29), Ken Clark (D-24), Randall Friese (D-9), Rosanna Gabaldón (D-2), Sally Ann Gonzales (D-3), Stefanie Mach (D-10), Debbie McCune Davis (D-30), Eric Meyer (D-28), Andrew Sherwood (D-26), and Ceci Velasquez (D-29).**

Everyone on the “A+” list voted pro-environment 100 percent of the time and did not miss any of the votes on bills Sierra Club scored. They voted against all of the public lands grab bills, all of the bad messages asking Congress to promote environmental destruction, and the bill to ban bans on plastic bags and other disposable containers. In addition to standing up for environmental protection, they were there, day after day, serving their constituents.

# ENVIRONMENTAL GUARDIANS



Sen. Lupe Contreras  
(D-19)



Sen. Andrea Dalessandro  
(D-2)



Sen. Steve Farley  
(D-9)



Rep. Jennifer Benally  
(D-7)



Rep. Mark Cardenas  
(D-19)



Rep Charlene Fernandez  
(D-4)



Rep. Albert Hale  
(D-7)



Rep. Jonathan Larkin  
(D-30)



Rep. Juan Jose Mendez  
(D-26)



Rep. Lisa Otondo  
(D-4)



Rep. Rebecca Rios  
(D-27)



Rep. Macario Saldate  
(D-3)



Rep. Victoria Steele  
(D-9)

This was, again, a session of total defense. As noted above, all of the bills we scored on the report card were anti-environmental or anti-public interest bills. There were no positive environmental bills to score this session, so Senators and Representatives who earned an “A” on the report card were environmental guardians, voting against bill after bill that would weaken environmental protection. They opposed bills to push roads through public lands, measures to oppose wolf recovery, and bills to take away local control on energy savings.

**Senators Lupe Contreras (D-19), Andrea Dalessandro (D-2), and Steve Farley (D-9)** all received an “A” on this year’s report card. **Representatives Jennifer Benally (D-7), Mark Cardenas (D-19), Charlene Fernandez (D-4), Albert Hale (D-7), Jonathan Larkin (D-30), Juan Jose Mendez (D-26), Lisa Otondo (D-4), Rebecca Rios (D-27), Macario Saldate (D-3), and Victoria Steele (D-9)** all received an “A” for opposing the long list of bad environmental bills. (Note: In some cases, members merely missed one vote.)

## ENVIRONMENTAL DEMOLITION CREW



The majority at the Arizona Legislature continued the race to the bottom with regard to environmental protection by introducing a plethora of anti-environmental bills and passing along quite a few. This session, they succeeded in passing nothing significantly positive for environmental protection. All Senate Republicans and all but one of the House Republicans earned an “F” on this year’s report card.

Most of the “Environmental Demolition Crew” voted for every harmful environmental bill that moved through the process, thus earning an “F” on the report card. A handful of those who received an “F” voted against only one or two these anti-environmental bills.

Failing in the Senate were **Senators Sylvia Allen (R-6), Nancy Barto (R-15), Andy Biggs (R-12), Judy Burges (R-22), Jeff Dial (R-18), Adam Driggs (R-28), David Farnsworth (R-16), Gail Griffin (R-14), John Kavanagh (R-23), Debbie Lesko (R-21), Steve Pierce (R-1), Don Shooter (R-13), Steve Smith (R-11), Kelli Ward (R-5), Bob Worsley (R-25), Steven Yarbrough (R-17), and Kimberly Yee (R-20).**

Representatives who failed this year included **Representatives John Ackerley (R-2), John Allen (R-15), Brenda Barton (R-6), Sonny Borrelli (R-5), Rusty Bowers (R-25), Paul Boyer (R-20), Kate Brophy McGee (R-28), Heather Carter (R-15), Regina Cobb (R-5), Doug Coleman (R-16), Karen Fann (R-1), Edwin Farnsworth (R-12), Mark Finchem (R-11), David Gowan, Sr. (R-14), Rick Gray (R-21), Anthony Kern (R-20), Jay Lawrence (R-23), Vince Leach (R-11), David Livingston (R-22), Phil Lovas (R-22), J.D. Mesnard (R-17), Darin Mitchell (R-13), Steve Montenegro (R-13), Jill Norgaard (R-18), Justin Olson (R-25), Warren Petersen (R-12), Frank Pratt (R-8), Tony Rivero (R-21), Bob Robson (R-18), T.J. Shope (R-8), David Stevens (R-14), Bob Thorpe (R-6), Kelly Townsend (R-16), Michelle Ugenti (R-23), and Jeff Weninger (R-17).**



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## Bill Summaries

**HB2055 NOW: sovereign authority; water; United States** (Thorpe) says the governor must approve using any state resources to enforce, administer, or cooperate with changes made by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to waters of the U.S. An exception to the prohibition on the use of resources is allowed on a case-by-case basis by a vote of the Legislature if the Legislature is in session or by the Governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House if the Legislature is not in session. This is not only unwise as it could put at risk many of our surface waters, but it also could risk the delegation to Arizona of certain programs under the Clean Water Act, including the delegation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 5**

*This bill passed the House [34-24-2](#) but was never heard in the Senate Rules Committee.*

**HB2058 sovereign authority; federal rules; regulations** (Thorpe) was similar to HB2055, except it was much broader. It prohibits use of state personnel or financial resources to administer or enforce **any** federal rule, regulation or policy directive unless approved by the Governor or unless it has been enacted by Congress. It had potential to affect efforts to develop state implementation plans on air quality and for the state to implement the Clean Water Act programs, among others.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 5**

*This bill passed the House [34-24-2](#) but failed in the Senate Government Committee.*

**HB2175 public rights of way; claims** (Finchem, Thorpe: Barton, et al.) asserts claims to “rights-of-way” across public lands under an 1866 law known as “Revised Statute 2477” (RS 2477), which stated “the right-of-way for the construction of highways over public lands, not reserved for public uses, is hereby granted,” effectively granting a right-of-way allowing highway construction on federal public lands. The statute was repealed by Congress in 1976, when Congress enacted the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). Title V of FLPMA replaced RS 2477 with a new process for permitting rights-of-way for roads and highways. Congress “grandfathered” existing, established RS 2477 rights-of-way for highways constructed prior to 1976. Any right-of-way that was not affirmatively adopted by a county and incorporated into the county route system then cannot now be claimed as a RS 2477 right-of-way. Still, Arizona is seeking to do that.

If additional claims could be made, the variety of lands that could be subject to rights-of-way claims brought under RS 2477 is significant. If this bill could be lawfully implemented, which we doubt, it would cause enormous damage to public lands throughout Arizona.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 4**

*This bill passed the House [35-24-1](#) and the Senate [19-10-1](#) and was signed by Governor Ducey.*

[HB2176 NOW: federal land relinquishment; payments](#) (Thorpe, J. Allen, et al.) directs the Attorney General to annually ask that most federal public lands (not national parks and military lands) be conveyed to the state by December 31, 2021. It authorizes the attorney general to initiate proceedings against the United States to force relinquishment of these lands. This is another example of how out of step the Legislature is with the public – Arizona voters overwhelmingly rejected a previous measure to have the state assert sovereignty over public lands.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 5**

*This bill passed the House [36-24](#) and the Senate [18-11-1](#) and was vetoed by Governor Ducey.*

[HB2318 transfer of public lands compact](#) (Barton, Finchem: Bowers, et al.) seeks to establish and adopt a multistate compact for the states to gain control of federal public lands, including national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and more. A similar bill was just defeated in Idaho.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 5**

*This bill passed the House [36-24](#) and the Senate [17-12-1](#) and was vetoed by Governor Ducey.*

[HB2321 public lands; conveyance and taxation](#) (Barton: Thorpe) says that the U.S. shall extinguish title to all public lands in Arizona on or before December 31, 2019. It exempts lands with water and projects, among others. It calls for establishing a commission to dispose of public lands. This bill was nearly identical to a measure that former Governor Brewer vetoed, identifying it as unconstitutional and potentially costly to the state.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 5**

*This bill passed the House [36-24](#) and died in the Senate Rules Committee.*

[HB2407 referendum and recall provisions](#) (Stevens) requires strict compliance for petitions regarding referendum and recall. While courts may generally use strict compliance for referendum measures, it is not required in the constitution or in statute, and it has not been required for recall measures. Besides, it is already extremely difficult to implement a successful referendum or recall effort statewide. There have been a handful of statewide referenda in the last 20 years and very few successful recall efforts for state officials. Why is this bill necessary?

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 5**

*This bill passed the House [35-24-1](#) and the Senate [21-8-1](#) and was signed by Governor Ducey.*

[HB2570 municipalities; vegetation requirements; prohibition](#) (Mitchell) prohibits cities from requiring native plant salvage and also from requiring the planting of native vegetation. Encouraging the salvage and planting of native plants can help save water and ensure more resiliency in the vegetation. These are important goals for Arizona communities.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

***This bill never made it to a recorded vote on the House Floor, so we did not score it but wanted to include it in the list of bills as it could reappear next session.***

**[HB2658 federal lands; transfer; study committee](#)** (Barton, Gray, Thorpe, et al.) establishes a study committee to examine processes to transfer, manage, and dispose of federal lands within Arizona. Is this really the best use of our limited resources? The committee consists of the chairperson and vice chairperson of the House Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Lands; the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Senate Committee on Rural Affairs and Environment; and one member of the public who is appointed by the Governor – not a particularly balanced committee and certainly not bi-partisan.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 2**

***This bill passed the House [34-25-1](#) and the Senate [19-10-1](#) and was signed by Governor Ducey.***

**[SB1007 NOW: state plans; carbon dioxide emissions](#)** (Burges) authorizes the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to adopt and enforce a plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants in compliance with the Clean Air Act. It also establishes a legislative committee to evaluate various aspects of the plan, none of which are related to emissions reduction and public health.

**Sierra Club was neutral on the bill so did not score it, but we did support authorizing the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to develop a plan.**

***The bill passed the House [58-0-2](#) and the Senate [30-0](#) and was signed by Governor Ducey.***

**[SB1134 renewable energy; definition](#)** (Smith) includes nuclear power in the definition of renewable energy and seeks to have that definition apply to the Renewable Energy Standard established by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

***This bill never made it to the Senate Floor so died in the Senate. We did not score it as there was no floor vote.***

**[SB1185 appropriation; wolf recovery; litigation costs](#)** (Griffin, Allen, Burges, et al.) appropriates \$250,000 to challenge any expansion of the Mexican wolf recovery program in Arizona. This is just wrong as it seeks to hinder recovery of these highly endangered animals. This is also a terrible waste of money that should instead be directed to programs that benefit conservation or other important issues, not diverted to try to subvert recovery of this important animal.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 4**

***This bill passed the Senate [18-11-1](#) and was then used in the House for a strike-everything amendment for a different issue, so this version of the bill died. Money appropriated to the Attorney General's office for "federalism" may be used for this purpose, however.***

**SB1241 NOW: auxiliary containers; regulatory prohibition; reporting** (Barto) undermines local control relative to energy benchmarking and efforts to limit plastic bags. SB1241 prevents Arizona's cities and towns, as well as counties, from being able to require that their residents have better information to make more informed choices relative to energy use about where to buy or rent or to locate a business by prohibiting requiring energy benchmarking that provides information on actual energy use.

SB1241 also limits local communities' ability to reduce waste by prohibiting requirements for deposits on plastic bags and other containers, something that is good for our environment and our economy. Dealing with plastic bags in the recycle stream costs the cities a fair amount of money – the City of Phoenix estimates it at one million dollars per year. Programs to reduce plastic bag use have been effective elsewhere, there is no reason to ban local government from implementing them here.

Among other problems with this bill, it contains two distinct provisions that were improperly combined in one bill.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 5**

***The bill passed the House [37-23](#) and the Senate [19-11](#) and was signed by Governor Ducey.***

**SB1466 livestock loss board; compensation fund** (Allen, Barton, Bowers, et al.) establishes a livestock loss board to compensate the livestock industry for livestock depredation by wolves. This measure is redundant and unnecessary as there is already a Mexican Wolf/Livestock Coexistence Council. Unlike the program in this bill, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service convened a diverse group of interests as the Mexican Wolf/Livestock Coexistence Council. It consists of livestock interests from Arizona and New Mexico, conservation groups (Defenders of Wildlife and The Conservation Fund), Native American tribes (San Carlos Apache Tribe and White Mountain Apache Tribe), and two coalitions that represent rural counties in New Mexico and Arizona. The Coexistence Council doled out \$85,500 back in November 2014.

An unrelated amendment was also added to this bill. It makes it a class 4 felony for someone to import and transport a threatened, endangered, or candidate species with the intent to disrupt development of public resources. This appears to be intended to continue a fabricated narrative that the wolf that made its way to Grand Canyon was planted by conservation interests. Arizona Game and Fish could have focused this amendment on invasive non-native species, which is a real problem, but instead wanted to continue this fairytale.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this bill.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 4**

***This bill passed the Senate [22-7-1](#) and the House [42-14-4](#) was signed by Governor Ducey.***

**SCM1001 NOW: national monument designation; opposition** (Griffin) asks Congress to oppose designation of a Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument, which includes lands north and south of Grand Canyon National Park, and asks that any new national monuments, including the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument, have express authorization by Congress and the State. This monument would protect this sensitive area from future uranium mining, preserve ancient forests, and conserve important wildlife corridors.

There is a long history of presidents taking action to protect lands in and around Grand Canyon. Grand Canyon National Park was first established as a national monument by President Theodore Roosevelt. Later, Congress recognized the beauty and the grandeur of the area and established Grand Canyon National Park.

Recently, three members of the Congressional delegation contacted the President, asking that he support protecting this area. In early February, the Colorado College State of the Rockies Project released the results from its 2015 *Conservation in the West* poll. Among the findings, which clearly illustrated the importance of public lands to people living in the West, was strong support (73 percent) for a proposal to designate the lands surrounding Grand Canyon as a Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this memorial.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 1**

***This memorial passed the Senate [20-10](#) and the House [36-23-1](#) and was transmitted to the Secretary of State.***

**[SCM1003 NOW: Mexican wolf; urging USFWS](#)** (Griffin: Shooter) states that the Legislature opposes additional reintroductions of these endangered wolves in Arizona and wants the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to focus reintroductions in Mexico. It further asks the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to turn over management of wolves to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, an agency that is also pushing for wolf recovery in Mexico and opposing expansion of the recovery area in Arizona.

There is solid science to support wolf populations in the greater Grand Canyon region. In a peer-reviewed [article published in Conservation Biology](#) in 2013, scientists wrote that, in order to achieve recovery, there must be at least two more populations of Mexican gray wolves north of I-40 in the Grand Canyon region and the southern Rockies, with movement possible among all three.

The Mexican gray wolf is a critically endangered, native species that once numbered in the thousands of animals throughout southeastern Arizona, southern New Mexico, western Texas, and northern Mexico. Just 109 Mexican gray wolves remain in the wild today in eastern Arizona and western New Mexico. While their numbers have improved modestly in the past few years, they still are extremely imperiled.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this memorial.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 1**

***This memorial passed the Senate [18-12](#) and the House [36-23-1](#) and was transmitted to the Secretary of State.***

**[SCM1004 NOW: waters; definition; urging Congress](#)** (Griffin: Shooter) asks Congress to oppose an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule that helps to clarify what waters are protected under the Clean Water Act, including the more than 90 percent of Arizona's streams that flow only seasonally or intermittently. These streams and washes help feed important rivers, such as the Verde and San Pedro, and, in the case of the Verde, provide drinking water for hundreds of thousands of Arizonans.

The EPA is not proposing "to regulate every ditch, pond and rain puddle that may have some tenuous connection, miles away, to a body of water that is currently defined as 'navigable,'" as the memorial states. It is proposing to ensure that our important ephemeral and intermittent waters are protected.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this memorial.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 1**

***This memorial passed the Senate [22-8](#) and the House [38-21-1](#) and was transmitted to the Secretary of State.***

**[SCM1009 military bases; endangered species act](#)** (Griffin, Allen, Burges, et al.) is a message to the United States Congress asking it to enact legislation exempting United States military bases and training facilities from the Endangered Species Act. This, despite the fact that the military has not indicated that protecting endangered species hinders its mission. In fact, the military actually promotes its efforts to protect threatened and endangered species.

There is already an exemption for the Secretary of Defense for the purpose of national security. The fact that this exemption has never been used speaks for itself. Further exemptions are unnecessary.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this memorial.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 1**

***This memorial passed the Senate [18-11-1](#) and the House [34-23-3](#) and was transmitted to the Secretary of State.***

**[SCM1013 rulemaking; electric generating units; opposition](#)** (Griffin, Allen, Burges, et al.) expresses opposition to the Clean Power Plan and asks Congress to oppose it and the attorney general and governor to take action against it. The Clean Power Plan is a rule to implement carbon pollution reductions from existing power plants to address climate change. Opposing it is short-sighted. First of all, the proposed rule has not been finalized. Second of all, as an area that is already experiencing some of the negative impacts of climate change, Arizona should be helping to lead the way on reducing carbon dioxide emissions, including from power plants. It is somewhat ironic that the Legislature passed this while also passing a bill to authorize a plan for reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this memorial.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 1**

***This memorial passed the Senate [22-7-1](#) and the House [37-20-3](#) and was transmitted to the Secretary of State.***

**[SCM1014 urging EPA; ozone concentration standard](#)** (Griffin, Allen, Burges, et al.) asks that the Environmental Protection Agency not implement the health-based standard for ozone that has been recommended and to, instead, keep the standard at the higher level. The memorial does not even mention the health impacts of ozone pollution.

Ozone damages lung tissue by reacting chemically with it and prematurely aging the lungs. Exposure to ozone increases the risk of asthma attacks and reduces lung function. It also causes pulmonary inflammation and risk of premature mortality. Metropolitan Phoenix is one of the top five U.S. cities for asthma-related mortality.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this memorial.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 1**

***This memorial passed the Senate [19-10-1](#) and the House [36-23-1](#) and was transmitted to the Secretary of State.***

In addition to the memorials listed above, the Legislature sent messages to support the Keystone XL Pipeline, a message to ask Congress to allow more roads across public lands, a message urging Congress to give Arizona the federal public lands, and another message to support weakening the Endangered Species Act. They sent 10 anti-environmental messages, which is a new record for the Arizona Legislature.

[SCR1001 clean elections repeal; education funding](#) (Pierce, Mesnard: Biggs) refers to the ballot a measure to repeal the Clean Elections campaign finance program and give the dollars in the fund to the Department of Education. It was a cynical attempt to try to eliminate Clean Elections in the name of helping to fund education.

**Sierra Club was opposed this resolution.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 3**

*This resolution passed the Senate [17-12-1](#) but failed [29-27-4](#) in the House.*

[SCR1018 trust land management; budget reconciliation](#) (Biggs, S. Allen, et al.) was part of the budget package. It refers to the ballot a proposed constitutional amendment to swipe up to 10 percent of the State Trust Land dollars from the sale of State Trust Lands annually for the "management" of State Trust Lands. There are no details on what that means, no provisions for conservation, and no provisions for ensuring that this is in the best interest of the Trust.

**Sierra Club was opposed to this resolution.**

**Points: Yes 0, No 3**

*This resolution passed the Senate [17-12-1](#) and the House [34-24-1](#) and was transmitted to the Secretary of State.*

## RESOURCES

For more information on the legislation contained in this report card or on other bills, please go to <http://www.azleg.gov/Bills.asp>.

The Arizona Legislature's main website is <http://www.azleg.gov>. For a complete list of Arizona legislators, go to <http://www.azleg.gov/MemberRoster.asp>.

If you do not have access to the Internet and would like more information, you can call the House and Senate information desks. Outside the Phoenix area, you can call toll free at 1-800-352-8404. In the Phoenix area, call 602-542-3559 (Senate) or 602-542-4221 (House). All correspondence should be sent to 1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007-2890.

The governor's website is <http://azgovernor.gov>. You can call his office at 602-542-4331 or toll free at 1-800-253-0883. To email him, go to <http://azgovernor.gov/Contact.asp> and paste in your message.

For more information on the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter and our conservation and legislative programs, please visit our website at <http://www.sierraclub.org/arizona> or call our office at 602-253-8633.

You can find out more information about some of the bills we tracked this session by reading this year's legislative updates at <http://www.sierraclub.org/arizona/2015-legislative-updates>.

For information on how to get involved in Sierra Club's legislative work in Arizona, please contact Sandy Bahr at 602-253-8633 or [sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org](mailto:sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org).



**Appendix A - 2015 Environmental Report Card Governor Spreadsheet**

	<i>HB2175 public rights-of-way; claims</i>	<i>HB2176 NOW: federal land relinquishment; payments</i>	<i>HB2318 transfer of public lands compact</i>	<i>HB2407 referendum and recall provisions</i>	<i>HB2658 federal lands; transfer; study committee</i>	<i>SB1241 NOW: auxiliary containers; regulatory prohibition; reporting</i>	<i>SB1466 livestock loss board; compensation fund</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Grade</i>
<b>Governor Doug Ducey</b>	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	10	D

- A+ 30
- A 24 - 29
- B 18 - 23
- C 12 - 17
- D 6 - 11
- F 0 - 5

Appendix B - 2015 Environmental Report Card Senate Spreadsheet

Member	HB2175 public rights-of-way; claims	HB2176 NOW: federal land relinquishment; payments	HB2318 transfer of public lands compact	HB2407 referendum and recall provisions	HB2658 federal lands; transfer; study committee	SB1185 wolf recovery; transfer; costs	SB1241 NOW: auxiliary containers; regulatory prohibition; reporting	SB1466 livestock loss board; compensation fund	SCM1001 NOW: national monument designation; opposition	SCM1003 NOW: Mexican wolf; USFWS	SCM 1004 NOW: waters; urging Congress	SCM1009 military bases; definition; species act	SCM1013 rulemaking; endangered generating units; opposition	SCM1014 urging EPA; ozone concentration standard	SCR1001 clean elections education funding	SCR1018 trust land management; budget reconciliation	Total	Grade	
Bradley, David (LD 10)	4	5	5	5	2	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	46	A+		
Cajero Bedford, Olivia (LD 3)	4	5	5	5	2	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	46	A+		
Hobbs, Katie (LD 24)	4	5	5	5	2	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	46	A+		
Quezada, Martin (LD 29)	4	5	5	5	2	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	46	A+		
Contreras, Lupe (LD 19)	4	5	5	5	2	4	5	4	1	1	0	1	1	3	3	45	A		
Dalessandro, Andrea (LD 2)	4	5	5	5	2	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	0	3	3	45	A		
Farley, Steve (LD 9)	4	5	5	5	2	4	5	4	1	1	1	1	1		3	43	A		
Ableser, Ed (LD 26)	4	5		5	2	4	5	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	37	B		
Meza, Robert (LD 30)	4	5	5	0	2	4	5	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	3	36	B		
Pancrazi, Lynne (LD 4)	4	5	5	0	2	4	5	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	3	34	B		
Begay, Carlyle (LD 7)	0	5	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	19	C		
Miranda, Catherine (LD 27)	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0			1	3	3	18	C	
McGuire, Barbara (LD 8)	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	11	D		
Allen, Sylvia (LD 6)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F	
Barto, Nancy (LD 15)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F	
Biggs, Andy (LD 12)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F	
Burges, Judy (LD 22)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F	
Dial, Jeff (LD 18)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F	
Driggs, Adam (LD 28)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F	
Farnsworth, David (LD 16)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F	
Griffin, Gail (LD 14)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F	
Kavanagh, John (LD 23)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F	
Lesko, Debbie (LD 21)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F	
Pierce, Steve (LD 1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	F	
Shooter, Don (LD 13)			0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Smith, Steve (LD 11)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Ward, Kelli (LD 5)	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	F
Worsley, Bob (LD 25)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Yarbrough, Steve (LD 17)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Yee, Kimberly (LD 20)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F

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- A 38 - 45
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Appendix C - 2015 Environmental Report Card House Spreadsheet

Member	HB2055 NOW: sovereign authority; water; United States	HB2058 federal rules; United States	HB2175 sovereign authority; claims	HB2176 NOW: federal land	HB2318 federal land compact	HB2321 public lands and taxation	HB2407 public lands; conveyance provisions	HB2658 federal lands and recall study committee	SB1241 NOW: auxiliary containers; transfer; prohibition; regulatory	SB1466 livestock loss board; compensation fund	SCM1001 NOW: national monument designation; opposition	SCM1003 NOW: Mexican wolf; urging USFWS	SCM1004 NOW: Mexican wolf; definition; urging Congress	SCM1009 military bases; endangered species act	SCM1013 rulemaking; electric generating units; opposition	SCM1014 urging EPA; ozone concentration standard	SCR1001 clean elections education funding	SCR1018 trust land management; budget reconciliation	Total	Grade
Alston, Lela (LD 24)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	57	A+	
Andrade, Richard (LD 29)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	57	A+	
Clark, Ken (LD 24)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	57	A+	
Friese, Randall (LD 9)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	57	A+	
Gabaldón, Rosanna (LD 2)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	57	A+	
Gonzales, Sally Ann (LD 3)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	57	A+	
Mach, Stefanie (LD 10)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	57	A+	
McCune Davis, Debbie (LD 30)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	57	A+	
Meyer, Eric (LD 28)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	57	A+	
Sherwood, Andrew (LD 26)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	57	A+	
Velasquez, Ceci (LD 29)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	57	A+	
Rios, Rebecca (LD 27)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	4	1	1	1		1	3	3	55	A	
Benally, Jennifer (LD 7)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	53	A	
Fernandez, Charlene (LD 4)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	53	A	
Mendez, Juan Jose (LD 26)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5		1	1	1	1	1	3	3	53	A	
Saldate, Macario (LD 3)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	53	A	
Steele, Victoria (LD 9)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5		1	1	1	1	1	3	3	53	A	
Otondo, Lisa (LD 4)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	0	1	1	0	1	1	3	3	52	A	
Cardenas, Mark (LD 19)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	3	51	A	
Hale, Albert (LD 7)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	5	0	1	1	1	1	1		3	50	A	
Larkin, Jonathan (LD 30)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	0	5	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	3	50	A	
Bolding, Reginald (LD 27)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	0	4				1	1		3	48	B	
Espinoza, Diego (LD 19)	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	48	B	
Wheeler, Bruce (LD 10)	5	5	4		5	5	5	2	5	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	3	47	B	
Campbell, Noel (LD 1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	8	D	
Ackerley, John Christopher (LD 2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	F	
Ugenti, Michelle (LD 23)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0		0	4	F	
Coleman, Doug (LD 16)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	F	
Townsend, Kelly (LD 16)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	F	
Norgaard, Jill (LD 18)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	F	

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Robson, Bob (LD 18)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	F	
Allen, John (LD 15)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Barton, Brenda (LD 6)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Borrelli, Sonny (LD 5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Bowers, Russell "Rusty" (LD 25)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Boyer, Paul (LD 20)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Brophy McGee, Kate (LD 28)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Carter, Heather (LD 15)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Cobb, Regina (LD 5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Fann, Karen (LD 1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Farnsworth, Edwin (LD 12)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Finchem, Mark (LD 11)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Gowan, Sr., David (LD 14)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Gray, Rick (LD 21)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Kern, Anthony (LD 20)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Lawrence, Jay (LD 23)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Leach, Vince (LD 11)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Livingston, David (LD 22)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Lovas, Phil (LD 22)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Mesnard, Javan "J.D." (LD 17)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Mitchell, Darin (LD 13)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Montenegro, Steve (LD 13)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Olson, Justin (LD 25)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Petersen, Warren (LD 12)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Pratt, Franklin (LD 8)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Rivero, Tony (LD 21)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Shope, Thomas "T.J." (LD 8)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Stevens, David (LD 14)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Thorpe, Bob (LD 6)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
Weninger, Jeff (LD 17)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F

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