

Arizona Legislative Updates



Legislature on Pause plus Other Opportunities for Action



House Ethics Hearing

May 26, 2023

Hi all!

The Arizona Legislature is on pause until June 12th, so there was no bill action there. They did meet to promote falsehoods about COVID and also to vilify Rep. Stahl-Hamilton for making a point about the separation of church and state. The House Ethics Committee seems determined not to accept her apology for tucking away the bibles in the members' lounge and hellbent on punishing her in some way. It's pretty outrageous, but among many outrageous things they have done this session. Stay tuned on that.

While the Legislature was out, the Governor was not. She vetoed several more bad bills that had been transmitted to her, including SB1100 all-terrain vehicles; definition (Carroll: Gowan, Shamp, et al.). It would have defined off-highway vehicles as much heavier, meaning more damage to the land and vegetation. You can read the Governor's veto letter here.

Governor Hobbs also vetoed SB1066 election mailings; third-party disclosures (Kavanaugh) included additional and onerous disclosures for materials encouraging voting. It was well beyond what is already required and would have d infringe on first amendment rights of groups seeking to help people veto. Read the veto request letter from voting rights advocates here.

The Governor also vetoed <u>HB2441 standpipe service</u>; <u>continuation</u>; <u>emergency</u> (Griffin), which would have bailed out Rio Verde on water, but did not include any closures of loopholes, and she vetoed HB2444 natural resource conservation districts; revisions (Griffin), a bill to allow Natural Resource Conservation Districts to create a new entity to go after more government dollars. These conservation districts are frequently working against conservation. You can read the veto letters here and here.

The Senate will consider an executive nomination next week. See below for details. Also see below for information on the proposed APS rate increase and the proposed carbon rule for power plants.

To review bills we are tracking, go to this link.

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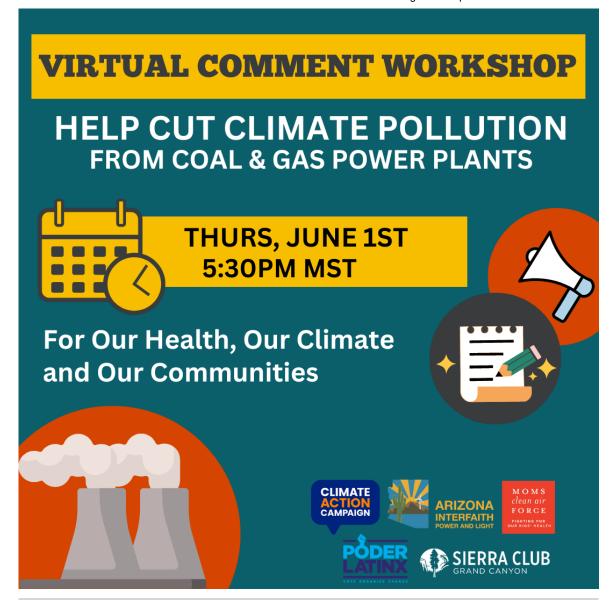
Thank you!

All the best,

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Coming Up this week and next.



Wednesday, May 31st

Senate Committee on Director Nominations at 10:100 AM in SHR109 Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting <u>here</u>.

Executive Nomination, Registrar of Contractors, Martin J. Quezada

Thursday, June 1st

What the EPA's Cut Climate Pollution Plan Means for AZ & How to Testify - Advocates Briefing - 5:30 PM **RSVP** here

This will help you prepare to provide comments at the EPA virtual hearing. Sign up to speak at the EPA hearing here.

Wednesday, June 7th

Comment Session on Proposed APS Rate Increase at 6:00 PM

Please plan to come to the Arizona Corporation Commission to Speak up for clean energy and for retiring coal plants. Find more information and RSVP here.

You can find an action kit on the proposed APS rate increase here.







