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### Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

H2070: OPEN MEETINGS; CAPACITY; POSTING; VIOLATION

*Hearing:* House Government & Elections (Wednesday 01/26/22 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 1)

S1082: ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT

*Hearing:* Senate Rules (Monday 01/24/22 at 1:00 PM, Caucus Rm. 1)

S1150: ELECTRIC VEHICLES; PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION

*Hearing:* Senate Transportation & Technology (Monday 01/24/22 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 109)

S1151: CHARGING STATION; PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION

*Hearing:* Senate Transportation & Technology (Monday 01/24/22 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 109)

S1152: ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES; PLANS

*Hearing:* Senate Transportation & Technology (Monday 01/24/22 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 109)

S1154: TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION STUDY COMMITTEE

*Hearing:* Senate Transportation & Technology (Monday 01/24/22 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 109)

### Bill Summaries

#### H2042: BIOMASS; FORESTRY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT

The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management is required to regulate "biomass" (defined elsewhere in statute) energy providers in a manner determined by the State Forester by rule. Biomass energy providers are not public service corporations and are not subject to regulation by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

H2042 Daily History

Date Action

BIOMASS; FORESTRY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT 1/12 referred to House nat res-energy-water.

#### H2070: OPEN MEETINGS; CAPACITY; POSTING; VIOLATION

All public bodies are required to provide for a reasonable amount of seating to accommodate the anticipated attendance of all persons desiring to attend the deliberations and proceedings. The agenda for a public meeting is required to include notice of the time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place. A head of a public body that violates these requirements is liable for a civil penalty as provided in statute for open meeting law violations.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2070 Daily History

Date Action

OPEN MEETINGS; CAPACITY; POSTING; VIOLATION 1/18 referred to House gov-elect.

#### H2101: ELECTRIC ENERGY; RELIABILITY; PUBLIC POLICY

Statutes regulating electric power competition are repealed and replaced, and the chapter heading is changed to "electric energy reliability." Impossible to determine new provisions without a line by line comparison.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

Others: Rep. Abraham (D - Dist 10), Sen. Barto (R - Dist 15), Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20), Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25), Rep. Burges (R - Dist

1), Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3), Rep. Chavez (D - Dist 29), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Dalessandro (D - Dist 2), Rep. Diaz (R - Dist 14), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Rep. Espinoza (D - Dist 19), Sen. Fann (R - Dist 1), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14), Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12), Sen. Gray (R - Dist 21), Rep. A. Hernandez (D - Dist 3), Rep. John (R - Dist 4), Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15), Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23), Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13), Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11), Rep. Liguori (D - Dist 28), Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22), Rep. Longdon (D - Dist 24), Rep. Martinez (R - Dist 11), Rep. Meza (D - Dist 30), Rep. Nguyen (R - Dist 1), Sen. Petersen (R - Dist 12), Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21), Rep. Quifonez (D - Dist 27), Sen. Rios (D - Dist 27), Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8), Rep. Sierra (D - Dist 19), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22), Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16), Rep. Weninger (R - Dist 17), Rep. Wilmeth (R - Dist 15)

H2101 Daily History

Date Action

ELECTRIC ENERGY; RELIABILITY; PUBLIC POLICY 1/19 from House nat res-energy-water with amend #4002.  
ELECTRIC ENERGY; RELIABILITY; PUBLIC POLICY 1/18 House nat res-energy-water amended; report awaited.  
ELECTRIC ENERGY; RELIABILITY; PUBLIC POLICY 1/13 referred to House nat res-energy-water.

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## **H2128: RULEMAKING; EXEMPTION; LIMITATION; CORPORATION COMMISSION**

The exemption from review of rules by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council for the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) applies when the ACC is exclusively exercising its plenary authority. The ACC is required to make proposed rules available to the public before initiating the rulemaking process.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

Others: Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22)

H2128 Daily History

Date Action

RULEMAKING; EXEMPTION; LIMITATION; CORPORATION COMMISSION 1/19 referred to House gov-elect.

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## **H2162: OPEN MEETING LAW; VIOLATIONS; PENALTY**

Increases the civil penalties the court is authorized to impose for violations of open meeting law to up to \$500 for a first offense and up to \$10,000 for a second or subsequent offense, instead of up to \$500 for a second offense and up to \$2,500 for a third or subsequent offense. In addition to or in lieu of the civil penalties, the court is authorized to require a member of the public body to attend training on public meetings as directed by the Attorney General or the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide. Open meeting law violations may be committed recklessly in addition to knowingly.

First sponsor: Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15)

H2162 Daily History

Date Action

OPEN MEETING LAW; VIOLATIONS; PENALTY 1/18 referred to House gov-elect.

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## **H2186: RAILROADS; TRAIN LENGTH; PROHIBITION**

A railroad operating in Arizona is prohibited from running or allowing to be run on any part of a main track or branch line a train that exceeds 8,500 feet in length.

First sponsor: Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29)

Others: Sen. Gabaldon (D - Dist 2), Rep. M. Hernandez (D - Dist 26), Rep. Powers Hannley (D - Dist 9), Sen. Terán (D - Dist 30)

H2186 Daily History

Date Action

RAILROADS; TRAIN LENGTH; PROHIBITION 1/18 referred to House trans.

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## **H2232: NONPROFIT GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVES**

Statute governing how public service corporations are regulated by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) applies to a generation and transmission cooperative that is regulated by the ACC but does not apply to the cooperative's gross intrastate revenues that are derived from sales of electricity to another electric utility that is both regulated by the ACC and subject to the ACC's annual assessment.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

H2232 Daily History

Date Action

NONPROFIT GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVES 1/18 referred to House nat res-energy-water.

**H2303: GOVERNMENT VEHICLES; ELECTRIC; COMMERCE AUTHORITY**

In considering the purchase of new motor vehicles, state agencies and political subdivisions are required to consider electric vehicles and the long-term maintenance and fuel costs in evaluating total costs over the life of the motor vehicle. A political subdivision is authorized to apply to the Department of Administration (DOA) for reimbursement for the difference between the amount that the political subdivision spent on electric vehicles and the amount that the political subdivision would have spent on fossil fuel vehicles, and DOA is required to reimburse political subdivisions on a first-come, first-served basis. DOA is permitted to establish a reimbursement cap for each political subdivision. The Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) is required to administer an electric vehicle charging station grant pilot program to offset the cost of installing electric vehicle chargers in underserved, rural areas of Arizona. To be eligible for grant monies, the charging station must be available for the general public to use, either for a fee or for free. ACA is required to submit a report with specified information relating to the pilot program to the Governor and the Legislature one year after beginning administering the program. Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to DOA to distribute to political subdivisions for electric vehicle reimbursement. Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to ACA for the electric vehicle charging station grant pilot program.

First sponsor: Rep. Dalessandro (D - Dist 2)

H2303 Daily History

Date Action

GOVERNMENT VEHICLES; ELECTRIC; COMMERCE AUTHORITY 1/20 referred to House trans, appro.

**H2521: RAILROAD CREW REQUIREMENTS**

Railroads operating within Arizona are required to maintain at least two operating employees in the control compartment of the lead locomotive unit of a train while the train is in motion, and at least two operating employees during remote control operations. Some exceptions.

First sponsor: Rep. Espinoza (D - Dist 19)

Others: Rep. Bolding (D - Dist 27), Rep. Chavez (D - Dist 29), Rep. Dalessandro (D - Dist 2), Rep. Sierra (D - Dist 19)

H2521 Daily History

Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.

**H2536: CORPORATION COMMISSIONERS; QUALIFICATIONS**

For terms of office beginning in 2025 or later, a Corporation Commissioner is required to be a resident of Arizona for at least 2 years before election, be at least 30 years of age, and have at least 5 years of experience in accounting, business administration, finance, economics, administrative law, and/or professional engineering. Before a person becomes a candidate for the office of Corporation Commissioner, the person is required to sign an affidavit listing and attesting to the person's fulfillment of these qualifications and file the affidavit with the nomination paper.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

H2536 Daily History

Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.

**H2586: ELECTRIC CHARGING PROVIDERS**

Electric charging providers that offer the use of specialized equipment for the purpose of charging batteries for electric vehicles are not public service corporations and are not subject to regulation by the Corporation Commission.

First sponsor: Rep. Weninger (R - Dist 17)

H2586 Daily History

Date Action

No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.

**S1082: ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT**

An Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) employer may prepay the employer's "401(a) pension contributions" (defined) directly to ASRS according to a written agreement between the employer and ASRS. Establishes a process for ASRS to manage prepaid pension contributions. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1082 Daily History	Date Action
ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT 1/12 from Senate fin do pass.	
ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT 1/12 Senate fin do pass; report awaited.	
ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT 1/10 referred to Senate fin.	

**S1127: STATE AGENCIES; PAYMENTS; CRYPTOCURRENCY**

State agencies are authorized to accept "cryptocurrency" (defined) as a payment method for taxes, fees, fines, civil penalties, financial obligations, and special assessments by entering into an agreement with a cryptocurrency issuer to provide a method to accept cryptocurrency as a payment for any amount due to that agency or the state. Requirements for the agreement are listed. Effective January 1, 2023.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

S1127 Daily History	Date Action
STATE AGENCIES; PAYMENTS; CRYPTOCURRENCY 1/11 referred to Senate fin, gov.	

**S1150: ELECTRIC VEHICLES; PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION**

Counties and municipalities are prohibited from issuing a residential structure building permit for a single-family structure if the residential structure does not have a 208/240-volt, 50-ampere, NEMA 14-50 branch circuit with a dedicated outlet to charge an electric vehicle in the residential structure's garage or within ten feet of a parking space on the outside of the residential structure. Some exceptions. The Department of Administration (DOA) is required to conduct a two-year electric vehicle-ready homes pilot program to reimburse the owner of a single-family or multifamily residential structure the cost of installing a high voltage electrical outlet for the purpose of charging an electric vehicle, up to \$1,000, until the appropriation is exhausted. DOA is required to submit a report with specified information relating to the pilot program to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2024. Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2022-23 to DOA for the pilot program.

First sponsor: Sen. Steele (D - Dist 9)  
Others: Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist 18)

S1150 Daily History	Date Action
ELECTRIC VEHICLES; PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION 1/12 referred to Senate trans-tech, appro.	

**S1151: CHARGING STATION; PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION**

The Department of Administration (DOA) is required to conduct a two-year electric vehicle charging station pilot program. All state agencies may apply to DOA for funding to cover the cost of installing electric vehicle charging stations at their agency locations. DOA is required to submit a report with specified information relating to the pilot program to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2024. Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2022-23 to DOA for the pilot program.

First sponsor: Sen. Steele (D - Dist 9)  
Others: Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist 18)

S1151 Daily History	Date Action
CHARGING STATION; PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATION 1/12 referred to Senate trans-tech, appro.	

**S1152: ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES; PLANS**

In coordination with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Administration, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is required to develop a "zero emission vehicle" (defined) plan designed to increase the number of registered zero emission vehicles in this state to at least 100,000 by 2028, and coordinate and increase the installation of zero emission vehicle infrastructure. Within six months after the effective date of this legislation, ADOT is required to submit a draft of the zero emission vehicle plan to the Governor and the Legislature.

First sponsor: Sen. Steele (D - Dist 9)

S1152 Daily History Date Action  
 ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES; PLANS 1/12 referred to Senate trans-tech.

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### **S1154: TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION STUDY COMMITTEE**

Establishes an 11-member Transportation Electrification Study Committee to collaborate with local governments, electric utilities, environmental groups, the transportation industry and interested communities to identify the best ways to encourage an economy-wide transition from carbon-fueled vehicles to electric vehicles. The Committee is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by July 1, 2023, and self-repeals October 1, 2024.

First sponsor: Sen. Steele (D - Dist 9)

S1154 Daily History Date Action  
 TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION STUDY COMMITTEE 1/12 referred to Senate trans-tech.

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### **S1282: ENERGY EFFICIENT STANDARDS; PRODUCTS**

No later than one year after the effective date of this legislation, the Department of Environmental Quality is required to adopt rules that establish minimum energy efficiency standards for a list of new products sold in Arizona. Some exceptions. Violations are an unlawful practice.

First sponsor: Sen. Stahl Hamilton (D - Dist 10)  
 Others: Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29), Rep. Blackwater-Nygren (D - Dist 7), Sen. Bowie (D - Dist 18), Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3), Rep. Dalessandro (D - Dist 2), Rep. Epstein (D - Dist 18), Sen. Gabaldon (D - Dist 2), Rep. M. Hernandez (D - Dist 26), Sen. Quezada (D - Dist 29), Rep. Solorio (D - Dist 30), Sen. Steele (D - Dist 9), Sen. Terán (D - Dist 30)

S1282 Daily History Date Action  
 No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.

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### **SCR1027: CORPORATION COMMISSIONERS; APPOINTMENT; ELECTION; TERMS**

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to to eliminate elections for four of the five members of the Corporation Commission and require those four Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor to eight year terms, with the consent of the Senate. Also provides for implementation and the expiration of the terms of the current Commissioners.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

SCR1027 Daily History Date Action  
 No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.