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# **Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings**

H2128: STATE LICENSING; FEE WAIVER

Hearing: House Military Affairs & Public Safety (Monday 02/01/21 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 1)

H2193: RAILROADS; ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Hearing: House Transportation (Wednesday 01/27/21 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 3)

H2248: CORPORATION COMMISSION; ELECTRIC GENERATION RESOURCES

Hearing: House Natural Resources, Energy & Water (Tuesday 01/26/21 at 2:00 PM, House Rm, 4)

S1175: CORPORATION COMMISSION; ELECTRIC GENERATION RESOURCES

Hearing: Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water (Wednesday 01/27/21 at 2:00 PM,

Senate Rm. 109)

S1217: SECURITIES; EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS

Hearing: Senate Commerce (Wednesday 01/27/21 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 1)

#### **Bill Summaries**

## **H2128: STATE LICENSING; FEE WAIVER**

The list of persons that state agencies are required to waive any initial license fee charged for, with some exceptions, is expanded to include any active duty military service member and the member's spouse and any veteran.

First sponsor: Rep. Osborne (R - Dist 13)

Others: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22), Rep. Chaplik (R - Dist 23), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12), Rep. John (R - Dist 4),

Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14), Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22)

H2128 Daily History

Date Action

STATE LICENSING; FEE WAIVER 1/20 referred to House mil-pub safety.

### **H2193: RAILROADS; ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

The Corporation Commission is required to conduct annual safety inspections of all railroads and railroad tracks in Arizona. Appropriates \$196,000 and two FTE positions from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the Commission for railroad safety inspectors.

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

Others: Rep. Butler (D - Dist 28), Rep. Fernandez (D - Dist 4), Rep. M. Hernandez (D - Dist 26),

Rep. Powers Hannley (D - Dist 9), Rep. Salman (D - Dist 26), Rep. Schwiebert (D - Dist 20), Rep.

Teran (D - Dist 30)

H2193 Daily History

Date Action

RAILROADS; ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTIONS 1/20 referred to House trans, appro.

#### H2247: FOREST PRODUCTS; PROCESSING; TAX CREDIT

Establishes an individual and corporate income tax credit for taxpayers with a current healthy forest enterprise incentive certification and memorandum of understanding with the Arizona Commerce Authority that "process" "qualifying forest products" (both defined) between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2030 at a facility located in Arizona. The amount of the credit is up to \$10,000 for the first 20,000 tons and \$5,000 for every 10,000 tons after of qualifying forest products the taxpayer processes in the calendar year, not to exceed \$500,000 per taxpayer. The aggregate amount of tax credits in a calendar year is capped at \$2 million. If the allowable credit exceeds taxes due, the

unclaimed amount of the credit may be carried forward for up to five consecutive tax years. Other requirements to qualify for the tax credit and an application process are established. Applies to tax years beginning with 2022.

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

H2247 Daily History

Date Action

FOREST PRODUCTS; PROCESSING; TAX CREDIT 1/21 House nat res-energy-water do pass; report awaited. FOREST PRODUCTS; PROCESSING; TAX CREDIT 1/19 House nat res-energy-water held. 1/20 referred to House nat res-energy-water ways-means.

#### H2248: CORPORATION COMMISSION; ELECTRIC GENERATION RESOURCES

Without express legislative authorization, the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) is prohibited from adopting or enforcing a policy, decision or rule that directly or indirectly regulates the types of "critical electric generation resources" (defined) used or acquired by public service corporations within Arizona's energy grid. Does not apply to any policy, decision or rule adopted before June 30, 2020. Does not prohibit the ACC from setting electricity rates for public service corporations. Contains legislative findings. Retroactive to June 30, 2020.

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

H2248 Daily History

Date Action

CORPORATION COMMISSION; ELECTRIC GENERATION RESOURCES 1/26 House nat res-energy-water do pass; report awaited.

CORPORATION COMMISSION; ELECTRIC GENERATION RESOURCES 1/19 House nat res-energy-water held. 1/20 referred to House nat res-energy-water

#### **H2437: FUEL; ELECTRIC CARS; HYBRIDS; TAXES**

Imposes a tax on a vehicle that accesses a street or highway and that is propelled by electricity of \$111 per year for FY2021-22, \$139 per year for FY2022-23, and \$166 per year for FY2023-24. Imposes a tax on a vehicle that accesses a street or highway and that is propelled by a combination of electricity and other fuels of \$45 per year for FY2021-22, \$56 per year for FY2022-23, and \$67 per year for FY2023-24. For FY2023-24 and each year after, each of these rates must be adjusted annually to reflect the change in the gross domestic product implicit price deflator reported by the U.S. Department of Commerce from January 1, 2020 to December 31 of the prior year. Due to a potential increase in state revenue, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage, and becomes effective on signature of the Governor.

First sponsor: Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22) Others: Rep. Wilmeth (R - Dist 15)

H2437 Daily History

Action Date

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

### **H2664: GOVERNMENT VEHICLES; ELECTRIC; APPROPRIATION**

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. Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 to DOA to distribute to political subdivisions for electric vehicle reimbursement.

First sponsor: Rep. Epstein (D - Dist 18)

Others: Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3), Sen. Engel (D - Dist 10), Rep. Longdon (D - Dist 24), Rep. Stahl

Hamilton (D - Dist 10), Rep. Teran (D - Dist 30)

H2664 Daily History

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

### **H2714: ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY; BIOMASS; FORESTRY PRODUCTS**

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

H2714 Daily History Date Action No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.

#### HCR2027: CAMPAIGN FINANCE; SOURCE DISCLOSURE

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require any person that makes campaign expenditures of more than \$10,000, or \$20,000 for statewide campaigns, in a two-year election cycle to promptly disclose the identity of all "original sources" of "major contributions" (both defined) used to fund that expenditure, and to grant the Citizens Clean Elections Commission the authority to establish penalties to enforce this requirement. Severability clause. If approved by the voters, the amendment applies to all elections occurring after January 1, 2024.

First sponsor: Rep. M. Hernandez (D - Dist 26) Others: Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29), Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3), Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist 18), Sen. Mendez (D - Dist 26), Rep. Rodriguez (D - Dist 27), Rep. Salman (D - Dist 26), Rep. Shah (D -Dist 24), Rep. Stahl Hamilton (D - Dist 10)

HCR2027 Daily History

Date Action

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

### **HR2003: FORESTS; PROPER MANAGEMENT**

The members of the House of Representatives place the highest importance on the issue of forest management and express their support of landscape-scale planning, forest thinning projects and the acceleration of consensus-supported and scientifically informed forest restoration treatments across this state and the nation.

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

HR2003 Daily History

Date Action

FORESTS; PROPER MANAGEMENT 1/25 from House land-agri-rural affairs do pass.

FORESTS; PROPER MANAGEMENT 1/25 House land-agri-rural affairs do pass; report awaited.

FORESTS; PROPER MANAGEMENT 1/20 referred to House land-agri-rural affairs.

## S1175: CORPORATION COMMISSION; ELECTRIC GENERATION RESOURCES

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First sponsor: Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13)

Others: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14), Sen. Gray (R - Dist 21), Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11), Sen.

Livingston (R - Dist 22), Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1175 Daily History

Date Action

CORPORATION COMMISSION; ELECTRIC GENERATION RESOURCES 1/19 referred to Senate nat res-energy-water.

## S1177: FOREST PRODUCTS; PROCESSING; TAX CREDIT

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2030 at a facility located in Arizona. The amount of the credit is up to \$10,000 for the first 20,000 tons and \$5,000 for every 10,000 tons after of qualifying forest products the taxpayer processes in the calendar year, not to exceed \$500,000 per taxpayer. The aggregate amount of tax credits in a calendar year is capped at \$2 million. If the allowable credit exceeds taxes due, the unclaimed amount of the credit may be carried forward for up to five consecutive tax years. Other requirements to qualify for the tax credit and an application process are established. Applies to tax years beginning with 2022.

First sponsor: Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13)

Others: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14), Sen. Gray (R - Dist 21), Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22), Sen.

Rogers (R - Dist 6), Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1177 Daily History Date Action

FOREST PRODUCTS; PROCESSING; TAX CREDIT 1/21 withdrawn from Senate fin. FOREST PRODUCTS; PROCESSING; TAX CREDIT 1/19 referred to Senate fin, appro.

## **S1217: SECURITIES; EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS**

The list of classes of transactions that are exempt from specified securities regulations is expanded to include transactions by an issuer, its parent or subsidiary companies, and their respective directors, managers, general partners, officers and employees acting as such to offer or sell securities of the issuer pursuant to specified federal code, in which the sum of the aggregate offering price and aggregate sales does not exceed \$50 million, including up to \$15 million offered by all selling securityholders that are affiliates of the issuer.

First sponsor: Sen. Pace (R - Dist 25)

S1217 Daily History Date Action

SECURITIES; EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS 1/20 referred to Senate com.

### S1307: WATER; WASTEWATER SYSTEM; COUNTY OPERATION

A county with a population of more than 200,000 persons and less than 900,000 persons (Pinal County) is authorized to acquire, maintain and operate a water and wastewater system if the public service corporation that owns the system is either operated by an interim manager under an order of the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC), or within the three years immediately preceding the acquisition, was operated by an interim manager under an order of the ACC. The county may acquire the by agreement with the public service corporation or by eminent domain and is required to pay the public service corporation the fair valuation for the system. Establishes a formula for determining the fair valuation. After the county acquires the water and wastewater system, the county is authorized to contract with a private entity to operate the system. A contract for the operation and maintenance of the system is exempt from the county's procurement code except that the county is required to issue a public request for proposals. These authorizations are repealed an unspecified number of months (blank in original) after a county acquires a water and wastewater system from a public service corporation or on January 1, 2027, whichever is earlier.

First sponsor: Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1307 Daily History Date Action

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