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HB2048 - Assured water; small residential developments

Sponsor

Rep. Selina Bliss (R)

Summary

A person seeking a building permit for six or more residences within an active management area in an unincorporated area of a county is required to obtain a certificate of assured water supply from the Department of Water Resources before presenting the permit application for approval to the county. Does not apply if the applicant has obtained a written commitment of water service for the residences from a municipal or private water company designated as having an assured water supply.

Last Action

2023-01-18 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/18/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/18/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2111 - Broadband; internet protocol services; commission

Sponsor

Rep. Athena Salman (D)

Summary

The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) is required to oversee "broadband service" and "voice over internet protocol service" (both defined). The ACC is required to adopt rules to implement this requirements, and requirements for the rules are listed. The ACC is also required to conduct evaluations and audits of facilities and infrastructure that are used to provide high-speed internet service.

Last Action

2023-01-24 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/24/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/24/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2143 - Rulemaking review; time frame

Sponsor

Rep. Timothy M. Dunn (R)

Summary

When the Legislature has granted a one-time rulemaking exemption to an agency, the agency is required to review any rule adopted under the exemption within six months after the rule was adopted, reduced from one year, to determine whether it should be amended or repealed.

Last Action

2023-03-01 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/01/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 03/01/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2144 - Open meetings; capacity; posting; violation

Sponsor

Rep. Timothy M. Dunn (R)

Summary

Schools, school boards, executive boards, and municipalities are required to provide for an amount of seating sufficient to accommodate the reasonably anticipated attendance of all persons desiring to attend the deliberations and proceedings, when feasible. Does not require a public body to relocate a meeting outside of the largest regular meeting room. Except for a meeting through technological devices, 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. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

2023-03-07 S - Transmit to Senate

HB2165 - Adequate water supply; statewide requirements

Sponsor

Rep. Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary

Counties and municipalities are authorized to approve a subdivision plat only if the subdivider has obtained a water report from the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) that there is an adequate water supply for the subdivision or the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an adequate water supply. The State Real Estate Commissioner is authorized to issue a public report authorizing the sale or lease of subdivided lands only if the Director of ADWR has issued a water report that there is an adequate water supply for the subdivision or the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an adequate water supply.

Last Action

2023-01-19 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/19/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/19/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2212 - Criminal damage; trespassing; critical facilities

Sponsor

Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary

The definition of aggravated criminal damage is expanded to include interfering with or otherwise preventing the performance of a normal function of any utility infrastructure or property or the intended course or path of any utility service. The classification for aggravated criminal damage under these circumstances is a class 5 (second-lowest) felony, except that the classification increases for damages greater than \$1,500. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

2023-03-09 S - DP - Senate Judiciary - Senate Judiciary

HB2213 - Case management; remote access; requirements (TPT; exemption; utilities; residential customers)

Sponsor

Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary

The Department of Child Safety (DCS) is required to provide to the Arizona Supreme Court (ASC) remote access to all automated case management systems used by DCS for the ASC to use in assisting local foster care review boards. DCS is required to provide to foster care review boards direct remote online access to all "DCS information" (defined) identified by the board as necessary to perform the board's duties. The Office of the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide is required to have direct remote access to all DCS information within the DCS automated case management system unless explicitly prohibited by law. DCS is required to keep all DCS information separate within the DCS case management system in specified categories. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

2023-03-02 S - Transmit to Senate

HB2241 - Electric vehicles; charging; pilot program

Sponsor

Rep. Cesar Aguilar (D)

Summary

Counties and municipalities are prohibited from issuing a residential structure building permit for a single-family structure if the structure does not have a specified electrical circuit with a dedicated outlet to charge an electric vehicle in the garage or within 10 feet of a parking space on the outside of the structure. Some exceptions. The Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) is required to conduct a two-year electric vehicle-ready homes pilot program. ADOA is required to reimburse the owner of a single-family or multifamily residential structure for the cost of installing a high voltage electrical outlet for the purpose of charging an electric vehicle, up to \$1,000, until the monies are exhausted. By December 31, 2025, ADOA is required to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature with specified information relating to the pilot program. The pilot program self-repeals October 1, 2026.

Last Action

2023-01-19 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/19/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/19/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2254 - Rulemaking; regulatory costs; legislative ratification

Sponsor

Rep. Justin Wilmeth (R)

Summary

If a proposed rule is estimated to increase regulatory costs in Arizona in excess of \$500,000 within two years after implementation or to have an adverse impact on economic growth in Arizona in excess of \$500,000 within two years after implementation, the proposed rule cannot become effective until the Legislature enacts legislation ratifying the proposed rule. The agency is prohibited from filing a final rule with the Secretary of State before obtaining legislative approval of the rule through legislation. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

2023-03-07 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 03/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2277 - Appropriation; railway safety inspectors

Sponsor

Rep. Andrés Cano (D)

Summary

Appropriates \$197,400 from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Corporation Commission to fund two railway safety inspectors.

Last Action

2023-02-01 H - HELD - House Transportation & Infrastructure - House Transportation & Infrastructure

HB2356 - Railroads; annual safety inspections.

Sponsor

Rep. Analise Ortiz (D)

Summary

The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) 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 FY2023-24 to the ACC for railroad safety inspectors.

Last Action

2023-01-19 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/19/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/19/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2357 - Broadband; internet protocol services; commission.

Sponsor

Rep. Analise Ortiz (D)

Summary

The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) is required to oversee broadband service and voice over internet protocol service. The ACC is required to adopt rules to implement this requirements, and requirements for the rules are listed.

Last Action

2023-01-26 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/26/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/26/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2373 - Permits; automated permitting platform

Sponsor

Rep. Leo Biasiucci (R)

Summary

Counties and municipalities are authorized to use a "qualified online automated permitting platform" to verify code compliance for the purpose of issuing permits for the use of certain solar energy devices.

Last Action

2023-03-08 S - DP - Senate Government - Senate Government

HB2405 - Community choice energy study committee

Sponsor

Rep. Stacey Travers (D)

Summary

Establishes a 17-member Community Choice Energy Study Committee to study current community choice energy organizational models in the ten states that have authorized community choice energy through state legislation, review best practices for community choice energy implementation and operations, ascertain the feasibility and the potential legal, regulatory, economic and environmental impacts of community choice energy in Arizona, and solicit input from related stakeholders. The Committee is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by November 15, 2023, and self-repeals October 1, 2024.

Last Action

2023-01-23 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/23/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/23/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2411 - Grazing operations; energy projects; compensation (Water supply; elimination; reduction; damages)

Sponsor

Rep. David L. Cook (R)

Summary

If a city provides water to customers outside of the city's service area before January 1, 2023 and reduces or terminates that service on or after January 1, 2023, the city is required to make the same reduction in or termination of the water supply to the Mayor and members of the City Council. If a city terminates water service in these circumstances, the city is liable, with respect to the persons whose water was terminated, for fire damage to personal property, health problems incurred by children as the result of the termination, and attorney fees.

Last Action

2023-03-07 H - PASSED - House Motion to Reconsider Third - House Motion to Reconsider Third

HB2429 - Occupational licenses; convictions

Sponsor

Rep. Justin Wilmeth (R)

Summary

An agency is prohibited from denying a regular occupational license or a provisional occupational license to an otherwise qualified applicant who has been convicted of a felony offense other than a dangerous crime against children, or a serious or violent or aggravated felony. The Fingerprinting Division of the Arizona Department of Public Safety is required to issue a fingerprint clearance card to an applicant who is applying for a card for the purpose of obtaining a license under Title 32 (Professions and Occupations) if the person's criminal history record does not contain any of a specified list of offenses.

Last Action

2023-03-01 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/01/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 03/01/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2430 - EORP; appropriations; repayment

Sponsor

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

For FY2023-24 and each fiscal year after, monies collected from contributions of members of the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan (EORP) must be distributed directly to the qualified governmental excess benefit arrangement in an amount as determined by the Board of Trustees. After that transfer, the Board is required to transfer any remaining monies collected to the general fund. Beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2033, a specified list of counties and municipalities are required to annually repay the state specified amounts for the amounts paid in FY2022-23 on the local governments' behalf to EORP for unfunded accrued liability. Counties and municipalities may pay the annual repayment amount from any source of revenue. Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$609 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to EORP to pay the unfunded accrued liability for EORP. Numerous appropriations made from the general fund in FY2023-24 for required employer contributions to EORP are reduced. Emergency clause. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

2023-03-07 S - DISC/ONLY - Senate Appropriations - Senate Appropriations

HB2437 - Transmission lines; applications; exceptions

Sponsor

Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary

Statute requiring a utility to apply for and receive a certificate of environmental compatibility from the Arizona Corporation Commission Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee before constructing a power plant or transmission line in Arizona does not apply if the transmission line and its associated right-of-way is to be located on land that is entirely owned in fee simple by one or more owners of the transmission line.

Last Action

2023-03-09 S - DP - Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water - Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water

HB2438 - Board of supervisors; powers; water

Sponsor

Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary

County boards of supervisors are authorized to participate in water reuse and recycling programs and regional wastewater recharge projects and related infrastructure.

Last Action

2023-03-01 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/01/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 03/01/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2440 - Electric energy; power companies; priorities

Sponsor

Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary

A public power entity or public service corporation responsible for its service territory is required to conduct infrastructure planning and investments to maintain reliable and affordable electric service. The governing body of a public power entity or a public service corporation is required to provide electric service at just and reasonable rates. When making decisions regarding the planning, investment, procurement and operation of electric generation, transmission and distribution resources, a public power entity or public service corporation is required to prioritize the reliability of the grid and affordability of the costs to retail electric customers.

Last Action

2023-03-07 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 03/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2496 - Transmission lines; definition

Sponsor

Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary

For the purpose of the requiring approval from the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee, "transmission line" means five or more new structures that span more than one mile in length and that are erected above ground and support one or more conductors designed for the transmission of electric energy, and excludes structures located on the substation, switchyard, or generating site to which the line connects. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

2023-03-09 S - DP - Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water - Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water

HB2520 - Home sales; water supply disclosure

Sponsor

Rep. Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary

Beginning January 1, 2024, a subdivider who sells one or more lots in a subdivision located outside of an active management area is required to record with the county recorder a document that contains a statement of water adequacy or inadequacy for that subdivision.

Last Action

2023-01-24 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/24/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/24/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2526 - Railroads; annual safety inspections**Sponsor**

Rep. Consuelo Hernandez (D)

Summary

The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACA) 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 FY2023-24 to the ACA for railroad safety inspectors.

Last Action

2023-03-07 S - Transmit to Senate

HB2531 - Railroads; train length; prohibition**Sponsor**

Rep. Consuelo Hernandez (D)

Summary

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.

Last Action

2023-03-03 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/06/2023 - Third Reading, Floor 03/06/2023 - Third Reading, Floor

HB2535 - Private property; wells; regulation; prohibition**Sponsor**

Rep. Austin Smith (R)

Summary

A well drilled with the consent of the well owner on private property in an unincorporated area is not subject to municipal regulation if the unincorporated area where the well is located is annexed by a municipality after the well has been drilled. With the consent of the building or structure owner, any buildings or structures that require water from a well drilled on private property in an unincorporated area cannot be required to connect to a municipal water system. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

2023-02-28 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/28/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/28/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2561 - City water provider; requirements; service**Sponsor**

Rep. Alexander Kolodin (R)

Summary

A municipality that provides water service is required to provide water service through a standpipe for water hauling to persons residing outside the municipality's water service area who do not have access to sufficient water if a list of specified conditions apply, including that the municipality previously provided water service to those persons and there is no other source of water for those persons within 10 miles of their households. Self-repeals January 1, 2026. Emergency clause.

Last Action

2023-03-09 H - PASSED - House Motion to Reconsider Third - House Motion to Reconsider Third

HB2570 - General appropriations act; 2023-2024**Sponsor**

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

The "feed bill" for FY2023-24, containing appropriations for state agencies and programs. Provisions include: Continues deferment of \$800.7 million in basic state aid payments to schools until FY2024-25. Appropriates \$77.9 million from the general fund in FY2024-25 for a one time deposit in the New School Facilities Fund. Appropriates the following amounts from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) for distribution to counties for maintenance of essential

county services: \$7.15 million for distribution to counties with a population of less than 900,000, \$500,000 for distribution to Graham County, \$3 million to supplement the normal cost plus an amount to amortize the unfunded accrued liability in the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan, which ADOA is required to allocate equally among all counties with a population of less than 300,000 persons, and \$7 million for distribution to counties to establish a coordinated reentry planning services program. On or after April 1, 2024, the Department of Economic Security is authorized to use up to \$25 million from the Budget Stabilization Fund to provide funding for reimbursement grants. This appropriation must be fully reimbursed by September 1, 2024. Requires various reports and makes various fund transfers.

Last Action

2023-02-06 H - DP - House Committee of the Whole - House Committee of the Whole

HB2579 - State budget implementation; 2023-2024

Sponsor

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

Retroactive to July 1, 2023, any unrestricted federal monies received by Arizona in FY2023-24 are required to be deposited in the general fund and used to pay essential government services. For FY2023-24, FY2024-25, and FY2025-26, the Legislature is not required to appropriate monies to or transfer monies from the Budget Stabilization Fund. For FY2023-24, the Budget Stabilization Fund is not limited to 10 percent of the general fund revenue for the fiscal year. By June 30, 2023, the Attorney General is required to direct \$77.25 million received from the settlement agreement in State of Arizona v. Google for deposit in the general fund.

Last Action

2023-02-06 H - DP - House Committee of the Whole - House Committee of the Whole

HB2584 - Water tank; shared revenue; appropriation

Sponsor

Rep. David L. Cook (R)

Summary

For any city that before January 1, 2023 provides water to customers outside of the city's service area and that reduces or terminates that service on or after January 1, 2023, the State Treasurer is required to withhold and redistribute \$10 million in state shared revenues from the city in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA for construction, installation and maintenance of a water tank with a capacity of at least 50,000 gallons. The water tank must be placed in the rio verde foothills area and DEMA is required to maintain the water tank and keep it filled for residential use and fire protection as needed until a water provider establishes a water supply for persons in that area. Emergency clause.

Last Action

2023-02-07 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2590 - Seller disclosure; water; solar; batteries (Real estate disclosures; water; solar)

Sponsor

Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary

If property being sold is served by a water supply that requires the transportation of water to the property, the seller's affidavit of disclosure is required to disclose the contact information of the water hauling company providing those services and the name and location of the water supply from which the water is being transported. A seller's affidavit of disclosure is required to include whether or not the property has battery energy storage devices that are leased or owned, and if leased, the contact information of the leasing company. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

2023-03-07 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 03/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2592 - Appropriation; Kayenta; water; wastewater; infrastructure

Sponsor

Rep. Myron Tsosie (D)

Summary

Appropriates \$764,000 from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Department of Water Resources to distribute to the Town of Kayenta to construct residential water and wastewater utility infrastructure.

Last Action

2023-02-07 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2602 - Railroads; telecommunications corporations; wire-crossing agreements

Sponsor

Rep. Timothy M. Dunn (R)

Summary

A telecommunications corporation that intends to place a line, wire or cable across a railroad right-of-way is required to request the railroad's permission for the placement by applying for a binding wire-crossing agreement. The railroad is required to approve an application within 35 days unless the railroad provides notice to the telecommunications corporation that the proposed crossing is a serious threat to the safe operations of the railroad, or to the current or future use of the railroad right-of-way, or would violate any applicable federal law. If a telecommunications corporation places a line, wire or cable across a railroad right-of-way, the telecommunications corporation is required to pay the railroad a onetime standard crossing fee of \$1,250 for each applicable crossing and is required to reimburse the railroad for any actual flagging expenses associated with placing the line, wire or cable. Some exceptions.

Last Action

2023-02-15 H - DP - House Transportation & Infrastructure - House Transportation & Infrastructure

HB2616 - Subdivisions; leased properties

Sponsor

Rep. Selina Bliss (R)

Summary

Leasehold offerings of one year or less is no longer excluded from the definition of "subdivison" or "subdivided lands" for the purpose of statute regulating the sale of subdivided lands.

Last Action

2023-02-14 H - HELD - House Natural Resources, Energy & Water - House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

HB2618 - Decommissioning; solar and wind; standards

Sponsor

Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary

Counties and municipalities are authorized to adopt zoning standards, site specific conditions, and permitting requirements or procedures for a solar or wind energy power plant located in the county or municipality. If part of a solar or wind energy power plant is damaged or if the plant violates a permit condition, the plant owner or operator is required to cure the damage or deficiency within 90 days after written notice from the county or municipality, or provide the county or municipality with a plan to cure the damage or deficiency as soon as reasonably possible. If a plant remains nonfunctional or inoperative for a continuous period of at least one year, the applicant is required to remove the system and restore the site at its own expense. Solar and wind energy power plant owners or operators are required to provide a county or municipality with a decommissioning and site restoration plan, and items that must be included in the plan are listed. Solar and wind energy power plant owners or operators are required to continuously maintain financial assurance in an amount equal to the cost of decommissioning and restoring the site, and to maintain an insurance policy covering liability of a county or municipality where the plant is located. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

2023-03-07 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 03/07/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

HB2636 - Wireless facilities; residential neighborhoods; approval

Sponsor

Rep. Keith Seaman (D)

Summary

Before collocating a small wireless facility in a residential area, the wireless provider is required to obtain written authorization from at least 80 percent of the single-family homeowners within a one-half-mile radius of the proposed location of the small wireless facility.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Referred to Committee - Rules - House Rules - House Rules

HB2665 - Railroad grade crossing; on-track equipment

Sponsor

Rep. Jennifer L. Longdon (D)

Summary

Statute regulating railroad grade crossings during the approach of a railroad train are expanded to apply to the approach of on-track equipment.

Last Action

2023-02-17 H - DP - House Transportation & Infrastructure - House Transportation & Infrastructure

HB2670 - State agencies; veterans status; inquiry

Sponsor

Rep. Stacey Travers (D)

Summary

All state agencies, boards, commissions or other administrative units of the state are required to ask every individual at the initial point of service with that individual and to print on each application form the question "Have you or a family member ever served in the military?" and to provide a website address and contact information for the Department of Veterans' Services and for the Be Connected Program to individuals who answer in the affirmative. Effective January 1, 2024.

Last Action

2023-03-08 S - Transmit to Senate

HB2702 - Energy projects; grazing operations; compensation

Sponsor

Rep. Quang H. Nguyen (R)

Summary

A business is prohibited from contracting or subcontracting with a resident of Arizona or a business in Arizona to construct a solar or wind energy project that reduces the size of a grazing lessee's grazing operation unless the business compensates the grazing lessee for the grazing lessee's loss of profits, the loss in value of the grazing lessee's grazing operation, the cost to relocate the grazing lessee's grazing operation, and the cost to mitigate losses due to the reduction of the grazing lessee's grazing operation.

Last Action

2023-02-14 H - HELD - House Natural Resources, Energy & Water - House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

HB2759 - Nonprofits; facilitation; trafficking offenses; penalties

Sponsor

Rep. John Gillette (R)

Summary

A person who facilitates the trafficking of a person or who intentionally or knowingly benefits from facilitating a venture that traffics another person is liable to the person trafficked for damages that arise from the trafficking of that person by the person or venture. The Arizona Corporation Commission is prohibited from incorporating a corporation if an officer, director, or trustee of the corporation has been convicted of any of a list of offenses related to human smuggling or trafficking.

Last Action

2023-03-02 S - Transmit to Senate

HB2800 - Teacher salary increases; public schools

Sponsor

Rep. Matt Gress (R)

Summary

Each school district and charter school in Arizona is required to revise its salary schedule to increase the base salary of all "eligible teachers" (defined) by \$5,000 above the base salary of FY2022-23 in FY2023-24 and by \$10,000 above the base salary of FY2022-23 in FY2024-25. Establishes the Pay Teachers First Fund and requires the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to allocate monies from the Fund to each eligible school district and charter school to fund the teacher salary increases.

Last Action

2023-02-20 H - DP - House Appropriations - House Appropriations

HCR2019 - Trial by jury; administrative proceedings**Sponsor**

Rep. Alexander Kolodin (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to require all persons to be allowed to exercise their fundamental right to trial by jury in any "administrative proceeding" (defined).

Last Action

2023-01-24 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/24/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/24/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1079 - Water infrastructure finance authority; cities**Sponsor**

Sen. Thomas "T.J." Shope (R)

Summary

Municipalities are no longer required to obtain voter approval to enter into a financial assistance loan repayment agreement with the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority to finance wastewater treatment and drinking water treatment facilities.

Last Action

2023-01-23 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/23/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/23/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1090 - Groundwater pumping; foreign ownership; prohibition**Sponsor**

Sen. Anthony Kern (R)

Summary

A corporation or other entity in which the government of another country has a "controlling interest" (defined) is not eligible to pump groundwater in Arizona.

Last Action

2023-01-23 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/23/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/23/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1093 - City water provider; service; requirements**Sponsor**

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

A municipality that provides water service is required to provide water service through a standpipe for water hauling to persons residing outside the city's or town's water service area who do not have access to sufficient water if a list of specified conditions apply, including that the municipality previously provided water service to those persons and there is no other source of water for those persons within 10 miles of their households. Conditionally repealed on the persons acquiring access to sufficient water supplies or on January 1, 2026.

Last Action

2023-02-27 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/28/2023 - Committee of the Whole, Floor 02/28/2023 - Committee of the Whole, Floor

SB1115 - Land sales; foreign entities; prohibition

Sponsor

Sen. Anthony Kern (R)

Summary

Beginning from and after the effective date of this legislation, sales of state land are prohibited from being made to a "foreign entity" (defined as a foreign government or a state-controlled enterprise of a foreign government). AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

2023-03-08 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/08/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 03/08/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1223 - Water infrastructure; commerce grant fund**Sponsor**

Sen. Thomas "T.J." Shope (R)

Summary

Modifies eligibility for grants from the Water Infrastructure and Commerce Grant Fund to apply to projects that begin after January 1, 2023, instead of 2022, and to require the grants to be allocated and distributed by December 31, 2025, instead of 2024. Appropriates \$8 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Fund.

Last Action

2023-02-21 S - Senate Majority Caucus - Y

SB1255 - Regulatory costs; rulemaking; ratification**Sponsor**

Sen. Anthony Kern (R)

Summary

If a proposed rule is estimated to increase regulatory costs in Arizona in excess of \$500,000 within five years after implementation, the proposed rule cannot become effective until the Legislature enacts legislation ratifying the proposed rule. Establishes a process for the Legislature to ratify a proposed rule. Does not apply to emergency rules. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

2023-03-08 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/08/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 03/08/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1256 - Resign to run; nomination paper**Sponsor**

Sen. Anthony Kern (R)

Summary

The requirement for an incumbent of a salaried elective office to resign to run for nomination or election to a salaried local, state, or federal office applies even during the final year of the term being served. The incumbent is required to resign within 30 days after filing a nomination paper.

Last Action

2023-01-31 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/31/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/31/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1270 - Open meetings; capacity**Sponsor**

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

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Last Action

2023-03-08 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/15/2023, 9:00 AM - House GOV, HHR 3 03/15/2023 9:00 AM - House GOV, HHR 3

SB1286 - Telecommunications fund; report; posting

Sponsor

Sen. Janae Shamp (R)

Summary

The Director of the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) is required to post the annual report on the Telecommunications Fund on the ADOA website.

Last Action

2023-03-01 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/01/2023 - First Reading, Floor 03/01/2023 - First Reading, Floor

SB1306 - Local groundwater stewardship areas.

Sponsor

Sen. Sonny Borrelli (R)

Summary

County boards of supervisors in a county with lands that are outside of an Active Management Area (AMA) are authorized to designate by resolution one or more groundwater basins, subbasins, or portions of those basins as a Local Groundwater Stewardship Area (LGSA) if a list of specified conditions exist, including that the use of groundwater exceeds the estimated recharge rate.

The Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) is authorized to designate an area that is not included within an AMA as an LGSA if the same specified conditions exist, and the establishment of an AMA is not necessary. Establishes a process for the board of supervisors and a process for the ADWR Director to designate an LGSA. An LGSA is required to be administered by a 9-member LGSA Council. Powers and duties of an LGSA Council are specified, including adopting an LGSA Plan for groundwater programs and policies for the LGSA. The ADWR Director is required to adopt rules governing the location of new wells and replacement wells in new locations in an LGSA. A county board of supervisors is prohibited from approving a final plat for a subdivision composed of subdivided lands that is located within an LGSA unless the ADWR Director has determined that there is an adequate water supply for the subdivision, and the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a municipal or private water company that is designated as having an adequate water supply by the ADWR Director. Establishes the ADWR Local Groundwater Stewardship Fund, to be administered by ADWR. ADWR is required to spend monies in the Fund to implement and support LGSAs. Of the monies remaining in the State Lottery Fund each fiscal year after other statutory appropriations and deposits, \$50 million must be deposited in the Fund. More.

Last Action

2023-01-31 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/31/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/31/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1363 - Energy measuring; reporting; prohibition; repeal

Sponsor

Sen. Juan Mendez (D)

Summary

Repeals statutes prohibiting counties and municipalities from requiring an owner, operator or tenant of a business, commercial building or multifamily housing property to measure and report energy usage and consumption.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1371 - Technical correction; management areas; water

Sponsor

Sen. David Gowan (R)

Summary

Minor change in Title 45 (Waters) related to groundwater rights. Apparent striker bus.

Last Action

2023-01-31 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/31/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 01/31/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1390 - Water infrastructure finance authority; amendments

Sponsor

Sen. Sine Kerr (R)

Summary

Various changes to statutes relating to the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA). WIFA is not a public service corporation subject to regulation by the Arizona Corporation Commission. The WIFA Board is authorized to prescribe the terms and conditions of the Director's and staff's employment as necessary, and is required to adopt written policies and guidelines regarding employee compensation and leave. WIFA employees may participate in the Arizona State Retirement System. The definition of "eligible entity" for loans from the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund is modified to mean a water provider that distributes or sells water outside of the boundaries of an initial active management area in which part of the Central Arizona Project aqueduct is located, instead of outside of the boundaries of an active management area located in Maricopa, Pima, or Pinal County. More. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

2023-03-08 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/14/2023, 2:00 PM - House NREW, HHR 1 03/14/2023 2:00 PM - House NREW, HHR 1

SB1399 - Appropriation; coal plant closure; transition

Sponsor

Sen. Theresa Hatathlie (D)

Summary

Appropriates \$60 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Department of Administration to distribute to counties, municipalities, and Indian Tribes in Arizona to provide economic transition resources to communities affected by coal plant closures.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1432 - Assured water; small residential developments..

Sponsor

Sen. Justine Wadsack (R)

Summary

A person seeking a building permit for six or more residences within an active management area in an unincorporated area of a county is required to obtain a certificate of assured water supply from the Arizona Department of Water Resources before presenting the permit application for approval to the county. Does not apply if the applicant has obtained a written commitment of water service for the residences from a municipal or private water company designated as having an assured water supply.

Last Action

2023-02-28 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/28/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/28/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1439 - State lands; leases; groundwater use

Sponsor

Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary

The State Land Department is required to establish by rule and collect an annual groundwater withdrawal fee from each lessee of state land that is agricultural land located outside of an active management area or an irrigation non-expansion area for the irrigation use of groundwater. Establishes reporting requirements for the lessees. Contains a legislative intent section.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1440 - Drinking water standards; pollutants

Sponsor

Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is required to establish drinking water aquifer water quality standards for a list of specified pollutants. Information that ADEQ must review when developing the standards is listed. The standards are required to be protective of public health, including vulnerable subpopulations such as pregnant women, nursing mothers, infants and children.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1441 - Electric vehicles; pilot program; appropriation**Sponsor**

Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary

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 Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) 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. ADOA is required to submit a report with specified information relating to the pilot program to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2025. Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2023-24 to ADOA for the pilot program.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1443 - State zero emission vehicle fleet**Sponsor**

Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary

State agencies are required to prioritize zero emission vehicles in purchasing and leasing new vehicles and to use zero emission vehicles for agency business travel when feasible. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is required to develop a state zero emission motor vehicle fleet plan that identifies the types of trips for which a zero emission vehicle is feasible and develops procurement options and strategies to increase the purchase and use of zero emission vehicles. Within one year after the effective date of this legislation, ADOT is required to submit a draft of the state zero emission motor vehicle fleet plan to the Governor and the Legislature. Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2023-24 to ADOT to acquire telematics technology to develop the state zero emission motor vehicle fleet plan.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1444 - Zero emission vehicles; plans**Sponsor**

Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary

In coordination with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Arizona 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, help establish interstate and intrastate zero emission vehicle corridors, 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.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1445 - Charging station; pilot program

Sponsor

Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary

The Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) is required to conduct a two-year electric vehicle charging station pilot program. All state agencies may apply to ADOA for funding to cover the cost of installing electric vehicle charging stations at their agency locations. By December 31, 2025, ADOA is required to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature with specified information relating to the pilot program. ADOA is required to apply for and use applicable federal monies to fund the pilot program. The pilot program self-repeals October 1, 2026.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1448 - Subsequent active management area; designation

Sponsor

Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary

The Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources is required, instead of allowed, to designate an area that is not included within an initial active management area as a subsequent active management area if the Director determines that any of a list of specified circumstances exist.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1450 - Adequate water supply; statewide requirements.

Sponsor

Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary

Counties and municipalities are authorized to approve a subdivision plat only if the subdivider has obtained a water report from the Arizona Department of Water Resources that there is an adequate water supply for the subdivision or the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an adequate water supply. The State Real Estate Commissioner is authorized to issue a public report authorizing the sale or lease of subdivided lands only if the Director has issued a water report that there is an adequate water supply for the subdivision or the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an adequate water supply.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1469 - Appropriation; Page; water infrastructure projects

Sponsor

Sen. Theresa Hatathlie (D)

Summary

Appropriates \$41.9 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Department of Water Resources to distribute to the City of Page for specified water infrastructure projects.

Last Action

2023-03-07 S - Senate Minority Caucus - Y

SB1501 - Electric vehicle charging stations

Sponsor

Sen. Frank Carroll (R)

Summary

Charges, rates, tolls and rental fees that are received by a public service corporation or electricity supplier, including an electric cooperative, for any commodity or service are prohibited from being

used to build or operate an electric vehicle charging station or a commercial charging facility, but may be used for "make-ready infrastructure" (defined as the electrical infrastructure that is required to service an electric vehicle charging station's electrical load on the electricity supplier's or customer's side of the electric meter). An affiliate of an electricity supplier that provides, owns, operates or maintains electric vehicle charging stations is required to do so on the same rates, terms and conditions that are offered to private providers of electric vehicle charging stations in the electricity supplier's service territory. Contains legislative findings.

Last Action

2023-03-07 S - Senate Majority Caucus - Y

SB1502 - Corporation commission; electric generation resources

Sponsor

Sen. Frank Carroll (R)

Summary

Declare that it is the public policy of Arizona that public service corporations should pursue the use of "clean energy resources" (defined) and the reduction of carbon emissions resulting from the generation of energy for retail electric sales, provided the mix of critical electric generation resources used by each public service corporation to meet its customers' needs is the lowest cost method of providing safe and reliable electricity services while taking into consideration the system-wide costs associated with meeting customer demand for services at all times of each day and throughout all seasons of the year. Requires public service corporations to derive at least the following percentages of retail kilowatt sales from renewable energy resources by the following dates: 13 percent by December 31, 2023, 14 percent by December 31, 2024, 15 percent by December 31, 2025 and for each year thereafter. Contains legislative findings.

Last Action

2023-02-22 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/22/2023 - Third Reading, Floor 02/22/2023 - Third Reading, Floor

SB1514 - Electricity; gas; disconnection prohibited

Sponsor

Sen. Juan Mendez (D)

Summary

Utilities are prohibited from disconnecting any service related to heating or air conditioning if the temperature is forecasted to drop below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or to exceed 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Utilities are required to make a reasonable payment arrangement with the customer to allow for the continuation of service. Utilities are prohibited from disconnecting a customer's service if the customer's household income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and the customer makes a minimum payment, or if the customer has a household with a resident who has a disability or who is 65 years of age or older, a pregnant woman, a child under 5 years of age, or a person who uses life-support equipment.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1522 - Community choice energy study committee.

Sponsor

Sen. Thomas "T.J." Shope (R)

Summary

Establishes a 17-member Community Choice Energy Study Committee to study current community choice energy organizational models in the ten states that have authorized community choice energy through state legislation, review best practices for community choice energy implementation and operations, ascertain the feasibility and the potential legal, regulatory, economic and environmental impacts of community choice energy in Arizona, and solicit input from related stakeholders. The Committee is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by November 15, 2023, and self-repeals October 1, 2024.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1523 - General appropriations act; 2023-2024.

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

The "feed bill" for FY2023-24, containing appropriations for state agencies and programs. Provisions included: Would have continued deferment of \$800.7 million in basic state aid payments to schools until FY2024-25. Would have appropriated \$77.9 million from the general fund in FY2024-25 for a one time deposit in the New School Facilities Fund. Would have appropriated the following amounts from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) for distribution to counties for maintenance of essential county services: \$7.15 million for distribution to counties with a population of less than 900,000, \$500,000 for distribution to Graham County, \$3 million to supplement the normal cost plus an amount to amortize the unfunded accrued liability in the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan, which ADOA would have been required to allocate equally among all counties with a population of less than 300,000 persons, and \$7 million for distribution to counties to establish a coordinated reentry planning services program. On or after April 1, 2024, the Department of Economic Security would have been authorized to use up to \$25 million from the Budget Stabilization Fund to provide funding for reimbursement grants. This appropriation would have been required to be fully reimbursed by September 1, 2024. Would have required various reports and made various fund transfers. AS VETOED BY GOVERNOR. In her veto message, the Governor called this a "purely-partisan budget" and expressed her hope that elected officials will remain open to bipartisan solutions for Arizona.

Last Action

2023-02-16 G - Vetoed

SB1559 - Businesses; fees; income tax reduction

Sponsor

Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary

For tax years beginning with 2024, the list of subtractions from Arizona gross income for the purpose of individual and corporate income taxes is expanded to include the following amounts of income received from the business for an individual who is the owner of a business or for a corporation: 100 percent of the income received for the business' first year of operation, 50 percent of the income received for the business' second year of operation, and 25 percent of the income received for the business' third year of operation. Beginning January 1, 2024, the Arizona Department of Revenue is required to award five percent of the total number of state contracts entered into each year to "new businesses" (defined) and to waive all applicable licensing and registration fees for a new business in its first year of operation or for a person who is establishing a new business, including home based businesses.

Last Action

2023-03-08 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/09/2023 - Committee of the Whole, Floor 03/09/2023 - Committee of the Whole, Floor

SB1605 - Utilities; contributions; lobbying

Sponsor

Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary

Public service corporations that are regulated by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) and public power entities are prohibited from make contributions to any political action committee that makes expenditures for or against any candidate for the ACC, or to a corporation that makes expenditures to influence the outcome of an election of one or more candidates for the ACC. Public service corporations that are regulated by the ACC, a public service corporation's parent company, and any subsidiary of the public service corporation are prohibited from spending ratepayer monies to lobby the Legislature. Public power entities are prohibited from spending ratepayer monies to lobby the Legislature.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1660 - Water; effluent; credits

Sponsor

Sen. Sine Kerr (R)

Summary

If a water and wastewater service provider that holds a certificate of convenience and necessity for the service area in which an industrial processing facility is located cannot or does not accept the entire discharging capacity of an otherwise lawful industrial processing facility, the industrial processing facility is authorized to construct and operate an on-site wastewater treatment facility for some or all of its wastewater. After treatment by the on-site wastewater treatment facility, the industrial processing facility is authorized to discharge its effluent to a constructed underground storage facility.

Last Action

2023-02-21 S - Senate Majority Caucus - Y

SCM1002 - Energy rules; urging adoption**Sponsor**

Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary

The Legislature urges the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) to adopt, as soon as practicable, the proposed energy rules that were previously considered by the ACC and failed to pass in 2022. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this memorial to the members of the ACC.

Last Action

2023-02-09 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor
