

A vibrant sunset over a desert landscape. The sky is filled with fiery orange, red, and purple clouds. The sun is a bright yellow orb on the horizon, casting a long, warm glow across the scene. In the foreground, there are various desert plants, including several saguaros (cacti) and clumps of spiky grass. The overall mood is dramatic and scenic.

AZHOUSE REPUBLICANS

MAJORITY REPORT

2026

STEVE MONTENEGRO, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



At the start of the 2026 legislative session, House Republicans returned to the Capitol with a renewed sense of purpose, guided by the same three pillars that have defined our Majority since 2025: preserving the American Dream, promoting public safety, and protecting individual rights and liberties.

Before the session began, the Republican Caucus developed the 2026 Majority Plan, outlining our commitments to Arizonans and our approach to governing as a caucus. This Majority Report records the results.

Chief among those legislative commitments was tax relief. By conforming Arizona law to the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act, House Republicans delivered nearly \$1.43 billion in tax relief to Arizona taxpayers over the budget window—one of the largest tax relief packages in state history—while still producing a balanced budget that funds essential services, invests in public safety, and protects our water and land.

We also made deliberate changes to strengthen unity and improve the budget process. Every House majority member, especially those on the Appropriations Committee, was brought into the process earlier and given a more meaningful role. When Governor Hobbs declined to negotiate until Republicans produced their own budget, House and Senate Republicans developed a shared framework and advanced a complete budget package. That proposal became the foundation for the bipartisan agreement signed into law in June.

Rather than centralizing policy decisions, we trusted the members closest to each issue, including water and energy, agriculture, education, the judiciary, and health care, to lead in their areas of expertise. That approach produced substantive, well-vetted legislation across House committees.

We also built the infrastructure needed to support that work.

When Governor Hobbs vetoed the Republican budget in May, we returned to the negotiating table. In June, the House passed a bipartisan budget 49-9 that included key Republican priorities.

Our work extended beyond legislation and the budget to House operations.

House Republican staff strengthened communications so Arizonans could clearly understand the Majority's priorities. We improved Capitol security, expanded the policy staff supporting members, and used polling and data to keep our agenda focused on the concerns of Arizona families. These results came from a united Republican caucus that followed the legislative process through two vetoed tax-conformity bills and a vetoed budget, then kept working until it delivered relief and opportunity for Arizonans.

This session, House Republicans demonstrated that principled leadership and disciplined process are not in tension—they reinforce each other. I am proud of what this caucus accomplished together, and we are more united than ever in the work ahead.

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Steve Montenegro

Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives

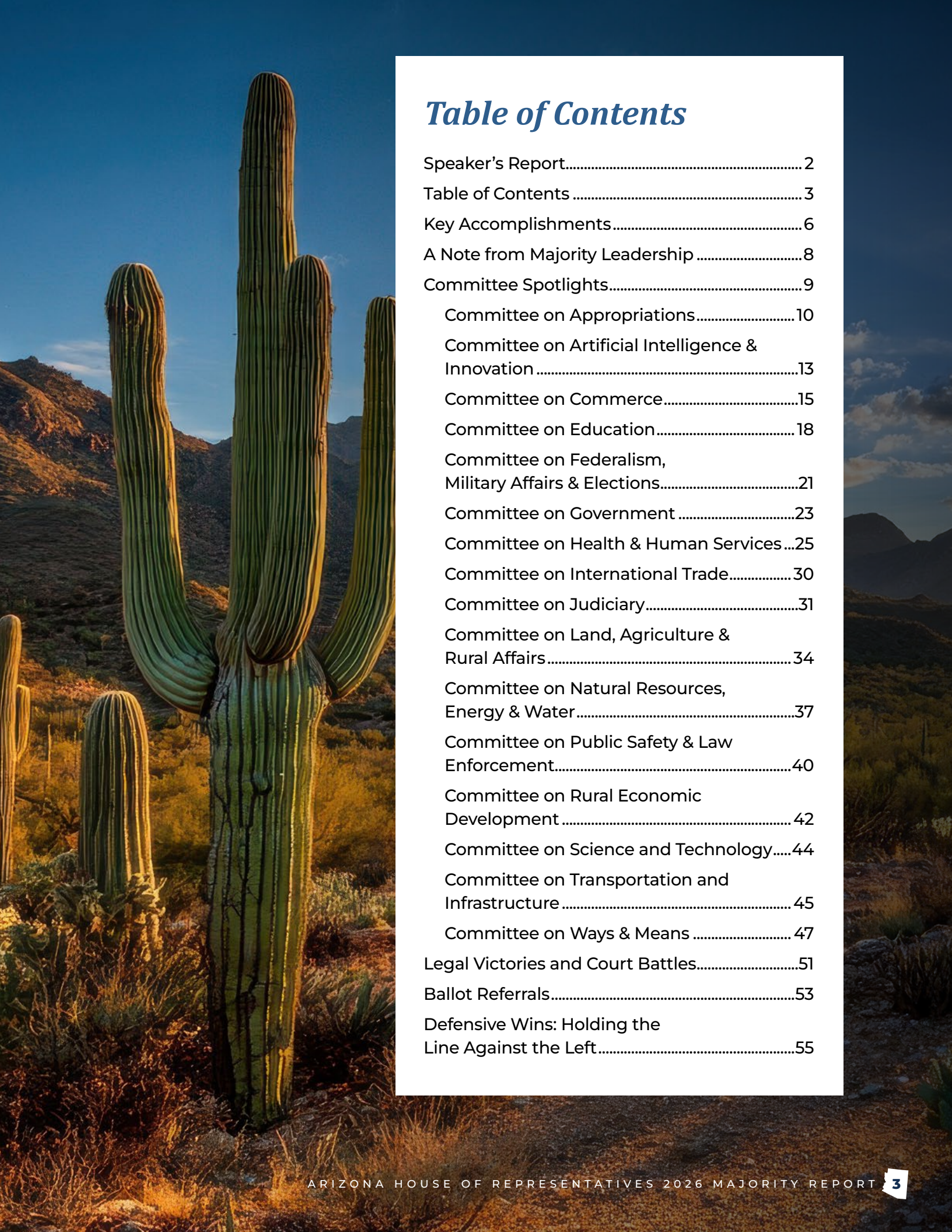


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2026

YEAR IN REVIEW

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Arizona House Republicans advanced a bold, unified agenda in 2026 focused on economic freedom, public safety, and individual liberty. Strategic wins across committees reflect a caucus that governed with unity and discipline.

Preserving the American Dream

Historic Tax Relief · Water & Energy Security · Rural Arizona

- Delivered nearly \$1.43 billion in tax relief to Arizona taxpayers through full conformity with the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act, including a 25% increase in the Child Tax Credit and a new dependent care deduction.
- Passed a balanced FY 2027 budget with unanimous Republican caucus support, approved by the House 49–9.
- Invested \$6 million in Arizona’s Colorado River Litigation Fund, bringing the state’s water defense war chest to \$9 million.
- Continued the Arizona State Land Department for four years with substantial reform after its sunset review.
- Expanded and made permanent one of the most generous disabled veterans’ property tax relief packages in the nation.
- Prohibited foreign adversaries from leasing or owning Arizona land and blocked state contracts involving foreign-adversary-controlled technology.



Promoting Public Safety

Backing Law Enforcement · Border Security · Protecting Children

- Invested \$20 million to support DPS local border security efforts, including law enforcement positions and local prosecution and detention grants.
- Strengthened penalties and thresholds for fentanyl trafficking, enacted stronger penalties for sexual extortion of children, and passed “Cade’s Law” to address adults who intentionally encourage a minor’s suicide through directed communications.
- Passed the “Alec and Lydia Act” to prioritize the safety of domestic violence victims and children in family court.
- Established a Child Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Pilot Program in Arizona schools.
- Aligned Arizona’s Medicaid and SNAP eligibility rules with federal reform requirements to reduce fraud and improve oversight.

Protecting Individual Rights & Liberties

Election Integrity · Parental Rights · Freedom from Government Overreach

- Modernized Arizona’s primary election calendar and strengthened mail-in ballot curing and observer access.
- Referred a constitutional amendment to voters banning discriminatory race- and sex-based hiring preferences.
- Defended Arizona families and taxpayers against DEI mandates with new liability protections.
- Advanced merit-based public hiring reforms and stronger transparency requirements for state contracting and grants.
- Fought to protect student data, digital privacy, and parental rights in healthcare and education decisions.

A NOTE FROM MAJORITY LEADERSHIP

Your Leadership Team in the Arizona House of Representatives is honored to present this 2026 Majority Report. This year, alongside our colleagues across the state, we set out to do more than pass good policy—we set out to build a stronger, more united caucus capable of delivering for Arizonans session after session.

We reformed how we build the budget, bringing every member—especially the members of the Appropriations Committee—into the process earlier and more meaningfully. We empowered our committee chairmen to own their policy areas and lead. We invested in the tools that make a majority effective: sharper communications and messaging, stronger security and operations at the Capitol, a deeper policy staff bench, and data and polling that kept our agenda grounded in what Arizona families actually care about.

All of it began with a comprehensive caucus meeting focused on the issues that would define this session—the budget, tax conformity, water and energy, and public safety—and produced the 2026 Majority Plan. This Report is the fulfillment of that Plan.

The results include nearly \$1.43 billion in tax relief, a balanced budget passed with unanimous Republican support, and legislative wins across House committees. Those results came after two vetoed tax-conformity bills and a wrongly vetoed budget.

Despite a divided government and a Governor who vetoed many of our reforms, your House Republicans held firm to our shared commitment to faith, family, and freedom. We remain united against every effort to undermine Arizonans' God-given rights to life, liberty, and opportunity.

We humbly submit this Majority Report to the citizens who have entrusted us with this responsibility. We do not take it for granted, and we will not stop working on your behalf.

Preamble to the United States Constitution

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



Steve Montenegro
Speaker of the House
District 29



Michael Carbone
Majority Leader
District 25



Julie Willoughby
Majority Whip
District 13



Neal Carter
Speaker Pro Tempore
District 15

COMMITTEE *Spotlights*

*A committee-by-committee record of
the 2026 Majority Plan fulfilled.*

Committee on Appropriations



Representative
David Livingston (LD 28)
CHAIR



Representative
Matt Gress (LD 4)
VICE CHAIR

“The House Appropriations Committee’s work during the 2026 legislative session focused on developing a balanced state budget while accommodating Arizona’s conformity with the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). Income tax conformity was estimated to provide approximately \$1.4 billion in tax relief to Arizona taxpayers over the three-year budget window, making fiscal discipline essential throughout the budget process. The committee carefully evaluated spending proposals to ensure the state could maintain a balanced budget while preserving its strong financial position. As a result, relatively few new spending initiatives advanced through the committee, reflecting a conservative approach to budgeting in a challenging fiscal environment. Through the committee’s disciplined approach to budgeting, Arizona adopted a balanced budget that accommodated one of the largest tax relief packages in state history while maintaining the state’s long-term fiscal stability.”

—CHAIRMAN DAVID LIVINGSTON, DISTRICT 28

Enacting a Conservative Budget in Divided Government

In late March, Governor Hobbs announced that she would not participate in budget negotiations until legislative Republicans publicly released their own budget proposal. In response, House and Senate Republicans collaborated to develop a joint budget framework. Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees began meeting together to craft a unified budget package that reflected shared Republican priorities.

That effort produced a comprehensive budget proposal in late April, which was approved by the Legislature in early May. Although Governor Hobbs vetoed the budget on May 5, its passage demonstrated that the House and Senate Republican majorities were capable of advancing a complete budget package and establishing a governing framework for subsequent negotiations.

Following the veto, legislative budget negotiators resumed discussions with the Governor’s office. The Republican budget adopted in May served as the foundation for those negotiations, which ultimately resulted in a bipartisan budget agreement reached in early June. The final budget closely mirrored most of the priorities and provisions contained in the earlier Republican proposal while maintaining a balanced fiscal plan and incorporating significant tax relief for Arizona taxpayers.

Republican lawmakers remained united throughout the process, providing unanimous caucus support for the final budget package. The budget ultimately passed the House with a bipartisan vote of 49–9 and was signed into law.

PRESERVING THE AMERICAN DREAM

BUDGET WINS

• HB 2116: appropriation; Colorado River litigation fund (Griffin)

What It Does

Provides additional funding for Arizona's Colorado River Litigation Fund to support the state's legal efforts in ongoing interstate and federal water disputes.

Why It Matters

Ensures Arizona has the resources necessary to defend its water allocation, protect long-term water supplies, and advocate for Arizona taxpayers, communities, agriculture, and economic development interests.

Result

\$6 million allocated in the budget for FY 2027.

PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY

BUDGET WINS

• HB 2416: appropriation; DPS; local border support (Nguyen)

What It Does

Provides funding to DPS for local border security efforts, including law enforcement positions dedicated to border crime interdiction, grants to local governments for prosecution and detention costs, and related equipment purchases.

Why It Matters

Strengthens state and local partnerships in combating drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration, and other border-related criminal activity while helping communities absorb the costs associated with securing Arizona's southern border.

Result

\$20 million allocated in the budget for FY 2027.

• HB 2992: pilot program; sexual abuse prevention (Gress)

What It Does

Establishes a Child Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Pilot Program within the Arizona Department of Education.

Why It Matters

Provides schools with age-appropriate prevention education and awareness tools designed to protect children, increase reporting of abuse, and strengthen student safety through evidence-based training and curriculum.

Result

One-time funding in the FY 2027 budget for a pilot program.

OTHER BUDGET WINS

- **HB 2070: appropriation; Gila county; flood relief** (*Blackman*)

What It Does

Provides funding to assist Gila County with recovery efforts following severe flooding and related storm damage.

Why It Matters

Helps local governments address emergency response costs, infrastructure repairs, debris removal, and other recovery needs that exceed local resources.

Result

\$10 million for Gila County, including \$5 million divided between Globe and Miami, which may be used to draw down additional federal support.

- **HB 2180: appropriation; AZ REACH** (*Willoughby*)

What It Does

Provides funding for the University of Arizona's AZ REACH program, a free, voluntary, 24-hour service that coordinates acute-care transfers between medical facilities.

Why It Matters

Allows referring medical teams to focus on patient care while improving coordination and efficiency across Arizona's health care system.

Result

\$500,000 appropriated to University of Arizona to continue the program in FY 2027.

- **HB 2207: appropriation; braille transcription program** (*Gress*)

What It Does

Provides a \$300,000 Other Fund appropriation for the Arizona Department of Corrections' Braille Transcription Program.

Why It Matters

Supports a nationally recognized program that converts educational materials into braille for blind and visually impaired students while providing incarcerated individuals with valuable vocational training and workforce skills.

Result

\$300,000 appropriated to Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation & Reentry in FY 2027.

- **HB 2224: produce incentive program; annual appropriation** (*Nguyen*)

What It Does

Funds Arizona's Produce Incentive Program, commonly known as "Double Up Food Bucks," which discounts locally grown produce for nutrition-assistance recipients.

Why It Matters

Helps low-income families afford fresh fruits and vegetables, stretches food-assistance dollars, and supports local farmers.

Result

\$2 million appropriated in FY 2027.



Committee on Artificial Intelligence & Innovation



Representative
Justin Wilmeth (LD 2)
CHAIR



Representative
James Taylor (LD 29)
VICE CHAIR

“The new House Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Committee got to work immediately on the policies that will define Arizona’s future. AI is uncharted territory, but Arizona is ready to lead the way. I’m proud to be at the forefront of building a framework that embraces innovation while putting Arizonans first.”

—CHAIRMAN JUSTIN WILMETH, DISTRICT 2

PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY

VETOED

- **HB 2133: sexual material; consent; synthetic depiction** (*Kupper*)

What It Does

Requires websites that publish sexual material online to verify that anyone depicted gave explicit consent and was 18 or older, keep those records for seven years, and remove content uploaded without verified consent.

Why It Matters

Would have cracked down on non-consensual and AI-generated explicit content, giving victims a path to sue while protecting minors and adults from having their image exploited online.

PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS & LIBERTIES

VETOED

- **HB 2311: artificial intelligence service; disclosures; requirements** (*Rivero*)

What It Does

Requires AI chatbot operators to disclose that users are interacting with AI; restricts sexual or manipulative content aimed at minors; requires suicide and self-harm safeguards and crisis resources; and bars companies from requiring digital identification for age verification or selling collected data.

Why It Matters

Would have set guardrails protecting children and users from manipulative and harmful AI while strongly safeguarding privacy and barring government from building tracking or social-credit systems off the data.

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- **HB 2592: artificial intelligence; state agencies; rules** (*Wilmeth*)

What It Does

Directs state agencies to find ways to use AI to cut administrative burdens and costs, streamline procurement, and remove regulations that block AI innovation, while barring agencies from writing new AI rules unless narrowly authorized by the Legislature, and requiring an annual report to leadership on results.

Why It Matters

Would have pushed state government to modernize and become more efficient through AI while keeping regulators from stifling innovation or piling new rules on the private sector.

Committee on Commerce



Representative
Jeff Weninger (LD 13)
CHAIR



Representative
Michael Way (LD 15)
VICE CHAIR

“This session, the Arizona House Commerce Committee focused on what matters most: protecting freedom, growing Arizona’s economy, and holding government accountable. I’m proud of the policies we advanced to keep Arizona a place where families and businesses can succeed.”

—CHAIRMAN WENINGER , DISTRICT 13

PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS & LIBERTIES

VETOED

• HB 2903: social credit; use; prohibition (*Montenegro*)

What It Does

Prohibits the state from requiring a bank to use a social credit score when deciding whether to approve loans for customers.

Why It Matters

Would have prevented banks from using social media, online behavior, or reputation scores instead of financial responsibility when making lending decisions, helping protect free speech and access to banking.



• HB 2010: digital goods; sellers' requirements; enforcement (*Kupper*)

What It Does

Prohibits sellers from using terms such as “buy” or “purchase” for digital goods that are only licensed unless they clearly disclose the license and provide a prorated refund if access is later revoked.

Why It Matters

Protects consumers from paying for digital content they think they own but can lose at any time, bringing honesty and transparency to online purchases.

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• HB 4001: alternative nicotine products; regulation (*Weninger*)

What It Does

Strengthens licensing procedures for people selling alternative nicotine products, sets stricter guidelines for how these products can be advertised, and enforces stiffer penalties for people who sell alternative nicotine products to minors.

Why It Matters

Helps protect minors from accessing harmful nicotine products, ensures stronger oversight of sales practices, and promotes public health and responsible regulation of alternative nicotine products.



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• **HB 2999: infrastructure finance districts** (*Weninger*)

What It Does

Alleviates cost of new homes by allowing for the formation of Affordability Infrastructure Districts to pay for the infrastructure necessary for new construction.

Why It Matters

A pro-growth, pro-taxpayer housing solution to the high cost of housing that gives builders, landowners, and communities an innovative tool to pay for infrastructure over time, get more homes built, and avoid putting taxpayers on the hook.



VETOED

• **SB 1036/HB 2690: unemployment benefits; requirements; disqualifications; determinations** (*Heap*)

What It Does

Requires the Department of Economic Security to use cross-referenced data to verify eligibility so that unemployment benefits are only issued to individuals who qualify.

Why It Matters

Would have cracked down on unemployment fraud and ensured benefits go only to those genuinely seeking work, protecting taxpayer dollars and the integrity of the safety net.

Committee on Education



Representative
Matt Gress (LD 4)
CHAIR



Representative
Michelle Peña (LD 23)
VICE-CHAIR

“While Governor Hobbs continued to block common-sense transparency measures that empower families with information, the House Education Committee advanced policies to protect school choice, strengthen accountability, improve school safety, and expand educational opportunities for Arizona students.”

—CHAIRMAN MATT GRESS, DISTRICT 4

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• **HB 2370: schools; weapons detection systems; administration** *(Martinez)*

What It Does

Allows a school superintendent to modify the school's weapons detection system without waiting for prior governing board approval.

Why It Matters

Gives school leaders the flexibility to respond quickly during an emergency and allows the people on the ground to make immediate safety decisions when time is crucial.



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• **HB 2621: access; special education; public schools** *(Gress)*

What It Does

Clarifies how Certificates of Educational Convenience are issued and used so students without standard district residency can enroll and access special education services. It also allows parents to apply directly and establishes timelines for official action.

Why It Matters

Makes enrollment and special education services easier to access for students in group homes, students with disabilities, tribal students, and others with nonstandard residency arrangements.

VETOED

• **HB 2249: parents' bill of rights; remedies** *(Fink)*

What It Does

Expands the Parents' Bill of Rights to prohibit a student's social transition at school without parental involvement or notification and creates penalties for violations.

Why It Matters

Would have enforced parents' right to know what is happening with their children, and applied accountability for any government entity or employee who would violate that right.



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- **HB 2423: advanced mathematics courses; student enrollment** (*Gress*)

What It Does

Automatically places eligible 6th–8th grade students into advanced math, unless a parent opts out.

Why It Matters

Helps students who are ready for advanced math access higher-level classes sooner.

- **HB 2032: statewide assessment; testing window; revisions** (*Fink*)

What It Does

Aligns the state's academic test window closer to the end of the school year, ensuring students have a full academic year of knowledge before the test.

Why It Matters

State academic assessments have a big impact on how we measure student outcomes and school accountability. This will ensure that measurement is more accurate by allowing teachers and students more time to cover standards.

- **HB 2395: fitness program; school report cards** (*Biasiucci*)

What It Does

Establishes the Arizona School Fitness Program in the Arizona Department of Education to recognize public schools participating in a nationally recognized physical fitness test or event.

Why It Matters

Encourages schools to combat childhood obesity and promote physical activity by having students participate in national fitness tests, such as the Presidential Fitness Test.

VETOED

- **HB 2075: school districts; employment contracts; publication** (*Livingston*)

What It Does

Required school districts to submit and post superintendent and CFO contracts, and required ADE to publish salary, benefits, and compensation information online.

Why It Matters

Would have increased transparency so taxpayers could see how district leaders are being compensated.

- **HB 2378: school facilities oversight board; members** (*Gress*)

What It Does

Required the architect and engineer members on the School Facilities Oversight Board to not have business interests in school construction.

Why It Matters

Would have helped prevent conflicts of interest and ensured school facility decisions were made more independently.

- **HB 4033: school bonding; ballot language** (*Gress*)

What It Does

Required school bond pamphlets to give voters more detail on proposed projects, costs, locations, and how bond money will be used.

Why It Matters

Would have given voters clearer information and more control over which school bond projects they want to approve.

Committee on Federalism, Military Affairs & Elections



Representative
John Gillette (LD 30)
CHAIR



Representative
Rachel Keshel (LD 17)
VICE CHAIR

“In 2026, our committee stood as the frontline defense for Arizona’s sovereignty and the integrity of the ballot box. From fast-tracking critical primary election fixes to exposing out-of-state dark money trying to manipulate our state constitution, House Republicans delivered the transparency, security, and accountability that Arizona citizens demand. We will never stop fighting to protect our constitutional republic from both federal overreach and foreign intrusion.”

—CHAIRMAN JOHN GILLETTE, DISTRICT 30

The House Committee on Federalism, Military Affairs & Elections maintained an aggressive, defensive focus during the 2026 legislative session. Tasked with safeguarding Arizona’s sovereign authority and ensuring secure, transparent democratic processes, the committee advanced vital legislation to modernize nominating procedures, stabilize election timelines, and prevent adversarial foreign entities from interfering in state matters.

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- **HB 2022: elections; July primary; curing; observers** (*Kolodin*)

What It Does

Moves the primary election to late July, sets strict guidelines for mail-in ballot signature curing, and guarantees full access for election observers.

Why It Matters

Prevents statutory implementation chaos, gives time to process and count early ballots accurately, and provides transparency at counting centers.

- **HB 2226: processing arrestees; veteran status** (*Blackman*)

What It Does

Mandates that courts inquire of an individual's military or veteran status during an initial appearance.

Why It Matters

Immediately identifies veterans at intake to connect them with specialized legal protections and health care resources.

- **HB 2874: campaign committees; termination statements; contributions** (*Weninger*)

What It Does

Streamlines procedures for grassroots committees to terminate committees without penalties.

Why It Matters

Reduces unnecessary bureaucratic red tape for grassroots operations closing out their committees while maintaining financial transparency.

VETOED

- **HB 4115: ballot measures; circulators; revenue; disclosure** (*Montenegro*)

What It Does

Mandates financial transparency and requires paid ballot initiative circulators to disclose out-of-state status and funding sources.

Why It Matters

Would have required greater disclosure of out-of-state funding and paid petition-circulator activity.



Committee on Government



Representative
Walt Blackman (LD 7)
CHAIR



Representative
Lisa Fink (LD 27)
VICE CHAIR

“The House Government Committee continued to advance reforms to increase transparency, strengthen accountability, protect taxpayer dollars, and ensure government serves the people of Arizona. From merit-based hiring to stronger safeguards against fraud, waste, and foreign influence, we focused on policies that promote trust, fairness, and good governance.”

—CHAIRMAN WALT BLACKMAN, DISTRICT 7

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- **HB 2170: state contracts; foreign adversary; prohibition** (*Diaz*)

What It Does

Prohibits companies operating in the People's Republic of China that are owned or controlled by its government, military, or political party from bidding on state contracts involving electronic or information technology.

Why It Matters

Would have addressed national security concerns by limiting potential foreign access to sensitive data and systems, helping safeguard against risks associated with adversarial control and data exploitation.

- **HB 2460: business property; theft; penalties; prohibition** (*Kupper*)

What It Does

Prevents a county or municipality from imposing penalties on businesses for the theft of movable property.

Why It Matters

Would have stopped local governments from shifting costs of crime onto businesses, reinforcing common sense and discouraging policies that penalize victims.

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- **HB 2035: DCS; kinship care placement; requirement** (*Fink*)

What It Does

Adds extended family members as eligible kinship foster placements and requires DCS and the courts to presume, rather than just promote, that placing a removed child with kin is in the child's best interest.

Why It Matters

Strengthens the legal preference for keeping children with family over non-relative foster care.

VETOED

- **HB 4049: attorney general; legal counsel; exemption** (*Fink*)

What It Does

Requires the Department of Child Safety to have its own legal counsel and clarifies that the Attorney General represents the state's interests—not DCS—while still reviewing cases and providing legal input to the courts.

Why It Matters

Would have strengthened accountability and fairness by separating legal roles, giving DCS clearer independence in applying Title VIII laws, and ensuring more transparent and effective legal decision-making in child welfare cases.

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- **HB 2793: annexation of territory; procedures** (*Carbone*)

What It Does

Makes it faster for a city or town to absorb a piece of land when one person owns all of it and asks to be annexed, skipping the usual 30-day wait and public hearing and simplifying how notice is given.

Why It Matters

Reduces delays and administrative burdens for cities, towns, and consenting property owners without imposing new taxpayer costs.

Committee on Health & Human Services



Representative
Selina Bliss (LD 1)
CHAIR



Representative
Ralph Heap (LD 10)
VICE CHAIR

“From expanding access to health care in rural communities to strengthening accountability in Medicaid, SNAP, and child welfare programs, the House Health & Human Services Committee delivered meaningful reforms this year that protect vulnerable Arizonans, safeguard taxpayer dollars, and ensure our state’s critical programs are focused on those who truly need them.”

—CHAIRMAN SELINA BLISS, DISTRICT 1

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- **HB 2307: dangerous incompetent defendants; out-of-state facilities** (*Biasiucci*)

What It Does

Allows certain dangerous, incompetent defendants to be housed and treated at the Arizona State Hospital when secure mental health beds are unavailable.

Why It Matters

Protects public safety by ensuring dangerous individuals receive secure treatment while Arizona develops a long-term solution to its shortage of secure mental health facilities.

- **HB 2321: genetic counselors; board; licensure** (*Pingerelli*)

What It Does

Creates a state licensing board to regulate genetic counselors, establish professional standards, and require licensure for practice in Arizona.

Why It Matters

Increases professional oversight and patient protections while ensuring qualified genetic counselors can provide services statewide, including through telehealth.

- **HB 2434: controlled substances prescription monitoring program** (*Bliss*)

What It Does

Strengthens Arizona's prescription drug monitoring program by requiring doctors and pharmacies to more consistently check and report opioid and controlled-substance prescriptions.

Why It Matters

Helps combat opioid abuse and doctor shopping by giving health care providers better information about a patient's prescription history, while seeking to protect patient privacy and improve accountability in the prescribing process.

- **HB 2733: pharmacy board; renewals; ownership change** (*Bliss*)

What It Does

Makes it easier for pharmacies to deliver medications directly to patients and allows pharmacies to continue operating during ownership transitions while maintaining regulatory oversight.

Why It Matters

Reduces unnecessary regulatory burdens on health care providers and businesses and helps prevent disruptions in pharmacy services while preserving public safety protections.

- **HB 4010: DCS; credit freeze; reporting; appropriation** (*Gress*)

What It Does

Requires DCS to place a credit freeze on children in state care to prevent unauthorized use of their personal information until at least age 16.

Why It Matters

Protects vulnerable children from identity theft and financial fraud while giving them control over their credit status as they approach adulthood.

- **HB 4160: health care; 2026-2027** (*Livingston*)

What It Does

Aligns Arizona's Medicaid eligibility rules with federal H.R. 1 requirements by requiring semiannual eligibility redeterminations, more frequent data reviews, stronger residency verification, tighter hospital presumptive-eligibility rules, and additional oversight of the Health Insurance Trust Fund.

Why It Matters

Improves accountability in taxpayer-funded health care programs by ensuring benefits go to those who truly qualify, reducing fraud and improper enrollment, and strengthening the long-term financial stability of state employee health care benefits through better oversight and planning.

- **HB 4162: human services; 2026-2027** (*Livingston*)

What It Does

Aligns Arizona's SNAP eligibility process with federal H.R. 1 reform requirements by requiring additional data verification, including lottery winnings and government records, prohibiting self-attestation of residency, and requiring regular reporting on enrollment, spending, and payment errors.

Why It Matters

Strengthens oversight of taxpayer-funded nutrition assistance programs by improving eligibility verification, reducing fraud and improper payments, and increasing transparency so lawmakers and the public can better understand how benefits are being administered.

- **SB 1235/HB 2437: EMS reciprocity; compact** (*Bliss*)

What It Does

Adds Arizona to the interstate EMS compact, allowing qualified EMTs and paramedics licensed in participating states to more easily work across state lines while establishing shared standards, background checks, disciplinary reporting, and oversight.

Why It Matters

Helps address emergency responder shortages, improves disaster and emergency response capabilities, and makes it easier for qualified EMTs and paramedics to work in Arizona without unnecessary licensing barriers.

VETOED

- **HB 2206: SNAP; error rate; forensic audit** (*Kupper*)

What It Does

Requires DES to reduce SNAP payment errors, report progress to the Legislature, and implement corrective actions if performance targets are not met.

Why It Matters

Would have strengthened government accountability by reducing waste, fraud, and improper benefit payments while protecting taxpayer dollars.

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• **HB 2049: radiation therapy; rural counties** (*Bliss*)

What It Does

Allows trained radiation therapy technologists in rural hospitals and smaller counties to administer certain radiation treatments under a doctor's general supervision, provided strict safety protocols, oversight, and quality controls are followed.

Why It Matters

Helps patients in rural and underserved areas access critical cancer and disease treatments closer to home while maintaining safeguards to ensure patient safety and quality care.

• **HB 2050: radiologic technologists; radiologic assistant** (*Bliss*)

What It Does

Modernizes Arizona's radiology workforce rules by expanding who can operate certain imaging equipment, updating training and certification requirements, reducing some clinical-hour requirements, and allowing more remote physician supervision in rural areas.

Why It Matters

Helps address health care workforce shortages and improve access to diagnostic imaging services, especially in rural communities.

• **HB 2176: health facilities; licensure; complaints; investigations** (*Willoughby*)

What It Does

Creates clearer rules for complaint investigations and a process for facilities to dispute alleged deficiencies.

Why It Matters

Protects patients and residents by preventing unsafe operators from taking over health care facilities, while also ensuring health care providers have a fair opportunity to correct errors and challenge inaccurate findings.

• **HB 2195: nursing facilities; records; surveys; timelines** (*Bliss*)

What It Does

Allows the Department of Health Services to access limited employee records and training information from nursing homes and assisted living facilities, while setting clearer timelines and procedures for inspections, complaint investigations, and deficiency reports.

Why It Matters

Improves oversight of long-term care facilities by ensuring staff are properly qualified and residents are protected, while also creating a more predictable and fair regulatory process for health care providers.



- **HB 2408: nursing board; regulatory actions; expungement** (*Willoughby*)

What It Does

Revises the nursing board complaint and disciplinary process by creating clearer investigation timelines, prioritizing serious patient safety complaints, protecting complainant confidentiality when necessary, expanding due process rights for nurses, and allowing certain old disciplinary actions to be expunged.

Why It Matters

Improves patient protection by ensuring serious misconduct is addressed quickly while also creating a fairer and more transparent process that prevents qualified health care workers from being permanently harmed by outdated or minor disciplinary issues.

- **HB 2686: physicians; surgical centers; call coverage** (*Heap*)

What It Does

Requires physicians who perform surgeries at outpatient surgical centers to provide and regularly update a call-coverage plan showing how patient care will be handled if complications arise, including any hospital coverage arrangements.

Why It Matters

Improves patient safety by ensuring surgical centers have clear emergency response plans and that physicians remain accountable for providing proper follow-up care when unexpected medical issues occur.



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- **HB 2689: hospitals; patient immigration status; reporting** (*Heap*)

What It Does

Requires AHCCCS-participating hospitals to ask patients whether they are U.S. citizens or lawfully present in the country, report aggregated responses to the state, and provide information on uncompensated care costs without collecting identifying information.

Why It Matters

Would have provided lawmakers with data on health care costs and resource impacts associated with uncompensated care.

Committee on International Trade



Representative
Tony Rivero (LD 27)
CHAIR



Representative
Michele Peña (LD 23)
VICE CHAIR

“Arizona’s success depends on strong relationships at home and abroad. This session, the committee worked to promote trade, welcome international partners, and ensure Arizona’s overseas trade offices are delivering results for our businesses, workers, and taxpayers.”

—CHAIRMAN TONY RIVERO, DISTRICT 27

The International Trade Committee continued to strengthen Arizona’s economic and diplomatic relationships by hosting many international delegations, fostering opportunities for trade and investment, and highlighting Arizona as a premier destination for global business. The committee also provided legislative oversight of Arizona’s international trade offices to ensure taxpayer resources are being used effectively.

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- **HB 2752: commerce authority; trade offices** (*Rivero*)

What It Does

Strengthens oversight of Arizona’s trade offices and ensures proper representation on the Commerce Authority Board.

Why It Matters

Helps ensure taxpayer dollars invested in Arizona’s international trade efforts produce measurable results by promoting exports, attracting foreign investment, and supporting economic growth across the state.

Committee on Judiciary



Representative
Quang Nguyen (LD 1)
CHAIR



Representative
Khyl Powell (LD 14)
VICE CHAIR

“This session, the Judiciary Committee delivered on our core responsibility: protecting the most vulnerable Arizonans and making our communities safer. We cracked down on fentanyl traffickers, strengthened penalties for sexual extortion targeting children, closed loopholes that allowed sex offenders to evade accountability, and took action against illegal weapons trafficking. We protected domestic violence victims in family court, shielded child crime victims from public exposure, and stood up for the rule of law. Arizona is safer because of the work this committee did, and we will never stop fighting for those who need the law on their side most.”

—CHAIRMAN QUANG NGUYEN, DISTRICT 1

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• **HB 2763: shooting range; closure; conditions** (*Nguyen*)

What It Does

Requires approval by the Arizona Legislature, by joint resolution, before the Arizona Game and Fish Commission may close a qualifying state-owned public shooting range.

Why It Matters

Adds legislative oversight and public accountability to decisions involving the closure of state-owned public shooting ranges, helping ensure these facilities cannot be closed without approval from both elected lawmakers and the Governor.

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• **HB 2406: minor victims; public records prohibition** (*Willoughby*)

What It Does

Protects the privacy of minor crime victims by prohibiting the public release of records that could identify them, expose sensitive information, or be posted online for profit.

Why It Matters

Shields vulnerable children from further trauma and puts the well-being of children ahead of loopholes in public disclosure that allow for monetary gain.

• **HB 2995: domestic relations; domestic violence - “Alec and Lydia Act”** (*Fink*)

What It Does

Strengthens Arizona’s family court laws by prioritizing the safety of domestic violence victims and children in custody and parenting-time decisions while requiring courts to make detailed findings when abuse is alleged.

Why It Matters

Helps protect victims from being revictimized in family court, ensures child safety remains the highest priority, and holds domestic abusers accountable.

• **HB 2132: fentanyl; possession; sale; amount; sentencing** (*Nguyen*)

What It Does

Strengthens penalties and sets stricter thresholds for fentanyl possession and distribution.

Why It Matters

Takes decisive action against the fentanyl crisis, cracking down on traffickers and protecting Arizona communities from deadly drugs flowing across the border.

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- **HB 2665: manslaughter; online advice; encouragement - “Cade’s Law”** (*P. Carter*)

What It Does

Expands Arizona’s manslaughter law to hold an adult accountable for intentionally providing advice, encouragement, or other directed communications that a minor uses to die by suicide, knowing the minor intends to do so.

Why It Matters

Holds adults accountable for intentionally encouraging or facilitating a minor’s suicide through direct communications, including online, while distinguishing targeted conduct from general discussions about suicide or mental health.

- **HB 2666: sexual extortion; classification** (*P. Carter*)

What It Does

Strengthens criminal penalties for sexual extortion, including coercion involving explicit material or threats.

Why It Matters

Cracks down on predators and protects victims, especially minors, from growing forms of online exploitation.

- **HB 2046: annual probation review; prehearing; notification** (*Bliss*)

What It Does

Requires victims and prosecutors to receive advance notice before a probation review hearing, giving them an opportunity to participate before probation terms are modified.

Why It Matters

Protects victims’ rights by ensuring they have a voice in the process and promotes greater transparency and accountability in the criminal justice system.

- **HB 2223: name change petition; sex offenders** (*Nguyen*)

What It Does

Requires registered sex offenders seeking a legal name change to provide notice to law enforcement and satisfy additional court requirements before a petition may be granted.

Why It Matters

Prevents dangerous offenders from using legal name changes to evade public accountability, protecting families and strengthening Arizona’s sex offender registry.

- **HB 2131: trafficking weapons or explosives** (*Nguyen*)

What It Does

Creates stronger criminal penalties for trafficking weapons or explosives intended for use in criminal or terrorist activity.

Why It Matters

Gives law enforcement stronger tools to disrupt violent criminal networks before tragedies occur and enhances public safety by targeting the illegal weapons trade.

Committee on Land, Agriculture & Rural Affairs



Representative
Lupe Diaz (LD 19)
CHAIR



Representative
Michele Peña (LD 23)
VICE CHAIR

“This session, House Republicans continued fighting for Arizona’s farmers and ranchers by advancing legislation that defends private property rights and protects our agricultural communities. From supporting our cattle industry through the continuation of the Arizona Beef Council, to funding efforts to combat New World Screwworm, to requiring truthful labeling of lab-grown meat, and supporting Arizona’s state and county fairs, we remained committed to protecting the livelihoods, freedoms, and way of life that make rural Arizona strong.”

—CHAIRMAN LUPE DIAZ, DISTRICT 19

2026 presented a challenging year for Arizona Legislative Republicans on the front lines of fighting for Arizona’s rural and agricultural communities.

Although House and Senate Republicans achieved legislative wins for Arizona ranchers, many bills related to Mexican wolves, frivolous lawsuits, and housing affordability were met with Governor Hobbs’ veto stamp.

Below are the top legislative highlights for 2026.

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- **HCM 2005: property ownership; communist country; restrictions** (*Diaz*)

What It Does

Urges Congress to enact legislation restricting communist and authoritarian countries from owning property in the United States.

Why It Matters

Ownership or control of real property by foreign governments may be used to exert economic or political influence in our country or to engage in activities contrary to U.S. interests, sovereignty, or national security.

🚫 VETOED

- **HB 2100: small land subdivision; requirements** (*Griffin*)

What It Does

Would have given county boards of supervisors the option to enable “small land subdivisions” of six to ten lots within the county in areas outside of Active Management Areas and Mandatory Adequacy jurisdictions.

Why It Matters

Housing availability drives housing affordability. Arizona needs more homes in rural areas, and reducing regulatory burdens increases the housing supply for everyone.

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- **HB 2762: food products; labeling; cultivated cells** (*Nguyen*)

What It Does

Requires the manufacturer, packager, or retailer of lab-grown meat or other cell-cultivated food products to clearly label the food as “cell cultivated.”

Why It Matters

Ensures consumer protection and truth in labeling for Arizona consumers.

- **SB 1198: beef council; veterinary board; continuation** (*Dunn/Diaz/Griffin*)

What It Does

Continues the Arizona Beef Council and the Arizona Veterinarian Medical Examiners Board for eight years.

Why It Matters

These bodies play important roles in supporting Arizona’s livestock and cattle ranching industries.

💰 BUDGET WIN

- **Funding for New World Screwworm** (*Diaz*)

What It Does

Immediately redirects \$250,000 to the Arizona Department of Agriculture to hire two full-time employees to inspect foreign cattle imports for New World Screwworm.

Why It Matters

New World Screwworm has been detected in the United States for the first time since the 1960s. It is a devastating flesh-eating parasite that infects cows in Mexico and threatens the American cattle industry and beef supply.



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- **HB 2167: attorney general; nuisance actions; damages** (*Diaz*)

What It Does

Would have required the Attorney General to pay triple damages out of her own operating budget if she filed a public nuisance claim against a person knowing the claim had no merit.

Why It Matters

Attorney General Kris Mayes has been traveling the state characterizing Arizona's natural resources industries as "public nuisances," threatening and filing litigation, and harming employers' reputations in the process.

- **HB 2787: federal nullification; Mexican wolf; reintroduction** (*Diaz*)

What It Does

Would have prevented the state, or any agency or political subdivision of the state, from using taxpayer resources or personnel to implement or enforce the federal Mexican Wolf Reintroduction program, requiring the federal government to hire and utilize its own employees to administer the program.

Why It Matters

The Mexican Wolf has exceeded its original recovery goal and is no longer in need of federal protection. Arizona taxpayers should not be footing the bill for a federal program that is no longer needed.

TRANSMITTED

- **HCM 2011: Mexican wolf; delist; urging support** (*Diaz*)

What It Does

Urges Congress to pass H.R. 4255 to delist the Mexican wolf from the list of threatened and endangered species.

Why It Matters

The Mexican Wolf has exceeded its original recovery goal and is no longer in need of federal protection.



Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water



Representative
Gail Griffin (LD 19)
CHAIR



Representative
Chris Lopez (LD 16)
VICE CHAIR

“Arizona’s future depends on protecting the natural resources that sustain our economy while ensuring the government remains accountable to the people it serves. This session, House Republicans advanced meaningful reforms to strengthen oversight of state agencies, support reliable and affordable energy, prepare for future water challenges, and promote the industries that keep our state and rural economies strong. We will continue fighting for practical, commonsense policies that protect private property rights, preserve economic opportunity, increase job growth and housing affordability, and secure Arizona’s future for generations to come.”

—CHAIRMAN GAIL GRIFFIN, DISTRICT 19

The Natural Resources, Energy & Water Committee led House Republicans’ efforts to protect Arizona’s land, water, and natural resources while strengthening government accountability, energy reliability, housing affordability, and economic opportunity. The committee advanced significant reforms to the Arizona State Land Department during its sunset review, challenged unlawful regulatory overreach, and increased funding and flexibility for long-term water supplies amidst looming Colorado River shortages. The committee also promoted affordable and reliable energy through proposed permitting reforms, advanced nuclear technologies, and new generation resources, while strengthening Arizona’s mining industry and other natural resource sectors.

In total, the committee considered more than 50 bills during the session, including 17 measures to reform the Arizona State Land Department, 9 measures to expand electric generation and advanced nuclear technologies, 8 measures to address gas prices and fuel blends, and numerous bills focused on water and the Colorado River. Together, these efforts reinforced the Majority’s commitment to protecting private property rights, reining in executive overreach, and ensuring Arizona has the water, energy, and natural resources necessary for long-term prosperity.

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- **SB 1336: state land department; continuation; oversight** (*Griffin/Dunn/Diaz*)

What It Does

Continues the Arizona State Land Department for four years with substantial reforms, such as adding clear application criteria, placing limits on lease conditions, and streamlining the permitting process for mineral leases and exploration permits. The bill also establishes an Ad Hoc Committee to address outstanding issues.

Why It Matters

The State Land Department will now be subject to long-overdue accountability procedures and undergo substantial reform to improve its operations.

- **HB 2756: utilities; high load factor customers** (*Griffin*)

What It Does

Establishes reporting requirements and ensures that high-energy customers like data centers pay the cost of needed grid upgrades and power plants to serve them.

Why It Matters

Protects ratepayers against unjust cost shifts from data centers, ensuring they pay for new power supplies and infrastructure upgrades.

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- **HCR 2057: supporting geothermal energy** (*Martinez*)

What It Does

Calls on state and local officials to support uniform and streamlined permitting processes for new geothermal energy resources in the state.

Why It Matters

According to recent analyses, Arizona may have one of the largest untapped geothermal energy resources in the country.

BUDGET WIN

- **Budget Item: Colorado River Litigation Fund** (*Griffin*)

What It Does

Includes HB 2116 in the state budget, adding \$6 million to Arizona's Colorado River Litigation Fund and bringing the fund's total to \$9 million.

Why It Matters

Ensures Arizona is ready to defend its rights to the Colorado River.

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- **HB 2755: state lands; commercial leases; auction** (*Griffin/Martinez/Lopez*)

What It Does

Would have codified the State Land Department's existing but unwritten policy on "underperforming commercial leases."

Why It Matters

Would have protected an established business (Dairy Queen) near Picacho Peak from losing its commercial lease due to unequal application of an unwritten agency policy.

- **SB 1418: corporation commission; small modular reactors** (*Carroll/Carbone*)

What It Does

Streamlines permitting for advanced nuclear power development that meets federal requirements and protected developers from unreasonable land-use restrictions

Why It Matters

Would have streamlined permitting for advanced nuclear reactors that meet federal requirements and would have protected developers from unreasonable land-use restrictions.

- **HB 2055: brackish groundwater recovery program** (*Griffin*)

What It Does

Would have established a brackish groundwater recovery program within the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona.

Why It Matters

Arizona has over 600 million acre-feet of brackish groundwater available, which could be treated to provide critical new clean water supplies.

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- **HB 2096: forgivable financial assistance; cesspool remediation** (*Griffin*)

What It Does

Makes county cesspool remediation programs eligible for federal forgivable loans through the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona.

Why It Matters

Cesspools are illegal and pose a threat to local groundwater supplies, but they are challenging and expensive to remediate—making financial assistance critical.

- **HB 2078: reclamation plans; aggregate mining; notice** (*Bliss*)

What It Does

Clarifies the law around new aggregate mines and allows existing public notices to satisfy certain reclamation plan requirements.

Why It Matters

Protects the public from proposed mining operations while reducing administrative costs created by duplicative public notice requirements.

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- **HB 2278: financial assurance; reclamation; escrow; trusts** (*Blackman*)

What It Does

Gives miners the option to deposit cash financial assurances into a third-party escrow account and use the interest on the account to keep up with rising reclamation costs.

Why It Matters

Prevents theft of private property by ensuring that citizens own the interest they earn on their cash deposits.

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- **HCM 2009: subsurface minerals; access; federal policy** (*P. Carter*)

What It Does

Supports the White House's decision to repeal Biden-era policies that impose unnecessary environmental reviews on land needed to access subsurface minerals.

Why It Matters

Miners who require only minor and temporary access to the surface should be given categorical access to the land to engage in mineral exploration and extraction.

BUDGET WIN

- **HB 2827: Pinal AMA Groundwater Withdrawal Fee** (*Lopez*)

What It Does

Keeps groundwater withdrawal fees in Pinal County at \$2.50/acre-foot for an additional four years, through 2030.

Why It Matters

Reduces costs and allows Pima County farmers to reinvest in their own water management and efficiency infrastructure.

Committee on Public Safety & Law Enforcement



Representative
David Marshall (LD 7)
CHAIR



Representative
Pamela Carter (LD 4)
VICE CHAIR

“First responders put their lives on the line every day to keep Arizona safe, and this committee made sure the Legislature had their back. We fought to give law enforcement officers and firefighters the resources, legal protections, and support they need to do their jobs with confidence—including on the front lines of border crime and other emergencies where the threats to our communities are greatest. When we invest in our first responders, we invest in every family and every community in Arizona.”

—CHAIRMAN DAVID MARSHALL, DISTRICT 7

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- **HB 2270: county seal; authority; sheriff's posse** (*Marshall*)

What It Does

Protects county seals, logos, and insignia from unauthorized use and grants county sheriffs the exclusive authority to name and dissolve posses operating under their jurisdiction.

Why It Matters

Prevents bad actors from falsely implying official county affiliation and ensures sheriffs maintain full command and control over the volunteer organizations operating under their authority.

BUDGET WIN

- **HB 2416: appropriation to DPS for local border support** (*Nguyen*)

What It Does

Provides funding to the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) to support local law enforcement agencies assisting with border-related enforcement and public safety efforts.

Why It Matters

Strengthens coordination between state and local agencies to combat illegal immigration, drug trafficking, and cross-border crime impacting Arizona communities.

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- **HB 2811: obstructing governmental operations; lawful arrest** (*Gillette*)

What It Does

Expands Arizona's obstruction law to make knowingly using or threatening physical force to obstruct a lawful arrest a Class 5 felony.

Why It Matters

Would have strengthened protections for law enforcement by increasing penalties for individuals who use or threaten violence to interfere with officers making lawful arrests, reinforcing public safety and accountability.

- **HB 2993: DPS Legal Representation Funding** (*Montenegro*)

What It Does

Allocates funding to provide legal support and representation for DPS officers carrying out their duties.

Why It Matters

Would have offered more support to law enforcement by ensuring officers have the legal protection they need to do their jobs confidently while upholding the rule of law.



Committee on Rural Economic Development



Representative
Teresa Martinez (LD 16)
CHAIR



Representative
Chris Lopez (LD 16)
VICE CHAIR

“Rural Arizona is the backbone of our state’s economy and way of life. This session, our committee focused on creating opportunities for growth, supporting local industries, and ensuring rural communities have the tools they need to prosper for generations to come.”

—CHAIRMAN TERESA MARTINEZ, DISTRICT 16

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- **HB 2113: public service corporation; rates; intervenor** (*Martinez*)

What It Does

Would have required the Arizona Residential Utility Consumer Office to intervene in public utility rate cases when a proposed rate increase would have a significant impact on residential customers, ensuring consumers have an advocate during proceedings before the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Why It Matters

Would have strengthened consumer representation in utility rate cases, helping protect Arizona families from unjustified rate increases while promoting greater transparency and accountability in the rate-setting process.

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- **HB 2950: tourism improvement areas; municipalities; counties** (*Wilmeth*)

What It Does

Authorizes cities and counties to establish Tourism Improvement Areas, allowing lodging businesses to voluntarily fund tourism promotion and destination marketing through a locally approved assessment.

Why It Matters

Gives Arizona communities another tool to attract visitors, support local businesses, and grow the tourism economy without relying on additional taxpayer funding.

- **HB 2946: municipalities; counties; development fees** (*Powell*)

What It Does

Updates Arizona's municipal and county development fee laws by increasing transparency, limiting when new or increased development fees can be imposed after project approval, and ensuring fees more accurately reflect the infrastructure costs associated with new development.

Why It Matters

Provides greater certainty for homebuilders and property owners, helping reduce unexpected development costs while ensuring local governments continue to collect fair and proportionate fees for infrastructure needed to support growth.



Committee on Science and Technology



Representative
Beverly Pingerelli (LD 28)
CHAIR



Representative
Justin Wilmeth (LD 2)
VICE CHAIR

“Our committee focused on understanding the technologies that are transforming government, business, and everyday life. From cybersecurity and fraud prevention to digital infrastructure and innovation, these discussions helped position Arizona to meet future challenges and seize new opportunities while highlighting the talented young innovators who will lead us forward.”

—CHAIRMAN BEVERLY PINGERELLI, DISTRICT 28

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- **HB 2134: critical infrastructure; foreign adversaries; prohibition** (*Kupper*)

What It Does

Prohibits the use of software developed by Chinese companies in state communications and critical infrastructure systems

Why It Matters

Would have addressed growing security concerns surrounding foreign adversaries by taking a proactive approach to protect Arizona’s infrastructure from potential cyber threats and vulnerabilities.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure



Representative
Leo Biasiucci (LD 30)
CHAIR



Representative
Teresa Martinez (LD 16)
VICE CHAIR

“The work of this committee reflects Arizona’s commitment to building and maintaining the infrastructure that supports our growing economy while preserving the freedoms and responsibilities that define our state. I am proud of our efforts to promote public safety and support our communities throughout the state.”

—CHAIRMAN LEO BIASIUCCI, DISTRICT 30

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee worked to protect critical road and infrastructure investments, ensuring taxpayer dollars are used effectively. The committee prioritized the safety of motorists and recreational users while safeguarding individual liberties.

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- **HB 2109: distracted driving; penalties; motorcycles** (*Martinez*)

What It Does

Strengthens Arizona's distracted driving law by increasing penalties for repeat violations, expanding the prohibition to include watching, recording, or streaming video while driving, and adding an enhanced penalty when distracted driving results in a crash involving a motorcycle.

Why It Matters

Increases accountability for distracted drivers and provides greater protection for motorcyclists, who are especially vulnerable to serious injury or death in traffic crashes.

- **HB 2257: watercraft fund; distribution of monies** (*Biasiucci*)

What It Does

Revises the distribution of watercraft registration fees to dedicate a greater share of funding to boating law enforcement and safety efforts while continuing to support boating programs and lake improvements.

Why It Matters

Helps ensure that more of the fees paid by boaters are directed toward on-the-water law enforcement, safety education, and enforcement activities that protect Arizona's waterways and those who use them.

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- **HB 2957: driver license; enhanced; mobile; prohibition** (*Fink*)

What It Does

Would have prohibited Arizona from requiring residents to use a digital or mobile driver's license for government services and preserved the option to use a traditional physical driver's license or identification card.

Why It Matters

Would have protected individual privacy and ensured Arizonans can continue using a physical driver's license without being required to adopt digital identification or enhanced licensing programs.

- **SB 1010/HB 4027: Charlie Kirk Loop 202** (*Carbone*)

What It Does

Would have designated Loop 202 as the "Charlie Kirk Highway" while preserving its existing highway names.

Why It Matters

The bill sought to honor Charlie Kirk's contributions to Arizona and the nation by recognizing his legacy with a permanent state designation on one of Arizona's major highways.

Committee on Ways & Means



Representative
Justin Olson (LD 10)
CHAIR



Representative
Nick Kupper (LD 25)
VICE CHAIR

“The House Ways and Means Committee’s primary focus during the 2026 legislative session was Arizona’s conformity with federal income tax changes enacted through the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) in 2025. Conforming Arizona tax law to the federal changes delivered an estimated \$1.4 billion in tax relief to Arizona taxpayers, in addition to the federal tax reductions themselves. Key provisions included exemptions for qualifying tip income and overtime pay, an expanded deduction for seniors, and other taxpayer benefits. Arizona was the only state to enact full relief from federal tax conformity, so I’m extremely proud of the committee’s work this session.”

—CHAIRMAN JUSTIN OLSON, DISTRICT 10

Tax Conformity Battle

Beyond the tax relief, conformity was essential to provide certainty and simplicity for Arizona taxpayers filing their 2025 income taxes. Without legislative action, taxpayers faced significant uncertainty regarding how state tax returns should be prepared and whether amended returns might later be required.

The Legislature's first conformity effort was HB 2153, sponsored by Chairman Justin Olson and mirrored by companion legislation in the Senate. Within the first week of session, legislative Republicans advanced the measure to the Governor's desk. The bill generally aligned Arizona law with federal tax changes while making several targeted policy modifications. Notably, it rejected the expanded federal State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction and instead proposed a 25 percent increase to Arizona's child tax credit and a new childcare deduction for expenses exceeding the

federal tax credit. The Governor ultimately vetoed the legislation, leaving taxpayers and tax preparers without clear guidance.

The Legislature's second effort, HB 2785, provided full conformity with federal tax law. The measure aligned with the tax forms already published by the Arizona Department of Revenue and would have ensured taxpayers could file their 2025 returns without concern that future legislative action would require amended filings. The Governor also vetoed this proposal.

Ultimately, a tax omnibus package incorporated into the FY 2027 state budget achieved full conformity with federal tax law for tax year 2025. Throughout the legislative process, lawmakers maintained their commitment to avoid any outcome that would require taxpayers to refile their 2025 returns. That commitment was fulfilled when the budget was signed into law in June.

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• **HB 2016: tax returns; late filing; penalties** (*Way*)

What It Does

Removes penalties for late-filed tax returns when the filer owes \$0 in taxes.

Why It Matters

Taxpayers still must file as required by law, but people shouldn't face fines of up to \$100 for filing their paperwork late when they don't owe the state a dime.

• **HB 2104: agricultural property; classification; inspection** (*N. Carter*)

What It Does

Prohibits a county assessor from reclassifying agricultural property for four years if the owner prevails in an appeal.

Why It Matters

Stops the cycle of repeated challenges after a successful appeal, giving farmers and rural landowners certainty, shielding them from dramatic tax spikes as development expands, and reinforcing that a fair ruling should carry real weight.

• **HB 2105: agricultural property; inspections; notice** (*N. Carter*)

What It Does

Requires the Department of Revenue and county assessors to give advance notice of certain property inspections and provide inspection reports directly to property owners.

Why It Matters

Improves transparency and fairness by ensuring property owners can be present during inspections and receive clear explanations when agricultural status is denied, rather than being left without context or documentation.

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- **SB 1268/HB 2792: property tax; exemption; veterans** (*Carbone*)

What It Does

Cleans up prior law by ensuring a qualifying low-income veteran with a 100% service-connected disability receives a full property tax exemption.

Why It Matters

Honors the contributions of our low-income, disabled veterans by eliminating their property tax obligation.

- **HB 2786: TPT; exemption; textbook rental** (*Olson*)

What It Does

Expands the Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) deduction to include income from renting required textbooks through all college bookstores, including digital formats.

Why It Matters

Clarifies that digital and physical textbooks receive equal tax treatment, ensuring consistency and fairness in how required course materials are taxed.

VETOED

- **HB 2289: truth in taxation; bonds; notices** (*Olson*)

What It Does

Updates Truth in Taxation statutes for cities, municipalities, school districts, and other taxing entities to include a \$300,000 owner-occupied home value in tax impact examples.

Why It Matters

Would have ensured tax notices reflect today's housing market, giving voters clearer, more accurate information that aligns ballot pamphlets with real-world property values.

- **SB 1638/HB 2785: conformity; internal revenue code; deductions** (*Olson*)

What It Does

Represents the Legislature's second attempt to provide clarity before the April 15 tax deadline, conforming to the forms the Department of Revenue had already published, and delivering nearly \$440 million in taxpayer relief, including no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, and an expanded senior deduction.

Why It Matters

Would have ensured consistency between what taxpayers are told to file and what state law requires, preventing confusion and reinforcing compliance.

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- **SB 1106/HB 2153: internal revenue code; conformity; deductions** (*Olson*)

What It Does

Conforms Arizona tax law to federal code updates in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, except that it decouples from the State and Local Tax Deduction (SALT) as well as changes to the senior deductions.

Why It Matters

Would have provided taxpayer certainty and consistency during the filing season, ensuring Arizona aligns with federal law and avoids confusion while delivering timely tax relief.

BUDGET TAX OMNIBUS & INCOME TAX CONFORMITY HIGHLIGHTS

BUDGET WINS

• Tax Relief Delivered

- Provided \$1.4 billion in tax relief during the budget window.
- Ensured no taxpayers must refile 2025 returns through full conformity for tax year 2025.
- Replaced temporary SALT and auto loan interest deductions with a 25% increase in the Child Tax Credit (from \$100 to \$125) and a new deduction for dependent care expenses above the federal credit.
- Fully conforms to the federal \$6,000 senior deduction, with no new retirement-income deduction.
- Modifies one corporate tax provision for tax years 2027–2029 and swaps a special bonus depreciation provision for expanded infrastructure incentives.
- Expands the public infrastructure TPT redirect program by \$150 million over three years.

• Public Infrastructure Program (HB 4026)

- Redirects construction sales taxes to local governments for qualifying infrastructure supporting major manufacturing projects.
- Reduces eligible TPT reimbursement from 80% to 75% and requires cities and counties to provide a 5% local match.
- Raises project eligibility thresholds from \$500 million to \$3 billion in Maricopa and Pima counties, and from \$50 million to \$100 million in other counties.
- Expands eligible infrastructure to include water reclamation, recycling, treatment, and storage facilities, and adds stronger reporting and transparency requirements.

• Disabled Veterans Property Tax Relief

- Expands eligibility to all disabled veterans and removes income limits, providing a full exemption for veterans rated 100% disabled or classified as unemployable by the VA.
- Allows surviving spouses to retain benefits, including after relocating, and extends partial exemptions to veterans with disability ratings below 100%, proportionate to their rating.
- Takes effect beginning with Tax Year 2027, making Arizona's veteran property tax relief among the most generous in the nation.

• Other Tax Omnibus Changes

- Repeals three tax credits: the Pollution Control Equipment Credit, the Refundable R&D Credit, and the New Employment Tax Credit.
- Imposes a three-year moratorium on new data center incentive agreements while honoring existing contracts.
- Requires 80% of Rio Nuevo funding to be spent on projects that generate TPT revenue.
- Reduces the Corporate STO cap from \$135 million to \$110 million, reflecting lower program usage.

LEGAL VICTORIES & COURT BATTLES

In 2026, Arizona House Republicans didn't just write the laws—we fiercely defended them in court. From benchmark triumphs at the United States Supreme Court to shutting down administrative overreach at home, we led the charge to uphold the Constitution and secure the fundamental freedoms Arizonans expect.



Defending the Save Women's Sports Act: *Doe v. Horne*

Outcome:

On June 30, 2026, the U.S. Supreme Court granted review, vacated the lower-court judgment, and remanded the case for reconsideration in light of *West Virginia v. B.P.J.*

Why It Matters:

The order gives Arizona another opportunity to defend its law governing girls' and women's school sports under the Supreme Court's new precedent.

Securing Border Safeguards (Proposition 314): *LUCHA v. State of Arizona*

Outcome:

Won a complete dismissal of the legal challenge attempting to kill the voter-approved Secure the Border Act, successfully maintaining our defense on appeal.

Why It Matters:

Protects vital, voter-enacted border mechanisms designed to stop illegal entry and penalize lethal fentanyl trafficking.

Defending Sex Offender Registry Laws: *Doe v. Skinner/Sheridan*

Outcome:

Defeated a federal civil-rights challenge on cross-motions for summary judgment, leaving state enforcement in place.

Why It Matters:

Safeguards local neighborhoods by preserving rigorous reporting and registration mandates for convicted offenders.

Striking Down Illegal Rules in the Elections Manual: *Montenegro/Petersen v. Fontes*

Outcome:

The Arizona Supreme Court denied the Secretary of State's final petition for review on March 30, 2026, solidifying our lower-court victories.

Why It Matters:

Restores constitutional checks and balances by stopping the executive branch from unilaterally rewriting Arizona election statutes.

Upholding Proof-of-Citizenship Voting Requirements: *Mi Familia Vota v. Fontes*

Outcome:

On June 29, 2026, the U.S. Supreme Court granted certiorari and agreed to review Arizona's proof-of-citizenship voting requirements.

Why It Matters:

The case gives the Supreme Court an opportunity to clarify the constitutionality and scope of Arizona's proof-of-citizenship requirements.

Invalidating an Illegal Groundwater Tax:

Homebuilders v. Department of Water Resources

Outcome:

A court ruled against the Arizona Department of Water Resources' adoption of a 33.3% groundwater fee.

Why It Matters:

The tax was not authorized by statute and would have increased the cost of housing for new homebuyers by forcing them to subsidize other water users.

Supporting Emerging Energy Technology: *Texas v. Nuclear Regulatory Commission*

Outcome:

Arizona joined Texas, Florida, Louisiana, and Utah in settling with the federal government and dismissing the case.

Why It Matters:

Supports the deployment of advanced nuclear reactors by providing certainty in the certification process for new small and micro reactor designs.



BALLOT REFERRALS

This session, House Republicans passed five ballot referrals, bypassing the Governor and allowing voters to have their say on important policies affecting the future of our state.



HCR 2001

Citizenship; identification; contributions; early voting

Sponsor: Rep. Kolodin

What It Does: Limits foreign financial contributions, codifies voter identification mandates, and requires the on-site tabulation of early ballots.

Why It Matters: Sends election security directly to the citizens, restoring trust and integrity to the ballot box and excluding dark money influence in Arizona.

HCR 2003

Interscholastic; intramural athletics; biological sex

Sponsor: Rep. Bliss

What It Does: Asks the voters to decide if interscholastic and intramural sport programs and locker rooms should be designated based on the sex of participating athletes.

Why It Matters: Women fought for years for their own competitive sports, and they deserve to have those programs and designated spaces protected so they can participate in sports confidently and safely.

SCR 1004/HCR 2004

Photo enforcement systems; voter approval

Sponsor: Rep. Martinez

What It Does: Refers a measure to Arizona voters that restricts the use of photo radar and red-light cameras unless approved by voters. Existing camera programs would have to receive local voter approval to continue operating and would be required to seek reauthorization every 10 years.

Why It Matters: Gives citizens the final say over the use of photo enforcement cameras in their communities, providing government accountability and transparency.

SCR 1032/HCR 2007

Instructional expenses; operational spending; enforcement

Sponsor: Rep. Gress

What It Does: Requires school districts to spend 60% of their operating budget on the classroom and 40% on teacher pay.

Why It Matters: As state education funding has increased, classroom spending has decreased and literacy levels have declined. Arizona taxpayers and families deserve to know education funding is being put to good use in the classroom where it is most effective.

HCR 2044

Preferential treatment; discrimination; prohibited acts

Sponsor: Rep. Montenegro

What It Does: Eliminates preferential treatment or discrimination in hiring decisions based on an individual's race or ethnicity.

Why It Matters: Reinforces merit-based hiring by ensuring job qualifications and performance are the deciding factors, not race, ethnicity, or cultural background.



DEFENSIVE WINS: HOLDING THE LINE AGAINST THE LEFT

Not every fight this session was about advancing new law—some of the most important work House Republicans did was stopping bad law from ever reaching the Governor’s desk. From radical gender-ideology mandates to reckless tax and wage hikes, from erasing immigration enforcement to legalizing ballot harvesting, Democrat lawmakers introduced a wave of legislation that would have moved Arizona sharply to the left. House Republicans held the line on every front.



Defeating the Repeal of Women’s Sports Protections

Just weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court sided with Arizona in *Doe v. Horne* and confirmed that states may reserve girls’ and women’s athletic teams for biological females, legislative Democrats introduced HB 2392 to repeal that very protection through statute. Repealing the law would have reopened girls’ sports and locker rooms to biological males in the very same season the nation’s highest court affirmed that Arizona’s approach was constitutional.



HB 2392: team designations; biological sex; repeal

What It Does

Would have repealed Arizona’s law reserving school and intramural sports teams for biological females, requiring girls’ teams to compete against biological males.

Why It Matters

Backs up the Supreme Court’s June 30, 2026 ruling in *Doe v. Horne* with legislative follow-through, protecting female athletes’ safety and fair competition rather than letting a repeal bill undo a win Arizona had just secured in court.

Stopping the Radical Gender Agenda

HB 2222: birth certificates; sex designation change

What It Does

Would have allowed any individual to change the sex designation on their Arizona birth certificate regardless of biological sex.

Why It Matters

Protects the accuracy and integrity of Arizona's vital records rather than allowing them to be rewritten based on self-identification.

HB 2524: advertising; produce abortion; conception; repeal

What It Does

Would have repealed Arizona's restriction on advertising the procurement of an abortion.

Why It Matters

Keeps longstanding limits on abortion advertising in place rather than opening the door to unrestricted promotion of abortion services.

Protecting Arizonans from Reckless Cost Increases

HB 2357: class one property; assessment ratio

What It Does

Would have increased the Class One property assessment ratio, raising small business property taxes by an estimated 86%.

Why It Matters

Protects small businesses from an 86% property tax hike that would have driven up the cost of goods for Arizona families.

HB 2295: minimum wage increase

What It Does

Would have imposed a 50% increase in Arizona's statutory minimum wage.

Why It Matters

Prevents a 50% wage mandate that would have driven up the cost of services and pressured small employers and entry-level jobs statewide.

HB 2636: individual income tax; rate; increase

What It Does

Would have increased Arizona's top individual income tax rate by 320%.

Why It Matters

Protects Arizona's flat, competitive tax structure from a 320% rate hike that would have undercut the tax relief Republicans delivered this session.

Securing Arizona's Border and Workforce

HB 2465: citizenship status; licensure; documentation

What It Does

Would have allowed noncitizens without lawful immigration status to obtain state occupational and professional licenses to work in Arizona.

Why It Matters

Keeps Arizona's licensure system tied to lawful presence rather than opening state-issued work credentials to noncitizens.

HB 2657: law enforcement agencies; immigration enforcement

What It Does

Would have prohibited Arizona law enforcement agencies from entering into cooperative agreements with federal immigration authorities.

Why It Matters

Preserves state and local law enforcement partnerships with federal immigration authorities rather than adopting sanctuary-style restrictions.

Protecting Election Integrity

HB 2037: automatic voter registration

What It Does

Would have automatically registered eligible Arizonans to vote rather than relying on the state's current opt-in process.

Why It Matters

Protects Arizona's opt-in voter registration system and reduces the risk of ineligible or duplicate registrations.

HB 2511: early ballot collection; limitations; repeal

What It Does

Would have repealed Arizona's limits on who may collect and return another voter's early ballot, legalizing ballot harvesting.

Why It Matters

Keeps Arizona's safeguards against organized ballot harvesting in place, protecting the chain of custody for early ballots.

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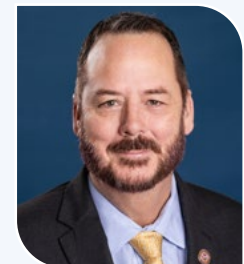
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