

Good Bill / Bad Bill List

Green – Support

Red – Oppose

Black - Monitoring

Highlight – Club Bill

Elections

HCM2015 Kolodin (proof of citizenship; voter registration)

Urges Congress to immediately pass legislation requiring the Election Assistance Commission to include state specific instructions on the Federal voter registration form, like our proof of citizenship requirement, and recognize that the states, not Congress, have the power to determine voter qualifications.

SB1534 Kavanaugh (ballot measures; description; legislative council)

Requires that Legislative Council, instead of the Secretary of State and Attorney General, write the summary and yes/no language for ballot measures.

SB1011/HB2703 Petersen/Hendrix (early voting; ballot deadlines; certificates)

Requires a voter to return their voted early ballot by 7PM on Friday before the election, instead of by 7PM on election day. Removes emergency voting location and instead extends in person early voting to the Monday before the election. Requires larger counties to confirm a voters address each cycle before sending a ballot by mail and every four years for smaller counties.

HB2006 Gillette (election mailings; third-party disclosures)

Requires third parties sending voter registration forms to voters to include a disclosure that it is not official government mail.

HB2007 Gillette (voter registrations; payment prohibited)

Prohibits organizations from paying individuals per voter registration form.

HB2017 Keshel (voting centers ban; precinct size)

Bans voting centers and instead requires precincts of no more than 1,000 voters.

SB1052 Rogers (voter registration; temporary absence)

Repeals the current ability for US Citizens, who have never resided in Arizona or the US, to register to vote in Arizona.

HB2004 Gillette (voter registration cards; mailing limitation)

Prohibits counties from mailing a new or updated voter registration card to an address that is outside of this state.

HB2521 Way (elections; foreign monies)

Prohibits the use of monies or in-kind goods and services from a foreign government in election administration.

HB2673 Kolodin (early ballots; deadlines; foreign money)

A “Florida-style” election reform bill that would cut off early ballot drop offs on the Friday before the election, require voters to confirm their address every election cycle before receiving a ballot by mail, and require objective voter ID requirements for mail ballots.

SCR1012 Finchem (S/E: campaign finance reform)

Urges congress to send a constitutional amendment to the states that would allow them to pass laws regulating political spending that currently violate the First Amendment and the Citizens United decision.

SCR1020 Finchem (ballot measures; judges; odd-numbered years)

Requires ballot measures and judicial elections be held in odd-numbered years and eliminates appointments for judges.

HB1463 Mesnard (initiatives; existing laws; impact statement)

Requires ballot measure petitions to include a statement that explains how the initiative will conflict and/or impact other areas of current law.

HB2623 Weninger (campaign finance; candidate committee transfers)

Allows local candidates to amass a war chest in their campaign committee and then transfer those funds to their new committee if they run for a legislative or statewide office.

Government & Taxes

HB2722 N. Carter (public resources; expenditures; prohibition)

Codifies the Arizona Supreme Court's *Schires* decision two-pronged test for violations of the Arizona Gift Clause, clarifying that no governmental entity may provide a "gift" to a private entity that does not fulfill a public purpose and does not include commensurate consideration that does not include indirect benefits such as tax revenue, jobs, economic impact, etc.

HCR2042 Montenegro (preferential treatment; discrimination; prohibited acts) *Goldwater & Club bill

Closes a loophole in the Arizona Constitution that allows universities to maintain affirmative action programs and practices for the purpose of receiving federal monies. It also prohibits any state entity from implementing programs, hiring practices or employee positions that promote the unequal treatment of persons based upon their race or ethnicity; additionally prohibits universities from having DEI offices.

SB1371 Mesnard (income tax; subtraction; retirement distribution)

Exempts all retirement investment savings (401ks, IRAs, Roth IRAs, and pensions) from state income tax for distributions made after an individual is 59 and a half years old.

SCR1022 Hoffman (legislative districts; population; census; citizenship)

Allows Arizona to conduct our own census and count only united states citizens and to apportion legislative districts based on citizen only population.

HCR2049 Powell (state sovereignty)

A resolution of the body that they will fight federal overreach in all its manifestations and assert our constitutional powers as states innumerate in the 10th Amendment.

SB1013 Petersen (municipalities; counties; fee increases; vote)

Requires a supermajority, 2/3 vote, for any city, town, or county to implement or increase any tax or fee.

SCR1008 Petersen (municipalities; counties; vote; increases)

If approved by the voters at the next general election, would prohibit local governments from raising taxes or fees without a 2/3 majority vote.

SB1036 Kavanagh (public resources; influencing elections; penalties) *Goldwater Institute bill

Allows a taxpayer in a school district or city standing to sue over current illegal taxpayer money going to electioneering and specifies that fines be paid to the individual filing suit.

HB2317 Gillette (residential building materials; requirements; prohibition)

Restricts municipalities from adopting or enforcing limits for altering single-family residential buildings provided the building materials meet current laws and building codes.

HB2383 Wilmeth (appropriations; applied research centers; technology)

Appropriate \$8M from state general funds to the Arizona Commerce Authority to disperse grants for technological research in the areas of medical care (\$2M), energy storage that reduces carbon emissions and water sustainability (\$2M), semiconductor and semiconductor adjacent technologies (\$2M), and \$1M for any technology the ACA believes will benefit Arizona.

HB2872 Wilmeth (appropriation; office of defense innovation)

Further expands the Arizona Commerce Authority by setting up a separate “office of defense innovation” to promote the defense industry in the state and invest in defense technology. The ACA is already rife with programs that likely violate the gift clause, and this expanded and unaccountable program includes no safeguards against providing unconstitutional gifts.

HB2660 Wilmeth (affordable housing tax credits; extension) *Hobbs bill

Katie Hobbs priority that would extend and expand the state level Low Income Housing Tax Credit with an estimated cost of \$600 million. The program is rife with fraud and abuse and drives up the cost of development per unit.

SCR1009 Mesnard (revenue increases; administrative fee authorization)

Amends the constitution to remove the exemption of fees established by agencies from the original Prop 108 requirement that any tax or fee increase receive a 2/3 majority vote in both chambers, meaning that, if passed, SCR1009 would require any future fee increases to be approved by a 2/3 majority vote in both chambers of the Legislature, instead of allowing an Agency to unilaterally increase the fee

SB1318 Mesnard (income tax rate; reduction; surplus)

Requires Department of Revenue to ratchet down the income tax rate in years of structural surpluses.

SCR1014 Mesnard (surplus; income tax rate; reduction)

If approved by the voters in 2026, it requires the Department of Revenue to ratchet down the income tax rate in years of structural surpluses.

SB1331 Mesnard (income tax subtraction; capital gains)

Expands the 25% exemption from income for long term capital gains to all assets, instead of just assets owned beginning in 2012.

HCR2015 Fink (federal funds; legislative approval)

Allows the legislature to enact laws requiring legislative approval for expending any federal funds.

HB2630 Kolodin (governor nominations; agency position; eligibility)

Prohibits the Governor from hiring someone within an agency whose nomination as director of that same agency was rejected by the Senate.

HB2002 Martinez (transportation tax; deposit; county board) (good with Ways and Means amendment)

After a period, lapses that allows for businesses to apply for refunds from the available pool of illegally collected transportation sales tax funds, a potential amendment would require a tax holiday up to the amount that was not refunded.

HB2939 Livingston (childcare; subsidies; tax credits) *Hobbs bill

A sprawling tax credit program to subsidize childcare costs.

HB2873 Wilmeth (tourism improvement areas; municipalities)

Allows a municipality or county to approve the formation of a tourism improvement area upon a petition signed by the lodging business owners who represent at least 67% of the total lodging business rooms available within the

proposed area. Requires a public hearing at least 30 days after mailing notice to all lodging business owners and outlines conduct of hearing. The association must establish, charge and collect assessments on the businesses and may levy an assessment up to \$5/room sold per night, which may be tiered based on the annual average daily room rate.

HB2814 Fink (noncustodial federal monies; appropriation)

Gives broad authority to the legislature over appropriating noncustodial federal monies.

HCR2015 Fink (federal funds; legislative approval)

A proposition at the next general election would authorize the Legislature to establish by law the approval of expenditures and appropriations of federal fund monies available to this state and any of its budget units. The Legislature may establish a joint committee composed of members of each house, that when the Legislature is not in session, may exercise authority as prescribed by law relating to state and federal monies.

Energy

HB2518 Olson (employment; prohibitions; corporation commission)

Prevents regulator capture by prohibiting entities that are regulated by the Arizona Corporation Commission to hire commissioners or anyone hired directly or indirectly by the Commission in the past four years, also prohibits the Commission from hiring a person who directly or indirectly worked for an entity regulated by the Commission for the past 2 years.

HB2527 Olson (corporation commission; electricity; reliability; management)

Would prohibit the Corporation Commission from authorizing a utility to retire a dispatchable source of energy until the utility has a replacement source that is equal in capacity and reliability.

HB2738 Olson (electric utility customers; carbon reduction)

Allows for a residential electric consumer to “opt out” of their electric utility provider if their provider has committed to going Net Zero or to replace a reliable source of energy with an unreliable, intermittent source such as wind or solar.

HB2788 Olson (utility; resource plan; commission review)

Requires utilities to provide a true least cost, technology agnostic portfolio in their 15-year resource plan and provide a ratepayer measure impact test showing the cost to ratepayers.

HCM2014 Olson (corporation commission; reliable energy)

Urges the Corporation Commission to protect ratepayers from Net Zero and to allow utilities to only recover the reliable portion of energy from a new generating source, so that ratepayers only pay for the energy they get.

HB2679 Griffin (power; public utilities; UCC; securities) *neutral with Gress/Olson amendment

Allows public utilities and co-ops to issue securities when decommissioning an asset so as to not have to incorporate high-cost debt into the rate base. Can also be used to finance the transition to a “green” grid. Potential amendment would ensure securitization can only be used to decommission a reliable source of energy generation if it is being replaced with an equally reliable source of energy and results in a lower cost than keeping the asset online through the end of its useful life. With this amendment, we would support.

HB2201 Griffin (S/E: wildfire mitigation planning; liability)

Upon filing a wildfire mitigation plan to the Arizona Corporation Commission, a utility's plan is deemed approved and ultimately limits the liability of the utility if they are found to have followed their plan.

SB1119 Dunn (residential utilities; consumer office; definition)

The Residential Utilities Consumer Office is supposed to advocate for the interests of ratepayers. SB1119 defines “represent the interests of” to mean advocating for the safest and most reliable service to achieve the lowest electric rates possible.

SB1309 Carroll (public utilities; electric grid improvements)

Requires the Corporation Commission to ensure reliable power supply and requires upon the decommissioning of a reliable energy plant, that it be replaced with an equally reliable source of generation.

School Spending & Education

SB1091 Hoffman (school districts; bonds; overrides; ballots)

Requires for any bond or override election that the ballot include language explaining to voters that if the bond or override does not pass, their property tax liability would decrease by X amount.

HB2514 Olson (notices; directory information; disclosure; consent) *Goldwater Institute bill

Parental rights bill that requires school districts to get parental consent prior to selling student’s information to a third party.

SB1441 Werner (school districts; partisan elections)

Makes school board elections partisan, including the partisan affiliation of candidates on the ballot.

SB1443 Werner (parental rights; compensatory damages)

Includes mental health decisions amongst the protected parental rights and provides a minimum compensatory damage of \$2,500 for any violation.

HB2169 Gress (school districts; board meetings; expenditures)

Requires school boards to hold governing board meetings within the district at a public facility, provide public access to all meeting and subcommittee materials, and requires the governing board to approve all out-of-state travel.

SB1694 Farnsworth (higher education; withholding state monies)

Deems an Arizona higher education institution ineligible from receiving state monies and prohibits the State Treasurer, the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) from distributing state monies to a higher education institution in a fiscal year that the higher education institution offers one or more courses on diversity equity and inclusion (DEI).

Culture War

SB1099 Hoffman (sexually explicit materials; government; prohibition)

Prohibits government from providing a minor access to sexually explicit material.

SB1090 Hoffman (schools; libraries; explicit materials; classification)

Prohibits libraries from providing access to sexually explicit materials to minors.

SB1003 Kavanagh (public schools; restrooms; reasonable accommodations)

Requires schools to provide a reasonable accommodation to a student who does not wish to use the same bathroom as an individual of the opposite sex.

SB1256 Hoffman (diversity; equity; inclusion; training; prohibition)

Prohibits state government from basing hiring or promotion practices on diversity, equity, and inclusion, requiring employees to participate in DEI trainings, or conditioning a contract with an independent contractor the participation of a DEI program.

Transportation

SB1092 Hoffman (vehicle mileage; tracking; tax; prohibitions)

Freedom to Move Act which would statutorily prohibit the government from tracking, taxing, or limiting miles of travel.

SCR1004/HCR2035 Hoffman/Weninger (prohibit tax; monitoring; vehicle mileage)

Freedom to Move Act which would amend the constitution to prohibit government from tracking, taxing, or limiting miles of travel.

SCM1002 Werner (vision zero; transportation planning)

Urges the USDOT to rid the department of Vision Zero and the “Safe Systems” approach which requires a “one size fits all” solution to transportation related fatalities including lowering speed limits, narrowing and removing lanes, and requiring “equal” distribution of resources to all modes of travel, regardless of the amount of use.

SB1086 Hoffman (transportation system performance; ADOT)

Defines important transportation terms in statute, to ensure transportation planning and not transportation ideology directs projects, creates weighting for projects, and prohibits VMT limitations.

Air Quality

HCM2010 Carbone (air quality; ozone levels)

Urges Congress to prevent the EPA from imposing sanctions on Arizona and for the EPA to promulgate rules explicitly allowing for states to exclude international transport emissions from state implementation plans and for them to be approved with a showing that the state would meet the standard “but for” emissions emanating from outside of the United States.

SB1128 Carroll (air quality; causation; state boundaries) * (needs amendment to stay good bill)

Requires the Director of ADEQ to take into consideration international transport emissions when putting together a state implementation plan. Also includes a provision that empowers the Attorney General to go after other states whose emissions impact us. All states should bind together against the EPA instead of going after each other. Support the exclusion of international transport emissions, but not the section giving the Attorney General power to sue other states.