

COCONINO DEMOCRATS/DORR

ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE ALERT

February 21, 2021

NOTE TO EVERYONE!! We have made recommendations on these alerts for 165 bills, both for and against. We have been able to kill two very bad bills – SB 1419 and SB 1482. A total, so far, of 32 of the bills we support have successfully moved through the legislative process so far!! Unfortunately many of those we oppose are also still moving – we have a lot more to do but **WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!**

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RTS

URGENT!! SB 1118 OPPOSE – STRIKER – Would expand individual and corporate low-income STO tax credit vouchers to kids who transfer to private schools from being homeschooled or using an ESA for kids who move from out of state. Increases the voucher amount from \$4200 to \$5600 for grades PreK-8 and from \$5500 to \$7500 for grades 9-12, and sets the amount to automatically increase by \$200 each year. Scheduled for a Senate floor vote on Monday, 2/22!!

Contact Sen. Boyer at [pboyer@azleg.gov/602-926-4173](mailto:pboyer@azleg.gov) to ask him to withdraw his bill, then contact Wendy Rogers at [Wrogers@azleg.gov/602-926-3042](mailto:Wrogers@azleg.gov), then contact the Senate President, Karen Fann at [KFann@azleg.gov/602-926-5874](mailto:KFann@azleg.gov) ASAP!!

USE RTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE BILLS LISTED BELOW

LEGISLATIVE NOTE: We are in that period of the legislative process where STRIKER or ZOMBIE bills are starting to appear. These are bills in which the original verbiage is removed or stricken and replaced by the language of another bill that has failed to pass somewhere along the line. Often the only thing of the original bill that is retained is its title!! It is a practice to get the bill's intent passed through apparently acceptable legislative principles but would seem to be less than ethical. Please note there are a lot of these STRIKER bills listed below. Please put in the comments that it's the STRIKER VERSION you are either supporting or opposing.

BUSINESS REGULATION

HB 2005 – OPPOSE – Would block large companies like Google and Apple from restricting the purchase and download of apps to only their proprietary stores. This would force the entire Apple App Store offline, breaking the security safeguards that make Apple software so hard to hack. This is a FTC or antitrust issue and not something the states should legislate.

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS

HB 2099 – SUPPORT – Would extend the committee created in 2019 to study murders of indigenous women and girls, expand the work of the committee to all indigenous peoples, and identify targeted solutions to the problem.

SB 1558 – SUPPORT – Would appropriate funds for construction on the Ganado School Loop Road, built in 1991, which hasn't been maintained or upgraded for 28 years. It is the only point of access both to the K-12 schools and for the community hospital.

GOVERNANCE

HCR 2037 – OPPOSE – Would ask voters to amend the Arizona constitution to allow the legislature to call itself into session for the purpose of regulating a state of emergency. More effort to prevent governors from dealing with critical emergencies like pandemics.

SB 1175 – OPPOSE – HB 2248 – OPPOSE - Would prohibit the Arizona Corporation Commission from regulating the types of electric generation used by public service corporations, retroactive to June, 2020, making the commission unable to require clean energy standards. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

SB 1119 – OPPOSE – STRIKER – Would allow any member of the Arizona legislature to demand that the Attorney General review a presidential executive order to possibly declare it constitutional. Giving any state legislator free rein to throw a legal tantrum is a waste of taxpayer resources! **(PUT IN COMMENTS THAT YOU OPPOSE THE STRIKER VERSION)**

SB 1459 – OPPOSE – Would subject the Corporation Commission to the administrative review process. Another attempt to prevent the Corporation Commission from requiring state regulated utilities from getting their power from 100% carbon free sources by 2050. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

SB 1498 – OPPOSE – Would force county boards of supervisors to increased based on population. This is likely the result of the Legislature's failed push to hold Maricopa County BOS in contempt for refusing to hand over private ballots. The result would be to expand BOS's so that they could be packed with conservative representatives. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

SB 1714 – OPPOSE – Would require the "paid for by" disclosures you see on campaign ads to disclose what percentage of contributions came from out of state. Would take up a full 10% of campaign sign's height to comply. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

SCR 1025 – OPPOSE – ALSO HCR 2015 – OPPOSE - Would all a constitutional convention for the purpose of creating term limits. There is no way to limit a Constitutional Convention to a stated intent. The result would be a "runaway" convention and thus a whole new form of government would result. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HB 2310 – OPPOSE – STRIKER – Would allow Legislature Council (a group of lawyers responsible for drafting bills for lawmakers) and the Arizona Attorney General to review presidential executive orders

for “legality”, then file suit in federal court against those orders. (PUT IN COMMENTS THAT YOU OPPOSE THE STRIKER VERSION) **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HB 2702 – OPPOSE – Would block private individuals from selling or giving property to the federal government without express permission from the legislature. The goal is to stop executive actions that could set aside land for national monuments. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HCR 2020 – OPPOSE – Would ask the voters to create a lieutenant governor position for Arizona. That person, instead of the Secretary of State (currently a Democrat) would then become first in line of succession for the governor’s office. . **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HCR 2026 – OPPOSE – Would ask voters to change the state constitution to end any state of emergency automatically after 14 days. This is an attempt to constrain the governor’s ability to deal with such things as a pandemic. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

LGBTQ RIGHTS

SB 1325 – OPPOSE – STRIKER – Would prohibit banning the abusive, widely discredited practice of LGBT “conversion therapy.”!! (PUT IN COMMENTS THAT YOU OPPOSE THE STRIKER VERSION)

SAFETY NETS

SB 1411 – OPPOSE – STRIKER – Would raise the unemployment compensation, but **ONLY** if unemployment rises above 6% or if Arizona is under a state of emergency requiring businesses to pause operations. It **ALSO** reduces the current 26 week maximum for unemployment benefits under ordinary conditions to 20 weeks!! (PUT IN COMMENTS THAT YOU OPPOSE THE STRIKER VERSION)

VOTING RIGHTS

SB 1485 – OPPOSE – STRIKER – (Brings back SB 1069) – Would **STRIP VOTERS** from the Permanent Early Voting List if they fail to vote their early ballots in two back-to-back primary and general elections **AND** strike the word “permanent” from statute. (PUT IN COMMENTS THAT YOU OPPOSE THE STRIKER VERSION)

SB 1593 – OPPOSE – Would make a host of voting-related changes, none of them good. It shortens the early voting period from 27 to 22 days, specifies early ballots must be received by 7 pm on Election Day, adds a second “privacy envelope” and makes voters surrender their early ballots in order to vote in person.

SCR 1006 – OPPOSE – STRIKER – Would ask voters to change the Arizona Constitution to require the legislature to hold a special session after every presidential election to review the results. It would give the legislature the sole authority to appoint presidential electors – **effectively asking voters to give up their right to select the president!!** (PUT IN COMMENTS THAT YOU OPPOSE THE STRIKER VERSION)

SB 1613 – OPPOSE – Would require all election results to remain in the US and for all election equipment, including computers, paper and other supplies to be made only in the USA. An unnecessary conspiracy-theory driven bill. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

SB 1713 – OPPOSE – Would require voters to send their early ballots back with proof of their eligibility to vote: an early ballot affidavit with their date of birth and a copy of their ID! Clearly designed to make it harder to vote. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

SB 1793 – OPPOSE – Would require, rather than permit, the Secretary of State to compare the records of deaths with the statewide voter registration database and purge deceased voters. Eligible voters often end up being removed by mistake and federal law strictly governs how close to an election these purges can take place. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HCR 2001 – OPPOSE – Would place more hurdles in the ballot initiative process which is constitutionally protected.

EDUCATION

SB 1109 – OPPOSE – Nullifies the Prop 208 tax increase, and chains individual income tax rates to state growth so that they can never increase, starting in 2022. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

SB 1456 – OPPOSE – Would ban sex-e and AIDS instruction before the 5th grade; makes classes opt-in with written permission (rather than opt-out); and bans discussing gender identity and gender expression without parental consent. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

SB 1783 – OPPOSE – Would create a new “small business taxpayer” category with pre-Prop 208 tax rates. The bill would be retroactive to 2020, effectively nullifying the tax increase voters just passed in November. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

SCR 1044 – SUPPORT – Would ask voters to make students who attend high school in Arizona for 2 years before graduating eligible for in-state tuition regardless of their immigration status. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

WOMEN’S RIGHTS

SB 1362 – OPPOSE – WENDY ROGERS – Would add medical students to the list of providers who can refuse to assist with abortion-related services. All medical professionals would be allowed to refuse to dispense emergency contraception, as well as to cite ethical grounds and simply state verbally that they will not assist. There would be no protections for patients, even in an emergency. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

SB 1381 – OPPOSE – WENDY ROGERS – Would ban ending a pregnancy on the basis of any disability in the fetus, even one incompatible with life. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

BUSINESS REGULATION

SB 1392 – OPPOSE – Would provide a tax cut to wealthy business owners, allowing them to use business losses in previous years to reduce their taxes in profitable years. There is no estimate of the cost of the general fund for this bill. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HB 2549 – OPPOSE – Would require a separate “probable cause hearing” to be held for every COVID-related civil action, with the plaintiff bearing the burden of proof. This is a high bar for civil action. Seems designed to favor businesses over the public. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HB 2827 – OPPOSE – Would ban a government entity or financial institution from “discriminating” against a weapons manufacturer by refusing to provide services, and would allow the firearms manufacturer to file a civil action for damages. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 1486 – SUPPORT – Would legalize test strips to detect fentanyl in drugs. Fentanyl is the most dangerous new drug in a generation: strong, cheap and often mixed into illicit opioids to make them more profitable. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HB2575 – OPPOSE – Bans hospitals from denying clergy visitation rights, including during a pandemic. The bill makes NO provision for infection control training, fit-tested personal protective equipment, self-quarantine after exposure, or an acknowledgement of risks. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HB 2623 – SUPPORT – Would prohibit the use of consumer fireworks between 10pm and 8am on all days. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HB 2751 – SUPPORT – Would limit a judge’s ability to issue so-called “no-knock warrants”, which allow police to enter a building without knocking or announcing themselves. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HB 2764 – SUPPORT – Clarifies the process for revoking a concealed-weapons permit from someone being sentenced for a felony or being served an order of protection. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HB 2770 – OPPOSE – Would exempt businesses from enforcing mask mandates. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HB 2840 – OPPOSE – Would allow parents to bypass gun-free zones at public schools and keep loaded and unlocked weapons within reach in their cars while dropping off and picking up children. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

SAFETY NETS

HB 2766- SUPPORT – Would waive fees for state IDs for people experiencing homelessness. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

HB 2805 – SUPPORT – Would increase unemployment compensation to \$300 a week beginning in 2022, paid for by slightly raising the taxable wage base to \$8,000. Arizona pays the second lowest unemployment benefit of any state and hasn't been raised since 2004!! **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

FREE ASSEMBLY

HB 2309 – OPPOSE – Would bar anyone who participates in a riot or unlawful assembly from every working for the state or obtaining scholarships or welfare benefits. Many of last year's BLM protests in Phoenix were declared "unlawful" by police. This bill is just another way of throwing the book at peaceful protesters. **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

ENVIRONMENT

HB 2691 – OPPOSE – STRIKER – Would create a new regulatory program in Arizona for some water bodies that, in the wake of Trump-era deregulation, are no longer federally protected. Representatives of the mining industry, agriculture and developers support this!! (PUT IN COMMENTS THAT YOU OPPOSE THE STRIKER VERSION) . **(Use RTS AND e-mail/call our Senator – goes to the Senate floor this week)**

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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PENDING FEDERAL LEGISLATION

FEDERAL ACTION ALERT – FEBRUARY 21, 2021

For Senator Kelly: Senator Kelly has not expressed a position on four crucial areas of concern to Democrats that would protect voters' rights, make Washington DC a state, and on removing the filibuster. Please urge him to issue a statement of support for the For the People Act, The John Lewis Voter Protection Act, Washington DC Statehood and for removing the Filibuster.

Sen. Mark Kelley: Call (202) 224-2235 (DC), Email via his website at <http://www.kelly.senate.gov> Tag the Senator at @senmarkkelly

For Senator Sinema: Once again, please call Sen. Sinema urging her to support DC statehood and to end the filibuster.

Sen. Sinema: Call (202) 224-4521 (DC) or (602) 598-7327. Email via her website at "<http://www.sinema.senate.gov>" Tag the Senator at @senatorsinema,

CONTACT BOTH SENATORS TO SUPPORT THE NOMINATION OF DEB HAALAND AS INTERIOR SECRETARY – THAT VOTE IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

For Representative O'Halleran:

SUPPORT THE US CITIZENSHIP ACT OF 2021. Introduced on Feb. 18, 2021 this is the major White House push for major immigration reform. The Act would grant five year temporary legal status for up to 11 million eligible undocumented persons in the US, including Dreamers. There would be a pathway to citizenship in the three following years.

SUPPORT HR 40 TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY AND ITS IMPACT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REPARATIONS TO CONGRESS.

SUPPORT HR 803 – Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act - This resolution incorporates an number of wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, and public land acts that were all passed by the House last year but never heard in the Senate. Includes the Grand Canyon Protection Act.

THANK REP O'HALLERAN FOR CO SPONSORSHIP of the PROTECTING AMERICA'S WILDRERNESS AND PUBLIC LANDS ACT. (HR 1052) . This Act withdraws 1.2 million acres of public lands surrounding the Grand Canyon from uranium mining, designates as wilderness 1.49 million acres of public lands and protects 1000 miles of rivers as "scenic rivers."

Rep. O'Halleran: Call (202) 225-3361 or send an email via his website at <http://www.ohalleran.house.gov>

Coconino County Board of Supervisors Weekly Update

February 21, 2021

Good News about Covid from BOS MTG 2/16/21---Kim Musselman Report

- 5100 vaccines arrive weekly from the state—38% to county, 62% to partner agencies
- Case numbers have DECREASED by 67% over the past 4 weeks
- Vaccines now available to rest of 1b including essential workers and adults with high risk in congregate settings; these two groups total approx. 37000 people. North Country will coordinate with the Shelter to provide vaccines next week.
- Fort Tuthill extended to 6 days/week made possible by additional logistical support and more available vaccines
- Working with LatinX advocates to schedule appts
- Fredonia will get vaccines on 2/22 via mobile outreach thru Encompass
- Severe weather in midsection of country might delay shipment to county
- NAU slated to become a State POD (point of delivery) with 2/27 opening at the field house on campus--not anticipated that this will affect the county weekly allocation; will be open to non-NAU people
- A daily dash board from the county to include locations and number of first and second doses soon to be online...this will give the public data clarity
- County asking people with internet and computer skills to reach out to their neighbors who have yet to be vaccinated and help with transportation and scheduling needs: Neighbors helping Neighbors program
- County will be switching from Eventbrite to ADHS system scheduling with tentative rollout for 2/26.

Bad News Update Friday, February 19, 2021

- Severe weather in midsection of country delays weekly shipment to county
- Fort Tuthill and all partner agencies have cancelled FIRST dose appts for Thur-Sat due to weather issues in the Midwest
- Every attempt will be made to reschedule these appts
- **SECOND DOSE APPTS NOT CANCELLED**

MONDAY 2/22 and TUESDAY 2/23 Vaccine appointments canceled – FIRST DOSE

HELP LINE: 928-679-7300

FACEBOOK LIVE EVENT

Arizona's Energy Destiny around HB2248 and SB1175 that will include Corporation Commissioner Anna Tovar, Former LD 7 State Representative Eric Descheenic, and youth activist Indira Nelsen that is being put on by Arizona Students Association, Northern Arizona Climate Change Alliance, and FALA Environmental Club.

This event will be taking place on Tuesday, February 23rd at 4 pm.

Arizona's Energy Destiny Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/449414862772318>

Registration Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlduGsqzltGdbONuCi_0KLBKjsxOM4Ftpv?fbclid=IwAR0AlNLC1il6nf21VXHwARSNp5bDXRulMQDdtvnwHjYVmr3guZFF0BQyr0E

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

There is supposed to be a meeting of the IRC on Tuesday, February 23RD at 2:00, but as of 2:35 on Sunday morning, no agenda as been posted.

When they post the agenda, it can be found at <https://publicmeetings.az.gov/search/node/Independent%20Redistricting%20Commission>

Links to the meeting and the public comments will be in the agenda.