



2023 SALC Positions — July 26, 2023

SALC SUPPORTED

HB2200 – Appropriation; Arizona Commerce Authority; Arizona infrastructure grant program; exemption

Sponsor: Rep. Justin Wilmeth (R)

Summary: Appropriates \$10M to the Arizona Commerce Authority to administer an Arizona Infrastructure Grant Program.

Status: **DIED.** Passed Commerce Committee as a strike-everything amendment 8-2 on 2/14. Held in Appropriations Committee on 2/20.

SALC SUPPORTED

*HB2308 - Secretary of state; election; recusal

Sponsor: Rep. Rachel Jones (R)

Summary: The Secretary of State is prohibited from taking any action with respect to the portion of an election in which the Secretary of State is a candidate and is required to announce publicly the person in the Secretary of State's office who will perform those duties.

Status: **DIED.** Passed House 31-29 on 2/21. Passed Senate 16-14 amended on 4/4. Passed House Final Passage 31-26 on 5/15. Vetoed by Governor on 5/19.

SALC SUPPORTED

*HB2378 - Officials; political action committee prohibition

Sponsor: Rep. Leo Biasiucci (R)

Summary: An individual who is an election officer or employee or who oversees any significant aspect of election operations is prohibited from being a chairperson, treasurer, or other member of a political action committee. Does not apply to an individual's membership in a candidate committee for that individual's own candidacy.

Status: **DIED.** Passed House 49-11 amended on 2/21. Failed Senate 13-16 on 4/12. Motion to reconsider passed on 4/12.

SALC SUPPORTED

HB2643 - State aviation fund; appropriation

Sponsor: Rep. David L. Cook (R)

Summary: Appropriates \$26 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the State Aviation Fund. From this amount, \$6 million is required to be distributed to the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

Status: Included in the budget in SB1722, \$20M for the Aviation Fund and \$7M for Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. Signed by Governor on 5/11.

SALC SUPPORTED

HB2753 - Graduate medical education; residency programs

Sponsor: Rep. Michele Peña (R)

Summary: By March 1, 2024, the Arizona Area Health Education System (AAHES) is required to establish a program for qualifying community health centers and rural health clinics that supports and expands the number of primary care residency positions, provides support and technical assistance for starting or expanding primary care residency programs in rural areas and health professional shortage areas, and provides training and technical assistance to support the success of qualifying community health center and rural health clinic primary care residency programs. Appropriates \$5M from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the AAHES for these purposes. Appropriates \$5M from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Administration for the direct and indirect costs of primary care graduate medical education at qualifying community health centers and rural health clinics.

Status: Included in the budget in SB1720. Expands the AHCCCS-established GME program to provide reimbursements for qualifying health care services to advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) in residency and fellowship programs. Signed by Governor on 5/11.

SALC SUPPORTED

HB2809 - Public infrastructure improvements; reimbursement

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Carbone (R)

Summary: Increases from \$100M to \$200M the aggregate maximum amount on payments to all counties and municipalities to reimburse the cost of public infrastructure improvements for the benefit of a manufacturing facility.

Status: Passed House 60-0 on 3/7. Passed Senate 21-9 amended on 6/12. Passed House Final Passage 38-20 on 6/13. Signed by Governor on 6/19.

SALC SUPPORTED

SB1084 - Appropriation; health innovation trust fund

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

Summary: Appropriates \$200M from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Health Innovation Trust Fund.

Status: DIED. Passed Senate 21-6-3 amended on 3/14. Transmitted to House. Passed House Appropriations Committee 13-2 amended on 3/29. Awaiting Rules Committee.

SALC SUPPORTED

SB1065 - Appropriation; widening; I-10

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

Summary: Appropriates \$360M from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to widen Interstate 10 between Chandler and Casa Grande. ADOT is required to use the monies for construction-related activities, including drawing down federal matching monies for the project.

Status: Included in the budget, \$89 million appropriated in SB 1272. Signed by Governor on 5/11.

SALC SUPPORTED

**SB1066 – Election mailings; third-party disclosures

Sponsor: Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary: Any nongovernmental person or entity that mails an official election-related document or a document that resembles an official election-related document from the county recorder, county officer in charge of elections, or the Secretary of State, including a voter registration application or an early ballot request, is required to include the words "not from a government agency" in boldfaced, clearly legible print on the outside of the envelope.

Status: DIED. Passed Senate 16-14 on 2/28. Passed House 38-20 on 5/15. Vetoed by Governor on 5/26.

SALC SUPPORTED

*SB1103 - Administrative review; approvals; developments

Sponsor: Sen. Petersen (R)

Summary: The legislative body of a municipality is allowed by ordinance to: authorize administrative personnel to review and approve site plans, development plans, preliminary plats or final plats without a public hearing; authorize administrative personnel to review and approve design review plans based on objective standards without a public hearing; adopt a self-certification program allowing registered architects and professional engineers to certify and be responsible for compliance with all applicable ordinances and construction standards for certain projects; allow at-risk submittals for certain on-site preliminary grading or drainage work; and allow applicants with a history of compliance with building codes and regulations to be eligible for expedited permit review.

Status: Passed Senate 28-1 amended on 2/14. Passed House amended 59-0 on 2/27. Passed Senate Final Passage 25-3 on 3/1. Signed by Governor on 3/3.

SALC SUPPORTED

**SB1178 – Early voting; identification; signature

Sponsor: Sen. Ken Bennett (R)

Summary: If a voter is issued an early ballot at any voting location during the period of early voting after presenting and confirming the required identification, the voter's early ballot is deemed ready for tabulating, and additional signature verification of the completed affidavit envelope is not required.

Status: DIED. Passed Senate 30-0 on 3/9. Transmitted to House. Failed 0-9 in House Municipal Oversight & Elections Committee on 3/29.

SALC SUPPORTED

SB1183 - Appropriation; STEM; learning; workforce development

Sponsor: Sen. Ken Bennett (R)

Summary: Appropriates \$3M from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) to administer a grant program charged with cultivating STEM learning and STEM workforce development opportunities in Arizona. The legislature intends that the appropriation be considered ongoing funding in future years. By December 31, 2023, the ACA is required to report to the Legislature on distribution of grant monies.

Status: **DIED.** Passed Senate 16-11-3 amended on 3/15. Transmitted to House. Assigned to House Education Cmte.

SALC SUPPORTED

SB1272 - CTEs; in-demand programs; funding

Sponsor: Sen. Ken Bennett (R)

Summary: Deletes the requirement for a 9th grader enrolled in a Career Technical Education (CTE) program to reach the 40th day of 11th grade enrolled in the CTE program in order to receive funding unless that student was enrolled in a program on the in-demand regional education list. Deletes the requirement for the Office of Economic Opportunity and the Arizona Department of Education to annually compile an in-demand regional education list. Repeals the Arizona Industry Credentials Incentive Program.

Status: **DIED.** Passed Senate 25-4 on 2/20. Transmitted to House. Assigned to House Education Committee.

SALC SUPPORTED

***SB1324 – Images; voter lists; records; contest**

Sponsor: Sen. Ken Bennett (R)

Summary: Requires a county recorder to prepare a list of eligible voters, excluding personal identifying information and transmit the information to the Secretary of State (SOS) who must immediately post the information on a secure website at least 10 days before a primary and general election. Requires the SOS to digitally publish a list of all persons who voted in an election, unaltered images of all ballots and a sortable cast vote record. Prescribes requirements for a person accessing the voter lists, ballot images and cast vote record.

Status: **DIED.** Passed Senate 16-13 amended on 3/28. Transmitted to House. Senate passed motion request House to return SB 1324. House returned SB 1324 on 5/9 to Senate. Senate passed HB 2560 19-9 on 5/15. Vetoed by Governor on 5/19.

SALC SUPPORTED

SB1368 - Appropriation; space analog program

Sponsor: Sen. David Gowan (R)

Summary: Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the University of Arizona for the Space Analog for the Moon and Mars Program at Biosphere 2.

Status: Included in budget in SB 1720, \$1.5M appropriated in FY2024. Intent is that the appropriation in FY24 be used to fund the program in FY2024, FY2025, and FY2026. Signed by Governor on 5/11.

SALC SUPPORTED

SB1562 - Research; development; tax credits

Sponsor: Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary: Increases the maximum aggregate amount of tax credits for increased research activities to \$10M, from \$5M, in any calendar year. The Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) may approve a portion of the unused balance of income tax credits for increased research activities for reinvestment for sustainability or water capital projects, a capital expenditure project between the taxpayer and an institution of higher learning or a Career Technical Education District (CTED), or a workforce development project between the taxpayer and an institution of higher learning or a CTED. The amount of the income tax credit reinvestment is \$0.75 per dollar of unused credit, not to exceed \$10M per year per applicant or the applicant's current unused balance of unused credits, whichever is less. The maximum aggregate of income tax credit reinvestments the ACA may approve is limited to \$50M in any fiscal year. The reinvestment provisions self-repeal on July 1, 2033. Appropriates \$50.075M from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the ACA to implement and administer the reinvestment of the credits. Retroactive to July 1, 2023.

Status: **DIED.** Failed in the Senate 10-19 on 3/21.

SALC SUPPORTED

****SB1706 - Arizona empowerment scholarships; quarterly report**

Sponsor: Sen. Christine Marsh (D)

Summary: The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is required to submit a quarterly report to the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the Legislature with specified information on Arizona empowerment scholarship accounts and is required to post the report on the ADE website.

Status: Included in budget in SB 1729. Signed by Governor on 5/11.

SALC SUPPORTED

SB1400 – Relating to noncredit workforce training

Sponsor: Sen. Justine Wadsack (R)

Summary: Includes noncredit workforce training full-time equivalent student enrollment (FTSE) in a community college district's (CCD's) reported FTSE used to calculate the CCD's state aid and expenditure limit.

Status: Passed Senate 25-5 amended on 3/2. Passed House 58-0 amended on 5/15. Passed Senate Final Passage 24-4 on 6/13. Signed by Governor on 6/20.

SALC SUPPORTED

SB1717 - Dual enrollment; revisions; appropriations

Sponsor: Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary: Establishes the Dual Enrollment Incentive Program within the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to provide an incentive bonus to teachers, school districts and charter schools for students who obtain a passing grade in a qualifying dual enrollment course. Establishes bonus requirements and amounts. Appropriates \$5M from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the newly established Dual Enrollment Incentive Fund. Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the newly established Dual Enrollment Development Fund to provide incentive bonuses to teachers who provide instruction in at least one dual enrollment course. Appropriates \$15M from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Dual Enrollment Student Fund to provide financial assistance to students who pass a qualifying dual enrollment course and meet other specified criteria.

Status: Included in the budget in SB 1729, \$15M for student incentives and \$500,000 for teacher incentives. Signed by Governor on 5/11.

SALC SUPPORTED

SCR1041 - School districts; expenditure limit; authorization

Sponsor: Sen. Sonny Borrelli (R)

Summary: The Legislature authorizes the expenditure of local revenues by school districts in excess of the expenditure limitation prescribed in the state Constitution in FY2023-24. This authorization is effective only on the approval of this resolution by at least 2/3 of the members of each house of the Legislature by roll call vote.

Status: Passed Senate 24-6 on 5/10. Passed House 53-6 on 5/10. Transmitted to Secretary of State on 5/11.

SALC OPPOSED

***HB2377 – Public officers; lobbying; prohibition**

Sponsor: Rep. Leo Biasiucci (R)

Summary: Would prohibit public officers (elected officials and appointed officers of a public agency including all courts, any department agency, board, commission, institution or legislative or administrative body of the state, county municipality and any other political subdivision) from lobbying for compensation before any public agency.

Status: **DIED.** Passed House 44-16 amended on 2/22. Passed Senate 16-13 amended on 4/12 to only prohibit elected officers from engaging in lobbying before a public agency. Vetoed by Governor on 5/19.

SALC OPPOSED

***SB1011 - Municipalities; partisan elections**

Sponsor: Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary: Municipal elections may be held with the candidate's political party registration indicated on the ballot. Applies to municipal elections held on or after January 1, 2024.

Status: **DIED.** Passed Senate 18-12 on 2/8. Passed House 31-27 on 5/15. Vetoed by Governor on 5/19.

SALC OPPOSED

***SB1182 - Arizona promise program; private universities**

Sponsor: Sen. Ken Bennett (R)

Summary: A degree-granting private postsecondary educational institution in Arizona is authorized to implement an Arizona promise program to provide financial assistance to students on the same terms as a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR). An award provided to an eligible student by a private postsecondary educational institution is prohibited from exceeding the highest actual cost of in-state tuition and fees charged by a university under the jurisdiction of ABOR.

Status: **DIED.** Passed Senate 16-13 amended on 2/15. Transmitted to House. Passed House Education Committee 6-4 on 3/7. Awaiting Rules Committee.

SALC OPPOSED

SB1265 - Voting; elections; tally; prohibition

Sponsor: Sen. Anthony Kern (R)

Summary: For every election held in Arizona, the person who receives the highest number of legal votes is required to be declared elected. The state, counties, municipalities, or political subdivisions are prohibited from using a voting method in an election or nomination process for any state, city, town, county, or federal office that allows voters to select or rank, designate or otherwise indicate approval of or preference for more candidates than are eligible to be declared elected for any office; that allows ballots cast to be tabulated in any manner that involves the elimination of candidates through multiple rounds of tabulation or the transfer or redistribution of votes between or among candidates; or that requires the ranking of every candidate for an office as a condition of a voter's vote being counted in the final tally.

Status: **DIED.** Passed Senate 16-13 on 2/28. Passed House 31-27 on 5/15. Vetoed by Governor on 6/5.

SALC OPPOSED

***SB1268 - Annexation; notice; approval**

Sponsor: Sen. Janae Shamp (R)

Summary: Modifies the requirements for municipal annexation to require a petition signed by the owners of 60 percent or more, instead of 50 percent or more, in value of the real and personal property and more than 60 percent, instead of 50 percent, of the persons owning real and personal property that would be subject to taxation by the municipality in the event of annexation.

Status: **DIED.** Passed Senate 16-14 amended on 2/28. Passed House 31-27 on 5/15. Vetoed by Governor on 6/5.

SALC OPPOSED

***SB1559 – Businesses; fees; income tax reduction**

Sponsor: Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary: For tax years beginning with 2024, the list of subtractions from Arizona gross income for the purpose of individual and corporate income taxes is expanded to include the following amounts of income received from the business for an individual who is the owner of a business or for a corporation: 100 percent of the income received for the business' first year of operation, 50 percent of the income received for the business' second year of operation, and 25 percent of the income received for the business' third year of operation. A new business or a person establishing a new business is exempt from all Arizona Corporation Commission business, service, and copying filing fees, from all Secretary of State business and trademark registration and financing statement filing fees, and from state transaction privilege tax license fees. Beginning January 1, 2024, the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) is encouraged to award five percent of the total number of state contracts entered wins each year to "new businesses". ADOA is required to evaluate lowering barriers for new businesses to compete for state contracts.

Status: **DIED.** Passed Senate 16-12 on 3/14. Failed House 27-33 on 6/12.

SALC OPPOSED

***SB1577 - Income tax rate; reduction; surplus/SCR 1035 Surplus; income tax rate; reduction**

Sponsor: Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary: For each tax year beginning with 2024, the Department of Revenue is required to reduce the individual income tax rate for the current tax year so that the amount of the rate reduction is equal to that tax year's "Arizona taxpayer return," defined as 50 percent of the "structural surplus" for the immediately following fiscal year.

Status SB 1577: **DIED.** Passed Senate 16-13 on 2/22. Failed House 29-31 on 6/12.

Status SCR 1035: DIED. Passed Senate 16-13 on 2/22. Transmitted to House. Passed House Ways & Means Committee 6-4 on 3/8. Awaiting Rules Committee.

SALC OPPOSED

***SCR1002 - Constitutional amendments; sixty percent approval**

Sponsor: Sen. Anthony Kern (R)

Summary: The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require approval by 60 percent of the votes cast on the measure for an initiative or referendum measure that amends the state Constitution to become law, instead of a majority of the votes cast.

Status: DIED. Passed Senate 16-13 on 2/21. Transmitted to House. Replaced with a strike-everything amendment to prohibit instant run-off elections in House Municipal Oversight and Elections Committee on 3/29 that passed 6-4 on 3/29. Awaiting Rules Committee.

SALC OPPOSED

***SCR1015 - Initiative; referendum; signatures; legislative districts**

Sponsor: Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary: The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require statewide initiative measures to obtain signatures from 10 percent of the voters from each legislative district, instead of from the entire state, for a statewide measure, and from 15 percent of the voters of each legislative district, instead of from the entire state, for an amendment to the state Constitution.

Status: Passed Senate 16-13 on 2/14. Passed House 31-29 on 6/12. Transmitted to Secretary of State.

SALC OPPOSED

***SCR1034 - General appropriation bill; continuing appropriation**

Sponsor: Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary: The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to provide that if a new fiscal year begins and no general appropriation bill has been signed into law for that fiscal year, the general appropriation bill in effect for the immediately preceding fiscal year continues in effect as if enacted into law for the new fiscal year until a general appropriation bill has been signed into law for that fiscal year. Allows the Joint Legislative Budget Committee or its successor agency, by a majority vote of all members appointed to the committee, adjust the amounts that were in effect for the immediately preceding fiscal year to remove onetime expenditures and account for inflation and enrollment growth for programs administered by the Arizona Department of Education, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and the Department of Economic Security, or their successor agencies, in the new fiscal year. Does not apply if after these adjustments, the general appropriation bill appropriates an amount that exceeds the projected general fund revenues for the new fiscal year.

Status: DIED. Passed Senate 16-12-2 amended on 3/1. Transmitted to House. Passed House Appropriations Committee 9-6 on 3/22. Awaiting Rules Committee.

SALC OPPOSED

HCR2033 - Primary elections; eligible candidates

Sponsor: Rep. Austin Smith (R)

Summary: The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require the direct primary election for partisan offices to be conducted in a manner so that each political party that has qualified for representation on the ballot must be permitted to nominate for each office a number of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled for that office in the ensuing general election, and all otherwise eligible candidates who are so nominated must be placed on the ballot in the next ensuing general election. The direct primary election law enacted by the Legislature supersedes any contrary or inconsistent provision of any charter, law, ordinance, rules, resolution, or policy of any city.

Status: Passed House 31-28 on 3/1. Passed Senate 16-13 on 3/28. Transmitted to Secretary of State on 3/28.

* Indicates vetted by Public Policy Committee

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