



**13. H2326  
AGRICULTURAL FEED; SALES; TAX  
EXEMPTION**

The exemption from the retail classification of transaction privilege tax and use tax for certain livestock and poultry feed is expanded to include sales of livestock and poultry feed to persons for use or consumption by their own livestock or poultry or for use or consumption in noncommercial boarding of livestock.

**Chamber Position: OPPOSE**

**14. H2373  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY;  
MEMBERSHIP; ELECTION**

The members of a regional transportation authority (RTA) that are members of the regional council of governments (COG) must be from the county that established the RTA.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**15. H2386  
PATENT TROLL PREVENTION ACT**

A person is prohibited from making an assertion of patent infringement in bad faith. Violations are an unlawful practice and subject to enforcement through private action and prosecution by the Attorney General.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**16. H2391  
MUNICIPALITIES; WATER RATES;  
REQUIREMENTS**

Municipalities are prohibited from assessing or collecting a fee on new water or wastewater service connections at the time of the establishment of service to those connections for the purpose of recovering the municipality's costs of acquiring the utility plan, facilities, system or other property of a public service corporation or another municipality engaged in the business of providing water or wastewater service.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**17. H2403  
TAX LIEN DEEDS; AGGREGATE FEES**

Maximum aggregate fee the county treasurer may require to execute and deliver a deed for any judgment foreclosing the right to redeem ten or more individual parcels is \$500.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**18. H2440  
MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS;  
FORMATION ELECTION**

If a municipal council or governing body determines that a municipal improvement district should be formed, the municipal council is required to submit within 120 days to the municipal clerk a petition to form the district that is signed by the owners of more than 1/2 of the taxable property units within the area of the proposed district and that is signed by persons owning collectively more than 1/2 of the assessed valuation of the property within the area of the proposed district.

**Chamber Position: OPPOSE**

**19. H2447  
BUSINESS ENTITIES; DATABASE; POSTING;  
REQS**

The Corporation Commission is required to establish and maintain a database for documents filed for various business entity filings. The database must include only documents filed for an entity with a known place of business located in a county with a population of more than 800,000 persons (Pima and Maricopa Counties).

**Chamber Position: OPPOSE**

**20. H2450  
EXPEDITED RULEMAKING; OUTDATED RULES**

The list of circumstances under which an agency is permitted to conduct expedited rulemaking is expanded to include if the rulemaking amends or repeals rules that are outdated, redundant or otherwise no longer necessary for the operation of state government.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**21. H2479  
ABOR; TERMS**

The term of each appointive member of the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) is reduced to four years, from eight.

**Chamber Position: OPPOSE**

**22. H2486  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES;  
RELOCATION; REIMBURSEMENT**

To the fullest extent allowed by law, if any construction in any municipality that is undertaken individually or jointly by an intergovernmental contract and that is funded in whole or in part by voter-approved municipal bond proceeds requires a "telecommunications utility" to adjust or relocate the utility's facilities, the county or municipality must reimburse the utility or cause the utility to be reimbursed for the utility's relocation costs.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**23. H2497  
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; PERMITS;  
EQUIPMENT**

A political subdivision is required to allow a list of specified persons to install, operate and maintain "microcell equipment" in the public highways within the political subdivision and, upon application, is required to issue permits for the installation, operation and maintenance of microcell equipment on a competitively neutral and nondiscriminatory basis to those persons.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**24. H2502  
MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT**

Enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to establish a comprehensive and streamlined process allowing physicians to become licensed in multiple states. Adopts the prevailing standard for licensure and requires the physician to be under the jurisdiction of the state medical board where the patient is located.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**25. H2507  
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING**

Modifies the specified latitude and longitude borders within which electronic outdoor advertising is authorized.

**Chamber Position: OPPOSE**

**26. H2512  
PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS; EXPENDITURE  
LIMIT EXEMPTION**

Any payment to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System made by a county or municipality against the county's or municipality's unfunded accrued liability is excluded from the county's or municipality's expenditure limitation established by the state Constitution.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**27. H2517  
BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS; REGULATION  
RESTRICTIONS**

State agencies, counties and municipalities are required to limit all "entry regulations" and "public service restrictions" applicable to businesses and professions to those that are demonstrably necessary and carefully tailored to fulfill legitimate public health, safety or welfare objectives.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**28. H2524  
UNIFORM FIREARMS TRANSFER COMPACT**

The state of Arizona adopts and agrees to be bound by a uniform firearms transfer compact, which would have prohibited member states from enacting or enforcing any law, regulation or policy that would "impose any fee, tax, penalty, mandate or regulation governing, punishing, restricting, conditioning or otherwise burdening in any respect or at any time the transfer of firearms by any person" in addition to then-existing federal law, with some exceptions.

**Chamber Position: OPPOSE**

**29. H2536  
FINE ART; TPT EXEMPTION**

The list of exemptions from the retail classification of transaction privilege tax is expanded to include sales of "work of fine art" at an art auction or gallery in Arizona to nonresidents if the vendor ships or delivers the work of fine art to a destination out of state.

**Chamber Position: OPPOSE**

**30. H2568  
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS;  
FORMATION; GOVERNANCE**

Beginning with community facilities districts formed after the effective date of this legislation, if the land proposed to be included in the district was more than 600 acres, on presentation of a petition signed by the owners of all the land area proposed to be included in the district, the governing body would have been required to adopt a resolution declaring its intention to form a district to include contiguous or noncontiguous property that was wholly within the corporate boundaries of the municipality or county, and to adopt the resolution within 90 days after the submittal of the petition.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**31. H2579  
NONWAGE COMPENSATION; MINIMUM  
WAGE**

Statute stating that regulation of employee benefits is not subject to further regulation by political subdivisions is expanded to include "nonwage compensation," defined as fringe benefits, welfare benefits, child or adult care plans, sick pay, vacation pay, severance pay, commissions, bonuses, retirement plan or pension contributions, other employment benefits and other amounts promised to the employee that are more than the minimum compensation due an employee by reason of employment.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**32. H2584  
DATA CENTER TAX RELIEF; QUALIFICATION**

For the purpose of computer data center tax relief, the effective date of the certification as a computer data center by the Arizona Commerce Authority is the date on which the application was submitted to the Authority. The list of costs constituting the minimum investments a computer data center must make is expanded to include improvements to land, and the costs may be spent on items owned or leased or paid for under a right to use agreement.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**33. H2666  
GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY  
OFFICE; CONSOLIDATION**

Establishes the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), the OEO Operations Fund and the Economic Development Fund. Various statutory fees are deposited in the OEO Operations Fund instead of the Arizona Competes Fund. OEO Director is required to monitor the state's tax competitiveness, implementing a data collection and analysis process to benchmark regulatory costs and the state's competitive position, and serving as the state's workforce planning coordinator.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**34. HCM2001  
HEALTH INSURANCE TAX; REPEAL**

The Legislature urges the U.S. Congress to enact legislation to repeal the health insurance tax to make health care more affordable for working families, individuals and businesses.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**35. HCR2014  
MINIMUM WAGE; STATE PREEMPTION**

The 2016 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to establish a minimum wage of \$8.41 an hour for calendar year 2017, \$8.77 an hour for 2018, \$9.13 an hour for 2019, \$9.50 an hour for 2020, and beginning January 1, 2021 and each January 1 after, by the increase in the cost of living. The statutory formula for determining the increase in cost of living is modified. For any employee who customarily and regularly receives tips or gratuities, the employer may pay a wage up to 35 percent less than the minimum wage, instead of \$3.00 per hour less.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**36. S1118  
OFFICE OF TOURISM; CONTINUATION**

The statutory life of the Office of Tourism is extended six years to July 1, 2022.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**37. S1208  
TEACHER CERTIFICATION; RECIPROCITY**

Board rules providing for teacher certification reciprocity must require that the applicant with certification from another state be in good standing with that other state. An applicant with a valid teacher certification from another state who is in good standing with that other state must be issued a standard teaching certificate.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**38. S1216  
CHARITABLE DONATIONS; TAX CREDIT  
AMOUNTS**

The maximum amounts of income tax credits for contributions during the tax year to a qualifying charitable organization other than a qualifying foster care charitable organization are increased to \$400 for a single individual or head of household, and to \$800 for a married couple filing jointly.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**39. S1257  
MISCONDUCT INVOLVING WEAPONS;  
PUBLIC PLACES**

A person who possesses a valid concealed weapons permit is exempt from the prohibition on carrying a concealed weapon in a public establishment or at a public event.

**Chamber Position: OPPOSE**

**40. S1267  
MILITARY SERVICE; POSTSECONDARY  
ACADEMIC CREDIT**

The Arizona Board of Regents and community college district governing boards must develop policies to award academic credit that a current or former member of the U.S. military may use toward the pursuit of a baccalaureate or associate degree.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**41. S1291  
TPT; UTILITIES; MANUFACTURING; SMELTING**

Utilities can no longer have to remit transaction privilege taxes for gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from sales of electricity or natural gas to a qualified manufacturing or smelting business.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**42. S1309  
CORPORATION COMMISSION; ELECTRONIC  
FILINGS**

The Corporation Commission is authorized to accept electronically any document that a public service corporation is required to submit by statute, rule or a Commission order.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**43. S1322  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES; EXPENDITURE  
LIMITATION**

Various changes relating to community college expenditure limitations. A community college district board may by a 2/3 vote refer to district voters a permanent change in the base limit used to determine the district expenditure limitation.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**44. S1323  
VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS; WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION**

In a workers' compensation case before the Industrial Commission, the chief administrative law judge or a designee is authorized to designate a pro se litigant a vexatious litigant.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**45. S1365  
RETURN-TO-WORK PROGRAM**

The Department of Economic Security is required to establish a return to work program to provide a supervised training opportunity to individuals for 20 to 32 hours per week for up to 6 weeks through employers that volunteer to participate in the program.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**46. S1398  
FUEL TAXES; STREETS & HIGHWAYS**

A county receiving Highway User Revenue Fund monies is required to publish an annual financial report containing budgeted and actual expenditures of funds received from motor vehicle fuel and use fuel taxes. The report must cover the preceding fiscal year and must be distributed by December 31.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**47. S1417  
DISTRIBUTED ENERGY GENERATION  
SYSTEMS**

Various changes to statutes regulating solar energy devices. The definition of "solar energy device" is expanded to include a "distributed energy generation system."

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**48. S1429  
PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; SPECIAL  
ELECTION**

The purpose of the special election called by Laws 2015, first special session, chapter 2 is expanded to include proposed amendments to the state Constitution that are proposed by Senate concurrent resolution 1019 that provide for changes to public retirement systems.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**49. S1457  
KIDSCARE ENROLLMENT; EMPOWERMENT  
SCHOLARSHIPS; DISABILITIES**

Total enrollment in the state Children's Health Insurance Program (KidsCare) is no longer limited based on the annual appropriations made by the legislature and an enrollment cap.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**50. S1490  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING; TASK FORCE**

Establishes a 9-member Surface Transportation Funding Task Force to review transportation needs and revenue sources in Arizona and recommend specific revenue proposals for dedicated funding sources for specified transportation-related items.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**51. S1505  
NATURAL GAS DELIVERY; TAX EXEMPTION**

The exemption from the utilities classification of transaction privilege and use taxes for the purchase price of electricity or natural gas by a business that is principally engaged in manufacturing or smelting operations and that uses at least 51 percent of the electricity or natural gas in the manufacturing or smelting operations is modified to apply to gas transportation services.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**52. S1516  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AMENDMENTS**

The article of statute governing campaign contributions and expenses is repealed and replaced. Modifies definitions, including the definitions of "contribution" and "expenditure." Establishes a list of expenses that are not considered contributions for campaign finance purposes, including payments by a political party to support its nominee and the payment of a committee's legal or accounting expenses.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**53. S1525  
JTED RESTORATION & REFORMS**

Eliminates the reduction in base support level funding that a school district, charter school or JTED receives for students enrolled in both a school district or charter school and a joint technical education district (JTED) satellite campus program to 92.5 percent of the base support level funding that the school district, charter school or JTED would otherwise receive.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**54. SCM1006  
PORTS OF ENTRY; ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL**

The Legislature urges the U.S. Congress to act to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel at the ports of entry in Arizona in order to secure the border between the U.S. and Mexico.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**55. SCM1007  
OZONE CONCENTRATION STANDARD;  
URGING EPA**

The Legislature urges the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reinstate the previous ozone concentration standard of 75 parts per billion.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**56. SCM1008  
REGULATORY INTEGRITY PROTECTION ACT**

The Legislature urges the U.S. Congress to enact the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**

**57. SCM1009  
CHERRYBELL; MAIL PROCESSING CENTER**

The Legislature urges the U.S. Congress to protest the proposed closing of Cherrybell Postal Processing and Distribution Center in Southern Arizona.

**Chamber Position: SUPPORT**