

**Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) Legislative Weekly Report**

**5/29/2026**

**First Day of Session: January 12, 2026**

**Days of Legislative Session: 138**

**BILLS POSTED: 1,966**

**Last day to introduce bills**

**Senate – Monday, February 2, 2026**

**House of Representatives – Monday, February 9, 2026**

**Last day to hear bills in chamber of origin**

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

**Last day to hear bills in other chamber**

**Friday, March 27, 2026**

**Constitutional end of session (*Sine Die*)**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

## Legislative News & Updates

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With budget negotiations continuing, the Senate convened on the floor on Tuesday, May 26 to take bill action. The Senate then adjourned until next Monday, June 1. The House remains adjourned until Monday, June 1 as well.

ADEQ's omnibus measure, HB2986 (department of environmental quality; programs), has passed out of both caucuses and continues to sit on the Senate Consent Calendar awaiting final floor action.

As always, the Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) continues to actively track and engage on all bills that have impacts to the Agency and its mission partners.

## ADEQ Supported Legislation

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### **HB 2986 Department of environmental quality; programs**

Agency omnibus containing five items: (1) State Implementation Plan (SIP) conditional enactment date extensions for VEI and CBG SIP revisions from 2027 to 2029; (2) removal of lead acid batteries from solid waste regulations as lead acid batteries are currently under the hazardous waste program; (3) technical correction to the Solid Waste Fee Fund (SWFF); (4) update state used oil program to align with current federal law; and (5) clarify open burn permitting authority and delegation.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/85338>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Gail Griffin (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 30, 2026 - Senate minority caucus: Do pass

## Bills of Interest

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ADEQ continues to flag and track bills of interest that may have an impact on the Agency, its programs, and/or mission partners. ADEQ remains neutral on all bills filed. If the Agency has taken a position on a bill, it will be noted. The summaries are produced with the assistance of third party software using AI; ADEQ has endeavored to QA/QC all summaries to the best of our ability, but we encourage readers to review the bills in their entirety to determine potential impacts.

This ever-evolving list of tracked bills is provided below:

### **ACTIVE BILLS**

#### **HB 2013 Exceptional events; air quality; wildfires**

**Amended:** Provides that if a wildfire occurs on federally managed land that meets listed criteria, ADEQ shall submit an exceptional event demonstration to the EPA.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83546>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Lisa Fink (R)

**Latest Action:** Apr. 13, 2026 - House minority caucus: Do pass (2nd)

#### **HB 2014 Fuel formulations; modeling; study; appropriation**

Air emissions modeling is required for various gasoline blends in Area A and Area C using the latest EPA-approved model, with findings reported publicly and to state officials. A feasibility study on authorizing new gasoline blends for sale is mandated, including evaluation of supply impacts and confidentiality protections for supplier information. Appropriations of \$100,000 each are allocated to the Department of Environmental Quality and the Arizona Department of Agriculture for conducting the modeling and feasibility study, with both provisions set to repeal after September 30, 2027.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83547>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Lisa Fink (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 31, 2026 - Senate Appropriations, Transportation and Technology Committee action: Do Pass, voting: (6-2-2-0)

### **HB 2096 Forgivable financial assistance; cesspool remediation**

Water Infrastructure Finance Authority may authorize financial assistance, including forgivable principal, for counties to remediate, close, or replace cesspools that pose risks to groundwater, surface water, or public health, with funding sourced from the clean water and drinking water revolving funds.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83717>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Gail Griffin (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 24, 2026 - Senate minority caucus: Do pass

### **HB 2148 Noncustodial federal monies; appropriation**

A budget unit receiving noncustodial federal monies, as defined, shall account for such funds in a separate funds or accounts. The Legislature retains the authority to appropriate noncustodial federal monies. If the Legislature does not make such an appropriation, the budget unit that has lawful authority shall administer and spend the monies pursuant to federal and state law. Excess federal monies beyond appropriations are credited to the appropriate budget unit, with the act effective December 31, 2027.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83801>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Gail Griffin (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 03, 2026 - Senate Appropriations, Transportation and Technology Committee action: Do Pass, voting: (6-4-0-0)

### **HB 2428 Emissions; reduction credits; counties**

Jurisdiction over portable and mobile sources for emission reduction credit certification is allowed to be asserted by counties for issuance of voluntary permits. Clarifies that ADEQ is not precluded from issuing a permit or conditions requiring reductions in emissions from motor vehicles to which the applicant voluntarily agrees.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84198>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Gail Griffin (R)

**Latest Action:** Apr. 08, 2026 - House minority caucus: Do pass (2nd)

### **HB 2439 Public cold plunge; rules; exemption**

Public and semipublic cold plunges, as defined, are exempted from existing sanitary condition rules for swimming pools and bathing places while authorizing the Department

of Environmental Quality director to adopt specific rules governing the sanitary conditions of public or semipublic cold plunges.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84211>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Selina Bliss (R)

**Latest Action:** Apr. 21, 2026 - House minority caucus: Do pass (2nd)

### **[HB 2494](#) Certificate; environmental compatibility; zoning; exemption**

Restrictions on county zoning are clarified to exempt the construction and operation of thermal or nonthermal electric generating units that have received a certificate of environmental compatibility from regulation.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84271>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** James Taylor (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 24, 2026 - Senate minority caucus: Do pass

### **[HB 2641](#) PFAS; firefighting foam; prohibition**

Prohibits the discharge or use of class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals for training and testing purposes by persons, local governments, and state agencies in Arizona, unless required by federal regulation.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84457>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Sarah Liguori (D)

**Latest Action:** Apr. 21, 2026 - House minority caucus: Do pass (2nd)

### **[HB 2755](#) State land use; highest; best**

Establishes the presumption that the highest and best use of state lands with conflicting proposals between mining and other commercial uses is for mineral extraction or exploration. Public auctions open to all land uses must be held within 90 days if a purchaser or lessee complies with specified statutory requirements to overcome this presumption.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84574>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Gail Griffin (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 30, 2026 - Senate minority caucus: Do pass

### **[HB 2955](#) Gasoline formulations; air quality**

Amended: For the summer season (April 1 to October 31), if the United States Energy Information Administration's (EIA) short-term energy outlook report identifies supply issues, ADEQ and the Weights and Measures Division within the Department of Agriculture shall submit an emergency fuel waiver to the EPA, and shall resubmit if the conditions meriting the emergency waiver continue.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/85116>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Julie Willoughby (R)

**Latest Action:** Apr. 07, 2026 - Senate minority caucus: Do pass

### **SB 1013 Public employees; merit; hiring practices**

Prohibits state and local governments from adopting hiring policies based on factors other than merit, defined by qualifications, skills, knowledge, experience, and demonstrated ability assessed through objective criteria. It forbids manipulating employee composition by race, ethnicity, sex, or national origin except to ensure color-blind and race-neutral hiring consistent with anti-discrimination laws. Enforcement mechanisms include declaratory, injunctive relief, and damages, with prevailing parties entitled to costs and attorney fees.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83588>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Janae Shamp (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 31, 2026 - House minority caucus: Do pass

### **SB 1445 Water quality; testing; on-site**

For cities with more than 1,000 but less than 10,000 residents, an aquifer protection permit (APP) held by the city may not require more than four bacteriological samplings per month. Any such testing must use testing equipment that has been approved by EPA.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/85029>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Wendy Rogers (R)

**Latest Action:** May 5, 2026 - Transmit to Senate

### **SCR 1028 Revenue increases; administrative fee authorization**

Beginning January 1, 2027, ends the exemption of fees authorized by statute from a two thirds legislative approval requirement (known as Prop 108). To be submitted to voters at the next general election.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/85007>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** J.D. Mesnard (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 11, 2026 - House Ways & Means Committee action: Do Pass, voting: (5-3-0-0)

#### **SCM 1004 Clean air act; EPA powers**

Urges the U.S. Congress to clearly define the powers of the Environmental Protection Agency and end its regulation of greenhouse gases, citing lack of explicit statutory authority and recent Supreme Court rulings.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84038>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Frank Carroll (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 24, 2026 - House minority caucus: Do pass

### **INACTIVE BILLS**

#### **HB 2024 Water supply development; definition; snowpack**

Amends the definition of "water supply development" for the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) to explicitly include snowpack augmentation under title 45, chapter 9. This expands the scope of projects eligible for financing and support under WIFA.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83564>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Gail Griffin (R)

**Latest Action:** Feb. 26, 2026 - House third reading FAILED voting: (24-30-6-0)

#### **HB 2042 Solar radiation management; prohibition; enforcement**

Intentional injection, release, or dispensation of materials for solar radiation management (SRM) within Arizona is prohibited, and political subdivisions, including public universities and entities receiving public funds, are barred from providing grants for developing such technologies. Residents may file complaints with the Attorney General, who is authorized to investigate suspected violations and pursue legal action in superior court, where injunctive relief and attorney fees may be awarded. SRM is defined as modifying atmospheric reflectivity to alter the amount or intensity of sunlight reaching the Earth.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83600>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Lisa Fink (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 12, 2026 - Governor Vetoed

### **HB 2102 Domestic water improvement districts; hauling**

Amends county improvement district statutes to authorize domestic water improvement districts in subsequent active management areas to deliver water through water hauling.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83723>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Gail Griffin (R)

**Latest Action:** Apr. 13, 2026 - Governor Vetoed

### **HB 2103 Water improvements program; water hauling**

Expands the water improvements program to include grants for acquiring or installing storage tanks for water hauling and plumbing for water delivery systems, in addition to deepening existing drinking water wells.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83724>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Gail Griffin (R)

**Latest Action:** Apr. 13, 2026 - Governor Vetoed

### **HB 2115 Administrative costs; allowable percent**

Imposes a limit on the percentage of public monies that a budget unit or political subdivision may use for administrative costs, capping at eight percent.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83744>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Gail Griffin (R)

**Latest Action:** House read second time on Jan. 13, 2026

### **HB 2125 Weather modification; license; rules**

Weather modification operations in Arizona are regulated by requiring licenses for activities such as augmenting precipitation, hail suppression, or fog dispersal, with applications reviewed jointly by the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality. Licensing includes detailed operational disclosures, public notice and comment periods, insurance or financial surety requirements, and adherence to suspension criteria to protect public safety and the

environment. ADEQ must develop a list of approved chemicals and a maximum quantity for each chemical that may be used in weather modification operations.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83765>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Lisa Fink (R)

**Latest Action:** House read second time on Jan. 13, 2026

### **[HB 2139](#) Public records; response requirements; complaints**

The custodian of public records shall provide a requesting entity a response to a public records request within 15 business days after receiving the request. If the request is complex or involves multiple records, the custodian shall provide a written notice to the requestor for each successive 15 business-day period a response is not provided.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83785>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Michael Way (R)

**Latest Action:** House read second time on Jan. 13, 2026

### **[HB 2141](#) Environmental permitting; requirements; burdened communities**

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality shall identify burdened communities based on median household income and to involve designated community representatives in permitting decisions for new or expanded facilities within these areas. Permit applicants must assess and report environmental and public health impacts, conduct public hearings with adequate notice, and consider community support before permits can be granted, with the department authorized to deny permits if cumulative impacts pose unreasonable health or environmental risks.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83790>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Oscar De Los Santos (D)

**Latest Action:** House read second time on Jan. 22, 2026

### **[HB 2145](#) Petition; waiver; fuel formulations**

For Areas A and C, any registered supplier or oxygenate blender may petition the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives in addition to the Associate Director of the Weights and Means Division to request all registered suppliers or blenders be allowed to supply gasoline in the area that do not meet applicable standards upon a demonstration that a shortage in supply is imminent. The

President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are additionally empowered to grant said requests.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83798>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Gail Griffin (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 24, 2026 - Senate Natural Resources Committee action: Failed, voting: (3-4-1-0)

### **HB 2280 Watersheds; beneficial use; instream flows**

Surface water rights are expanded to include acquisition and leasing for watershed health and instream uses, with "watershed health uses" defined and assessed through periodic state reports evaluating watershed attributes. The Arizona Game and Fish Commission is authorized to acquire and manage surface water rights for "watershed health uses", as defined, and to coordinate with the Department of Water Resources on water development and conservation efforts.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84008>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Stacey Travers (D)

**Latest Action:** House read second time on Jan. 27, 2026

### **HB 2330 Line siting; factors; total environment**

Factors for issuing certificates of environmental compatibility for power plant and transmission line siting are expanded to include consideration of the character of the area, in addition to the total environment.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84074>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** David Marshall (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 09, 2026 - Senate read second time

### **HB 2331 Electric service providers; energy reliability**

Public power entities and public service corporations are mandated to use primarily domestically produced fuel sources and minimize reliance on foreign nations for critical materials or manufacturing. Definitions and criteria for affordable resource energy, clean energy, and reliable energy sources are established. Internal resource planning and procurement decisions must consider affordability, reliability, and cleanliness of energy resources to protect public health and safety.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84075>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** David Marshall (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 10, 2026 - Senate read second time

**[HB 2340](#) Certificate; environmental compatibility; factors**

Provides that applications for transmission lines may be evaluated based on factors pursuant to 49-360.06(A) if those listed factors pertain to an electric generating unit that is related to or will be interconnected with the proposed transmission line.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84085>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Ralph Heap (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 09, 2026 - Senate read second time

**[HB 2356](#) Greenhouse gas programs; repeal; prohibition**

Title 49, chapter 1, article 6 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, which prohibits the adoption or enforcement of any state or regional program to regulate the emission of greenhouse gas for the purposes of addressing changes in atmospheric temperature without express legislative authorization, is repealed.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84110>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Quantá Crews (D)

**Latest Action:** House read second time on Jan. 27, 2026

**[HB 2400](#) Motor fuel tax holiday**

A motor vehicle fuel tax holiday is established from May 1 to September 30 annually for specified areas in Arizona, prohibiting vendors from charging or recovering the tax during this period. Annual allocations totaling \$72.6 million from the Arizona Highway User Revenue Fund are directed to counties, cities, and large cities for local government use. The Arizona Department of Transportation is exempted from rulemaking requirements for one year to implement these provisions. This bill has an emergency clause for immediate enactment.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84163>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Julie Willoughby (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 25, 2026 - Senate Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee action: Held

### **HB 2401 Fuel formulations; biennial review**

A biennial review of fuel formulations available or potentially available in Arizona shall be completed by ADEQ. ADEQ shall submit a copy of the report to the Associate Director of the Weights and Measures Services Division, The Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84164>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Julie Willoughby (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 09, 2026 - Senate read second time

### **HB 2473 ADEQ; waste programs; funding; rules**

A municipal composting program is established to provide grants for curbside composting collection, administered by the Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), with eligibility criteria set by rule. A Municipal Composting Program Fund is created to receive appropriations and fees from an imported hazardous waste management program, supporting program administration and grant awards. An imported hazardous waste management program is mandated to regulate transportation, treatment, storage, and disposal of waste classified as hazardous in its state of origin but not in Arizona, with fees deposited into the composting fund.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83529>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Mariana Sandoval (D)

**Latest Action:** Jan. 27, 2026 - House read second time

### **HB 2516 Watershed health; use; survey**

Watershed health uses are defined and authorized as a new category of water appropriation in Arizona, with requirements imposed on the Department of Water Resources to conduct triennial watershed health assessments based on specified ecological attributes. The Arizona Department of Water Resources shall establish ecological water need standards, publish a preliminary survey of the state's waters by 2028 including watershed health evaluations, and recommend statutory changes to support ecological water needs, with public notice and comment procedures. Transfers of water rights are expanded to include watershed health uses.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84302>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

**Latest Action:** House read second time on Jan. 27, 2026

### **HB 2517 Pollutants; drinking water standards**

Aquifer water quality standards are updated to require the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality director to establish numeric drinking water standards for specific pollutants, including PFOS, PFOA, chromium-6, and 1,4-dioxane, by December 31, 2030. The director is mandated to review standards adopted by other states, scientific studies, and ensure protection of vulnerable populations, with annual reviews and rulemaking as needed. Department powers and duties are expanded to include consistent adoption of federal contaminant levels, enforcement of environmental laws, and coordination with regional and international entities.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84303>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

**Latest Action:** House read second time on Jan. 27, 2026

### **HB 2640 Fertilizer; PFAS; prohibition**

Distribution and use of fertilizers containing perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, including biosolids and sewage sludge, are prohibited in Arizona beginning December 31, 2027.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84455>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Sarah Liguori (D)

**Latest Action:** House read second time on Jan. 21, 2026

### **HB 2642 Pesticides; PFAS; herbicide; prohibition**

Prohibits the distribution of pesticides containing PFAS or fluorinated organic chemicals with two or more fully fluorinated carbon atoms, or herbicides containing glyphosate, effective December 31, 2027.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84458>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Sarah Liguori (D)

**Latest Action:** House read second time on Jan. 21, 2026

### **HB 2748 Oil and gas commission; fees**

Fees for drilling permits, hearing requests, and applications to drill wells for oil, gas, and geothermal resources are authorized to be set by the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission commissioner through rulemaking. Confidentiality periods for well records

and geothermal data outside proven areas are amended to be exactly one year, with possible extensions upon credible evidence of competitive harm.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84558>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Tony Rivero (R)

**Latest Action:** House read second time on Jan. 21, 2026

### **HB2889 Appropriation; uranium monitoring; mine inspector**

As amended, \$50,000 is appropriated to ADEQ to monitor uranium contamination through soil, water, and home testing. A statewide registry and monitoring program for potential uranium contamination is established in partnership with tribal epidemiology centers. A report of findings and recommendations is required by December 31, 2027.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84722>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Myron Tsosie (D)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 25, 2026 - Senate Natural Resources Committee action: Do Pass, voting: (8-0-0-0)

### **HB 4025 - Study committee; gas; petroleum; refinery**

A gas and petroleum refinery study committee is established in Arizona to examine the availability of gasoline and petroleum, assess the feasibility of constructing refineries within the state, and report findings by October 1, 2027. Membership is appointed by legislative leaders, with meetings held at least twice annually, and members receive expense reimbursements but no compensation. The committee is set to be repealed after December 31, 2027.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84722>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Pamela Carter (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 03, 2026 - House minority caucus: Do pass

### **SB 1019 Public water systems; fluoride; prohibition**

Fluoride addition to public water systems or any water introduced into such systems is prohibited, including all chemical compounds containing the fluoride ion.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83594>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Janae Shamp (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 2, 2026, Committee of the Whole: Do pass

### **SB 1027 Public notices; government website posting**

Requirements are imposed on government entities in Arizona to post public notices electronically on their official websites, including maintaining the full text in a designated public notices section with a prominent homepage link, and retaining the notice for the entire required publication period. A reference advertisement must also be published in a qualifying newspaper, containing specific information and contact details, to fulfill legal publication requirements. Electronic posting is deemed legally equivalent to newspaper publication, and government entities must keep a perpetual electronic record of the posting dates and duration.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83622>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** John Kavanagh (R)

**Latest Action:** Senate read second time on Jan. 14, 2026

### **SB 1056 Budget unit; vacant positions; reporting**

Annual reports are required to include lists of vacant full-time equivalent positions vacant for at least 150 days, and budget units must eliminate positions vacant for more than 150 days each fiscal year, with corresponding adjustments to their allocated full-time equivalent positions. Reporting and elimination requirements exclude the Arizona Board of Regents, universities under its jurisdiction, community college districts, and certain state departments such as Corrections and Public Safety.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83680>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Mark Finchem (R)

**Latest Action:** Feb. 20, 2026 - Governor Vetoed

### **SB 1087 Helium exploration; aquifer protection permit**

Adds an exemption from aquifer protection permit requirements for helium exploration and production wells that are designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to not discharge contaminants into an aquifer, directly relating to the aquifer protection program and the regulation of contaminants.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83754>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Mark Finchem (R)

**Latest Action:** Senate read second time on Jan. 14, 2026

**SB 1098 Climate; weather; modification; prohibition; penalties**

Title 45, chapter 9 is repealed (weather modification and cloud seeding licensing through the Arizona Department of Water Resources), and a new section 49-119 is added to prohibit intentional geoengineering activities within Arizona aimed at modifying temperature, climate, weather, or sunlight intensity, with exceptions for normal aircraft contrails, lawful emissions not intended to alter weather, and emergency response activities. Violations of the geoengineering prohibition are classified as a class 4 felony with civil penalties up to \$100,000 per violation, and the Department of Environmental Quality is tasked with rulemaking and enforcement coordination.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/83789>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** John Kavanagh (R)

**Latest Action:** Prefiled on Jan. 07, 2026

**SB 1176 Stormwater storage; replenishment credits**

Water storage permits are expanded to explicitly include stormwater recharged in constructed underground storage facilities, with provisions for issuing replenishment credits equal to 95% of recharged stormwater volume.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84082>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Warren Petersen (R)

**Latest Action:** Mar. 26, 2026 - Assigned to House Appropriations Committee

**SB 1278 Solar radiation management; prohibition; enforcement.**

The intentional injection, release, or dispensation of materials for solar radiation management, as defined, is prohibited. Political subdivisions, public universities, and private entities receiving public funds are barred from providing grants for developing solar radiation management technologies. The Attorney General is authorized to investigate complaints and suspected violations, file legal actions, and seek injunctive relief and attorney fees.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84799>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** David Farnsworth (R)

**Latest Action:** Feb. 26, 2026 - Transmit to House

**SB 1279 Weather modification; license; rules.**

Current weather modification and cloud seeding registration requirements are expanded to include additional application requirements, public notice, insurance, reporting, and oversight by both the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality. Licensing includes detailed operational disclosures, public notice and comment periods, insurance or financial surety requirements, and adherence to suspension criteria to protect public safety and the environment. ADEQ is mandated to establish a list of approved chemicals and compounds, maximum limits, and determinations of impacts to human health, wildlife, and the environment.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84800>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** David Farnsworth (R)

**Latest Action:** Senate minority caucus: Do pass on Feb. 10, 2026

### **SB 1313 Fuel formulations; waiver; posting; confidentiality**

The bill expands the list of approved fuel formulations available to be sold within a county with a population of one million two hundred thousand or more persons and any portion of a county contained in area A. The bill details procedures for requesting and granting waivers from state and federal fuel standards during supply shortages, outlines the roles of the Department of Environmental Quality and the EPA, and mandates public posting of approved gasoline formulations by area.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84849>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Kevin Payne (R)

**Latest Action:** Senate read second time on Jan. 27, 2026

### **SB 1353 Monitoring program; fish contaminants; appropriation**

A comprehensive fish contaminant monitoring program is established in Arizona to evaluate pesticides, metals, and other contaminants in sport fish, including health risk assessments and public advisories. The Department of Environmental Quality is tasked with developing the program in consultation with relevant agencies, conducting triennial sampling and annual screenings, and issuing bilingual health advisories with signage in affected fishing areas. An appropriation of \$500,000 from the state general fund is allocated for fiscal year 2026-2027 to support the program, with the funds exempt from lapsing.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84913>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Lauren Kuby (D)

**Latest Action:** Senate read second time on Jan. 27, 2026

### **SB 1383 Greenhouse gas programs; repeal; prohibition.**

Title 49, chapter 1, article 6 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, which prohibits the adoption or enforcement of any state or regional program to regulate the emission of greenhouse gas for the purposes of addressing changes in atmospheric temperature without express legislative authorization, is repealed.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84936>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Priya Sundareshan (D)

**Latest Action:** Senate read second time on Jan. 27, 2026

### **SB 1386 Watershed health; survey; use**

Amends water statutes to define and authorize "watershed health uses" as a beneficial use of water conserved in natural watercourses to support watershed attributes. It requires the director of water resources to establish ecological water need standards, conduct a preliminary survey by December 31, 2026, and issue triennial reports assessing the overall health of each watershed based on hydrology, landscape, habitat, geomorphology, water quality, biological condition, and vulnerabilities.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84939>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Priya Sundareshan (D)

**Latest Action:** Senate read second time on Jan. 28, 2026

### **SB 1405 Environment; citizen suits**

Citizen suits are expanded to allow actions against persons, the state, or political subdivisions for environmental violations with extended notice periods and provisions for court-awarded civil penalties deposited into designated environmental funds. The water quality assurance revolving fund is guaranteed an annual \$18 million funding level, including civil penalties, and its use is broadened for various environmental remediation, monitoring, and enforcement activities. Air quality enforcement provisions are enhanced by allowing citizen suits with civil penalties directed to the air quality fund, which supports air quality research, pollution monitoring, and regulatory rule development.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84959>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Denise Epstein (D)

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### **SB 1406 Citizen suits committee; solid waste**

A solid and hazardous waste citizen suit study committee is established to evaluate the need for a citizen suit provision in Arizona's solid and hazardous waste statutes. The committee, composed of legislative members, environmental and industrial representatives, and the Department of Environmental Quality director, is tasked with submitting a report of its findings by December 31, 2026.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84960>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Denise Epstein (D)

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### **SB 1407 ADEQ; tribal consultations**

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality shall consult and cooperate in good faith with all federally recognized tribes in the state before adopting policies, issuing permits, or making decisions affecting tribal interests. A tribal consultation policy must be established for each of the twenty-two tribes, including provisions developed with tribal leaders, designated points of contact, geographic consultation areas, and commitments to respect tribal sovereignty, government-to-government relations, and timely, meaningful consultation.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84961>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Denise Epstein (D)

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### **SB 1443 Noise pollution; environmental nuisances**

Noise pollution is regulated by prohibiting municipalities from issuing building permits for structures containing speakers or amplifying systems emitting sound at or above seventy decibels five or more times daily. Municipal powers are expanded to control and punish noise disturbances caused by amplified sound, and environmental nuisances are expanded to include speakers or amplifying systems capable of emitting sound at seventy decibels or greater.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/85027>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Wendy Rogers (R)

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### **SCR 1017 Environment; constitutional amendment**

Establishes an inherent and inalienable right to a clean and healthy environment, including clean water, air, healthy ecosystems, a safe climate, and preservation of natural and cultural environmental qualities. The state and its political subdivisions are required to protect these rights for present and future generations, serve as trustees of natural resources, conserve and maintain these resources, and prioritize securing a safe climate and providing clean, renewable energy.

**State Link:** <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/84918>

**Primary Sponsors(s):** Lauren Kuby (D)

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