



Weekly Legislative Update

For the week ending Friday, January 10, 2025

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Info

The 56th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session has adjourned Sine Die.

- The 57th Legislature, 1st Regular Session begins on Monday, January 13, 2025
- The Governor's State of the State address will be delivered on Monday, January 13 at 1:00 pm.
- The 7-bill limit for House members is Thursday, January 16 at 5:00 pm.

Posted Committee Hearings

- **House NREW - 1/14/2025, 2:00 PM, HHR 3**
 - Presentations by Central Arizona Project (CAP), Salt River Project (SRP), and natural resource conservation districts.
- **Senate Natural Resources - 1/14/2025, 2:00 PM, SHR 1**
 - Presentations by the Arizona golf industry, forestry management and wildfire mitigation organizations, and the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA).

Bill Summaries

The following bills are being reviewed internally for impacts to the Department and the State's water resources. If the Department has taken a position on a bill it will be noted. (The following list of bills is not a comprehensive list of bills ADWR Legislative Affairs is tracking.)

House of Representatives

HB 2056 - Geoengineering; prohibition

Sponsor: Rep. Fink (R)

Summary: Prohibits geoengineering in the state, which includes weather modification, aerosol injections, cloud seeding, and solar radiation modification. Any person found engaging in this type of geoengineering may be found guilty of a Class 4 Felony. The Department of Water Resources may not review or approve applications for weather modification.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: 01/08/2025 H - Introduced

HB 2073 - Watersheds; beneficial use; instream flows

Sponsor: Rep. Travers (D)

Summary: The Game and Fish Commission may use its fund to acquire and lease surface water rights for watershed health and instream uses. The Department of Water Resources must submit a report every three years that includes an assessment of the overall health of each watershed in the state.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: 01/08/2025 H - Introduced

Senate