



WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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INFORMATION

Today is the 19th day of the 57th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session.

- The last day for Senate bill introduction is Monday, February 2.
- The last day for House bill introduction is Monday, February 9.

POSTED COMMITTEE HEARINGS

- **Senate Natural Resources - 3/3/26, 1:30 PM, SHR 1**
 - [SB1200](#) assured water supply; certificate; model. (Shope)
 - [SB1202](#) supply and demand; assessment; groundwater. (Shope)
 - [SB1279](#) weather modification; license; rules. (Farnsworth)
 - [SB1287](#) stock watering; active management areas (Dunn)
 - [SB1288](#) assured water supply; analysis; availability (Dunn)
- **House NREW - 2/3/26, 2:00 PM, HHR 3**
 - **No monitored bills on agenda**

BILL SUMMARIES

The following list of bills is not a comprehensive list of bills ADWR Legislative Affairs tracking this session and is intended to provide a summary view of relevant legislative activities.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

[HB2025](#) - DWR; appealable agency actions; exemption

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Appealable agency actions of the Arizona Department of Water Resources are no longer exempt from statute allowing a licensee to accept an administrative law judge's decision as the final decision in a licensing matter.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 12, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2026](#) - assured water supply; commingling

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Requires the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, when determining whether a proposed subdivision has sufficient water for a certificate of assured water supply, to evaluate only the specific water sources dedicated to the proposed use, regardless of whether the water will be distributed through a delivery system that commingles multiple water supplies.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 12, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2027](#) - physical availability; review; designated providers

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Prohibits the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) from applying the physical availability requirements for the Pinal Active Management Area to any city or town in the Phoenix Active Management Area that already holds a designation of assured water supply. Requires ADWR, within 30 days after the effective date of this legislation, to review the physical availability of groundwater and stored water for each city or town in the Phoenix Active Management Area that holds a designation of assured water supply.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 12, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2028](#) - DWR; application; administrative completeness

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Applications submitted to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) under Title 45 (Water) are no longer exempt from being treated as appealable agency actions when ADWR determines they are not administratively complete.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 12, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2031](#) - grandfathered right; Willcox AMA; extension

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Extends the deadline for filing an application for a certificate of grandfathered groundwater right the Willcox Active Management Area (AMA) to 27 months after the designation of the Willcox AMA. Retroactive to January 8, 2026. Emergency clause.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 12, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2052](#) - management plan; water loss; percent

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Requires cities, towns and private water companies that distribute water for municipal use to limit lost and unaccounted-for water in their distribution systems to eight percent or less of all water entering the system from any source, calculated on either an annual or three-year average basis. Directs the Arizona Department of Water Resources to incorporate this requirement into the fifth management period plan and to adopt conforming rules within six months after the effective date.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 27, 2026 House Natural Resources, Energy & Water DO PASS, Amended (6-4-0-0)

[HB2053](#) - appropriation; stormwater recharge mapping; sites

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Appropriates \$100,000 from the state general fund in FY2026-27 to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to produce updated stormwater recharge mapping. Requires ADWR, within 180 days after the effective date, to work with an agricultural improvement district and the State Natural Resource Conservation Board to identify potential stormwater recharge sites that have suitable soil conditions, are located on any public or private lands and do not conflict with existing surface water rights or involve stormwater entering adjudicated streams or channels.

Last Action: January 21, 2026 - House Appropriations DO PASS, Amended (6-4-0-0)

[HB2056](#) - appropriation; brackish groundwater; feasibility study

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to conduct a feasibility study of potential brackish groundwater desalination project sites in Gila Bend, Ranegras Plain, the west Salt River Valley and the Little Colorado River plateau, including treatment, transportation and brine-disposal costs. Appropriates \$100,000 from the state general fund in FY2026-27 to ADWR for the study.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 27, 2026 House Natural Resources, Energy & Water DO PASS, Amended (6-4-0-0)

[HB2077](#) - multifamily developments; assured water supply

Sponsor: Rep. Selina Bliss (R)

Summary: Prohibits municipalities and counties in the Prescott Active Management Area (AMA) from approving building permits for multifamily residential properties, including residential lease communities, unless the applicant provides either a written commitment of water service from a designated provider with an assured water supply or a certificate of assured water supply issued by the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Exempts projects that applied for or received zoning entitlements before the effective date.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 12, 2026 - Assigned to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2094](#) - assured water supply; certificate; model

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), on request, to review and reissue determinations on certain pending applications for certificates of assured water supply in the Phoenix Active Management Area that were submitted between January 26, 2021 and August 31, 2023 and remain undecided. Requires a municipal provider, as a condition of review, to offer long-term storage credits equal to 25 percent of excess groundwater to the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District under specified pricing and duration terms and adjusts related replenishment reporting without changing parcel assessments. Directs ADWR to deem physical availability requirements satisfied for applications supported by specified groundwater models while maintaining all other certificate requirements. Repeals these provisions January 1, 2029. Emergency clause.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 27, 2026 House Natural Resources, Energy & Water HELD

[HB2095](#) - assured water supply; well depth

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Modifies the physical availability standard for certificates of assured water supply by requiring the Arizona Department of Water Resources to evaluate the availability of unreplenished groundwater at the point of withdrawal over a 100-year period using current groundwater models. Establishes maximum depth thresholds for determining physical availability of unreplenished groundwater, with different limits for the Phoenix and Pinal Active Management Areas.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 12, 2026 - Assigned to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2097](#) - irrigation non-expansion areas; withdrawal; maximum

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Limits groundwater withdrawals in irrigation non-expansion areas by prohibiting withdrawals of more than six acre-feet per acre of legally irrigated land per calendar year from a non-exempt well and authorizes the Arizona Department of Water Resources to assess penalties for exceedances. Extends measuring and annual reporting requirements to subsequent irrigation non-expansion areas, with specified exemptions for small acreage users and limited withdrawals. Exempts state correctional facilities from the per-acre withdrawal cap when irrigating limited acreage for inmate consumption programs. Authorizes the substitution of irrigated acres and the construction of new or replacement non-exempt wells in subsequent irrigation non-expansion areas only if the changes do not result in a net increase in groundwater withdrawals.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 13, 2026 - House Natural Resources, Energy & Water DO PASS (6-4-0-0)

[HB2099](#) - long-term storage credits; shortage; prohibition

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Prohibits the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) from crediting municipal providers with long-term storage credits for Colorado River water or Central Arizona Project water that is stored during a declared Colorado River shortage. Requires ADWR to reject and invalidate any assignment

of long-term storage credits that would circumvent this prohibition. Prohibits municipal providers from ordering Central Arizona Project water for underground storage during a declared Colorado River shortage.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 12, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2101](#) - supply and demand; assessment; groundwater

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Expands the Arizona Department of Water Resources' (ADWR) annual water supply and demand assessment requirements by specifying detailed groundwater basin metrics that must be included in each five-year assessment for each groundwater basin.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 12, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2116](#) - appropriation; Colorado River litigation fund

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Appropriates \$1 million from the state general fund in FY2026-27 to the Colorado River Litigation Fund.

Position: Support

Last Action: January 29, 2026 - House Committee of the Whole PASS

[HB2125](#) - weather modification; license; rules

Sponsor: Rep. Lisa Fink (R)

Summary: Expands weather modification license requirements to include precipitation augmentation, hail suppression, and fog dispersal and applies the licensure requirement to political subdivisions and state agencies, in addition to individuals and corporations. Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to issue a weather modification license within 120 days after receiving an administratively complete application if ADWR determines that the proposed operation will not cause flooding, property damage, or harm to wildlife and that the proposed chemicals, compounds, or substances have been reviewed and approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Establishes license duration, renewal standards, suspension criteria, insurance or financial surety requirements, and an online public database of licenses and applications. Revises enforcement by authorizing investigations by the Attorney General and providing injunctive relief and attorney fees for prevailing parties. Grants immunity from liability to the state and its agencies for damages resulting from a license issued under the weather modification program. Applies from and after the effective date of updated rules adopted by ADWR and ADEQ.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 13, 2026 - House Natural Resources, Energy & Water DO PASS (9-1-0-0)

[HB2146](#) - mesquite; drought tolerant plants; prohibition

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Prohibits the Arizona Department of Water Resources from including any species of mesquite on the low water use and drought tolerant plant list.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 13, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2151](#) - surface water; irrigation; definition

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Defines irrigation, for purposes of surface water appropriation, as the use of water on lands to produce plants or parts of plants for sale, for human consumption, or for use as feed for livestock, range livestock, or poultry.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 13, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2263](#) - Colorado River water; replenishment; restriction

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Restricts the use or conveyance of Colorado River water diverted from the main stem for replenishment in an active management area to delivery at a permitted facility owned by a multicounty water conservation district or at a permitted groundwater savings facility located on state or private land.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 20, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2280](#) - watersheds; beneficial use; instream flows

Sponsor: Rep. Stacey Travers (D)

Summary: Authorizes the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to acquire and lease surface water rights for watershed health and instream uses. Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources to assess and report on the overall health of each watershed in Arizona every three years based on specified attributes. Authorizes the state, political subdivisions, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department to appropriate water for watershed health uses, and allows watershed health to qualify as a purpose for instream flow applications. Allows the severance and transfer of water rights for watershed health uses, subject to existing protections for vested rights and required approvals.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 13, 2026 - Introduced

[HB2355](#) - reporting; groundwater pumping; measuring

Sponsor: Rep. Quantá Crews (D)

Summary: Expands groundwater measuring and annual reporting requirements to apply statewide to withdrawals from nonexempt wells outside active management areas and irrigation non-expansion areas, with limited exemptions for small-scale irrigation and non-irrigation uses. Requires persons withdrawing

groundwater from nonexempt wells under these new circumstances to install approved measuring devices unless exempt and to file annual reports detailing withdrawals, energy use and groundwater uses.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 14, 2026 - Introduced

[HB2514](#) - adequate water supply; statewide requirements

Sponsor: Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary: Allows counties and municipalities to approve a subdivision only if the subdivider has obtained either a water report from the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) that there is an adequate water supply for the subdivision or a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a municipal or private water company designated as having an adequate water supply. Allows the State Real Estate Commissioner to issue a public report authorizing the sale or lease of subdivided lands only if either ADWR has issued a water report that there is an adequate water supply for the subdivision or the subdivider has a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a municipal or private water company designated as having an adequate water supply. Statutes authorizing exemptions from adequate water supply requirements are repealed.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 15, 2026 - Introduced

[HB2516](#) - watershed health; use; survey

Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary: Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), by December 31, 2028, to publish a preliminary survey of the status of waters in Arizona, including watershed health and recommended statutory changes. By December 31 every three years after the initial preliminary survey of groundwater basins already required in statute, ADWR is required to issue a report that includes an assessment of the overall health of each watershed in Arizona.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 15, 2026 - Introduced

[HB2518](#) - subsequent active management area; designation

Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary: Requires, instead of allows, the Arizona Department of Water Resources to designate an area not already within an initial active management area as a subsequent active management area if groundwater use threatens future supply, causes land subsidence or fissuring, or results in actual or threatened water quality degradation.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 15, 2026 - Introduced

[HB2545](#) - multifamily property; water; certificate

Sponsor: Rep. Christopher Mathis (D)

Summary: Requires a person seeking a building permit or building plan for six or more detached single-family residences, a multifamily residential property, or a condominium to obtain a certificate of assured water supply or a written commitment of water service, with limited exceptions for applications submitted on or before September 30, 2024. Authorizes approval of subdivision plats, public reports, and qualifying building permits only if assured water supply or a designated provider commitment exists and applicable replenishment and activation fees are paid. Creates and defines residential lease communities and applies groundwater replenishment district activation fees, replenishment reserve fees, and annual membership dues to residences within residential lease communities and condominium units beginning January 1, 2027.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 15, 2026 - Introduced

[HB2547](#) - well-drilling applications; location; GPS

Sponsor: Rep. Christopher Mathis (D)

Summary: Requires a person filing a notice of intention to drill a well to include global positioning system coordinates for the well location.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 15, 2026 - Introduced

[HB2548](#) - watersheds; beneficial use; instream flows

Sponsor: Rep. Christopher Mathis (D)

Summary: Prohibits a person, beginning January 1, 2028, from distributing, selling, offering for sale, importing, or installing plumbing fixtures in new or existing residential, commercial, industrial, or public construction unless the fixture is WaterSense-labeled, meets or exceeds WaterSense efficiency criteria established before that date, or lacks established WaterSense criteria. Allows the Arizona Department of Water Resources to waive these requirements for historic fixtures by rule. Defines WaterSense-labeled plumbing fixtures and the WaterSense program in statute and updates related definitions for residential, commercial, industrial, and public construction. Effective January 1, 2027, for definitions, and effective January 1, 2028, for all other provisions.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 15, 2026 - Introduced

[HB2549](#) - groundwater replenishment; qualification; subbasins

Sponsor: Rep. Christopher Mathis (D)

Summary: Prohibits a person, beginning January 1, 2028, from distributing, selling, offering for sale, importing, or installing plumbing fixtures in new or existing residential, commercial, industrial, or public construction unless the fixture is WaterSense-labeled, meets or exceeds WaterSense efficiency criteria established before that date, or lacks established WaterSense criteria. Allows the Arizona Department of Water Resources to waive these requirements for historic fixtures by rule. Defines WaterSense-labeled plumbing fixtures and the WaterSense program in statute and updates related definitions for residential, commercial, industrial, and public construction. Effective January 1, 2027, for definitions, and effective January 1, 2028, for all other provisions.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 15, 2026 - Introduced

[HB2550](#) - groundwater replenishment; qualification; subbasins

Sponsor: Rep. Christopher Mathis (D)

Summary: Establishes the Rural Watershed Sustainability Initiative Fund, administered by the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), to provide grants to local watershed groups in rural areas for administrative and operational needs and authorizes ADWR to accept federal and private monies. Authorizes ADWR to use up to 15 percent of fund monies for administration, including hiring staff, and requires ADWR to adopt rules and submit annual reports on Fund activities. Appropriates \$500,000 from the state general fund in FY2026-27 to the Fund and appropriates those monies to ADWR.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 20, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2722](#) - water; residential lease communities

Sponsor: Rep. Selina Bliss (R)

Summary: Prohibits a city, town, or county from approving building permits for detached dwelling units in a "residential lease community" (defined) within an initial active management area unless the development secures a certificate of assured water supply or a written commitment of water service and pays applicable groundwater replenishment fees. Exempts projects that applied for or received zoning entitlements on or before September 30, 2026. Requires residential lease communities to pay one-time activation fees to multi-county water conservation districts.

Position: Support

Last Action: January 20, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2723](#) - Big Chino; groundwater withdrawal; mitigation

Sponsor: Rep. Selina Bliss (R)

Summary: Requires a city or town to obtain a certificate of adequate mitigation before withdrawing groundwater from the Big Chino subbasin for transportation to the Prescott Active Management Area. Directs the Arizona Department of Water Resources to adopt rules governing certificates of adequate mitigation that protect base flow, water quality, and natural flood flow cycles using best available science and periodic review. Requires cities and towns to mitigate groundwater pumping impacts through recharge, permanent retirement of irrigated acres, or other approved methods.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 20, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2757](#) - Butler Valley; La Paz; groundwater

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Authorizes the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to withdraw groundwater from land the county owns or leases in the Butler Valley groundwater basin for transportation to an initial active management area outside the basin for county or municipal use or to meet replenishment obligations of a

multi-county water conservation district. Limits conveyance of state or political subdivision land in the Butler Valley groundwater basin used for such withdrawals to La Paz County.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 20, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2758](#) - McMullen Valley; eligible entities; groundwater

Sponsor: Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary: Repeals existing statutory restrictions on groundwater transportation from the McMullen Valley groundwater basin and establishes a new framework allowing eligible public entities and regulated water utilities to withdraw and transport groundwater from historically irrigated acres under specified hydrologic limits, reporting requirements, and cost responsibility conditions. Authorizes transportation of groundwater to an initial active management area or limited use in La Paz County. Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources to adopt rules and annually report total withdrawals from the McMullen Valley groundwater basin to the Governor and the Legislature.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 27, 2026 House Natural Resources, Energy & Water DO PASS, Amended (6-4-0-0)

[HB2827](#) - groundwater withdrawal fee; Pinal AMA.

Sponsor: Rep. Chris Lopez (R)

Summary: Extends the authority to levy groundwater withdrawal fees in the Pinal Active Management Area for Arizona water banking and groundwater and irrigation efficiency projects four years, through calendar year 2030. Delays the distribution of unencumbered monies from the Temporary Groundwater and Irrigation Efficiency Projects Fund to contributors five years, to December 31, 2032. Delays the repeal of the Fund five years to April 1, 2033.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 22, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2888](#) - tribal drinking water fund; appropriation

Sponsor: Rep. Myron Tsosie (D)

Summary: Establishes the Tribal Drinking Water Access and Infrastructure Fund administered by the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). Authorizes ADWR to award grants to federally recognized Indian tribes and designated authorities for emergency water access and water infrastructure projects. Appropriates \$10 million in FY2026-27 from the Water Conservation Grant Fund to the Tribal Drinking Water Access and Infrastructure Fund.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 20, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[HB2932](#) - groundwater transportation fee; website; posting

Sponsor: Rep. Leo Biasiucci (R)

Summary: Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to post on its website, within 60 days, the groundwater transportation fee table and to annually update the table to reflect adjustments based on the GDP price deflator.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 26, 2026 - Introduced

[HB2933](#) - groundwater transportation fee; counties; fund

Sponsor: Rep. Leo Biasiucci (R)

Summary: Classifies groundwater transportation fees as general county monies and requires deposit of the fees in the county general fund. Allows a county that establishes a water improvements program to designate an amount or percentage of groundwater transportation fees to fund grants for qualified residential property owners within the groundwater basin or subbasin from which the groundwater was withdrawn, with remaining monies deposited in the county general fund.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 26, 2026 - Introduced

[HB2934](#) - Harquahala; groundwater transportation fee

Sponsor: Rep. Leo Biasiucci (R)

Summary: Requires a person who transports groundwater from any portion of the Harquahala Irrigation Non-Expansion Area to an initial active management area to pay the groundwater transportation fee to a county that contains a portion of the Harquahala area and does not contain any portion of an initial active management area.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 26, 2026 - Introduced

SENATE

[SB1098](#) - climate; weather; modification; prohibition; penalties

Sponsor: Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary: Prohibits a person from intentionally injecting, releasing, or dispersing any substance or apparatus within Arizona for the purpose of affecting temperature, climate, weather, or sunlight intensity. Repeals existing statutes governing weather modification. Authorizes the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to adopt rules to receive complaints, investigate alleged violations, and coordinate with other authorities. Classifies violations as a class 4 (lower mid-level) felony and authorizes ADEQ to impose a civil penalty of up to \$100,000 per violation.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 12, 2026 - Referred to Senate Natural Resources

[SB1176](#) - stormwater storage; replenishment credits

Sponsor: Sen. Warren Petersen (R)

Summary: Allows the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to issue water storage permits to store stormwater for aquifer replenishment in a constructed underground storage facility. Authorizes a storer in the Phoenix Active Management Area to recharge stormwater and earn replenishment credits equal to 95 percent of the volume recharged, and allows the use or transfer of those credits to offset replenishment obligations within the same subbasin under specified proximity conditions. Treats replenishment credits as groundwater, not stored water, and authorizes permits for facilities dedicated to stormwater storage or combined sources.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 27, 2026 Senate Natural Resources HELD

[SB1197](#) - subsequent AMAs; groundwater portability

Sponsor: Sen. Timothy "Tim" Dunn (R)

Summary: Authorizes an owner of an irrigation grandfathered right in a subsequent active management area to use, sell, transfer or lease the right and the associated water duty. Allows an owner to stop irrigating some acres and convey the associated water duty for use anywhere within the same subsequent active management area, including further conveyance by the recipient. Requires notice to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) for any use or conveyance and requires ADWR to adopt rules to implement these provisions.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 27, 2026 Senate Natural Resources DO PASS (4-3-1)

[SB1200](#) - assured water supply; certificate; model.

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

Summary: Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), on request, to review and reissue determinations on certain pending applications for certificates of assured water supply in the Phoenix Active Management Area that were submitted between January 26, 2021 and August 31, 2023 and remain undecided. Requires a municipal provider, as a condition of review, to offer long-term storage credits equal to 25 percent of excess groundwater to the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District under specified pricing and duration terms and adjusts related replenishment reporting without changing parcel assessments. Directs ADWR to deem physical availability requirements satisfied for applications supported by specified groundwater models while maintaining all other certificate requirements. Repeals these provisions January 1, 2029. Emergency clause.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 20, 2026 - Assigned to Senate Natural Resources

[SB1201](#) - long-term storage credits; shortage; prohibition.

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

Summary: Prohibits the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) from crediting municipal providers with long-term storage credits for Colorado River water or Central Arizona Project water that is stored during a declared Colorado River shortage. Requires ADWR to reject and invalidate any assignment of long-term storage credits that would circumvent this prohibition. Prohibits municipal providers from ordering Central Arizona Project water for underground storage during a declared Colorado River shortage.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 20, 2026 - Assigned to Senate Natural Resources

[SB1202](#) - supply and demand; assessment; groundwater.

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

Summary: Expands the Arizona Department of Water Resources' (ADWR) annual water supply and demand assessment requirements by specifying detailed groundwater basin metrics that must be included in each five-year assessment for each groundwater basin.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: Senate Natural Resources HEARING 2/3/2026 1:30PM

[SB1279](#) - weather modification; license; rules.

Sponsor: Sen. David C. Farnsworth (R)

Summary: Expands weather modification license requirements to include precipitation augmentation, hail suppression, and fog dispersal and applies the licensure requirement to political subdivisions and state agencies, in addition to individuals and corporations. Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to issue a weather modification license within 120 days after receiving an administratively complete application if ADWR determines that the proposed operation will not cause flooding, property damage, or harm to wildlife and that the proposed chemicals, compounds, or substances have been reviewed and approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Establishes license duration, renewal standards, suspension criteria, insurance or financial surety requirements, and an online public database of licenses and applications. Revises enforcement by authorizing investigations by the Attorney General and providing injunctive relief and attorney fees for prevailing parties. Grants immunity from liability to the state and its agencies for damages resulting from a license issued under the weather modification program. Applies from and after the effective date of updated rules adopted by ADWR and ADEQ.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: Senate Natural Resources HEARING 2/3/2026 1:30PM

[SB1287](#) - stock watering; active management areas

Sponsor: Sen. Timothy "Tim" Dunn (R)

Summary: Updates groundwater statutes to replace references to June 12, 1980 with "the date of designation of the active management area" for determining eligibility to withdraw groundwater for domestic purposes or stock watering under an irrigation grandfathered right.

Position: Support

Last Action: Senate Natural Resources HEARING 2/3/2026 1:30PM

[SB1298](#) - well drilling application; location; GPS

Sponsor: Sen. Rosanna Gabaldón (D)

Summary: Requires a notice of intention to drill a well to include global positioning system coordinates in

addition to the legal description of the proposed well location.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 20, 2026 - Assigned to Senate Natural Resources

[SB1335](#) - water banking; annual report; posting

Sponsor: Sen. Timothy "Tim" Dunn (R)

Summary: Requires the Arizona Water Banking Authority Commission to post its annual report on the Commission's website.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 22, 2026 - Introduced

[SB1382](#) - groundwater pumping; measuring; reporting

Sponsor: Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary: Requires the use of approved water measuring devices for withdrawals from nonexempt wells in all locations, subject to specified acreage and volume exemptions. Requires persons who withdraw groundwater from nonexempt wells outside active management areas and irrigation non-expansion areas to file annual groundwater pumping reports, with limited exemptions for small-scale irrigation uses.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 22, 2026 - Introduced

[SB1386](#) - watershed health; survey; use

Sponsor: Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary: Establishes watershed health uses as a beneficial use of water and authorizes appropriations and transfers of water rights for that purpose. Exempts applications for watershed health uses from instream flow application requirements. Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to publish a preliminary statewide survey of waters by December 31, 2026, identifying ecological water needs, watersheds with insufficient water, recommended restoration actions, and any needed statutory changes. Requires ADWR to assess the overall health of each watershed and issue a report every three years evaluating hydrology, habitat, water quality, biological condition, and threats.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 22, 2026 - Introduced

[SB1387](#) - long-term storage accounts; credits; percentage

Sponsor: Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary: Reduces the percentage of recoverable stored water credited to a person's long-term storage account to 70 percent, from 95 percent, subject to existing exceptions for specified types of storage and water sources.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 22, 2026 - Introduced

[SB1388](#) - aquifer management; conservation; priority

Sponsor: Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary: Requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources to prioritize conservation and maintenance of Arizona's aquifers above all other considerations and to prioritize protection of consumers and other uses after aquifer conservation.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 22, 2026 - Introduced

[SB1389](#) - subsequent active management area; designation.

Sponsor: Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary: Requires, instead of allows, the Arizona Department of Water Resources to designate an area not already within an initial active management area as a subsequent active management area if groundwater use threatens future supply, causes land subsidence or fissuring, or results in actual or threatened water quality degradation.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 22, 2026 - Introduced

[SB1447](#) - groundwater withdrawal fee; Pinal AMA

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

Summary: Extends the period during which the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources does not levy a groundwater withdrawal fee in the Pinal Active Management Area (AMA) for Arizona water banking purposes through calendar year 2030, instead of 2026, and extends the authorization to levy a groundwater withdrawal fee in the Pinal AMA for groundwater and irrigation efficiency projects through calendar year 2030, instead of 2026. Extends the date for distributing unencumbered monies from the Temporary Groundwater and Irrigation Efficiency Projects Fund to contributors to December 31, 2032, instead of December 31, 2027, and delays the repeal of the Fund to April 1, 2033, instead of April 1, 2028

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 28, 2026 - Referred to Senate Natural Resources

[SB1514](#) - groundwater permits; technical correction

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

Summary: Vehicle bill

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 28, 2026 - Introduced

[SB1610](#) - groundwater; transporting requirements; technical correction

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

Summary: Vehicle bill

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 29, 2026 - Introduced

[SB1636](#) - subsequent irrigation; non-expansion areas; procedures.

Sponsor: Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

Summary: Revises procedures for designating subsequent irrigation non-expansion areas by defining a reasonably safe supply for irrigation as groundwater available for 100 years and allowing the Director to consider credible evidence of likely future changes in withdrawal rates. Changes petition requirements by limiting irrigation users eligible to sign a petition, requiring a numeric groundwater flow model and hydrologic report prepared by a licensed professional to be submitted with a petition, and authorizing the Director to determine petition compliance without judicial review. Revises standards for final orders, publication, rehearing, and judicial review by limiting who may seek review and the issues that may be raised, and imposes a three-year waiting period before refiling a petition if the Director declines designation.

Position: Neutral

Last Action: January 30, 2026 - Introduced