



# WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## **FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026**

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### **INFORMATION**

*Today is the 26th day of the 57th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session.*

- The last day for House bill introduction is Monday, February 9.
- The last day to hear bills in committee in the chamber of origin is Friday, February 20.

### **POSTED COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

- **Senate Natural Resources - 2/10/26, 1:30 PM, SHR 1**
  - **SB 1447** groundwater withdrawal fee; Pinal AMA (Shope)
  - **SB 1560** cap; water supply development fund (Dunn)
- **House NREW - 2/10/26, 2:00 PM, HHR 3**
  - **HB 2026** assured water supply; commingling (Griffin)
  - **HB 2027** physical availability; review; designated providers (Griffin)
  - **HB 2028** DWR; application; administrative completeness (Griffin)
  - **HB 2031** grandfathered right; Willcox AMA; extension (Griffin)
  - **HB 2094** assured water supply; certificate; model (Griffin)
  - **HB 2095** assured water supply; well depth (Griffin)
  - **HB 2101** supply and demand; assessment; groundwater (Griffin)
  - **HB 2102** domestic water improvement districts; hauling (Griffin)
  - **HB 2103** water improvements program; water hauling (Griffin)
  - **HB 2827** groundwater withdrawal fee; Pinal AMA (Lopez)
  - **HB 2932** groundwater transportation fee; website; posting (Biasiucci)
  - **HB 2933** groundwater transportation fee; counties; fund (Biasiucci)
  - **HB 2934** Harquahala; groundwater transportation fee (Biasiucci)
  - **HCR 2038** Colorado River; seven-state agreement (Griffin)
- **House NREW - 2/12/26, 12:30 PM, HHR 3**
  - **HB 2985** CAP water; state land; allocation (Griffin)

## **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:** House Natural Resources, Energy & Water **Hearing - Tuesday, 02/10/2026 2:00 PM**

**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:** House Natural Resources, Energy & Water **Hearing - Tuesday, 02/10/2026 2:00 PM**

**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:** House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Hearing - Tuesday, 02/10/2026 2:00 PM

[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:** House Natural Resources, Energy & Water Hearing - Tuesday, 02/10/2026 2:00 PM

[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 (11-7-0-0)

[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 28, 2026 House Appropriations DO PASS, Amended (11-6-0-0)

[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:** House Natural Resources, Energy & Water **Hearing - Tuesday, 02/10/2026 2:00 PM**

[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:** House Natural Resources, Energy & Water **Hearing - Tuesday, 02/10/2026 2:00 PM**

[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:** House Natural Resources, Energy & Water **Hearing - Tuesday, 02/10/2026 2:00 PM**

[\*\*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 Third Reading PASSED (56-0-4-0)

[\*\*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 26, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[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 26, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[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 26, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[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 26, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[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 26, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[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 26, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[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 26, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

[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 26, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

**[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 26, 2026 - Referred to House Natural Resources, Energy & Water

**[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:** House Natural Resources, Energy & Water **Hearing - Tuesday, 02/10/2026 2:00 PM**

**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:** House Natural Resources, Energy & Water **Hearing - Tuesday, 02/10/2026 2:00 PM**

**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:** House Natural Resources, Energy & Water **Hearing - Tuesday, 02/10/2026 2:00 PM**

**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

[HB2990](#) - rural groundwater management areas; establishment

**Sponsor:** Rep. Christopher Mathis (D)

**Summary:** Establishes five initial rural groundwater management areas (RGMAs) in Gila Bend, Hualapua Valley, Ranegras Plain, San Simon Valley, and Willcox. Authorizes the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to designate additional RGMAs if specified criteria relating to groundwater apply, and establishes a process for the designation. Authorizes locally governed RGMA councils to adopt management goals for the RGMA, develop and submit management plans to ADWR for adoption, and establish policies for certificate of groundwater use in RGMAs. Requires ADWR to maintain a registry of applications for certificates of groundwater use. Requires counties and the State Real Estate Department to condition subdivision and timeshare approvals, public reports, and disclosures on adequate water supply determinations or qualifying exemptions within RGMAs. Modifies subdivision notice, plat notation, promotional disclosure, and enforcement provisions to reflect mandatory adequacy and expanded audit, reporting, and compliance authority.

**Position:** Neutral

**Last Action:** February 2, 2026 - Introduced

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## **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 - Referred 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 - Referred 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:** February 3, 2026 - Senate Natural Resources DO PASS (4-2-0)

[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:** February 3, 2026 - Senate Natural Resources DO PASS, Amended (5-2-1)

[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:** February 3, 2026 - Senate Natural Resources DO PASS, Amended (5-2-1)

[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 22, 2026 - Referred 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 26, 2026 - Referred to Senate Natural Resources

**[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 26, 2026 - Referred to Senate Natural Resources

**[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 27, 2026 - Referred to Senate Natural Resources

**[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 27, 2026 - Referred to Senate Natural Resources

**[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 27, 2026 - Referred to Senate Natural Resources

[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 27, 2026 - Referred to Senate Natural Resources

[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:** Senate Natural Resources **Hearing - Tuesday, 02/10/2026 1:30 PM**

[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:** February 3, 2026 - Referred to Senate Natural Resources

**[SB1742](#)** - rural groundwater management areas; establishment.

**Sponsor:** Sen. Priya Sundareshan (D)

**Summary:** Establishes five initial rural groundwater management areas (RGMAs) in Gila Bend, Hualapua Valley, Ranegras Plain, San Simon Valley, and Willcox. Authorizes the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to designate additional RGMAs if specified criteria relating to groundwater apply, and establishes a process for the designation. Authorizes locally governed RGMA councils to adopt management goals for the RGMA, develop and submit management plans to ADWR for adoption, and establish policies for certificate of groundwater use in RGMAs. Requires ADWR to maintain a registry of applications for certificates of groundwater use. Requires counties and the State Real Estate Department to condition subdivision and timeshare approvals, public reports, and disclosures on adequate water supply determinations or qualifying exemptions within RGMAs. Modifies subdivision notice, plat notation, promotional disclosure, and enforcement provisions to reflect mandatory adequacy and expanded audit, reporting, and compliance authority.

**Position:** Neutral

**Last Action:** February 5, 2026 - Referred to Senate Natural Resources

**[SB1785](#)** - water storage facility; withdrawals; area

**Sponsor:** Sen. Warren Petersen (R)

**Summary:** Modifies recovery well permitting for stored water by establishing presumptions for determining whether a recovery well is within the area of impact when an applicant does not submit a separate hydrologic study, including specified proximity standards to storage facilities and infrastructure.

**Position:** Neutral

**Last Action:** February 2, 2026 - Introduced