

## Action on Vetoes and on Public Health and Safety!



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Hi all!

Most of the House and Senate standing committees wrapped up their actions for the legislative session this week. Only the Appropriations committees and Rules committees will be meeting next week. As we noted in the last update, there were a fair number of strike-everything amendments where they replace a bill with an entirely new bill via an amendment. Some of those did not advance, including the one on SB1104 relating to a weak renewable energy standard. It was held and therefore is dead for the session.

The [strike-everything amendment](#) did get added to SB1278, however. This measure would take away local control on home appliances and limit local leaders' ability to establish local building code provisions related to affordability, energy, and public health.

**[Please help stop this bad striker by sending a message to your Arizona representatives here.](#)**

[HB2411 water supply; elimination; reduction; damages \(now: grazing operations; energy projects; compensation\)](#) (Cook: Martinez, Toma, et al.) requires those leasing state trust lands

to pay the livestock interests if they build a project that reduces the size of a grazing lessee's operation and was really geared toward discouraging wind and solar. It failed in the Senate Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee 2-5. Hooray!

This week, two harmful transmission line siting bills passed out of the Senate along party lines and are on their way to the Governor's desk.

[HB2437 transmission lines; applications; exceptions](#) (Griffin) exempts a transmission line that is entirely on private land from being required to obtain a certificate of environmental compatibility from the Arizona Power Plant and Line Siting Committee, so there would be no environmental review.

[HB2496 transmission lines; definition](#) (Griffin) changes the definition of a transmission line to include only those lines that are one mile or longer. This means the siting of the lines that are less than one mile would have no review by the Arizona Power Plant and Line Siting Committee.

**[Please contact the Governor and ask her to veto both HB2437 and HB2496!](#)**

Also, keep up the pressure to oppose bills that undermine public transportation, accommodation of bicycles, and any efforts to reduce traffic. All four of these bills are still in the House.

**[Please contact your representatives and ask them to oppose SB1312, SB1313, SB1314, and SCR1018.](#)**

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Take Action!

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If you have not signed up yet for the Request to Speak system to voice your position in support or opposition to bills, we encourage you to do so now as you will need to get the account activated at the Capitol. [Here is a link for signing up.](#)

**Please sign in on the Request to Speak system to OPPOSE SB1001 and SB1170 and to SUPPORT SB1244.**

To review bills we are tracking, [go to this link.](#)

**For more information, reach out to Sandy Bahr at [sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org](mailto:sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org).**

Many thanks for all of your support!

All the best,



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**Coming Up This Week at the AZ Legislature**



Historic Capitol courtesy of Sandy Bahr

## Monday, April 3rd

### House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM in HHR1

Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting [here](#).

- [SB1001 pronouns; biological sex; school policies](#) (Kavanagh) prohibits a public school employee from knowingly addressing a student under the age of 18 by a pronoun that differs from the pronoun that aligns with the student's biological sex or a first name that differs from the student's official school records without written parental permission. **OPPOSE**
- SB1102 appropriation; [SR 303; Route 60](#) (Carroll: Livingston, Shamp) will have a strike-everything amendment on S/E: transportation excise tax; Maricopa county, but the amendment that is posted relates to zoning, so I'm not sure what they are doing with this.
- [SB1170 ballot drop boxes; prohibition \(NOW: ballot drop boxes; requirements; appropriation\)](#) (Hoffman: Borrelli, Farnsworth, et al.) erects numerous obstacles and conditions to having ballot drop boxes that will disadvantage rural and Tribal communities. **OPPOSE**
- [SB1223, water infrastructure; commerce grant fund](#) (Shope) extends the start date for projects to be eligible for grants from the Water Infrastructure and Commerce Grant Fund and appropriates \$8 million for it from the general fund for it. **MONITOR**
- SB1244 appropriations; crime victim notification fund (Kavanagh) will have a strike-everything amendments on [S/E: tax credit extension; affordable housing](#) includes \$10 million tax credits for affordable housing. **SUPPORT**
- [SB1247 technical correction; waste; enforcement; venue\(now: recycling fund; appropriation\)](#) (Shope) appropriates \$2.5 million from the Recycling Fund to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to provide grants for recycling research, demonstration projects, new technologies, market development and source reduction studies. **MONITOR**

### Senate Committee on Transportation and Technology at 2:00 PM in SHR2

Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting [here](#).

- Presentation - West Valley Autonomous Shuttle Service, Chris Barker, CEO CBC
- Discussion
  - Prop 400
  - Valley Metro

## Tuesday, April 4th

### Senate Committee on Appropriations at 1:00 PM in SHR109

Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting [here](#).

- [HB2218 technical correction; power authority; monies \(now: power authority; projects; energy storage\)](#) (Griffin) authorizes the Arizona Power Authority to acquire, build and operate facilities, projects and works to store electric power. **MONITOR**
- [HB2449 appropriation; Pinal East-West Corridor](#) (Martinez: Cook) appropriates \$9.7 million for the West Pinal Parkway East-West Corridor. **MONITOR**
- [HB2763 appropriation; Mohave wash recharge basin](#) (Gillette: Biasiucci, Cook) appropriates just over \$4 million for this project. **MONITOR**
- [HB2803 forestry and fire management; appropriation](#) (Gress: Biasiucci, Bliss, et al.) establishes the Public Safety Grant Program in the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management for cities, towns and fire districts and outlines Grant Program requirements. It appropriates \$150 million for public safety grants. **MONITOR**

## Thursday, April 6th

### House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Fiscal Accountability at 10:30 AM HHR3

Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting [here](#).

- JLBC Staff Presentations:
  - o Department of Water Resources
  - o Water Infrastructure Finance Authority
  - o Corporation Commission



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