

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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HB 2006 – Chapter 116 – *sanitary districts; consolidation

Creates a process to merge sanitary districts.

HB 2146 – Chapter 123 – trust lands; loss of lease

Modifies the process for compensating lessees of state trust land who lose their lease.

HB 2251 – Chapter 227 – *historical society; transfer; centennial museum

Transfers the responsibility of maintaining the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum from the DMMR to the Arizona Historical Society as part of the Centennial Museum and establishes the Centennial and Mining and Mineral Museum Advisory Council. Authorizes the Arizona Centennial commission to conduct a raffle beginning in 2010 and ending in 2012, the proceeds of which must be used to fund events commemorating the centennial of this state.

HB 2255 – Chapter 212 – *utility fees

Modifies the guidelines for the charging of utility fees by landlords of recreational vehicle parks and prohibits landlords from refusing to renew or terminating a rental agreement for park trailers without good cause.

HB 2286 – Chapter 129 – feed inspection fees; distillers grain

Prorates the inspection fees on distillers grain based on moisture content.

HB 2335 – Chapter 69 – city; town; county; expenditure limitation

Allows counties and municipalities to exceed expenditure limitations if the expenditures are for capital improvements and are repaid prior to a required hearing held by the OAG.

HB 2394 – Chapter 191 – *expenditure limitation; Town of Superior

Specifies the penalty for excess expenditures of local revenues by the Town of Superior for fiscal year 2007-2008 is \$100.

HB 2445 – Chapter 258 – mining transaction privilege tax; application

Specifies the TPT mining classification applies only to nonmetalliferous mineral product mined, quarried, or otherwise extracted from Arizona, retroactive to 2002.

HB 2617 – Chapter 309 – mining amendments; water; permits; rules

Makes multiple changes to statutes related to mining and establishes the nine-member Mining Advisory Council (Council).

- Broadens the qualifications of the SMI to having at least four years experience in any type of mining, rather than underground mining. Removes the requirement of three additional years experience in mining, smelting or open pit mining as a qualification of the SMI.
- Specifies the terms of the Council members and allows state agencies to include the comments of the Council when it adopts administrative rules and budgets and consider the Council's recommendations. Terminates the Council on July 1, 2020.
- Modifies the functions of the GRRC and establishes a mandatory 60-day comment period for persons to provide comments on rules to GRRC.
- Changes the penalty fee for any agency failing to comply with the overall timeframe to 2.5% of the total fees received by the agency for reviewing.
- Authorizes the transportation of groundwater between two adjacent groundwater basins by a metal mining facility if the transportation is required to comply with a mitigation order.

- Allows DEQ and DWR to contract with private consultants for the purposes of assisting in reviewing applications for licenses, permits or other authorizations.
- Requires DEQ to, unless specifically authorized by the Legislature, to ensure that state laws, rules, standards, etc. are adopted and are construed to be consistent with and no more stringent than the corresponding federal law that addresses the same subject matter.

HB 2627 – Chapter 326 – county transportation excise tax; transit

Allows any county, with voter approval, to levy both a transportation excise tax and a transportation excise tax for roads.

HB 2653 – Chapter 328 – intergovernmental agreements; separate legal entities

Allows separate legal entities to issue revenue bonds and engage in electric generation and transmission activities.

SB 1171 – Chapter 164 – aggregate mining reclamation reports

Requires the owner or operator of an aggregate mining facility to submit an annual status report for each reclamation plan.

SB 1193 – Chapter 207 – agricultural best management practices; enforcement

Establishes guidelines for the regulation of PM-10 particulate emissions and preempts further regulation of regulated agricultural activities by political subdivisions.

SB 1195 – Chapter 243 – state land department; fees; funds

Changes the statutorily mandated fee structure of the ASLD and allows the ASLD Commissioner to prescribe, by rule, the amount of fees charged for various transactions related to the management of state lands.

SB 1253 – Chapter 275 – fire districts; dissolution process

Modifies the process for the dissolution of a fire district and revises the petition process for the creation of a fire district.

SB 1349 – Chapter 249 [E] – *state parks; management

Allows the ASPB to contract with public or private entities or an Indian tribe to operate state parks.

SB 1410 – Chapter 222 – trust land exchanges; military preservation

Revises the process to review and evaluate proposed state trust land exchanges and contains a conditional enactment clause.

SB 1411 – Chapter 338 – *dairy farms; zoning; agricultural purpose

Specifies that a dairy operation is a general agricultural purpose and is not subject to certain planning and zoning regulations.