

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

51ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

DATE: January 16, 2014 **TIME:** 2:25 p.m. **ROOM:** SHR 3

CHAIRMAN: Senator Gail Griffin **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Judy Burges

ANALYST: Sharon Langford **INTERN:** Catcher Baden

**ASSISTANT
ANALYST:** Bryan Durham **COMMITTEE
SECRETARY:** Toy Brown

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Begay	X			SB 1049	DP
Senator Crandell	X			SB 1062	DP
Senator Farley			X		
Senator Hobbs	X				
Senator Ward	X				
Senator Burges, Vice-Chairman	X				
Senator Griffin, Chairman	X				

Chairman Griffin called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m. and attendance was taken.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

The following staff introductions were made:

Sharon Langford, Government and Environment Committee Research Analyst
Bryan Durham, Government and Environment Committee Assistant Research Analyst
Catcher Baden, Government and Environment Committee Intern
Toy Brown, Committee Secretary
Rod Ross, Republican Staff Policy Advisor
Stephanie Schiele, Republican Staff Intern
Talonya Adams, Democratic Staff Policy Advisor
Emily Martin, Democratic Staff Intern
Zachary McCutcheon, Page
Stephanie Hoyt, Page

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1049 – duty to report abuse; records – DO PASS

Catcher Baden, Government and Environment Committee Intern, explained SB 1049 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Senator Burges moved SB 1049 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 1).**

Senator Crandell explained his vote.

SB 1062 – exercise of religion; state action – DO PASS

Sharon Langford, Government and Environment Committee Analyst, explained SB 1062.

Senator Yarbrough, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1062 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Joseph LaRue, Attorney, Alliance Defending Freedom, testified in support of SB 1062 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ron Johnson, Arizona Catholic Conference, testified in support of SB 1062.

Tory Anderson, Secular Coalition for Arizona, testified in opposition to SB 1062.

Tracy Stewart, Assistant Regional Director, Arizona Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), distributed copies of an e-mail to the Committee members on behalf of the Arizona Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League (Attachment A). Ms. Stewart testified in opposition to SB 1062.

Rebecca Wininger, President, Equality Arizona, testified in opposition to SB 1062.
Josh Kredit, Center for Arizona Policy, testified in support of SB 1062.

Mr. LaRue further answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Burges moved SB 1062 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.
The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-2-1 (Attachment 2).

Senators Begay, Crandell, Ward and Burges explained their votes.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on the agenda items (Attachment B).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toy Brown
Committee Secretary

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