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## **REPRESENTATIVE FANN INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO FINALIZE FARMERS INSURANCE EXPANSION**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Wednesday, February 10, 2016)** – Representative Karen Fann’s HB2239 today passed out of the House Insurance Committee with bipartisan support. HB2239 is the last piece of the Farmers Insurance development plan that included the Governor’s office, the City of Phoenix, and former Director of Insurance Andy Tobin. It provides a technical change to the Quality Jobs Credit Premium Tax that will create an estimated 400 jobs in the Phoenix area.

Representative Karen Fann stated, “We are extremely pleased and appreciative that Farmers Insurance has selected Arizona as the place to expand its business. This project highlights the hard work and determination from legislators and Governor Ducey to make Arizona the best place for creating job and economic growth. I am proud to get this legislation through committee to ensure there are more jobs in Arizona.”

Farmers Insurance, one of the largest multi-line insurer groups in the country, plans on increasing their employee base and add more 1100 jobs in the Phoenix area. The new Farmers building, which will be located in the north Phoenix area, will be used to provide operational support for its customers and agents across the country.

Andy Tobin continued, “We congratulate Farmers Insurance for choosing Arizona as the place to grow their operation,” said Tobin. “This project represents a combined \$40 million investment and sends a strong statement about Arizona and its national reputation for creating a competitive business environment. This opportunity would not have been possible without the leadership of Governor Doug Ducey, who played a direct role in negotiations with Farmers Insurance, and the support of President Biggs and Speaker Gowan, who have pledged to move HB 2239 through their legislative chambers.”

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