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## Representative Leach Applauds House Passage of Bill Mitigating ADA Compliance Costs

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Vince Leach (R-11) today applauded the House passage of <u>HB 2214</u> by a vote of 58-1.

The bill will allow businesses to write-off costs associated with complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the year they incur those costs. Under current law, businesses must amortize ADA compliance costs over 39 years.

"Small businesses shouldn't have to choose between costly repairs or costly lawsuits," said Representative Leach. "HB 2214 helps bring businesses into compliance with the ADA by lessening the cost of doing so. It's a win-win, and I look forward to the Senate's consideration of the bill."

HB 2214 has broad support, ranging from business groups, like the National Federation of Independent Businesses, to advocates for the disability community, like the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

"By accelerating the expensing of these costs, businesses will be incentivized to self-audit and ensure they are in compliance with the ADA without having a costly lawsuit filed against them to point out a problem," said Farrell Quinlin, Arizona director for the National Federation of Independent Businesses. "Thank you to Representative Leach for sponsoring this important legislation."

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