

Natural Resources & Energy Committee

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LEGISLATION ENACTED

electric cooperatives; broadband service ([S.B. 1460](#)) – Chapter 84

Authorizes the formation of an electric cooperative nonprofit membership corporation or a nonprofit electric generation and transmission cooperative corporation for the purposes of providing broadband service. Prescribes requirements for the cooperative in providing broadband service on property, including notification requirements for construction or excavation to expand or use an existing easement for broadband. If construction negatively affects the property value, the property owner is entitled to compensation for diminution in value from the cooperative, if the property owner follows outlined claim requirements. Prescribes requirements and prohibitions for determination of fair market value in an action for just compensation. After payment of just compensation, the expanded use is fully vested in the cooperative and runs with the land.

environment; budget reconciliation; 2020-2021. ([S.B. 1689/H.B. 2906](#)) – Chapter 55

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outdoor recreation coordinating commission; continuation ([H.B. 2217](#)) – Chapter 15

Continues the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission for three years, until July 1, 2023, retroactive to July 1, 2020.

building permits; utilities; restrictions; prohibitions ([H.B. 2686/S.B. 1222](#)) – Chapter 3

Declares regulation of the operation and service of utility providers as a statewide concern that is not subject to further regulation by a municipality or county. A municipality or county may not deny a building permit application based on the utility provider proposed to serve the project, or, by ordinance, fine, penalty or other requirement, prohibit or restrict the use of services provided by a capable and authorized utility provider. The municipality or county issuing a building permit must ensure that all applicable permits and fees contain requirements and amounts that do not exceed those for other utility providers.

endangered species conservation; confidential information ([H.B. 2749/S.B. 1666](#)) – Chapter 5

Beginning January 1, 2021, deems information collected from a participant in an endangered species survey or other endangered species research or conservation plan as confidential information and prohibits disclosure of specific location, species identification or quantity information without written consent from the participant. Requires confidential species information to be collected only through a standardized form that allows the property owner to provide express written consent to have the property surveyed, enrolled or subject to enrollment in a conservation plan. Each violation of confidentiality requirements is subject to a \$25,000 civil penalty.