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HB 2029 (Chapter 35): water conservation grant fund; disclosure

Requires an eligible entity that receives water from a multi-county water conservation district and applies for a grant from the Water Conservation Grant Fund to disclose: 1) any anticipated water savings; 2) the source and type of any expected conserved water; and 3) the entity's plan for the conserved water.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2078 (Chapter 78): reclamation plans; aggregate mining; notice

Expands public notice requirements for owners or operators of aggregate mining units. Outlines applicability of notice requirements and specifies the requirements may be satisfied by providing prior public notices if certain conditions are met. Makes the legislation retroactive to September 15, 2024.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2096 (Chapter 80): forgivable financial assistance; cesspool remediation

Allows the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority to award financial assistance to counties to remediate, replace or close cesspools that present risks to water sources and public health and outlines requirements for counties.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2098 (Chapter 42): county water augmentation authorities; bond

Modifies the bonding authority and financial assistance options of a county water augmentation authority. Details reporting requirements, exemptions, eligible actions, liabilities and specified bond requirements relating to a county water augmentation authority.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2117 (Chapter 43): natural resource conservation board; fund

Transfers disbursement authority of the Environmental Special Plate Fund from the State Land Department to the State Natural Resource Conservation Board (Board). Limits, to \$10,000, the maximum amount the Board must annually disperse to each Natural Resource Conservation District. Modifies representation requirements for the Board.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2264 (Chapter 24): mining; mineral; museum; state history

Directs the Mining, Mineral and Natural Resources Educational Museum Advisory Council and the University of Arizona to collaborate to promote the history of the state and the Five C's.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2278 (Chapter 54): financial assurance; reclamation; escrow; trusts

Adds a cash deposit with a third-party escrow or trust account as an allowable financial assurance mechanism provided by owners and operators of exploration operations and aggregate mining units and specifies ownership and the release of interest and accrued earnings. Allows interest and accrued earnings to be applied to final reclamation costs.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2428 (Chapter 93): emissions; reduction credits; counties

Authorizes a county to issue a voluntary permit for certifying emissions reduction credits over certain sources if outlined conditions are met. Allows the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to issue a permit or permit revisions for certifying emissions reduction credits if specified criteria are satisfied.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2756 (Chapter 111): utilities; high load factor customers

Requires specified public power entities and public service corporations to file semiannual reports with their respective governing entities regarding new extra high load factor customers. Outlines reporting requirements and exemptions.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2782 (Chapter 257): corporation commission; utilities; amortization; tariffs

Requires the Arizona Corporation Commission and a public service corporation to disclose certain balances of regulatory assets if the asset is included in rate base or otherwise reflected in rates.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2986 (Chapter 209): department of environmental quality; programs

Makes various administrative and conforming changes to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), including: 1) replacing the Recycling Fund with the Solid Waste Fee Fund; 2) allowing the Director of ADEQ to appoint an advisory committee for the use of monies in the Solid Waste Fee Fund; 3) modifying lead acid battery regulations; and 4) modifying duties of the Director of ADEQ relating to rulemaking for potable water by public water systems.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1335 (Chapter 223): NOW: groundwater savings credits; irrigation

Enables a groundwater savings credits holder to continue irrigating the land related to the relinquished irrigation grandfathered right for a period no longer than two years after the issue date of the groundwater savings credits.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1336 (Chapter 224): state land department; continuation; oversight

Continues the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) for four years, until July 1, 2030. Modifies ASLD and State Natural Resource Conservation Board powers and duties. Establishes the State Land Oversight Board and outlines member appointment criteria.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1419 (Chapter 175): solar energy; inspection; contractors

Expands installation standards for solar energy devices. Specifies requirements for licensed contractors relating to solar energy device installation. Requires specified disclosures to be included in a distributed energy generation system agreement.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

SB 1560 (Chapter 233): cap; water supply development fund

Increases the maximum single loan amount that can be administered from the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund from \$3,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

Effective: September 12, 2026

Click [here](#) for bill history.

Vetoed Bills

HB 2026 (Vetoed): assured water supply; commingling

Enables the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, when determining whether there is sufficient water continuously available for the proposed use, to consider only the proposed source or sources of the supply regardless of if the water is distributed through a commingled system.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2031 (Vetoed): grandfathered right; Willcox AMA; extension

Requires a person claiming groundwater rights in the Willcox Active Management Area (AMA) to file an application with the Arizona Department of Water Resources within 27 months after the designation of the AMA.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2042/SB 1278 (Vetoed): solar radiation management; prohibition; enforcement

Prohibits a person from intentionally injecting, releasing or dispensing or causing the injection, release or dispensation of any material for solar radiation management. Restricts state political subdivisions from providing any grants for the development of solar radiation management technologies. Creates a method for residents to complain of alleged violations. Allows the Attorney General to investigate and file action if there is reasonable suspicion of a violation.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2055 (Vetoed): brackish groundwater recovery program

Creates the Brackish Groundwater Recovery Program Fund. Allows the Long-Term Water Augmentation Fund to be used to develop brackish groundwater recovery projects that create new sources of potable water.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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HB 2102 (Vetoed): domestic water improvement districts; hauling

Broadens the purposes for establishing an improvement district to include a water delivery system through water hauling if it is located in a subsequent active management area. Allows an improvement district formed for water hauling to exercise the power of imminent domain under certain conditions.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2103 (Vetoed): water improvements program; water hauling

Allows a county board of supervisors to provide financial assistance from the water improvement program to projects involving water hauling and tanks for storing water delivered through water hauling.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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HB 2262 (Vetoed): Arizona geological survey; analysis; division

Transfers the Resource Analysis Division from the Arizona State Land Department to the Arizona Geological Survey. Specifies guidelines to facilitate the transfer and details powers and responsibilities of the Resource Analysis Division.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

Click [here](#) for bill history.

HB 2755 (Vetoed): NOW: state lands; commercial leases; auction

Enables the State Land Commissioner to renew existing mineral or mineral material leases without public auction if specified conditions are met. Stipulates additional terms for lease renewal and a special land use permit and details relevant prohibitions.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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HB 2985 (Vetoed): CAP water; state land; allocation

Requires, within 120 days of the general effective date, the State Land Department to start a public stakeholder process for the adoption of a procedure for allocating Central Arizona Project water to state trust land.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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SB 1202 (Vetoed): supply and demand; assessment; groundwater.

Expands the information the Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources must include in each five-year water supply and demand assessment for each groundwater basin.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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SB 1418 (Vetoed): corporation commission; small modular reactors

Prohibits a county from regulating the use or occupation of land for the construction and operation of a small modular reactor if the reactor is collocated with a specified entity that is properly zoned and permitted. Allows a utility to replace an existing thermal electric generating plant with a small modular reactor without seeking a new certificate of environmental compatibility or holding a relevant hearing if specified conditions are met.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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SB 1445 (Vetoed): water quality; testing; on-site

Allows a municipality with a population between 1,000 and 10,000 persons to test bacteriological samples on-site with testing equipment approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Click [here](#) for the Governor's veto letter.

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