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May 12, 2025

The Honorable Warren Petersen  
President of the Senate  
Arizona State Senate  
1700 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

The Honorable Steve Montenegro  
Speaker of the House  
Arizona House of Representatives  
1700 W. Washington Street  
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RE: Senate Bills 1300 and 1518, House Bills 2274 and 2570

President Petersen & Speaker Montenegro,

Today, I vetoed the following bills:

- SB 1300 San Simon Valley; groundwater; election
- SB 1518 subsequent AMAs; groundwater portability
- HB 2274 water improvement district; Willcox basin
- HB 2570 temporary non-expansion area

It is unfortunate to receive four more bills that fail to address the water policy challenges Arizona residents and communities are facing today. To see more effort misspent on pointless bills that would only weaken groundwater protections or duplicate existing programs is a continued affront to rural Arizonans who have asked their legislature for years to address rural groundwater challenges.

I said in my State of the State: bills that are just political cover for the Legislature's inaction on water security will meet my veto pen.

Since day one of my administration, I have backed rural groundwater reform legislation with strong bipartisan support from across rural Arizona. We are currently negotiating an alternative framework for rural groundwater management, and I will not entertain any rural groundwater legislation that is outside the context of those negotiations. My administration waits for you at the negotiating table, ready to find compromise and solve this problem. I hope that 2025 will be the year where Arizonans finally see good faith negotiations from their Legislature on rural groundwater protections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KH' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Tim Dunn  
The Honorable Gail Griffin  
The Honorable Adrian Fontes