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

RE: SB1202 supply and demand; assessment; groundwater

President Petersen,

Today I vetoed SB1202. This bill requires the Arizona Department of Water Resources to publish a questionable set of groundwater metrics and imposes an unfunded mandate to develop groundwater models for all 51 basins in the state. While I am eager to partner with the Legislature to advance groundwater science in Arizona, I am vetoing this measure - just as I did in 2025 - so long as it serves as a deceptive attempt to undermine our world-class water protections laws that are the key to Arizona's economic success.

Sincerely,

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

Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc:  
The Honorable Steve Montenegro  
The Honorable TJ Shope  
The Honorable Adrian Fontes