

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE FOR THE SUNSET REVIEWS OF THE ARIZONA OUTDOOR RECREATION COORDINATING COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR'S ARCHAEOLOGY ADVISORY COMMISSION AND THE MINING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting
January 15, 2020
2:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 109

Members Present:

Senator Frank Pratt, Chair
Senator Sylvia Allen
Senator Andrea Dalessandro
Senator David Gowan
Senator Sine Kerr
Senator Juan Mendez
Senator Jamescita Peshlakai

Staff:

Kaitlyn Neff, Senate Research Analyst
Cameron Toering, Senate Research Intern

Chairman Pratt called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. and attendance was noted.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA OUTDOOR RECREATION COORDINATING COMMISSION

Overview of the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission

Robert Broscheid, Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails, gave an overview of the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission and explained why the Commission should be continued.

Public Testimony

Senator Pratt noted that no one was signed in on the Request To Speak system.

Discussion

There was no Committee discussion.

Recommendation by the Committee of Reference

Senator Kerr moved that the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission for three years until July 1, 2023, for the purposes of aligning the sunset dates of the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission and the Arizona State Parks Board. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE GOVERNOR'S ARCHAEOLOGY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Overview of the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission

Robert Broscheid, Director, Arizona State Parks and Trails, gave an overview of the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission and explained why the Commission should be continued. Mr. Broscheid answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

Ian Milliken, Chairman, Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission, further explained the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission and why it should be continued.

Thomas Wilson, Director, Arizona Museum of Natural History, former member of the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission, testified regarding the importance of the Commission and submitted his written remarks for the record (Attachment A).

Patrick Bray, Arizona Farm and Ranch Group, testified regarding past issues and working with the Commission in the future.

Senator Pratt read his statement regarding his commitment to host a stakeholders meeting (Attachment B).

Sandy Bahr, Chapter Director, Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter, testified in favor of the continuation of the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission.

Discussion

The Committee discussed the continuation of the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission.

Recommendation by the Committee of Reference

Senator Kerr moved that the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission for three years, until July 1, 2023, for the purposes of aligning the sunset dates of the Governor's Archaeology Advisory Commission and the Arizona State Parks Board. Senator Kerr further moved that the Committee of Reference recommend that the Advisory Commission's enabling statute be amended to include advising the State Historic Preservation Office in developing a streamlined survey report process for range land improvement projects. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE MINING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Overview of the Mining Advisory Council

Laurie Swartzbaugh, Deputy Director, Arizona State Mine Inspector's Office, gave an overview of the Mining Advisory Council and explained the Director's understanding of why the Council will sunset.

Public Testimony

Senator Pratt noted that no one had signed up on the Request To Speak system.

Discussion

The Committee had no discussion.

Recommendation by the Committee of Reference

Senator Kerr moved that the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee of Reference make the recommendation to allow the Mining Advisory Council to terminate on July 1, 2020 and recommend that legislation be crafted to eliminate the Council from statute. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on the agenda items (Attachment C).

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment D).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Ponce
Committee Secretary

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