



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1507

United Nations Rio declaration; prohibition Sponsors: Senator Burges

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OVERVIEW

SB 1507 prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from adopting or implementing the United Nations Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (Declaration).

HISTORY

The Declaration was adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNED) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 1992. 172 governments, including the United States, participated in UNCED. The goal of UNED was to establish a new and equitable global partnership toward international agreement to protect the integrity of the global environmental and developmental system.

The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) is an association with the mission “to build and server a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions” (www.iclei.org). Countdown 2010 was a network of active partners who worked together towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target to tackle the causes of biodiversity loss (www.countdown2010.net). Local Action for Biodiversity is a global urban biodiversity program coordinated by ICLEI that is focused on developing a local government network for biodiversity action to promote a better understanding of local government biodiversity issues, leading to the implementation of appropriate measures within the participating local governments (www.iclei.org/lab). European Center for Nature Conservation is an independent organization working for the conservation and sustainable use of Europe’s nature, biodiversity and landscape (www.ecne.org). The International Union for Conservation of Nature is a result-based, demand-driven plan of action that addresses global issues and incorporates national level priorities by recognizing the continuing need to support biodiversity conservation at all levels, with governments, civil society and the private sector (www.iucn.org). The President’s Council on Sustainable Development was established by President Clinton in June 1993 to advise him on sustainable development and develop “bold, new approaches to achieve our economic, environmental, and equity goals” (www.clinton2.nara.gov/PCSD/).

PROVISIONS

- Prohibits the state and all of its political subdivisions from adopting or implementing the creed, doctrine, principles or any tenet of the Declaration and the Statement of Principles for Sustainable Development adopted at the UNED or any other international law that contravenes the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Arizona.
- Prohibits the state and all of its political subdivisions from implementing programs of, expending any sum of money for, being a member of, receiving funding from, contracting

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services from or giving financial or other forms of aid to the ICLEI or any of its related organizations which include:

- Countdown 2010;
 - Local Action for Biodiversity;
 - European Center for Nature Conservation;
 - The International Union for Conservation of Nature; and
 - The President's Council on Sustainable Development.
- Defines *political subdivision* as this state, or a county, city or town in this state, or a public partnership or any other public entity in this state.