

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Fifty-first Legislature – First Regular Session

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, March 4, 2013  
House Hearing Room 1 -- 2:00 p.m.

Chairman Lesko called the meeting to order at 4:24 p.m. and roll call was taken by the secretary.

**Members Present**

Mr. Cardenas  
Mr. Gallego  
Mr. Mesnard

Mr. Olson  
Mr. Petersen

Mr. Wheeler  
Mrs. Lesko, Chairman

**Members Absent**

Mr. Kwasman, Vice-Chairman (excused)

**Committee Action**

SB1169 - DP (7-0-0-1)

SB1176 - DP (7-0-0-1)

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

**SB1169 - proposition 117; conformity - DO PASS**

Stephanie Jaffa, Majority Research Analyst, explained that Proposition 117, passed by the voters in 2012, amended the Constitution to limit the increase in limited property value to 5 percent over the previous year, effective in 2015. SB1169 makes changes to statute in order to conform to Proposition 117 (Attachment 1).

Jennifer Stielow, Vice President, Arizona Tax Research Association, spoke in support of SB1169 stating it is conforming language to Proposition 117 and it eliminates all references to primary and secondary net assessed value.

Chairman Lesko announced the names of those who signed up in support of SB1169 but did not speak:

Rebecca Hudson, Analyst, Corporate Public Affairs, Southwest Gas Corporation  
Gretchen Kitchel, Senior Public Affairs Representative, Salt River Project  
Allison Bell, Senior Government Affairs Representative, Arizona Public Service  
Jeff Sandquist, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties

**Mr. Mesnard moved that SB1169 do pass. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-1 (Attachment 2).**

**SB1176 - college savings plans; subtraction increase - DO PASS**

Casey Baird, House Majority Intern, explained that SB1176 increases the deduction limit for contributions to college savings plans established under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. The amount is increased from \$750 to \$2000 for individuals and from \$1500 to \$4000 for married couples filing jointly. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) estimated a fiscal impact of \$3,950,200 in fiscal year 2014 for this legislation (Attachment 3).

April Osborn, Executive Director, Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education, spoke in support of SB1176 and stated it will help families save for the cost of a college education by contributing to state sponsored 529 programs.

Mark Stein, Arizona Family College Savings Program Oversight Committee, Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education, spoke in support of SB1176 and reiterated that this is a good way for the state to assist families in saving for a college education.

Chairman Lesko announced the names of those who signed up in support of SB1176 but did not speak:

Don Isaacson, University of Phoenix; Independent Colleges & Universities of Arizona (ICUA)

Gregory Harris, Lobbyist

Grace Smith, Director, Arizona Family College Savings 529 Program

Norman Moore, Independent Colleges & Universities of Arizona (ICUA)

John Mangum, Arizona Private Schools Association

Katy Yanez, Director of Government Affairs, Northern Arizona University (NAU)

Steve Miller, Deputy Vice President Public Affairs, Arizona State University (ASU)

Timothy Bee, Associate Vice President, State Relations, University of Arizona (UA)

Ted Ferris, Arizona Board of Regents

Chairman Lesko announced the names of those who signed up as neutral on SB1176 but did not speak:

Sean Laux, Legislative Liaison, Department of Revenue

**Mr. Mesnard moved that SB1176 do pass. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 7-0-0-1 (Attachment 4).**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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Tracey Gardner, Committee Secretary  
May 8, 2013

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