



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
*Fifty-Fifth Legislature, Second Regular Session*

FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2538

water protection fund; appropriation

Purpose

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the state General Fund (state GF) in FY 2023 to the Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF).

Background

Established in 1994, the AWPF is administered by the AWPF Commission ([A.R.S. § 45-2111](#)). AWPF monies are used: 1) for the development and implementation of measures to protect water of sufficient quantity and quality; 2) to maintain, enhance and restore rivers and streams and associated riparian habitats consistent with water law and water rights and measures; and 3) to increase water availability ([A.R.S. § 45-2101](#)).

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Provisions

1. Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the state GF in FY 2023 to the AWPF.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

NREW	1/25/22	DP	12-0-0-0
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