Purpose

Continues the Arizona Grain Research and Promotion Council (AGRPC) for eight years.

Background

The AGRPC is a seven member council consisting of members appointed by the Governor whom are residents and producers of Arizona (A.R.S. § 3-582). The AGRPC must establish a check-off fee of up to five cents per hundred weight of grain sold through commercial channels (A.R.S. § 3-587). The check-off fee is deposited into the Arizona Grain Research Trust Fund (Fund) which is administered by the AGRPC. Fund monies may be used for: 1) assisting in developing and expanding markets and reducing the cost of marketing grain and grain products; 2) participation in research projects and programs to assist in reducing fresh water consumption; and 3) providing education, publicity or other assistance to facilitate further development of the Arizona grain industry (A.R.S. § 3-584).

The Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water and House Land, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Joint Committee of Reference (COR) held a public meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023, to consider the continuation of the AGRPC. The COR recommended that the Legislature continue the AGRPC for eight years, until July 1, 2031 (COR Report). The AGRPC terminates on July 1, 2023, unless continued by the Legislature (A.R.S. § 41-3023.04).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2023, AGRPC until July 1, 2031.
2. Repeals the AGRPC on January 1, 2032.
3. Contains a purpose statement.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date, with a retroactive provision as noted.

House Action

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