ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Fifty-sixth Legislature Second Regular Session

HB 2011: lottery; water infrastructure finance authority Sponsor: Representative Griffin, LD 19 Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water

Overview

Adds an annual statutory appropriation of \$50,000,000 from the State Lottery Fund distribution to the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA).

History

The State Lottery Fund consists of all revenues from the sale of lottery tickets excluding the amount designated for prize payments. The State Lottery Fund balance is annually reduced by a series of statutory appropriations. The distribution, sometimes known as the "lottery waterfall," is ordered to provide funding for the lottery revenue bond debt service, then \$84,150,000 for the state General Fund (GF), followed by \$10,000,000 for the Game and Fish Heritage Fund, \$23,966,800 for health and welfare programs in fiscal year 2024 (annually adjusted for inflation), \$1,000,000 for homeless shelters, a further \$15,490,000 for the GF, \$3,500,000 for the Arizona Competes Fund, followed by up to 80% of university capital improvement debt service costs and, finally, the remaining balance is deposited into the GF (A.R.S. §§ 5-571, 5-572).

WIFA administers state water funds for the augmentation, development and conservation of water resources, including both the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund and the Water Conservation Grant Fund. The Water Supply Development Revolving Fund provides loans and grants for water supply projects outside of the Phoenix, Pinal and Tucson Active Management Areas. The Water Conservation Grant Fund provides resources for voluntary water conservation projects that must result in: 1) long-term reductions in water use; 2) improvements in water use efficiency; or 3) improvements in water reliability (A.R.S. §§ 49-1270, 49-1273, 49-1332).

Provisions

- 1. Appropriates \$50,000,000 from the State Lottery Fund in each fiscal year to WIFA to deposit as follows:
 - a) \$25,000,000 to the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund; and
 - b) \$25,000,000 to the Water Conservation Grant Fund. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Specifies that the Water Supply Development Revolving Fund and the Water Conservation Grant Fund may receive monies from the State Lottery Fund. (Sec. 2-3)
- 3. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1-3)

□ Prop 105 (45 votes)	☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)	☐ Emergency (40 votes)	☐ Fiscal Note