



ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION

*57th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session
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HCR2038: Colorado River; seven-state agreement

GRIFFIN FLOOR AMENDMENT

1. Expands listed entities who rely on the Colorado River as a vital resource to include tribal communities and Arizona's major population centers.
2. Clarifies the reductions and conservation of Colorado River water by the Lower Basin States.
3. Modifies language relating to Colorado River negotiations.
4. Makes technical changes.

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GRIFFIN FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.C.R. 2038
(Reference to House engrossed bill)

Amendment instruction key:

[GREEN UNDERLINING IN BRACKETS] indicates text added to statute or previously enacted session law.
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<<Green carets>> indicate a section added to the bill.
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1 The resolution as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

2 Whereas, key operating guidelines for the Colorado River between
3 Upper Basin and Lower Basin states expire this year; and

4 Whereas, the Colorado River is a vital resource for this state, as
5 Arizona's [major population center,] agricultural industry, advanced
6 technology sector[, tribal communities] and military bases rely heavily on
7 water from the Colorado River; and

8 Whereas, supporting Arizona's economy and the state as a whole is
9 vital to national security, national economy and the national food
10 supply; and

11 Whereas, within the overall Colorado River Basin, approximately 75
12 percent of all jobs, people, crop sales and economic activity are located
13 within the Lower Basin [states] [States] of Arizona, California and
14 Nevada; and

15 Whereas, Arizona has been meeting and continues to meet with Upper
16 Basin states to find a consensus on the additional reductions that will be
17 needed to ensure compliance with the 1922 Colorado River Compact; and

18 Whereas, Arizona and the Lower Basin [states] [States] have offered
19 and continue to offer collaborative solutions to proactively protect the
20 Colorado River system; and

21 Whereas, Arizona is using less water today than in the 1950s despite
22 population growth of more than 500 percent; and

23 Whereas, the Lower Basin [states] [States] have already taken [8.9
24 million acre-feet of real, meaningful reductions] [real, meaningful
25 reductions to conserve almost 8.9 million acre-feet] in [Colorado River
26 use] [Lake Mead since 2007]; and

1 Whereas, ~~[by the end of 2026]~~ [between 2023 and 2026], the Lower
2 Basin ~~[states]~~ [States] will have generated up to 3.7 million acre-feet of
3 verified audited conservation, safeguarding the Colorado River system; and

4 Whereas, Arizona has invested \$211 million in water conservation
5 projects that will save up to 6.6 million acre-feet of water over the
6 respective lives of the projects; and

7 Whereas, Arizona remains diligent in its efforts to work together,
8 continue meeting and find a solution that ~~[respects all basin states while~~
9 ~~upholding the 1922 Compact]~~ [provides certainty to all Basin States while
10 protecting the Colorado River system]; and

11 Whereas, the Lower Basin ~~[states]~~ [States] have ~~[addressed and will~~
12 ~~continue to]~~ [provided a solution that is intended to] address the
13 structural deficit in the Lower Basin [and share reductions needed to
14 protect the Colorado River system]; and

15 Whereas, throughout the negotiations with the ~~[basin states]~~ [Basin
16 States], it is necessary to reach an agreement that continues to benefit
17 all ~~[basin states]~~ [Basin States while sharing the risk of reductions].
18 Therefore~~[.]~~

19 That the Members of the Legislature support a mutual, seven-state
20 agreement that benefits all ~~[basin states]~~ [Basin States] and protects the
21 [major population centers and] industries in Arizona that are vital to our
22 national security, economy and food supply.

23 Enroll and engross to conform
24 Amend title to conform

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