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Arizona House of Representatives

Representative Paul Mosley (R-5)

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Representative Mosley Champions Tax Credit and Increase in Dependent Exemption

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Paul Mosley (R-5) is sponsoring legislation to create a tax credit for dependents and increase the tax exemption for dependents.

[HB 2459](#) would establish a tax credit of \$250 per dependent for working Arizona families, including dependent elderly and dependent disabled.

[HB 2264](#) would increase tax exemptions for dependents from \$2,300 to \$2,350 per dependent in tax year 2019 and from \$2,350 to \$2,400 per dependent in tax year 2020.

“The bills together would give a tax cut to working Arizona families with children of almost \$100 million, which goes very well with the Trump tax cuts that will bring in more revenue of \$135 million as scored by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee,” said Mosley. **“With the increase in taxes because of the Trump tax bill that was signed into law, I am is trying to give this tax cut back to those who have sacrificed to raise the next generation of Americans.”**

The Arizona Department of Revenue brings in \$15.6 billion in gross revenue, 65% from TPT or sales tax, 28% from income tax, and the rest from corporate and other tax. The State then spends over \$3.6 billion on K-12 education, \$1.775 billion on AHCCS, over \$1 billion on Dept. of Corrections, \$586 million on Dept. of Economic Security, and \$380 million on Dept. of Child Safety to name a few.

“We haven’t given families in Arizona a tax break for quite some time, and families end up paying far more sales tax out of necessity while just simply to support their families. Parents are responsible for providing necessities to their children, like feeding, clothing, and offering shelter – we ought to give them the tax break they truly need,” said Representative Mosley. **“Contrary to widespread belief, it is not the responsibility for government to provide for these necessities. In the state of Arizona, there are 500,740**

families that have one or two children, 152,898 families who have three or four children, and only 17,844 families who have 5 or more children that could benefit from both bills. Out of the seven million people in the state there are 671,482 families who have children who could greatly benefit from these important tax cuts for families.”

Representative Mosley hopes to bring attention to the disparities in the Arizona state tax code and bring this into the budget talks with other legislators in the House and the Senate.

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