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**Arizona House of Representatives**  
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## House Approves Legislation by Representative Wilmeth to Restrict Regulatory Overreach

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – State Representative Justin Wilmeth announced that the Arizona House of Representatives today passed legislation he sponsored to restrict regulatory overreach by the state executive and agencies.

[HB 2254](#) requires that any rule that is expected to increase regulatory costs more than \$500,000 must first receive approval from the Legislature before it can be made effective. The requirement would not apply to emergency rules.

**“Burdensome regulations can lead to higher prices, fewer small businesses, and fewer jobs,”** said Representative Wilmeth. **“HB 2254 says legislative approval would be required before high-cost rules could be implemented by the state. Executive agencies would have to get buy-in from the Legislature before they could move forward with major regulations. It will increase government accountability by strengthening oversight on unelected bureaucrats and help keep government regulations in check.”**

HB 2254 was previously approved by the House Government Committee in February. It now moves to the state Senate for consideration.

*Justin Wilmeth is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 2 in North Phoenix and is Chairman of the House Commerce Committee. Follow him on Twitter at @JustinWilmethAZ.*

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