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The Arizona House Republican Majority Reports Strong Week

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – As committees wrap up, the Arizona House Republican Majority Caucus is proud to report on its top accomplishments this week.

Health — Two Majority bills, creating voluntary pathways for Arizonans struggling with mental health and drug addiction to find help, passed the Senate this week. HB 2041 (Representative Selina Bliss) modifies the court-ordered psych evaluation process to allow for a voluntary evaluation. It's headed back to the House. HB 2168 (Representative Quang Nguyen) protects Arizonans from prosecution if they seek good-faith medical help for a drug overdose. This bill is headed to the Governor's desk. HB 2455 (Representative Beverly Pingerelli), making individuals with Prader-Willi syndrome eligible for disability resources, passed Senate Appropriations.

Education — To recruit and invest in new Arizona teachers, HB 2428 (Representative Matt Gress) makes all Arizona post-secondary education institutions eligible to offer the Arizona Teachers Academy scholarship to its students. It passed the Senate Committee of the Whole. Military families deserve all the support we can offer. HB 2089 (Representative Kevin Payne), extending the Spouses of Military Veterans Tuition Scholarship to the surviving spouses of fallen veterans, passed Senate Appropriations.

Transportation — Our Majority's investments in infrastructure and transportation keep Arizona moving forward. Investments in SR238 and SR347 through the City of Maricopa (HB 2063, Representative Teresa Martinez), improvements to the Pinal East-West Corridor and widening of the I-10 between Chandler and Casa Grande (HB 2449, Representative Teresa Martinez), funding for infrastructure projects in 33 towns and cities (HB 2543, Representative Tim Dunn) and improvements to Happy Valley Road (HB 2569, Representative David Livingston), all passed Senate Appropriations this week.

Safety — Arizona's border is still in crisis. HCM 2007 (Representative Gail Griffin) urging Congress to enact the federal State Immigration Enforcement Act, passed the Senate. HB 2704 (Representative Leo Biasiucci) investing in law enforcement along the border passed Senate Appropriations. To enable constables to better protect Arizonans, HB 2617 (Representative Selina Bliss) permitting them to carry firearms passed the Senate Committee of the Whole. Arizonans who live in forest fire risk areas will be happy to know that HB 2803 (Representative Matt Gress) providing a public safety grant for cities and towns passed Senate Appropriations.

Protecting Children — Children taken away from their families are vulnerable and need support. HB 2313 (Representative Rachel Jones) strengthens requirements for finding the relatives of children taken into DCS custody. It passed the Senate and is headed back to the House. School safety is top of mind. HB 2705 (Representative Leo Biasiucci) establishing and funding the School Active Threat Response Pilot Program passed Senate Appropriations. Finally, the House passed SB 1027, strengthening penalties for fentanyl manufacturers who cause harm to minors under 15.

Economy — Licensing can be a long and complicated process. HB 2019 (Representative Travis Grantham) clarifies and shortens the process for approving licenses and permits. HB 2108 (Representative David Livingston) modifies requirements for those receiving unemployment benefits to incentivize them to find employment. Both bills passed the Senate and are headed back to the House. HCM 2002 (Representative Gail Griffin) offers relief to Arizona's housing crisis, requesting that the federal government sell unused federal lands back to the state of Arizona to be used for housing. It just passed the Senate.

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