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‘Arizona’s Budget’ Approved by House

Puts Families First, Gives Back, Spends Smart, and Addresses Real Issues

STATE CAPITOL, ARIZONA — The Arizona House of Representatives today approved a structurally balanced state budget for fiscal year 2024 that funds the state’s essential services, puts Arizona families first, and protects school choice.

This budget is the product of months-long deliberate negotiations between House Speaker Ben Toma, Senate President Warren Petersen, and Democrat Governor Katie Hobbs to earn majority support from both sides. All budget bills received strong bipartisan support on final passage in the House, and earlier today in the Senate.

House Republican Leaders hailed the budget’s passage as a huge win for Arizona families and the state:

Statement from Speaker of the House Ben Toma:

“From day one, our Majority has been focused on getting the job done for our constituents: putting Arizona families first, protecting the vulnerable, and growing opportunity and freedom. We’re conservatives. We believe you should keep more of your money and the government should spend less. That’s why we believe this is Arizona’s Budget — a budget that reflects our needs, gives back, spends smart, and addresses real issues. We needed a budget that the Governor would sign that accomplishes our goal of putting Arizona families first. This budget accomplishes both.”

Statement from House Majority Leader Leo Biasiucci:

“Our Republican Majority prefers not to spend hard-earned taxpayer money but, if it’s going to be spent, we should spend it wisely. Right off the top, we’re giving back 10% of one-time spending to help Arizona families with a tax rebate of \$250 for every child under 17. This is a budget that invests in our economy, improves the infrastructure we all rely on, and solves problems faced by our most vulnerable.”

Statement from House Majority Whip Teresa Martinez:

“I’m an enthusiastic ‘Yes’ vote on this state budget because it’s wisely focused on the top concerns of Arizonans: education, transportation, health, public safety, and water – it addresses each of these priorities.”

Also passed by the House today was HCR 2050, a concurrent resolution sponsored by Representative Matt Gress, to allow K-12 school districts to exceed the aggregate expenditure limitation in the 2024 fiscal year.

Follow the accomplishments of the Majority on Twitter @AZHouseGOP.

Ben Toma is the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives and serves Legislative District 27, which includes areas of Glendale, Peoria, and Phoenix. Follow him on Twitter at @RepBenToma.

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