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The Arizona House Republican Majority Encourages Governor Hobbs to Sign Transparent Prop 400 Extension

STATE CAPITOL, ARIZONA — The Arizona House Republican Majority encourages Governor Hobbs to sign SB 1246, also known as the Transparent Prop 400 Extension (SB 1246).

House Speaker Ben Toma issued the following statement:

“Maricopa County voters deserve real choices in how their sales tax is continued and spent. The Republican-led “Transparent Prop 400 Expansion” gives voters that real choice and puts Arizona’s most critical infrastructure first. Rather than mixing vague and controversial projects with real improvements to freeways, major roads, and buses, SB 1246 moves \$1 billion from undefined programs to actual road projects, and splits continuation of the half-cent sales tax into two questions that voters can consider separately. We ask the Governor to join us in putting voters first and choosing smart and responsible spending.”

Additionally, the Republican Majority is pleased to report on bills passed Monday and Tuesday of this week, improving the daily lives of Arizonans.

Crime and Public Safety — Addressing the urgency of drug trafficking and the fentanyl crisis, the Senate passed HB 2802 (Representative Matt Gress) strengthening penalties for certain narcotic drug offenses and requiring law enforcement agencies to submit confiscated fentanyl to a crime laboratory for testing. The House passed SB 1588 to ensure data transparency with the public by requiring the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to make its data open to the public via a website.

Health — The House passed HB 2669 (Representative Tim Dunn), protecting Arizona residents’ health and safety by prohibiting sewage or septage from being applied to any land application unless it complies with health and safety rules.

Education — Parental engagement is critical to student success. The House passed two bills strengthening parent’s rights. HB 2786 (Representative Justin Heap) makes district and school staff training on parental rights mandatory. HB 2060 — (Representative Travis Grantham) creates a statutory handbook of parental rights, authorizes public and charter schools to prominently post required information online, and trains dyslexia coaches. Finally, to ensure school board members can effectively do their jobs, the House passed HB 2210 (Representative Justin Wilmeth) requiring that school board members have at least the same level of access to school district office facilities and staff as any employee of the school district office.

Economy — The House passed several bills to protect customers and support commerce. HB 2292 (Representative David Cook) permits a dealership and customer together to cancel the sale of any motor vehicle causing ADOT to return any fees collected. HB 2252 (Representative Justin Wilmeth) facilitates car sales to out-of-state customers by creating a 30-day nonresident car registration permit for a dealer purchasing an unregistered vehicle in Arizona for an out-of-state customer. HB 2618 (Representative Gail Griffin) protects local rule over new solar or wind energy power plants and refines the regulatory protections around these energy plants.

Protecting Children — The well-being of children is a top priority for the Republican Majority. The House passed SB 1583 protecting children from predators by requiring DPS to include on the sex-offender website any person convicted of a dangerous crime against children, and HB 2651 (Representative Barbara Parker) ensuring missing children can be located. Too many vulnerable children, especially those in foster care, go missing and are never found.

Infrastructure, Transportation, and Water — Following on the heels of major budget investments in infrastructure, the House passed HB 2809 (Representative Michael Carbone) incentivizing new industry in the state by giving more back to cities and towns that host substantial public infrastructure improvements benefitting a manufacturing facility, and HB 2022 (Representative Tim Dunn) requiring the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA) to distribute monies to Navajo County for the Little Colorado River Levee.

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