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**Arizona House of Representatives
Speaker Steve Montenegro (R-29)**

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Governor Vetoes House Budgets Aimed at Preventing Government Shutdown

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs today vetoed both budget proposals passed by the Arizona House of Representatives: the original balanced budget approved earlier this month, and the continuation budget passed yesterday to keep state government open past the June 30 deadline.

Speaker of the House Steve Montenegro issued the following statement:

“I’m disappointed the Governor has now vetoed two responsible budgets passed by the House—each of which would have prevented a government shutdown and kept essential state services running.

The House has done its job, twice. We passed a balanced budget that prioritized responsible spending and core needs. When that plan was rejected, we advanced a continuation budget to avoid disruption and allow time for further negotiations. Both were rejected.

Despite the Governor’s actions, House Republicans will continue working to keep government operating and protect Arizona taxpayers from the consequences of political brinkmanship.”

The House-passed budgets focused on core functions such as public safety, infrastructure, and government oversight, while maintaining fiscal restraint. The continuation budget was intended to keep operations going beyond the end of the fiscal year.

Steve Montenegro is the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives and serves Legislative District 29 in the West Valley, Goodyear, and Surprise. Follow him on X at @SteveMontenegro.

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