



# Arizona Legislative Updates



## Mixed Actions by Governor, Legislature Advances More Harmful Bills



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Hi all!

This week, the Governor inked up her veto stamp and among the bills she vetoed were two bills that we had opposed. The first was [HB2056 dry washes; permit program exemption](#) (Diaz: Carbone, Dunn, et al.), which says dry washes, arroyos, swales, etc. and other similar features are not considered protected surface waters. Water is too precious in our state to risk it with this type of bill. [Please thank Governor Hobbs for this veto.](#)

The Governor also vetoed [HB2437 transmission lines; applications; exceptions](#) (Griffin), which exempts a transmission line that is entirely on private land from being required to obtain a certificate of environmental compatibility from the Arizona Power Plant and Line Siting Committee, so there would be no environmental review. We appreciate this veto, but unfortunately she then signed [HB2496 transmission lines; definition](#) (Griffin), which exempts transmission lines one mile or shorter from that same process, so no environmental review. The reasons outlined in her [veto message on HB2437](#) could equally apply to HB2496.

Next week is pretty much all floor action as the Appropriations Committees wrapped up their work this past week and other committees finished the week before. The only committee action will include the Rules Committees where they decide on constitutional and formatting issues, at least in theory, and some presentations in other committees. There are no

executive nominations scheduled to be heard again next week.

Please send a message to your representatives opposing the [strike-everything amendment](#) on SB1278. It could come to the House floor at any time. This measure would take away local control on home appliances and limit local leaders' ability to establish local building code provisions related to affordability, energy, and public health.

**[Please tell your Arizona representatives to vote NO on SB1278.](#)**

Several of the bills to undermine public transportation, hinder accommodation of bicycles, and limit any efforts to reduce traffic advanced in the Arizona House this week.

**[Please contact your representatives and ask them to oppose SB1312, SB1313, SB1314, and SCR1018.](#)**

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Take Action!

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To review bills we are tracking, [go to this link](#).

**For more information, reach out to Sandy Bahr at [sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org](mailto:sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org).**

Many thanks for taking action!

All the best,



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## Coming Up This Week at the AZ Legislature



Historic Capitol courtesy of Sandy Bahr

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### Monday, April 10th

**Senate Committee on Transportation and Technology at 2:00 PM in SHR2**  
Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting [here](#).

- Presentation
  - Project Programming, Greg Byres, Arizona Department of Transportation Deputy Director/State Engineer

## Tuesday, April 11th

### Some good news from outside the Legislature!

- Grijalva, Sen. Sinema to Join Tribes in Call for POTUS to Designate Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument. [See details here.](#)



Public Lands near Grand Canyon photo courtesy of Alicyn Gitlin

