# ARIZONA STATE SENATE

56TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

**DATE:** March 22, 2023 **TIME:** 9:00 A.M. **ROOM:** SHR 1

**CHAIRMAN:** Senator Steve Kaiser **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Frank Carroll

**ANALYST:** Jason Theodorou

**ATTENDANCE**

| Committee Members | Pr | Ab | Ex |
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| Senator Hatathlie | X | | |
| Senator Hernandez | X | | |
| Senator Kern | X | | |
| Senator Mesnard | X | | |
| Senator Miranda | X | | |
| Senator Carroll, Vice-Chairman | X | | |
| Senator Kaiser, Chairman | X | | |

**BILLS**

| Bill Number | Disposition |
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| HB 2049 | DPA/SE |
| HB 2108 | DPA |
| HB 2228 | DP |
| HB 2536 | DPA/SE |
| HB 2750 | DP |
| HB 2809 | DP |

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Chairman Kaiser called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and the attendance was taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

> **Senator Kaiser stated that without objection, the minutes of March 15, 2023 were approved as distributed.**

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

**HB 2809 – public infrastructure improvements; reimbursement – DO PASS**

**Fausto Burruel, Commerce Committee Assistant Analyst,** explained HB 2809.

**Representative Carbone, bill sponsor,** further explained HB 2809.

**Danny Seiden, President, Chief Executive Officer, Arizona Chamber of Commerce,** testified in support of HB 2809 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Timothy Bourcet, Vice President, Corporate Development and Community Affairs, Greater Phoenix Economic Council,** testified in support of HB 2809.

**Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor, Town of Queen Creek,** testified in support of HB 2809.

> **Senator Carroll moved that HB 2809 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 1).**

**HB 2228 – home solicitation sales (now: sales; home solicitation) – DO PASS**

**Pauline Mayundo, Commerce Committee Intern,** explained HB 2228.

**Representative Gress, bill sponsor,** further explained HB 2228 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Edie Lefevre, Veridus, Asurion,** testified in support of HB 2228 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Wendy Briggs, Veridus, Asurion,** testified in support of HB 2228 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

> **Senator Carroll moved that HB 2228 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 2).**

Senators Kern, Mesnard and Carroll explained their votes.

**HB 2049 – bank deposits; technical correction (now: unemployment insurance; employer; limitations) – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING**

**Jason Theodorou, Commerce Committee Analyst,** explained the 30-page Kaiser strike everything amendment to HB 2049 dated 03/17/2023 at 09:56 a.m. (Attachment A).

**Representative Dunn, bill sponsor,** further explained the Kaiser strike everything amendment to HB 2049 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Leslie Roste, Future of the Beauty Industry Coalition,** testified in support of the strike everything amendment to HB 2049 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Theodorou answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Senator Carroll moved that HB 2049 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**Senator Carroll moved the 30-page Kaiser strike everything amendment to HB 2049 dated 03/17/2023 at 09:56 a.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

**Senator Carroll moved HB 2049 AS AMENDED, be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 3).**

**HB 2750 – expiration date; eggs; definition – DO PASS**

**Fausto Burruel, Commerce Committee Assistant Analyst,** explained HB 2750.

**Representative Peña, bill sponsor,** further explained HB 2750, distributed a handout entitled "Egg Research Results" (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Representative Biasiucci,** testified in support of HB 2750, further explained the handout (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Carroll read Michelle Ahlmer's, Arizona Retailers Association, Request to Speak comment.

**Roland Mader, Manager, Dairy and Egg Program, Arizona Department of Agriculture,** testified as neutral on HB 2750 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Patrick Bray, Arizona Farm and Ranch Group,** testified in opposition to HB 2750 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Glenn Hickman, President, Hickman Farms,** testified in opposition to HB 2750 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Peña offered closing remarks and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

**Senator Carroll moved that HB 2750 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 4).**

Senators Hatathlie, Hernandez, Mesnard, Miranda, Carroll and Kaiser explained their votes.

**HB 2536 – administrative review; approvals; developments. – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING**

**Jason Theodorou, Commerce Committee Analyst,** explained the 28-page Kaiser strike everything amendment to HB 2536 dated 03/20/2023 at 4:07 p.m. (Attachment C).

**Senator Kaiser, strike everything amendment sponsor,** further explained the strike everything amendment to HB 2536 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

**Jake Hinman, Arizona Multihousing Association,** testified in support of the strike everything amendment to HB 2536 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Nick Ponder, League of Arizona Cities and Towns,** testified in opposition to the strike everything amendment to HB 2536, distributed a letter dated March 6, 2023 (Attachment D) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Spencer Kamps, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona,** testified in support of the strike everything amendment to HB 2536 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Scott Bourque, representing self,** testified in support of the strike everything amendment to HB 2536 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Kirin Goff, representing self,** testified as neutral on the strike everything to HB 2536 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kaiser offered additional comments.

**Senator Carroll moved that HB 2536 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**Senator Carroll moved the 28-page Kaiser strike everything amendment to HB 2536 dated 03/20/2023 at 4:07 p.m. (Attachment C). The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

**Senator Carroll moved HB 2536 AS AMENDED, be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-2-0 (Attachment 5).**

Senators Hernandez, Kern, Mesnard, Hatathlie, Miranda and Kaiser explained their votes.

**RECESS**

At 12:59 p.m. the Chairman recessed the meeting to the sound of the gavel.

**RECONVENE**

At 3:00 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order.

**HB 2108 – unemployment benefits; requirements; disqualifications – DO PASS AMENDED**

**Jason Theodorou, Commerce Committee Analyst,** explained HB 2108 and the 4-page Kaiser amendment to HB 2108 dated 03/20/2023 at 02:48 p.m. (Attachment E).

**Brian Sikma, Opportunity Solutions Project,** testified in support of HB 2108 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Kathy Ber, Director, Legislative Services, Department of Economic Security,** testified as neutral on HB 2108 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Senator Carroll moved that HB 2108 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.**

**Senator Carroll moved the 4-page Kaiser amendment to HB 2108 dated 03/20/2023 at 02:48 p.m. (Attachment E) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

**Senator Carroll moved HB 2108 AS AMENDED, be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-2-0 (Attachment 6).**

Senator Hatathlie explained her vote.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their positions on the legislation (Attachment F).

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker Slip on the legislation (Attachment G).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner
Committee Secretary

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