ARIZONA STATE SENATE

56TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DATE: January 22, 2024 **TIME:** 2:05 P.M. **ROOM:** SHR 109

CHAIRMAN: Senator J.D. Mesnard **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Shawnna Bolick

ANALYST: Molly Graver

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex
Senator Alston	X		
Senator Epstein	X		
Senator Fernandez	X		
Senator Gowan	X		
Senator Kerr	X		
Senator Shamp	X		
Senator Bolick, Vice-Chairman	X		
Senator Mesnard, Chairman			X

BILLS

Bill Number	Disposition
SB 1042	DP
SB 1057	DP
SB 1059	DP
SCR 1006	DPA

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Vice-Chairman Bolick called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. and attendance was noted.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

The Committee members introduced themselves.

The Staff introduced themselves as follows:

- Molly Graver, Deputy Director of Senate Research, Finance and Commerce Research Analyst
- Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Research Assistant Analyst
- Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Research Intern
- Brigid Fitzgerald, Committee Secretary
- Fletcher Montzingo, Director of Fiscal Policy, Majority Staff
- Duncan Spilsbury, Policy Advisor, Majority Staff
- Emma Blair, Policy Advisor, Majority Staff
- Sean Laux, Senior Policy Advisor, Democratic Staff
- Victoria Favela, Democratic Staff Intern
- Leah Adams, Senate Page
- Carlos Nowakowski, Senate Page
- Carla Godoy Venegas, Senate Page

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES

Senator Kerr moved that the Finance and Commerce Committee Rules (Attachment A), as distributed be adopted. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SCR 1006 – property tax; refund; nuisance enforcement - DO PASS AMENDED

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Research Assistant Analyst explained SCR 1006 and the 2-page Mesnard amendment to SCR 1006 dated 01/19/2024 at 2:37 p.m. (Attachment B).

Senator Petersen, bill sponsor, further explained SCR 1006 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Natalya Brown, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, offered comments in opposition to SCR 1006 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Luis Acosta, Goldwater Institute, offered comments in support of SCR 1006 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Jacob Emnett, County Supervisors Association, offered comments in opposition to SCR 1006 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Tom Savage, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, offered comments in opposition to SCR 1006 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered additional comments.

Mr. Savage answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Jenna Bentley, Director, Government Affairs, Goldwater Institute, offered comments in support of SCR 1006 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered additional comments.

Ms. Bentley answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kerr moved that SCR 1006 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Kerr moved the 2-page Mesnard amendment to SCR 1006 dated 01/19/2024 at 2:37 p.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Kerr moved that SCR 1006 AS AMENDED recieve a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-1 (Attachment 1).

Senators Epstein, Fernandez, Shamp and Kerr explained their votes.

SB 1042 - cremation - DO PASS

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Research Intern, explained SB 1042 and the 7-line Epstein amendment to SB 1042 dated 01/19/2024 at 3:33 p.m. (Attachment C).

Jake Hinman, Mavrik Policy Group, Natural Organic Reduction of Arizona, offered comments in support of SB 1042 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Epstein, amendment sponsor, explained the 7-line Epstein amendment to SB 1042 dated 01/19/2024 at 3:33 p.m. (Attachment C).

Mr. Hinman answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Kerr moved SB 1042 with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Kerr moved the 7-line Epstein amendment to SB 1042 dated 01/19/2024 at 3:33 p.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED. The motion FAILED by voice vote.

Senator Kerr's original motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 2).

SB 1057 - internal revenue code, conformity - DO PASS

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Research Analyst, explained SB 1057.

Senator Kerr moved that SB 1057 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 3).

SB 1059 – judgments; interest rates - DO PASS

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Research Assistant Analyst, explained SB 1059.

Liana Garcia, Arizona Judicial Council, offered comments in support of SB 1059.

Senator Kerr moved that SB 1059 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 4).

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

Attached is a form noting the individual who submitted a speaker slip on the legislation (Attachment E).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brigid Fitzgerald
Committee Secretary

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