ARIZONA STATE SENATE

56TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DATE: March 4, 2024 **TIME:** 2:00 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 Shamp	X		
Senator Bolick, Vice-Chairman	X		
Senator Mesnard, Chairman	X		

BILLS

Bill Number	Disposition
HB 2006	DP
HB 2007	DP
HB 2009	DP
HB 2042	DP
HB 2081	DP
HB 2087	DP
HB 2090	DPA
HB 2101	DP
HB 2129	DP
HB 2140	DPA
HB 2146	DP
HB 2185	DP
HB 2203	DPA
HB 2205	DP
HB 2206	DPA
HB 2208	DP
HB 2250	DP
HB 2380	DP
HB 2408	DP
HB 2477	DP

PRESENTATION

Arizona Families Tax Rebate, Molly Murphy, Arizona Department of Revenue

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https://www.azleg.gov/videoplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=2024031000

Chairman Mesnard called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Mesnard stated that without objection, the minutes of February 5, 2024 and February 12, 2024 were approved as distributed.

PRESENTATION

Arizona Families Tax Rebate, Molly Murphy, Arizona Department of Revenue

Molly Murphy, Arizona Department of Revenue, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Families Tax Rebate" (Attachment A).

The Committee offered comments.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

HB 2087 – self-storage facilities; valuation; vehicles; towing - DO PASS

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2087.

Freddy Soto, Arizona Self-Storage Association, National Self-Storage Association, offered comments in support of HB 2087.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2087 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 1).

HB 2203 – public retirement plans; liabilities; administration - DO PASS AMENDED

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2203 and the 3-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/01/2024 at 1:42 p.m. (Attachment B).

Dianne McCallister, Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, offered comments in support of HB 2203.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2203 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 3-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/01/2024 at 1:42 p.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2203 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 2).

HB 2205 – fraud unit; investigations; annual report - DO PASS

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2205.

Marc Osborn, Nationwide Insurance Company, GEICO, Farmers Insurance, offered comments in support of HB 2205 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2205 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 3).

HB 2206 – ASRS; contingent annuitants - DO PASS AMENDED

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2206 and the 3-page Mesnard amendment dated 02/22/2024 at 3:49 p.m. (Attachment C).

Jessica Thomas, Arizona State Retirement System, offered comments in support of HB 2206 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2206 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 3-page Mesnard amendment dated 02/22/2024 at 3:49 p.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2206 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 4).

HB 2208 – continuation; ASRS - DO PASS

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2208.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2208 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 5).

HB 2250 – state board of equalization; continuation. - DO PASS

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2250.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2250 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 6).

Senator Epstein explained her vote.

HB 2408 – property tax assessment; destroyed property – DO PASS

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2408.

Aiden Hume, Legislative Intern, Arizona Association of Counties, offered comments in support of HB 2408.

Eddie Cook, Maricopa County Assessor, offered comments in support of HB 2408.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2408 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 7).

HB 2380 - TPT; municipalities; audits; guidelines - DO PASS

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2380.

Jennifer Stielow, Arizona Tax Research Association, offered comments in support of HB 2380 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2380 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 8).

HB 2081 – cremation. - DO PASS

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2081.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2081 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 9).

HB 2090 – apprenticeship programs; completion; ROC filings - DO PASS AMENDED

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2090 and the 6-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/01/2024 at 11:01 a.m. (Attachment D).

Barry Aarons, Associated Specialty Contractors of Arizona, offered comments in support of HB 2090.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2090 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 6-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/01/2024 at 11:01 a.m. (Attachment D) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2090 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 10).

HB 2140 – funeral services; alkaline hydrolysis - DO PASS AMENDED

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2140 and the 16-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/01/2024 at 12:55 p.m. (Attachment E).

Courtney LeVinus, Arizona Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Association, offered comments in support of HB 2140.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2140 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 16-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/01/2024 at 12:55 p.m. (Attachment E) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2140 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 11).

HB 2006 – real estate; acting in concert – DO PASS

Sam Rosenberg, Natural Resources Energy and Water Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2006.

Representative Griffin, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2006.

Tom Farley, Arizona Association of Realtors, offered comments in support of HB 2006.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2006 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 12).

HB 2007 – subdivided lands; civil penalties – DO PASS

Sam Rosenberg, Natural Resources Energy and Water Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2007.

Representative Griffin, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2007.

Tom Farley, Arizona Association of Realtors, offered comments in support of HB 2007.

Senator Gowan moved that HB 2007 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 13).

HB 2009 – subdivisions; acting in concert – DO PASS

Sam Rosenberg, Natural Resources Energy and Water Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2009.

Representative Griffin, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2009.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2009 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 14).

Senator Gowan explained his vote.

HB 2101 – land division; applicant submissions; review – DO PASS

Sam Rosenberg, Natural Resources Energy and Water Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2101.

Representative Griffin, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2101.

Tom Farley, Arizona Association of Realtors, offered comments in support of HB 2101.

> **Senator Bolick moved that HB 2101 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 15).**

HB 2129 – improved lot or parcel; definition - DO PASS

Sam Rosenberg, Natural Resources Energy and Water Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2129.

Representative Griffin, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2129 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Bernice Bautista, Belgravia Group, offered comments in support of HB 2129.

> **Senator Gowan moved that HB 2129 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 16).**

HB 2477 – state planet; Pluto - DO PASS

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2477.

Representative Wilmeth, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2477 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Amanda Bosh, Chief Operating Officer, Lowell Observatory, offered comments in support of HB 2477.

Brett Mecum, representing self, offered comments in support of HB 2477 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

> **Senator Bolick moved that HB 2477 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 17).**

Senator Shamp explained her vote.

HB 2146 – mobile homes; cooling; prohibition - DO PASS

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Assistant, explained HB 2146.

Maxine Becker, Wildfire, offered comments in support of HB 2146 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Deanna Mireau, President-Elect, Arizona Association of Mobile Homeowners, offered comments in support of HB 2146.

The Committee offered comments.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2146 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 18).

HB 2185 – liquor; policies; procedures - DO PASS

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2185.

Steve Barclay, Executive Director, Beer and Wine Distributors of Arizona, offered comments in support of HB 2185 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2185 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 19).

HB 2042 – food preparation; sale; cottage food – DO PASS

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2042.

Lauren Bouton, Institute for Justice, offered comments in support of HB 2042 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Claire Balkan, representing self, offered comments in support of HB 2042.

Ken Holgate, representing self, offered comments in support of HB 2042.

Paul Avelar, Institute for Justice, offered comments in support of HB 2042.

David Morris, Americans for Prosperity, offered comments in support of HB 2042.

Senator Gowan moved that HB 2042 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 20).

Senator Epstein 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 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brigid Fitzgerald
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio