ARIZONA STATE SENATE

56TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DATE: March 11, 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 2119	DP
HB 2199	DPA/SE
HB 2232	DP
HB 2308	DPA
HB 2309	DP
HB 2410	DPA
HB 2599	DP
HB 2609	DPA
HB 2634	DP
HB 2648	DPA
HB 2698	DP
HB 2875	DP
HCM 2001	DP
HJR 2001	DP

PRESENTATION

Crypto101: Exploring Crypto Use Cases and Beyond – Kara Calvert, Head of US Policy - Coinbase

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https://www.azleg.gov/videoplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=2024031030

Chairman Mesnard called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. and attendance was noted.

PRESENTATION

Crypto101: Exploring Crypto Use Cases and Beyond – Kara Calvert, Head of US Policy - Coinbase

Kara Calvert, Head of US Policy, Coinbase, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Crypto Policy 101, Taxonomy, Tokens, and Use Cases" (Attachment A).

Senator Epstein offered comments.

Ms. Calvert answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Mesnard offered comments.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

HB 2698 – planned communities; declarant control (Now: declarant control; planned communities) - DO PASS

Michael Ayala, Government Research Intern, explained HB 2698.

Representative Carter, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2698.

> **Senator Fernandez moved that HB 2698 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-0-3 (Attachment 1).**

HB 2648 – motor vehicle manufacturers; TPT; exemption (Now: condominiums; planned communities; lien; assessment) - DO PASS AMENDED

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2648 and the 3-page Mesnard amendment dated 03/08/2024 at 3:36 p.m. (Attachment B).

Representative Carter, strike everything amendment sponsor, further explained HB 2648 and distributed a handout entitled "Cypress on Sunland Homeowners Association v. Orlandini II (2011)" (Attachment C).

Dennis Legere, Arizona Homeowners Coalition, offered comments in support of HB 2648.

Judy Werner, representing self, offered comments in support of HB 2648.

Jill Carlon, representing self, offered comments in support of HB 2648.

Chad Ghallacher, Community Associations Institute, offered comments in opposition to HB 2648.

Alexis Glascock, Community Associations Institute, offered comments in opposition to HB 2648.

Lynelle Glysson, representing self, offered comments in opposition to HB 2648.

Representative Carter offered additional comments.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2648 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 3-page Mesnard amendment dated 03/08/2024 at 3:36 p.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2648 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 2).

Senator Mesnard explained his vote.

HB 2119 – homeowner's associations; fees; related parties (Now: real property) - DO PASS

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2119.

Dennis Legere, Arizona Homeowners Coalition, offered comments in support of HB 2119.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2119 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 3).

HB 2199 – restaurants; small alcohol ratio exemption - DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained the 2-page Mesnard strike everything amendment dated 03/05/2024 at 3:39 p.m. (Attachment D).

Don Isaacson, Arizona LeadingAge, offered comments in support of the strike everything amendment.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2199 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the the 2-page Mesnard strike everything amendment dated 03/05/2024 at 3:39 p.m. (Attachment D) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2199 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 4).

HB 2232 – railroad grade crossing; on-track equipment - DO PASS

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2232.

Mark Cardenas, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, offered comments in support of HB 2232 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Jayce Suprenant, Assistant Legislative Director, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, offered comments in support of HB 2322 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2232 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 5).

Senator Mesnard explained his vote.

HB 2599 – health care appeals – DO PASS

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2599.

Fausto Burruel, Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions, offered comments in support of HB 2599 and distributed a handout entitled "Consumer Guide to the Health Care Appeals Process in Arizona" (Attachment E).

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2599 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 6).

HB 2609 - auto theft authority; fee overpayment - DO PASS AMENDED

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2609 and the 12-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/08/2024 at 2:00 p.m. (Attachment F).

Marc Osborn, Nationwide Insurance Company, GEICO, Farmers Insurance, offered comments in support of HB 2609.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2609 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 12-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/08/2024 at 2:00 p.m. (Attachment F) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2609 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 7).

HB 2875 – tax payments; electronic funds transfer – DO PASS

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2875.

Ryan DeMenna, Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants, offered comments in support of HB 2875.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2875 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 8).

Senator Epstein explained her vote.

HB 2410 – motor vehicle dealers; franchises - DO PASS AMENDED

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2410 and the 14-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/08/2024 at 10:42 a.m. (Attachment G).

Bobbi Sparrow, Arizona Automobile Dealers Association, offered comments in support of HB 2410.

Mike Gardner, Alliance of Automotive Innovation, offered comments in opposition to HB 2410.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2410 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 14-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/08/2024 at 10:42 a.m. (Attachment G) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2410 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-0-2 (Attachment 9).

HB 2634 – department of revenue; reuse zone - DO PASS
HJR 2001 – Phoenix-Mesa gateway airport; reuse zone – DO PASS

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2634 and HJR 2001.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2634 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-0-2 (Attachment 10).

Senator Bolick moved that HJR 2001 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-1-2 (Attachment 11).

HB 2308 – occupational licenses; criminal offense; prohibition- DO PASS AMENDED

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2308 and the 2-page Mesnard amendment dated 03/08/2024 at 2:43 p.m. (Attachment H).

Jenna Bentley, Barry Goldwater Institute for Public Policy Research, offered comments in support of HB 2308.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2308 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 2-page Mesnard amendment dated 03/08/2024 at 2:43 p.m. (Attachment H) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2308 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 12).

HB 2309 – GPLET; agreement posting; abatement period - DO PASS

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2309.

Kevin McCarthy, Arizona Tax Research Association, distributed a handout entitled "GPLET "Reform" History" (Attachment I) and offered comments in support of HB 2309.

Chad Heinrich, National Federation of Independent Business, offered comments in support of HB 2309.

Christine Mackay, Economic Development Director, City of Phoenix, offered comments in opposition to HB 2309 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Tom Savage, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, offered comments in opposition to HB 2309.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2309 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 13).

Senator Fernandez explained his vote.

HCM 2001 – reevaluate restrictions; chemical industry – DO PASS

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HCM 2001

Brian Tassinari, American Chemistry Council, offered comments in support of HCM 2001.

Senator Bolick moved that HCM 2001 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 14).

Senator Epstein explained her vote.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 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