ARIZONA STATE SENATE

56TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DATE: March 18, 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 2040	DPA
HB 2112	DP
HB 2194	DPA
HB 2204	DPA/SE
HB 2209	DP
HB 2210	DP
HB 2297	DPA/SE
HB 2316	DP
HB 2378	DP
HB 2382	DPA
HB 2504	DPA
HB 2661	DPA
HB 2720	DPA
HB 2721	DPA
HB 2734	DP

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Chairman Mesnard called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Mesnard stated that without objection, the minutes of March 2, 2024 and March 11, 2024 were approved as distributed.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

HB 2661 – electronic devices; filters; obscene material - DO PASS AMENDED

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2661 and the 3-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/14/2024 at 11:04 a.m. (Attachment A).

Peter Gentala, National Center on Sexual Exploitation, testified in support of HB 2661 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Toma, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2661 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Chris McKenna, Founder, Protect Young Eyes, testified in support of HB 2661 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Carl Szabo, Vice President, NetChoice, testified in opposition to HB 2661 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Brian Johnson, representing self, testified in support of HB 2661 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Szabo answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Gentala answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Justin Hill, representing self, testified in opposition to HB 2661 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Edward Longe, Director, Center for Technology and Innovation, James Madison Institute, testified as neutral on HB 2661 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2661 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 3-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/14/2024 at 11:04 a.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2661 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 1).

Senators Epstein, Fernandez and Bolick explained their votes.

HB 2040 – event online ticket sales - DO PASS AMENDED

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2040 and the 12-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/15/2024 at 3:06 p.m. (Attachment B).

Representative Cook, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2040.

Maribeth Reeves, Director, Scottsdale Center for the Preforming Arts, testified in support of HB 2040.

Sean Auyash, StubHub, testified in support of HB 2040.

Stephen Chilton, Owner, The Rebel Lounge, testified in support of HB 2040.

Howard Waltzman, Live Nation, testified in support of HB 2040.

Randall Vogel, Arizona Presenters Alliance, International Association of Venue Managers, testified in support of HB 2040.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2040 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 12-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/15/2024 at 3:06 p.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2040 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-0-2 (Attachment 2).

HB 2194 – ticket resales; restrictions - DO PASS AMENDED

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2194 and the 6-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/15/2024 at 1:56 p.m. (Attachment C).

Representative Cook, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2194 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Maribeth Reeves, Director, Scottsdale Center for the Preforming Arts, testified in support of HB 2194.

John Cavaletto, Board Member, Vista Center for the Arts Nonprofit, testified in support of HB 2194.

Stephen Chilton, Owner, The Rebel Lounge, testified in support of HB 2194 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Bridget Binsbacher, Executive Director, Cactus League, testified in support of HB 2194.

Amilyn Pierce, Vice President of Government Affairs, Arizona Diamondbacks, testified in support of HB 2194.

Howard Waltzman, Live Nation, testified in support of HB 2194.

Randall Vogel, Arizona Presenters Alliance, International Association of Venue Managers, testified in support of HB 2194.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2194 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 6-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/15/2024 at 1:56 p.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2194 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-0-2 (Attachment 3).

HB 2734 – affordable housing; parking requirements; prohibition (Now: public hearings; voting) - DO PASS

Jason Theodorou, Government Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2734.

Representative Ortiz, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2734 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Courtney LeVinus, Arizona Multihousing Association, testified in support of HB 2734.

Nick Ponder, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, testified in opposition to HB 2734.

Paul Davenport, representing self, testified in opposition to HB 2734.

Susan Edwards, President, Arizona Neighborhood Alliance, testified in opposition to HB 2734 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Opal Wagner, representing self, testified in opposition to HB 2734.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2734 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 3-2-2 (Attachment 4).

Senator Epstein explained her vote.

HB 2378 – continuation; PSPRS - DO PASS

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2378.

Representative Carter, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2378.

Dianne McCallister, Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, testified in support of HB 2378.

Senator Fernandez moved that HB 2378 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-0-3 (Attachment 5).

HB 2382 – TPT; sourcing; validation – DO PASS AMENDED

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2382 and the 7-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/14/2024 at 1:58 p.m. (Attachment D).

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2382 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 7-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/14/2024 at 1:58 p.m. (Attachment D) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2382 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-0-3 (Attachment 6).

Senator Epstein explained her vote.

HB 2297 - adaptive reuse; commercial buildings; zoning (Now: zoning; adaptive reuse; commercial buildings) - DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Jason Theodorou, Government Committee Research Analyst, explained the 5-page Mesnard strike everything amendment to HB 2297 dated 03/14/2024 at 3:14 p.m. (Attachment E).

Representative Biasiucci, bill sponsor, further explained the strike everything amendment to HB 2297.

Courtney LeVinus, Arizona Multihousing Association, testified in support of the strike everything amendment to HB 2297 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Nick Ponder, League of Ariona Cities and Towns, testified in support of the strike everything amendment to HB 2297.

Christopher Hansford, Director of State Relations, Cato Institute, testified as neutral on the strike everything amendment to HB 2297.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2297 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 5-page Mesnard strike everything amendment to HB 2297 dated 03/14/2024 at 3:14 p.m. (Attachment E) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2297 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-0-3 (Attachment 7).

HB 2504 – forced organ harvesting; insurance; prohibition – DO PASS AMENDED

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2504 and the 3-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/14/2024 at 5:11 p.m. (Attachment F).

Representative Biasiucci, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2504.

Zhuoyun Xu, representing self, testified in support of HB 2504.

Laura Liu, introduced Huiling Ding and stated that she would be translating for the testifier.

Huiling Ding, representing self, **translated by Laura Liu,** testified in support of HB 2504.

Marc Osborn, America's Health Insurance Plans, testified as neutral on HB 2504.

Diana Molovinsky, Phoenix Falun Dafa Association, testified in support of HB 2504.

Brian Cavanaugh, representing self, testified in support of HB 2504.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2504 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 3-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/14/2024 at 5:11 p.m. (Attachment F) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2504 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 8).

Senator Epstein explained her vote.

HB 2720 – accessory dwelling units; requirements. – DO PASS AMENDED

Jason Theodorou, Government Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2720 and the 2-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/15/2024 at 2:55 p.m. (Attachment G).

Representative Carbone, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2720.

Jake Hinman, Arizona Neighborhood Project, testified in support of HB 2720.

Spencer Kamps, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona, testified in support of HB 2720.

Nick Ponder, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, testified as neutral on HB 2720.

Eddie Cook, Maricopa County Assessor, testified as neutral on HB 2720 with the 2-line Mesnard amendment.

Susan Edwards, President, Arizona Neighborhood Alliance, testified in opposition to HB 2720 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2720 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 2-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/15/2024 at 2:55 p.m. (Attachment G) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2720 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 9).

Senators Alston, Epstein, Shamp and Bolick explained their votes.

HB 2721 – municipal zoning; middle housing – DO PASS AMENDED

Jason Theodorou, Government Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2721 and the 5-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/15/2024 at 2:55 p.m. (Attachment H).

Representative Carbone, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2721 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Jake Hinman, Arizona Neighborhood Project, testified in support of HB 2721.

Spencer Kamps, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona, testified in support of HB 2721.

Nick Ponder, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, testified as neural on HB 2721.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2721 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 5-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/15/2024 at 2:55 p.m. (Attachment H) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2721 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 10).

HB 2204 – workers' compensation rates; deviation - DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained the 15-page Mesnard strike everything amendment to HB 2204 dated 03/11/2024 at 10:23 a.m. (Attachment I).

Dan Bogart, Arizona Restaurant Association, testified in support of the strike everything amendment to HB 2204.

John Knobel, Employers Insurance, testified in support of the strike everything amendment to HB 2204.

Mr. Bogart answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2204 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bolick moved the 15-page Mesnard strike everything amendment to HB 2204 dated 03/11/2024 at 10:23 a.m. (Attachment I) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bolick moved that HB 2204 AS AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-2-0 (Attachment 11).

Senator Epstein explained her vote.

HB 2112 – insurance coverage; hearing aids; children - DO PASS

Alanna Bendel, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2112.

Representative Willoughby, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2112.

Chad Heinrich, Arizonans for Affordable Healthcare Coverage, National Federation of Independent Business, testified in opposition to HB 2112.

> **Senator Bolick moved that HB 2112 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-2-0 (Attachment 12).**

HB 2209 – industrial commission of Arizona; continuation - DO PASS

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2209.

Michael Colletto, Professional Firefighters of Arizona, testified in support of HB 2209 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Gaetano Testini, Executive Deputy Director, Industrial Commission of Arizona, testified as neutral on HB 2209.

> **Senator Bolick moved that HB 2209 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 13).**

Senators Alston, Epstein and Gowan explained their votes.

HB 2316 – private universities; Arizona teachers academy (Now: mobile home; relocation; building codes) – DO PASS

Molly Graver, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Analyst, explained HB 2316.

Representative Gress, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2316.

Deanna Mireau, Arizona Association of Mobile Homeowners, testified in support of HB 2316.

> **Senator Fernandez moved that HB 2316 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-1-1 (Attachment 14).**

Senator Alston explained her vote.

HB 2210 – occupational safety advisory committee; continuation – DO PASS

Jeff Christophersen, Finance and Commerce Committee Research Intern, explained HB 2210.

> **Senator Bolick moved that HB 2210 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-1-1 (Attachment 15).**

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

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a speaker slip on the legislation (Attachment K).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 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 archives are available at http://www.azleg.gov)