ARIZONA STATE SENATE

57TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON
REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

DATE: February 13, 2025 **TIME:** 1:00 P.M. **ROOM:** SHR 109

CHAIRMAN: Senator Shawnna Bolick **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Frank Carroll

ANALYST: Jason Theodorou

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex
Senator Epstein	X		
Senator Fernandez	X		
Senator Leach	X		
Senator Ortiz	X		
Senator Payne	X		
Senator Carroll, Vice-Chairman	X		
Senator Bolick, Chairman	X		

BILLS

Bill Number	Disposition
SB 1117	DP
SB 1125	DP
SB 1424	DP
SB 1450	DP
SB 1467	DP
SB 1556	DP

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Chairman Bolick called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Bolick stated that without objection, the minutes of February 5, 2025 were approved as distributed.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1450 – study committee; scrap metal theft – DO PASS

Jenn Ramirez-Mendoza, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Research Intern, explained SB 1450.

Senator Angius, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1450.

Brittany Bingold, Arizona Scrap Recyclers Association, testified in support of SB 1450 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Payne offered comments.

> **Senator Carroll moved that SB 1450 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 1).**

Senator Bolick explained her vote.

SB 1467 – liquor; consumption; watercraft – DO PASS

Jenn Ramirez-Mendoza, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Research Intern, explained SB 1467.

Senator Shope, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1467 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Robert Mayer, representing self, testified in support of SB 1467 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Steve Barclay, Beer & Wine Distributors of Arizona, testified as neutral on SB 1467 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

> **Senator Carroll moved that SB 1467 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 2).**

Senators Epstein, Payne and Carroll explained their votes.

SB 1556 – adult hemp beverages; policies; procedures – DO PASS

Jason Theodorou, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Research Analyst, explained SB 1556.

Senator Shope, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1556.

Steve Barclay, Beer & Wine Distributors of Arizona, testified in support of SB 1556 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Laura Magnus, Mark Anthony Brewing and Shatterproof, distributed and explained a document entitled "What is a "serving" of THC?" (Attachment A) and testified in opposition to SB 1556. Ms. Magnus answered questions posed by the Committee.

Glenn McElfresh, representing self, testified in support of SB 1556 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Pele Fischer, Arizona Dispensaries Association, testified in opposition to SB 1556 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Barclay answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Shannon Whiteaker, Hemp Industry Trade Association, testified in support of SB 1556 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Barclay answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Fischer answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. McElfresh offered comments.

Ms. Fischer answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Epstein offered comments.

Brett Mecum, JARS Cannabis, testified in opposition to SB 1556 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Shope offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1556 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 3).

Senators Epstein, Leach, Ortiz, Fernandez, Carroll and Bolick explained their votes.

SB 1125 – psychologists; prescribing authority – DO PASS

Kati Pratt, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Assistant Research Analyst, explained SB 1125.

Senator Shope, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1125.

Stuart Goodman, Arizona Psychological Association, testified in support of SB 1125 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Fernandez offered comments.

Gretchen Alexander, Arizona Psychiatric Society and Arizona Medical Association, testified in opposition to SB 1125 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Lesley Manson, Arizona Psychological Association, testified in support of SB 1125 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Nicholas Ahrendt, Associate Faculty, University of Arizona, distributed a document entitled "Fact Sheet SB1125 - Danger to Patient safety from Psychologist Prescribing Bill" (Attachment B) and testified in opposition to SB 1125. Dr. Ahrendt answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Leach offered comments.

Dr. Devna Rastogi, Psychiatry Residency Director, Creighton School of Medicine, testified in opposition to SB 1125 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Emily Raymond, Arizona Psychological Association, distributed a document entitled "Designation Criteria for Education and Training Programs in Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority" (Attachment C) and testified in support of SB 1125.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1125 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-1-2 (Attachment 4).

Senator Leach explained his vote.

SB 1117 – barbering and cosmetology fund; enforcement – DO PASS

Jenn Ramirez-Mendoza, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Research Intern, explained SB 1117.

Frank Migali, Arizona Barbering & Cosmetology Board, testified in support of SB 1117.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1117 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-0-2 (Attachment 5).

SB 1424 – liquor sampling; reporting; requirements – DO PASS

Jenn Ramirez-Mendoza, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Research Intern, explained SB 1424.

Senator Bolick, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1424.

Michelle Ahlmer, Arizona Retailers Association, testified in support of SB 1424 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mindy Baker, Total Wine, testified in support of SB 1424 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1424 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 6).

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoey Paredes
Committee Secretary

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