ARIZONA STATE SENATE

57TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON
REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

DATE: January 21, 2026 **TIME:** 10:00 A.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 1013	DPA
SB 1023	DP

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Chairman Bolick called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and attendance was noted.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1023 – optometrists; eye exams; prescriptions – DO PASS

Hayden Darst, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Research Intern, explained SB 1023.

Senator Kavanagh, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1023 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Don Isaacson, Arizona Optometric Association, testified in support of SB 1023.

> **Senator Carroll moved that SB 1023 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 1).**

INTRODUCTIONS OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Chairman Bollick requested that the Senators and Staff introduce themselves.

The staff introduced themselves as follows:

- Jason Theodorou, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Research Analyst
- Nicholas Gustoff, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Assistant Research Analyst
- Hayden Darst, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Research Intern
- Jackson Cooper, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Secretary
- Emma Blair, Majority Policy Advisor
- Kady Binsbacher, Majority Staff Policy Intern
- Talonya Adams, Democratic Senior Policy Advisor
- Owen Washburn, Senate Page
- Rocco Bonini, Senate Page
- Ungildil "Nini" True Kyota, Senate Page

SB 1013 – public employees; merit; hiring practices – DO PASS AMENDED

Nicholas Gustoff, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Research Assistant Analyst, explained SB 1013 and the 2-page Carroll amendment to SB 1013 dated 01/16/2026 at 3:18 p.m. (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Shamp, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1013 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Carroll, amendment sponsor, further explained the 2-page Carroll amendment to SB 1013 dated 01/16/2026 at 3:18 p.m. (Attachment A).

Senator Shamp answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Tabia Lee, Director of Education, Do No Harm, founding member, Free Black Thought, testified in support of SB 1013.

Dr. Travis Morrell, Senior Fellow, Do No Harm, testified in support of SB 1013 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1013 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Carroll moved the 2-page Carroll amendment to SB 1013 dated 01/16/2026 at 3:18 p.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1013 as AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 2).

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackson Cooper
Committee Secretary

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