ARIZONA STATE SENATE

57TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON
REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

DATE: January 28, 2026 **TIME:** 9:30 A.M. **ROOM:** SHR 109

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

ANALYST: Jason Theodorou

ATTENDANCE **BILLS**

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex	Bill Number	Disposition
Senator Epstein	X			SB 1128	DP
Senator Fernandez	X			SB 1137	DP
Senator Leach	X			SB 1144	HELD
Senator Ortiz	X			SB 1145	DP
Senator Payne	X			SB 1186	HELD
Senator Carroll, Vice-chairman	X			SB 1235	HELD
Senator Bolick, Chairman	X			SB 1238	DP

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Chairman Bolick called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and attendance was taken.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1137 – underground facilities; excavations; notification – DO PASS

Nicholas Gustoff, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained SB 1137.

Michelle Walker, Vice President of Operations, Specialized Services Company (SSC) Underground, testified in support of SB 1137.

The Committee offered comments.

Senator Kavanagh, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1137.

Tom Savage, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, testified in opposition to SB 1137 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Sandra Holmes, Executive Director, Arizona 811, testified as neutral on SB 1137 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Todd Wynn, Director of Government Affairs, Arizona Chapter, Associated General Contractors, testified in support of SB 1137.

> **Senator Carroll moved that SB 1137 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 1).**

Senators Epstein and Fernandez explained their votes.

SB 1144 – veterinary technicians; certification; education alternative – HELD

Chairman Bolick announced that SB 1144 would be HELD.

SB 1145 – behavior analysts; committee; regulatory authority – DO PASS

Hayden Darst, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1145.

Stuart Goodman, Arizona Association for Behavior Analysts, testified in support of SB 1145 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Vincent Peterson, representing self, testified in support of SB 1145.

> **Senator Carroll moved that SB 1145 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 2).**

Senator Epstein explained her vote.

SB 1128 – study committee; scrap metal theft – DO PASS

Hayden Darst, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1128.

Nick Simonetta, Arizona Scrap Recyclers Association, testified in support of SB 1128 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1128 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 3).

Senator Epstein explained her vote.

SB 1238 – physician assistants; licensure compact. – DO PASS

Jason Theodorou, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1238.

Thomas Hartman, Arizona State Association of Physician Assistants, testified in support of SB 1238 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1238 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 4).

SB 1186 – document retention; proposals; donations – HELD
SB 1235 – EMS reciprocity; compact. – HELD

Senate Bills 1186 and 1235 were HELD.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackson Cooper
Committee Secretary

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