ARIZONA STATE SENATE

57TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON
REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

DATE: February 4, 2026 **TIME:** 9:00 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 1021	DP
SB 1144	DPA
SB 1164	DP
SB 1178	DP
SB 1181	DP
SB 1241	HELD
SB 1247	DP
SB 1286	DISCUSS/HELD
SB 1415	DPA
SCR 1011	DP

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Chairman Bolick called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and attendance was noted.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1241 – municipalities; counties; private permitting providers – HELD

Chairman Bolick announced that SB 1241 would be HELD.

SB 1144 – veterinary technicians; certification; education alternative – DO PASS AMENDED

Hayden Darst, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1144 and the 2-page Bolick amendment to SB 1144 dated 02/03/2026 at 4:47 p.m. (Attachment A).

Senator Bolick, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1144.

Jake Hinman, Arizona Humane Society, testified in support of SB 1144.

Dr. Steve Hansen, President and CEO, Arizona Humane Society, testified in support of SB 1144 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Leo Patton, representing self, testified in support of SB 1144 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Kelsey Mariott, Arizona Veterinary Technician Association, testified in opposition to SB 1144 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Lauren Hewitt, representing self, testified in support of SB 1144.

Susie Stevens, Arizona Veterinary Medical Association, testified as neutral on SB 1144 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Hinman offered additional testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1144 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Carroll moved the 2-page Bolick amendment to SB 1144 dated 02/03/2026 at 4:47 p.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1144 as AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-0 (Attachment 1).

The Committee explained their votes.

SB 1247 – assisted living centers; occupants – DO PASS

Hayden Darst, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1247.

Jake Hinman, Arizona Assisted Living Federation of America, testified in support of SB 1247.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1247 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 2).

SB 1286 – veterinarian visits; electronic means; prescriptions – DISCUSS/HELD

Nicholas Gustoff, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained SB 1286.

Liz Goodman, Animal Policy Group, testified in support of SB 1286.

Senator Kavanagh, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1286 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Steven Hansen, President and CEO, Arizona Humane Society, testified in support of SB 1286 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mark Cushing, Founder and CEO, Animal Policy Group, testified in support of SB 1286.

Susie Stevens, Arizona Veterinary Medical Association, testified in opposition to SB 1286 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Lauren Thomas, representing self, testified in opposition to SB 1286 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Sandra Snyder, Arizona Veterinary Medical Association, testified in opposition to SB 1286 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Goodman offered additional testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Chairman Bolick announced that SB 1286 would be HELD.

SB 1164 – ALTCS; providers; change of ownership – DO PASS

Jason Theodorou, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1164.

Senator Angius, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1164.

Eileen McCain, Owner, Revenue Cycle 360 Consulting, testified in support of SB 1164 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Steve Berg, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), testified as neutral on SB 1164 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dave Voepel, Arizona Health Care Association, testified in support of SB 1164 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

> **Senator Carroll moved that SB 1164 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-1 (Attachment 3).**

Senators Epstein explained her vote.

SB 1181 – certified public accountants; certification; alternative – DO PASS

Jason Theodorou, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1181.

Ryan DeMenna, Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants (CPAs), testified in support of SB 1181 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1181 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 4).

SB 1415 – insurance adjuster license; eligibility – DO PASS AMENDED

Hayden Darst, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Intern, explained SB 1145 and the 2-page Bolick amendment to SB 1415 dated 02/03/2026 at 9:12 a.m. (Attachment B).

Don Isaacson, State Farm Insurance Companies, testified in support of SB 1415 and answered questions posed by the Committtee.

Fausto Burruel, Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions, testified as neutral on SB 1415.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1415 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Carroll moved the 2-page Bolick amendment to SB 1415 dated 02/03/2026 at 9:12 a.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1415 as AMENDED receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-0 (Attachment 5).

SB 1021 – chiropractic board; complaints; training; authority – DO PASS

Jason Theodorou, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Analyst, explained SB 1021.

Senator Shamp, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1021 and read a statement from Dr. George Comacho (Attachment C).

Barry Aarons, Arizona Clinician Development Federation, testified in support of SB 1021 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Shamp answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Aarons answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Shamp offered closing comments.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1021 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 6).

Senators Fernandez and Leach explained their votes.

SB 1178 – naturopathic physicians; drug administration – DO PASS

Nicholas Gustoff, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Assistant Analyst, explained SB 1178.

Senator Shamp, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1178.

Dr. Jason Jameson, President, Arizona Medical Association, testified in opposition to SB 1178 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Jeremy Browning, Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association, testified in opposition to SB 1178 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Amanda Sheinson, Arizona Medical Association, testified in opposition to SB 1178.

Gibson McKay, Arizona Naturopathic Medical Association, testified in support of SB 1178 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Shamp offered closing remarks.

Dr. Jameson answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Carroll moved that SB 1178 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 7).

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

SCR 1011 – congressional term limits; convention. – DO PASS

Hayden Darst, Regulatory Affairs and Government Efficiency Committee Research Intern, explained SCR 1011.

Senator Mesnard, resolution sponsor, further explained SCR 1011 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Jennifer Guzman, program director, Common Cause Arizona, testified in opposition to SCR 1011.

Barbara Bluester, representing self, testified in opposition to SCR 1011.

Will Bullock, representing self, testified in opposition to SCR 1011.

Constantin Querard, representing self, testified in support of SCR 1011 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Carroll moved that SCR 1011 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-0 (Attachment 8).

Senator Leach explained his vote.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackson Cooper
Committee Secretary

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