



# WEEKLY REPORT

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## Legislative News:

### State Legislature

During the scheduled monthly Commission meeting held today, the Commission did not take any formal action and was updated on the following pieces of legislation:

- **[SB1300](#): game and fish department; continuation.** Senator Griffin proposed an amendment ([PDF](#)) to the Department and Commission continuation bill that shortens the continuation recommended by the Committee of Reference from 10 to 5 years. The bill was held in the Senate Natural Resources & Transportation Committee and is scheduled for hearing on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **[SB1305](#): game and fish omnibus act** was pulled from agenda by the chairman on 2/6. It is scheduled again for a hearing on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Senator Shooter is sponsoring an amendment ([PDF](#)) addressing technical changes.
- **[HB2639](#): game and fish omnibus act** passed the House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee as amended ([PDF](#)) 7-0. The first Gowan Amendment addressed Omnibus administrative fixes, the second amendment ([PDF](#)) was held.
- **[HB2457](#): possessions of weapons while hunting** as amended was held in the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee on 2/1. A Strike Everything Amendment unanimously supported by the Commission is scheduled for a hearing on 2/13.
- **[HB2322](#): watercraft; registration; fees** passed 9-0 in the House Agriculture & Water Committee on 1/19 and has been withdrawn from the Ways and Means Committee. This measure is now scheduled for the Rules Committee and will be debated on the House floor.
- **[SB1521](#): heritage fund; audit; hearing** received a do pass recommendation (4-1-1) from the Senate Natural Resource & Transportation Committee on 2/6.

- [SB1453](#): **applying aquatic poisons** was held on February 8<sup>th</sup> in the Senate Water, Land Use and Rural Development Committee. A hearing is scheduled on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Congress

Former Giffords aide Ron Barber today announced he is seeking to fill the vacant CD8 seat, but it is still not clear whether her longtime district director will only seek to serve the remainder of Giffords' term or also campaign for the CD2 seat in the fall.

- [H.R.1904](#): **Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011** was heard in the Senate Natural Resources Committee on February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- [H.R.919](#): **Mohave Valley Land Conveyance Act of 2011** was heard in the Subcommittee on National Park, Forests and Public Lands on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Department's acquisition request is at the Governor's Office while Patent transfer documents are at the BLM Regional Director's Office.

## A Quick Reference to the Department's Monitored, Opposed, and Supported Legislation

*To view the most current language please click on the links below.*

[MONITOR](#)  
[OPPOSE](#)  
[SUPPORT](#)

### LEGEND

- Monitor – The Game and Fish Department is monitoring the progress of these measures, and the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has not taken a position on these measures.
- Oppose – The Arizona Game and Fish Commission has voted to oppose these bills.
- Support – The Arizona Game and Fish Commission has voted to support these bills.

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### **Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings**

- [H2071](#): STATE PARKS; RESERVATION SURCHARGE FUND  
*Hearing:* [House Appropriations](#) (Wednesday 02/15/12 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 1)
- [H2313](#): PROHIBIT SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ISSUANCE  
*Hearing:* [House Transportation](#) (Thursday 02/16/12 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 3)
- [H2340](#): LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION; TRUST FUNDS; REQUIREMENTS  
*Hearing:* [House Appropriations](#) (Wednesday 02/15/12 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 1)
- [H2381](#): CITIES; ANNEXATION; REPEAL  
*Hearing:* [House Government](#) (Tuesday 02/14/12 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 4)
- [H2437](#): FED MANDATES; PROOF OF CONSTITUTIONALITY  
*Hearing:* [House Government](#) (Tuesday 02/14/12 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 4)
- [H2605](#): LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS; BITING  
*Calendar:* [2/14 House Consent](#)
- [H2642](#): PUBLIC BODIES; LOBBYING EXPENDITURES; REPORTS  
*Hearing:* [House Government](#) (Tuesday 02/14/12 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 4)
- [H2664](#): CREDIT CARD AGREEMENTS  
*Hearing:* [House Banking & Insurance](#) (Monday 02/13/12 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 5)
- [H2729](#): STATE REGULATION OF FIREARMS  
*Hearing:* [House Military Affairs & Public Safety](#) (Wednesday 02/15/12 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 3)
- [H2799](#): VOLUNTARY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROG  
*Hearing:* [House Environment](#) (Tuesday 02/14/12 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 5)
- [HCR2036](#): STATE BUDGET REQUIREMENTS; PROCESS

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- Hearing: House Appropriations* (Wednesday 02/15/12 at 2:00 PM, House Rm. 1)
- S1065:** LEASH LAW EXEMPTION; LIABILITY INSURANCE  
*Hearing: Senate Rules* (Monday 02/13/12 at 1:00 PM, Senate Caucus Rm.)
- S1075:** STATE FORESTER; WILDFIRE RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT  
*Hearing: Senate Rules* (Monday 02/13/12 at 1:00 PM, Senate Caucus Rm.)
- S1204:** TECH CORRECTION; TAXES; GAME; FISH  
*Hearing: Senate Government Reform* (Wednesday 02/15/12 at 8:00 AM, Senate Rm. 1)
- S1231:** APPROPS; ATTY GENERAL; HABITAT DESTRUCTION  
*Hearing: Senate Rules* (Monday 02/13/12 at 1:00 PM, Senate Caucus Rm.)
- S1287:** AQUIFER PROTECTION PERMITS; WASTE  
*Hearing: Senate Rules* (Monday 02/13/12 at 1:00 PM, Senate Caucus Rm.)
- S1288:** MUNICIPAL WATER FEES; REPEAL; APPROP  
*Hearing: Senate Rules* (Monday 02/13/12 at 1:00 PM, Senate Caucus Rm.)
- S1304:** FIREARMS REGULATION; POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS  
*Hearing: Senate Judiciary* (Monday 02/13/12 at 3:15 PM, Senate Rm. 1)
- S1368:** HOT AIR BALLOONS; GLIDERS; RECOVERY  
*Hearing: Senate Natural Resources & Transportation* (Monday 02/13/12 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1415:** PROPERTY STATUS STUDY; APPROP  
*Hearing: Senate Appropriations* (Tuesday 02/14/12 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1417:** MINING OPERATIONS; LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDITS  
*Hearing: Senate Rules* (Monday 02/13/12 at 1:00 PM, Senate Caucus Rm.)
- S1418:** ENVIRONMENT; STATE PRIMACY; SECTION 404  
*Hearing: Senate Water, Land Use & Rural Development* (Wednesday 02/15/12 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 3)
- S1450:** PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS; PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE  
*Hearing: Senate Government Reform* (Wednesday 02/15/12 at 8:00 AM, Senate Rm. 1)
- S1470:** RULES; DATA QUALITY  
*Hearing: Senate Government Reform* (Wednesday 02/15/12 at 8:00 AM, Senate Rm. 1)
- S1471:** CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; EMPLOYEES  
*Hearing: Senate Public Safety & Human Services* (Wednesday 02/15/12 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 3)
- S1488:** FED MONIES; LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS  
*Hearing: Senate Appropriations* (Tuesday 02/14/12 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1510:** STATE LOTTERY REFORM  
*Hearing: Senate Commerce & Energy* (Wednesday 02/15/12 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- SCM1008:** MILITARY BASES; EXEMPTION FROM ESA  
*Hearing: Senate Veterans, Military and Government Affairs* (Thursday 02/16/12, Senate Rm. 3)
- SCM1009:** ROTENONE; EPA; DEREGISTRATION  
*Hearing: Senate Water, Land Use & Rural Development* (Wednesday 02/15/12 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 3)
- SCR1031:** STATEWIDE INITIATIVES; PERIODIC REAUTHORIZATION  
*Hearing: Senate Appropriations* (Tuesday 02/14/12 at 2:00 PM, Senate Rm. 109)
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