



LEGISLATIVE WEEKLY REPORT

Friday, May 22nd, 2020
Days of Legislative Session: 130

<u>Legislation</u>		<u>Memorial / Resolution</u>	
Bills Posted:	1607	Posted:	127
Bills Passed:	89	Passed:	1
Bills Vetoed:	0		
Bills Signed:	58		

Legislative News:

The most protracted end of a regular legislative session in memory moved forward again yesterday, with the House of Representatives moving to adjourn Sine Die at 5:55 PM. The House met in a series of special committee hearings and floor sessions throughout the week to advance a handful of measures with bipartisan support, including SB1083 authorizing the livestock loss board to make payments for avoidance of wolf depredation. While the Senate has already motioned to adjourn Sine Die, it must still meet to accept the House motion and to transmit any unamended senate bills, including those just passed by the House, to the Governor. It is expected to do so on Tuesday.

Provided that this adjournment is finalized, the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, Second Regular Session will hold the records for both the largest number of bills introduced and fewest bills passed by any Arizona Legislature.

Representatives also introduced two new measures, HB2912 (Kavanagh) [*COVID-19; civil liability; evidence; penalties*](#) and HB2913 (Udall) [*supplemental appropriations; child care facilities*](#). Both pieces of legislation address aspects of the COVID crisis, but it is not clear how the Senate will respond to these measures which would normally need to be heard in Senate committees.



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Member's floor speeches were filled with reference to an upcoming special legislative session to deal with COVID issues and re address the "Skinny Budget" lawmakers passed in late March. Though no official word has been received about when such a session might be called, Government Affairs staff hope it will bring an opportunity to address key Commission priorities such as the allocation of \$3 million in Sportsmen's dollars to maintain current hatchery operations and begin reversing the current shortfall in fish production. This work becomes all the more critical as Game and Fish staff work to stock Arizona's waters and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation to an increasingly interested public.

The tone of a special session will be set by the State's revenues, which are down during the COVID crisis. The Finance Advisory Committee has predicted a \$1.1 billion budget shortfall by the end of fiscal year 2021, though that number could be as low as \$600 million or as high as \$1.6 billion. April General Fund revenue collection declined about 33% vs last April but was still \$269 million more than expected based on revised forecasts. Budget staff will revisit these projections with legislators in June, when more information is available.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is committed to staying connected with its customers and continuing to provide exceptional service. The Department's highest priority is the safety and wellness of customers, staff, partners and volunteers. As a reminder, outdoor enthusiasts can conduct most department business without having to visit any of the seven statewide offices. Please visit the Department's [COVID-19 updates](#) page for the most current information regarding services.



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COMMISSION SUPPORTED LEGISLATION

HB2219 G&F; PRIVATE LANDS ; TRESPASSING ([House Engrossed](#))

Summary: Clarifies that the Game and Fish Commission may take action against the license privileges of individuals who enter private lands that are properly posted with “No trespassing, no hunting, no fishing” signs for the purpose of taking wildlife. Adds “no guiding” to the list of permissible language on signs prohibiting entry to private property.

Sponsor: Representative Gail Griffin, District 14

Disposition: Natural Resources, Energy and Water 1/21/2020

DO PASS 11-0-0-2

House of Representatives Third Read 1/30/2020

PASSED 60-0-0-0

Natural Resources and Energy 3/04/2020

PASSED 6-1-0-0

Not Third Read by Senate

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

HB2062 ANIMAL FIGHTING PARAPHERNALIA; OFFENCE ([House Engrossed](#))

Summary: It is a class 1 misdemeanor for a person to knowingly own, possess, purchase, sell, transfer or manufacture "animal fighting paraphernalia" for the purpose of engaging in, promoting or facilitating animal fighting or cockfighting.

Sponsor: Representative John Kavanagh, District 23

Disposition: House Judiciary 1/22/2020

DO PASS 10-0-0-0

Land and Agriculture 2/06/2020

DO PASS AMENDED 7-0-0-0



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House of Representatives Third Read 2/27/2020

PASSED 51-8-1-0

Commerce 3/12/2020

DO PASS 6-1-1-0

HB2098 DAM SAFETY STUDY COMMITTEE ([House Engrossed](#))

Summary: Establishes a 5-member Dam Safety Study Committee to collect information on the status of dams in Arizona with respect to their safety, age and need for maintenance. The Committee is required to submit a report of its findings to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2020, and self-repeals July 1, 2021.

Sponsor: Representative Gail Griffin, District 14

Disposition: Natural Resources, Energy and Water 2/11/2020

DO PASS AMENDED 12-0-0-1

House of Representatives Third Read 2/24/2020

PASSED 51-9-0-0

Referred to Water and Agriculture

HB2288 STATE LICENSING; FEE WAIVER ([House Engrossed](#))

Summary: The list of persons that state agencies are required to waive any initial license fee charged for, with some exceptions, is expanded to include any active duty military service member and the member's spouse and any veteran.

Sponsor: Representative Nancy Barto, District 15

Disposition: Military and Veteran's Affairs 1/22/2020

DO PASS 10-0-0-0

House of Representatives Third Read 2/06/2020

PASSED 60-0-0-0

Referred to Commerce

HB2551 APPROPRIATION; STATE PARKS: HERITAGE FUND ([House Engrossed](#))

Summary: Appropriates \$10 million from the general fund in FY2020-21 to the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund.

Sponsor: Representative Joanne Osborne, District 13

Disposition: Land and Agriculture 1/30/2020

DO PASS 7-0-0-0



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House Appropriations 2/19/2020

DO PASS 9-1-0-1

House of Representatives Third Read 2/27/2020

54-6-0-0

Referred to Senate Appropriations

HB2594 NOW: SALVAGE PERMIT; BIG GAME ANIMALS (House Engrossed)

Summary: Expands the list of persons eligible to receive big game salvage permits under specified conditions.

Sponsor:

Representative Gail Griffin, District 14

Disposition:

Natural Resources, Energy & Water 2/18/2020

DO PASS AMENDED, STRIKE EVERYTHING 12-0-0-1

House of Representatives Third Read 2/26/2020

PASSED 54-5-1-0

Natural Resources and Energy 3/11/2020

DO PASS 6-0-1-0

HB2612 APPROPRIATION; SURVEY; DESERT TORTOISES (House Engrossed)

Summary: Appropriates \$300,000 in FY2021 to the University of Arizona for conducting species assessment surveys of desert tortoises, cactus ferruginous pygmy owls and yellow billed cuckoos in Arizona.

Sponsor:

Representative Tim Dunn, District 13

Disposition:

Land and Agriculture 2/06/2020

DO PASS 7-0-0-0

House of Representatives Third Read 2/26/2020

PASSED 46-13-1-0

Senate Appropriations 3/10/2020

DO PASS AMENDED 6-1-2-0

HB2673 LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD; AVOIDANCE MEASURES (House Engrossed)

Summary: The Livestock Loss Board is authorized to use monies in the Livestock Compensation Fund to compensate landowners, lessees or livestock operators for implementing "avoidance measures" (defined) to prevent wolf depredation on livestock.

Sponsor:

Representative Gail Griffin, District 14

Disposition:

Land and Agriculture 2/06/2020



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DO PASS 7-0-0-0

House of Representatives Third Read 2/24/2020

PASSED 59-0-1-0

Referred to Water and Agriculture

HB2749 ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION; CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ([House Engrossed](#))

Summary: Information collected from a private landowner, property owner or other participant or potential participant in an endangered species survey or other species research or conservation plan is confidential and cannot be disclosed to any person, including state or federal agencies, if the information relates to the specific location, species identification or quantity of any animal or plant life for which an endangered species survey or other species research and/or a conservation plan is under consideration, development or implementation. A state agency is required to disclose such information only to the person that provided the information unless the person consents in writing to full or specified partial disclosure of such information. Confidential information about species must be collected only through a standardized form in which property owners provide express written consent to have their property surveyed or enrolled or potentially subject to enrollment in a conservation plan. A person who violates these confidentiality requirements is subject to a civil penalty of \$25,000 for each violation. Effective January 1, 2021.

Sponsor: Representative Gail Griffin, District 14

Disposition: Natural Resources, Energy and Water 2/11/2020

DO PASS AMENDED 6-5-0-2

House of Representatives Third Read 2/25/2020

PASSED 31-29-0-0

Substituted for SB1666

Signed by Governor 3/10/2020 Chapter 5

HB2844 G&F; TRANSFERS; GOLD STAR CHILDREN ([House Engrossed](#))

Summary: The Game and Fish Commission is authorized to prescribe conditions for transferring and using permits and tags to allow a person to transfer the person's big game permit or tag to a qualified organization for use by a "gold star child" (defined as a minor child whose parent was killed in action while serving in the U.S. military). If the gold star child is under 14 years of age, the child is required to satisfactorily complete the Arizona Hunter Education Course before the beginning of the hunt for which the permit is transferred.



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Sponsor: Representative Anthony Kern, District 20
Disposition: Natural Resources, Energy and Water 2/18/2020
DO PASS 12-0-0-1
House of Representatives Third Read 2/27/2020
PASSED 52-8-0-0
Natural Resources and Energy 3/11/2020
DO PASS 6-0-1-0

HB2858 SALT RIVER HORSES; ENFORCEMENT; BRIDGE ([As Introduced](#))

Summary: Requires interaction with the Salt River horse herd to be limited in order to maintain the wild nature of the horses. If a horse that is part of the Salt River horse herd must be removed from the lower Salt River and Saguaro Lake areas, the plan for removal is required to be approved by the Governor and posted on the Department of Agriculture's website before the Dept or county sheriff authorizes the removal. The entity that removes the horse is required to document the removal and notify the Governor, Legislature, and the Dept within ten business days. On receipt of the notice, the Dept is required to post the notice online. The Dept or the county sheriff are authorized to enforce statute relating to the Salt River horse herd.

Sponsor: Representative Kelly Townsend, District 16
Disposition: Land and Agriculture 2/20/2020
DO PASS, AMENDED 4-2-0-1

SB1083 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT; LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD ([As Introduced](#))

Summary: The Livestock Loss Board is authorized to compensate, using monies in the Livestock Compensation Fund, landowners, lessees or livestock operators for implementing "avoidance measures" to prevent wolf depredation on livestock.

Sponsor: Senator Sylvia Aleen, District 6
Disposition: Water and Agriculture 2/06/2020
DO PASS, AMENDED 7-0-0-0
Senate Third Reading 2/12/2020
PASSED 29-0-1-0
Land and Agriculture 5/21/2020
DO PASS 6-0-0-1
House of Representatives Third Read 5/21/2020
52-8-0-0



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SB1239 OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION FUND; REPORTS

(House Engrossed)

Summary: Annual reports from each agency that receives monies from the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund are required to be available on the Department of Transportation's website.

Sponsor: Senator David Gowan, District 14
Disposition: Natural Resources and Energy 1/29/2020
DO PASS 7-0-0-0
Senate Third Reading 2/10/2020
PASSED 30-0-0-0

SB1350 STATE PARKS; LOTTERY; HERITAGE FUND **(As Introduced)**

Summary: Of the monies remaining in the State Lottery Fund each fiscal year after statutory appropriations and deposits and after the \$10 million deposit in the Game and Fish Commission Heritage Fund, \$10 million must be deposited in the Arizona State Parks Board Heritage Fund.

Sponsor: Senator Kate Brophy-McGee, District 28
Disposition: Senate Appropriations 2/25/2020
DO PASS, AMENDED 8-1-0-0
Senate Third Reading 3/05/2020
PASSED 29-0-1-0
Natural Resources Energy & Water
Hearing 3/17/2020

SB1666 ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION; CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION **(As Introduced)**

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Sponsor: Senator David Gowan, District 14
Disposition: Natural Resources and Energy 2/19/2020
DO PASS, AMENDED 4-2-1-0
Senate Third Reading 3/03/2020
17-13-0-0
Substitute Bill - HB2749

