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**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
of  
**THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**  
of  
**THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 notice is hereby given to members of the Arizona State Parks Board (“Board”) and the public that **the Board will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026 beginning at 10:00am. Board members may attend the meeting in person or participate telephonically. The public may attend and listen to the meeting at Tubac Presidio Historic State Park located at 1 Burruel St, Tubac, AZ 85646. Physical access to the meeting place will be fifteen (30) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Members of the public may also listen to the meeting via telephone by calling 1-502-518-3157 and entering the passcode PIN: 977 784 685#.**

**In person or telephonic public comment will be taken. If choosing to speak in person, the speaker will be asked to complete a form which will be made available at the Tubac Presidio Historic State Park on the meeting day and submit to staff. If you need the speaker form sent to you electronically, please email [pcason@azstateparks.gov](mailto:pcason@azstateparks.gov) to request the document. If choosing to speak via telephone, persons who wish to make statements to the Board will be asked to identify themselves each time they are speaking. Please ensure phones are muted when not speaking.**

This meeting is open to the public; however, the Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda items at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3). Items on the agenda may be discussed out of order unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a certain time. Public comment will be taken.

**AGENDA**  
**(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda.)**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. MEMBER ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT**

**D. AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the March 19, 2026, Board Meeting–** The Board will review and may consider action to approve the Board meeting minutes from March 19, 2026.

2. **Legislative Update. (Presenter: Brittany Hudson, Legislative Liaison)** The Board will be briefed on the current legislative bills before the 2026 Arizona State Legislature. This agenda item is for information only.
3. **South Region Highlights. (Presenter: Athena Sparks, South Region Operations Manager)** This agenda item is for information only.
4. **Tubac Presidio Historical State Park History and Future Management. (Presenter: Mary Dahl, and Tom Walsh)** Staff will present on the history of Tubac Presidio Historical State Park. The Board may take action to direct ASPT staff to work with Friends of the Tubac Presidio and Museum and Santa Cruz County to eventually transfer operations of Tubac Presidio Historical State Park back to ASPT.
5. **Reptiles on the Road Program. (Presenter: George Graham, Assistant Park Manager Catalina State Park)** This agenda item is for information only.

**E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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**F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS**

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**H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

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**I. FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

<b>Arizona State Parks Board Tentative 2026 Meeting Schedule</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Thursday, June 18, 2026	Central Office
Thursday, September 17, 2026	Rockin River Ranch State Park
Thursday, December 17, 2026	Central Office

**J. ADJOURNMENT:**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-509 Board member conflict of interest forms are available for public inspection

along with a copy of this agenda and any background material provided to Board members at Arizona State Parks and Trails, 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite #100., Phoenix, AZ 85007. For additional information, contact Pamela Cason at 480-622-4559. Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks & Trails does not discriminate based on a disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the ADA Coordinator Thomas Beranek at (602) 542-7389; or email [tberanek@azstateparks.gov](mailto:tberanek@azstateparks.gov). Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. For technical difficulties during the teleconference meeting, please contact Pamela Cason at 480-622-4559 or via email [pcason@azstateparks.gov](mailto:pcason@azstateparks.gov).

Posted at: Arizona State Parks and Trails  
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And at: <https://azstateparks.com/arizona-state-parks-board>



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## DRAFT MINUTES

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March 19, 2026

**Meeting location:** *Arizona State Parks and Trails, 1110 W Washington St., Suite #100, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007*

**Members present:** *John Sefton, Dale Larsen,, Teri Palmberg, Sarah King*

**Members participating telephonically:** *Robyn Sahid*

**Members absent:** *None*

**ASPT Staff Present:** *Bob Broscheid, Pamela Cason, Woody Gresko, Kevin Brock, Michelle Thompson, Mark Weise, George Christianson, Matt Eberheart, Jeff Schmidt,*

**Arizona AG Office:** *Wesley Gerard, Arizona State Parks Board attorney*

**YouTube live stream:** [https://youtube.com/live/6Xw1zvptc\\_0?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/6Xw1zvptc_0?feature=share)

### A. CALL TO ORDER

*Chairman Sefton of the Arizona State Parks Board called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.*

### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Chair John Sefton led Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### C. MEMBER ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT

*Pamela Cason did the role call and all members were present.*

### D. AGENDA ITEMS

**1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the October 16, 2025, Board Meeting–** The Board will review and may consider action to approve the Board meeting minutes from December 18, 2025.

*Member Sarah King motioned to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2025 meeting. Member Larsen seconded.*

**2. Election of 2026 Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman.** The Board will nominate and elect its Chair and Vice-Chair in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code R12-8-202(A)(1)(“At the first meeting following January 1 of each year, the members present shall select by majority vote a Chairman and a Vice Chairman to serve through the first meeting January 1 of the following year.)

*Member Sarah King nominated John Sefton for the position of Board Chairman. John Sefton accepted the nomination. Member Teri Palmberg seconded the motion.*

*Member Teri Palmberg nominated Dale Larsen for the position of Vice-Chairman of the board. Dale Larsen accepted the nomination. Member Sarah King seconded the*



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*motion.*

**3. Consideration of Consent Agenda:** Item 3(a) through 3(j) are noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action. Documentation concerning matters on the consent agenda may be reviewed in the Board meeting packet posted at <https://azstateparks.com/board> and at the Arizona State Parks and Trails Office located at 1110 W Washington Street, Suite #100, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The Board may take one vote to act on all the items on the consent agenda or may remove items for further discussion. Items not removed from the consent agenda will be considered in one motion. Items removed for clarification or discussion by the Board will be acted on as appropriate.

**3a. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s).** (Presenter: Alec Wilcox, Grants Administrator) The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$656,459.90

2027 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s)				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff/ASCOT Recommendation	Score
City of Flagstaff Parks Rec and Open Space	McMillan Mesa Trail Rehabilitation	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00	26
National Forest Foundation	Pusch Ridge Wilderness Project - Pima and Finger Rock Reroutes	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	23
City of Willcox	Community Connector Trail	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	23
Town of Florence	Poston Butte Maintenance and Revitalization	\$16,462.00	\$16,462.00	23
Sierra Vista Veterans Memorial Improvement Foundation	Veterans Memorial Trail Project	\$149,997.90	\$149,997.90	18
City of Prescott	Glassford Dells Regional Park Trail	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$656,459.90</b>	<b>\$656,459.90</b>	

**3b. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Grant Application(s).** (Presenter: Alec Wilcox, Grants Administrator). The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$29,922.00.



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<b>2027 Recreational Trails Program SEE Grant Application(s)</b>			
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff/ASCOT Recommendation</b>
Desert Botanical Garden	Deaf-Inclusive Ranger Training and Program Development	\$9,922.00	\$9,922.00
McDowell Sonoran Conservancy	Environmental and Safety Education in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
City of Apache Junction	Educational Signage for Responsible Recreation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$29,922.00</b>	<b>\$29,922.00</b>

**3c. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Motorized Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Alec Wilcox, Grants Administrator)** The following grant application(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$689,893.14.

<b>2027 Recreational Trails Program Motorized Grant Application(s)</b>				
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff/OHVAG Recommendation</b>	<b>Score</b>
Redington Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCD)	District-wide Trail Maintenance	\$689,893.14	\$689,893.14	69
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$689,893.14</b>	<b>\$689,893.14</b>	

**3d. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2026 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$2,324,517.03.

<b>2026 Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grant Application(s)</b>				
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff/OHVAG</b>	<b>Score</b>
Arizona State Parks	West Region OHV Support & Outreach	\$749,800.00	\$749,800.00	63
Queen Creek Police Department	QCPD OHV Law Enforcement Program	\$311,720.00	\$311,720.00	53
Natural Restorations	OHV Area Restorations	\$699,845.06	\$699,845.06	60
Tonto National Forest: Supervisor's Office	Multi-District Fencing Project	\$347,051.97	\$347,051.97	60
Williams Police Department	OHV Education, Enforcement, and Outreach	\$216,100.00	\$216,100.00	57
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,324,517.03</b>	<b>\$2,324,517.03</b>	



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**3e. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny a Change of Sponsor Request for State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) Project 782308 - Contact Point Dock Replacement. (Presenter: Nina Lindsey, Chief of Grants and Trails).**

Original Project Sponsor	Proposed Project Sponsor
Arizona Game and Fish Department	Arizona State Parks & Trails

**3f. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding the Submitted 2026 State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) Grant Applications. (Presenter: Nina Lindsey, Chief of Grants and Trails).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$3,133,200.00.

2026 State Lake Improvement Fund Grant Applications				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation	Score
La Paz County	La Paz County Park Waterfront Infrastructure	\$257,500.00	\$257,500.00	83.0
Lake Havasu State Park	Lake Havasu Aids to Navigation Program	\$513,200.00	\$513,200.00	81.0
Mohave County Sheriff's Office	Boating and Public Safety Project	\$648,000.00	\$543,935.57	78.2
City of Show Low	Show Low Lake Campground Improvements Phase I	\$454,500.00	\$0.00	66.4
Arizona State Parks and Trails	Buckskin Mountain Improvements	\$255,000.00	\$0.00	54.0
Arizona State Parks and Trails	Alamo Lake Improvements	\$255,000.00	\$0.00	45.4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,133,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,314,635.57</b>	

**3g. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Applications. (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grants Manager).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$3,043,287.65.

2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Applications				
Sponsor	Project	Request	Staff Recommendation	Score



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Yuma County	Foothills Park Development Phase II	\$742,167.25	\$742,167.25	79
Town of Pinetop-Lakeside	Pinetop-Lakeside Pickleball Courts	\$678,960.40	\$678,960.40	76
Gadsden Elementary School District	San Luis Middle School Recreation Improvements	\$872,160.00	\$872,160.00	68
City of Chandler	Pima Park improvements	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	67
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,043,287.65</b>	<b>\$3,043,287.65</b>	

**3h. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2026 Heritage Fund Local, Regional, State Parks (LRSP) Grant Applications. (Presenter: Jeff Schmidt, Grants Manager).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$296,200.00.

<b>2026 Heritage Fund Local, Regional, and State Park (LRSP) Grant Applications</b>				
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<b>Score</b>
City of Wilcox	Keiller Park Pickleball Courts	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	76
La Paz County	Hippie Hole Water System Development	\$96,200.00	\$96,200.00	74
Dishchii'bikoh Community School	Community Baseball Field	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	69
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$296,200.00</b>	<b>\$296,200.00</b>	

**3i. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2026 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Applications. (Presenter: Juan Colorado-Alvarez, Planner III).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$260,457.80.

<b>2026 Heritage Fund Environmental Education Grant Applications</b>				
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<b>Score</b>
Beyond Foundation	Beyond Summer Mountain Bike Camps	\$24,250.00	\$20,000.00	85.4
EmpoweRanch	Accessible and Inclusive EmpoweRanch Camps based on H.O.R.S.E.E. format	\$24,999.80	\$20,000.00	84.6
Advocates for Snake Preservation	Snake Advocate Toolkit	\$19,517.00	\$19,517.00	84.2
Grand Canyon Youth	Education and Adventure: Connecting Arizona Youth with Arizona Waterways	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	82.3
Wheel Fun	Empowering Tomorrow	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	80.0





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Flagstaff Unified School District	Forest Health Outdoor Education at Camp Colton	\$16,426.00	\$0.00	77.3
McDowell Sonoran Conservancy	Expanding Public Education in the Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	76.9
Arizona Elk Society	Wapiti Weekend	\$15,022.00	\$0.00	75.0
Tucson Access Trails	Trail Descriptions for People with Disabilities	\$13,155.80	\$0.00	73.8
Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund	SRRTF Environmental Education	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	73.8
Kids on the Colorado LLC	KOCR Environmental Outreach	\$24,650.00	\$0.00	73.1
City of Flagstaff Parks Recreation & Open Space	Outdoor Learning and Stewardship Coordinator	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	69.2
Rockin River Ranch State Park	Rockin' River Ranch State Park - Interpretive Signage	\$16,687.00	\$0.00	67.3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$260,457.80</b>	<b>\$99,517.00</b>	

**3j. Consideration of Action to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for the Submitted 2026 Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Applications. (Presenter: Jessica LaPota, Grants Coordinator).** The following grant applications(s) have been submitted for funding totaling \$453,130.00.

<b>2026 Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Applications</b>				
<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<b>Score</b>
Naco Heritage Alliance	Camp Naco Barracks A4 Preservation and Adaptive Reuse Preparation	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	86.5
Arizona State Parks	Care and Stewardship of the Historic Kannally Ranch House	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	79
Arizona Historical Society	The AHS Papago Park POW Structure Project: Phase 1	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	76.2
Friends of San Rafael Valley	San Rafael State Natural Area Ranch House 2026	\$55,640.00	\$43,640.00	76.1
City of Tucson Planning & Development Services	Historic Resource Survey for Parks and Recreation Facilities in the City of Tucson	\$58,180.00	\$58,180.00	73.1
St Philips Preservation and Endowment Foundation	St. Philip's in the Hills Facade Stabilization	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	67.4



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Patronato San Xavier	Rehabilitation of the Retablo Facade: Replacement of the Central Balcony Mission San Xavier	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	66
St. Michael's School	St. Michael's School, Tucson, AZ West Wing Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation	\$60,000.00	\$51,310.00	64.4
Arizona State Parks	Apple Packing Shed Roof Rehabilitation	\$59,076.00	\$0.00	62.1
Old Trails Museum/Winslow Historical Society	Development of the Old Trails Museum Collections Center	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	57.6
Arizona State Parks	Fort Verde State Historic Park - Flagpole	\$30,943.75	\$0.00	52.3
City of Mesa	Historic Property Inventory of Downtown Mesa and Surrounding Area	\$18,051.00	\$0.00	45.8
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$641,890.75	\$453,130.00	

*Vice Chair Larsen spoke about several of the funding projects and praised the grants team for all of their hard work. Chair Sefton agreed and spoke about a couple of the projects. Chair Sefton recused himself from the vote due to a conflict.*

*Vice Chair Larsen made a motion for the consent agenda to be passed, Member King seconded the motion.*

**4. Possible Action- Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Application (Presenter: Bill Collins, National Register of Historic Places Program Coordinator)** The Board will review and may consider action to approve the application from Stagecoach Trails Guest Ranch.

*Member King made a motion to approve the Stagecoach Trails Guest Ranch application. Member Palmberg seconded the motion.*

**5. Funding for Arizona Site Steward coordinator-The President and board Members of the Arizona Site Steward Foundation will address the Parks Board to explain the situation and express their concern for, and support of the program (Presenter: NicoleArmstrong-Best, President or the Arizona Site Steward Foundation)** This agenda item is for information only.

*NicoleArmstrong-Best addressed the board and also provided copies of the "Arizona Site Steward Program Year End Review for 2025, for the Board's review.*



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*Chair Sefton allowed several public members to speak in support of the Site Steward Program after the presentation:*

*Lyle Tanner, Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation*

*Kent Ennis, Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation*

*Greg Pentkowski, Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation*

*Director Broscheid commented that there seemed to be some miscommunication and Sean Hammond's position is not going away. This is a budget problem, Federal Funding was not being awarded but we had a plan to backfill the funding. We have to be given the authority by the legislature to change fund sources. As long as the federal funding keeps coming, we will have funding. We need support from the Capitol and Land Management agencies. Kathryn Leonard will be leading efforts to find long term funding for the State Historic Preservation Office.*

**6. Legislative Update. (Presenter: Brittany Hudson, Legislative Liaison)** The Board will be briefed on the current legislative bills before the 2025 Arizona State Legislature. This agenda item is for information only.

**7. FY27 Budget Highlights and Financial Overview (Presenter Kevin Brock, Chief Financial Officer)** This agenda item is for informational purposes only.

**8. ASPT's Deferred Maintenance and Development Services. (Presenter: Tom Kmetz, Chief of Development)** This agenda item is for informational purposes only.

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*Member Palmberg is concerned about heat and people hiking without water. Director Broscheid spoke to our marketing and rangers trying to educate people to not hike in*



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*the heat.*

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*The public spoke earlier under the Site Steward presentation.*

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**J. ADJOURNMENT:** *The meeting adjourned at \_\_12:10\_\_ PM.*



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## **2026 ASPT SUMMARY OF GENERAL LEGISLATION:**

**\*Disclaimer: Updates are current from Friday, April, 10, 2026. Updates are subject to change by the date of the Board meeting\***

### **[HB 2134: critical infrastructure; foreign adversaries; prohibition](#)**

**Summary:** Prohibits any software produced from a Chinese company from being used for critical communications and infrastructure in the state. Requires any communications provider to certify, by January 1 of each year, to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) any instance of prohibited critical communications infrastructure equipment along with the geographical coordinates of the area served. Instructs a communications provider, certified by the ACC, to submit a status report to the ACC at the same time a report is sent to the federal government. Excludes Communication Providers who have removed, discontinued or replaced any prohibited technology from obtaining an additional permit from any state agency or political subdivision. Prohibits a government entity or critical infrastructure service provider from entering into a new or renew a contract with a Chinese company with access to critical infrastructure. Mandates each government entity and service provider to certify to the ACC that the provider is not connected to any operating system or attached to any additional equipment that is prohibited by the ACC by March 31, 2027.

**Update: Passed out of the House 37-19 and has moved to the Senate. Passed both Senate Public Safety and Appropriations committees and is moving through the process.**

### **[HB 2165: veterans; state park fees; exemption](#)**

**Summary:** Exempts, from admission fees for all state parks: a) a retired veteran; b) a retired member of the National Guard; c) a veteran with a service-connected disability; and d) a member of the National Guard with a service-connected disability. Specifies the fee exemption also applies to all passengers in the same personal vehicle as the veteran for sites that charge per vehicle. Specifies the fee exemption also applies to up to three people with the veteran for sites that charge per person.

**Update: Passed out of the House 52-0 and has moved to the Senate. Passed both Senate Appropriations and Government committees.**

### **[HB 2170: state contracts; foreign adversary; prohibition](#)**

**Summary:** Prohibits a company domiciled in the People's Republic of China from attempting to enter or entering into a contract with a state agency for goods or services. Prohibits a company domiciled in the People's Republic of China from bidding on, submitting a proposal for or entering into a contract with a state agency for goods or services. Requires companies that submit a bid or proposal for a state contract for goods or services to submit a certification letter to the Arizona Department of Administration certifying that it is not a company domiciled in the



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People's Republic of China. Allows a state agency to enter into a contract for goods manufactured by a company domiciled in the People's Republic of China if: a. there are no other reasonable options for the procurement of the specific goods; and b. not procuring the specific goods would pose a greater threat to Arizona than the threat associated with the manufacture of the goods by a company domiciled in the People's Republic of China.

**Update: Passed the House 36-16 and has moved to the Senate. Passed Senate Public Safety Committee and is moving through the process.**

### **[HB 2375: housing; zoning; historic neighborhoods](#)**

**Summary:** This bill allows for a municipality to allow middle housing that is developed in an area designated as historic by the municipality or in an area that is designated as historic on the national register of historic places if the middle housing is designed to be compatible with the historic character, scale and setting of the surrounding area. For middle housing that is developed, the municipality may require that the middle housing comply with the historic preservation or design standards adopted by the municipality or, if the municipality has not adopted historic preservation or design standards, with the United States Secretary of the Interior's standards for the treatment of historic properties, including the standards governing rehabilitation and new construction along with other various requirements.

**Update: This bill was placed onto another bill. It is now SB 1118. Passed House Appropriations and is moving through the process.**

### **[HB 2592: artificial intelligence; state agencies; rules](#)**

**Summary:** Directs each budget unit to establish regulations for implementing an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system. Mandates the Arizona Department of Administration Director to require each budget unit to; a. identify opportunities to implement AI system solutions that reduce administrative burdens; b. eliminate regulations that unnecessarily restrict AI system innovation; c. streamline procurement processes to enable the adoption of AI systems; d. establishes enterprise AI system governance to ensure consistent, efficient and appropriate use of AI to achieve internal and external objectives; e. review existing regulations affecting AI system development to identify instances of regulatory capture or negative impacts on competition or innovation; and f. modify or eliminate any AI system regulation that creates unreasonable barrier to AI system innovation. Instructs each budget unit in implementing AI systems to: a. focus on reducing cost and improving service delivery; b. not create new regulatory requirements that are solely applicable to private sector artificial intelligence system development; and c. use existing staff and resources without creating new administrative bodies.

**Update: Passed the House 31-22 and has moved to the Senate. Passed Senate Appropriations committee and is moving through the process.**



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### **[HB 2809: statewide cybersecurity encryption system; requirements](#)**

**Summary:** Outlines requirements and regulations for the adoption of a statewide cybersecurity system that utilizes post-quantum encryption (PQE) for any state agency that processes, stores or transmits data, personal information or considered confidential by state or federal law.

**Update:** Passed the House 39-14 and has moved to the Senate. Passed Senate Appropriations committee.

### **[SB 1041: appropriation; Arizona trail fund](#)**

**Summary:** Appropriates \$100,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2027 to the Arizona Trail Fund.

**Update:** Passed the Senate 22-6 and has moved to the House. This bill was stricken in the Senate and replaced with another piece of legislation. This original bill is dead.

### **[SB 1043: state agencies; payments; cryptocurrency](#)**

**Summary:** Effective January 1, 2027, authorizes a state agency to enter into an agreement with a virtual currency service provider to accept virtual currency as a payment method for any amount due to the state agency or the state. Allows tax payments to be made in virtual currency if the Arizona Department of Revenue enters into an agreement with a virtual currency service provider to accept virtual currency as a payment method.

**Update:** Passed the Senate 16-11 and has moved to the House. Passed House Ways and Means committee and is moving through the process.

### **[SB 1050: veterans; lifetime state park pass](#)**

**Summary:** Requires the Arizona State Parks Board (ASPB) to issue a lifetime veteran's pass that grants state park access for life at no charge to Arizona veterans who are retired or have a service-connected disability. Requires the lifetime veteran's pass to grant park entrance for life to all state parks located in Arizona to the veteran and all passengers in the same personal vehicle as the veteran for sites that charge per vehicle or the veteran and up to three people at sites that charge per person.

**Update:** Passed the Senate 19-7 and moved to the House. Passed House Government committee.

### **[SB 1088: appropriation; Arizona homeland security; cybersecurity](#)**

**Summary:** Appropriates \$2,500,000 from the state General Fund (state GF) in FY 2027 to the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) for cybersecurity programs.



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**Update: Passed the Senate 16-11 and has moved to the House. Passed the House Appropriations committee.**

**[SB 1308: foreign adversary fraud office; appropriation](#)**

**Summary:** Establishes the Foreign Adversary Fraud Office and fund in the Attorney General's office. Creates the Foreign Adversary Technology Rip and Replace Fund overseen by the Department of Homeland Security. Appropriates \$500,000 from the state General Fund (GF) in FY 2027 to the Foreign Adversary Fraud Fund.

**Update: Passed the Senate 20-7 and has moved to the House. Passed House Science and Technology and Appropriations committees.**

**[SB 1519: off-highway vehicles weight; enforcement fund](#)**

**Summary:** The bill was amended in the House and the amendment repeals the Law Enforcement fund and rules related to the fund. It removes the 50% VLT requirement for an OHV that is more than 2,500 pounds and less than 3,501 pounds. The amendment also eliminates the requirement for the Director of the Department of Transportation to deposit the VLT collected from an OHV that is more than 2,500 pounds and less than 3,501 pounds into the Fund. Therefore, Currently the bill requires the Director of the Department of Transportation to adopt rules no later than twelve months after the effective date for an off-highway vehicle usage classification for all-terrain vehicles or off-highway vehicles that have an unladen weight of more than two thousand five hundred pounds but less than three thousand five hundred one pounds.

**Update: Passed the Senate 18-12 and has moved to the House. The bill passed House Appropriations committee.**

**[SB 1520: agencies; immigration; data sharing](#)**

**Summary:** Mandates that the state and any state agency must share data requested by the U.S. government relating to unauthorized noncitizens, undocumented immigrants and visa overstays.

**Update: Passed the Senate 16-12 and has moved to the House. Passed House Public Safety and Law Enforcement committee and is moving through the process. This bill was stricken in committee with another bill. The original bill is dead.**

**[SB 1586: state agencies; guidance; website](#)**

**Summary:** Directs each Arizona agency to create a dedicated page on their website and post all guidance that it creates, develops or adopts. Instructs each Arizona agency to post all guidance





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that it receives from a federal agency if the federal guidance: seeks to influence the Arizona agency's interpretation, enforcement or implementation of Arizona laws, rule or policies or the agency's administration of federal funds; or provides recommendations or instructions to the Arizona agency on compliance with federal laws or regulations.

**Update: Passed the Senate 16-10 and has moved to the House. Passed the House 33-22 and have gone up to the Governor's desk for signing.**

**[SB 1665: state agencies; hiring practices; appeals](#)**

**Summary:** Directs each Arizona agency to adopt a standardized hiring process for all employee positions, including the following grading components: weighted grade; interview panel grade; and overall grade. Lays out various requirements for agency hiring processes.

**Update: Passed the Senate 16-10 and has moved to the House. Passed House Government committee and is moving through the process.**