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2023 GENERAL LEGISLATION:

HB 2145: dude ranches; historical markers:

Summary: Requires the Arizona Historical Society (Historical Society) to issue historical markers for a dude ranch that is designated for inclusion in the Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Program (Trail Program). Retroactive to tax years beginning September 29, 2021, modifies requirements related to the guest ranch property valuation. This will reclassify Dude Ranches in order to significantly decrease their property taxes.

Update: Bill passed 45-15 in the House and moved to the Senate. This bill passed Senate Natural Resources committee and Finance committee. Still awaiting floor action.

HB 2374: state lake improvement fund; appropriation:

Summary: Appropriates \$2,000,000 from the State Parks Revenue Fund and \$3,000,000 from the state General Fund to the Arizona State Parks Board for operating costs and limits the amount of annually deposited State Lake Improvement Fund monies that can be used for staff support and fund administration.

Update: It passed with a vote of 53-7 in the House. Moved to the Senate. Passed the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water committee and Appropriations committee. Received 5.2 million dollars in the budget for SLIF. This bill is dead.

HB 2416: NOW: electronic applications; government employees; prohibition

Summary: Previously bans the use of Tik Tok on state agency IT systems. Only allows for Law Enforcement to use it for emergencies. Requires ADOA to develop standards, guidelines and practices for state agencies, contractors of this state and public institutions of higher education for use of covered applications on state information technology (IT) systems.

Update: The bill passed in the House with 31 ayes, 28 nays. Moved to the Senate. Assigned to the Government committee in the Senate and passed. Bill passed the Senate 31-27. Transmitted to Governor and awaiting Governor signature.

HB 2505: outdoor recreation coordinating commission; continuation:

Summary: Continues the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission for 8 years.

Update: Bill was voted on in the House and passed 52-4. Moved to Senate. Assigned to the Natural Resources committee in the Senate and passed. The Senate voted on the bill 20-7 and bill was transmitted to the Governor. Governor signed the bill and the bill is Chapter 98.

HB 2506: Arizona state parks board; continuation:



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Summary: Continues the Arizona State Parks Board for 8 years.

Update: Was voted on the House floor and passed 52-4. Moved to the Senate. The bill was assigned to the Senate Natural Resources committee and passed. Bill passed the Senate floor 21-6 and bill was transmitted to the Governor. Governor signed the bill and the bill is Chapter 99.

HB 2518: appropriation; Glassford Dells regional park:

Summary: Appropriates \$3,500,000 from the General Fund to the Arizona State Parks Board in FY 2024. Directs the Arizona State Parks Board to evenly distribute this appropriation to the City of Prescott and the Town of Prescott Valley for the Glassford Dells Regional Park if these municipalities and Yavapai County jointly show that they have at least \$3,500,000 in commitments of matching monies from sources other than the State of Arizona.

Update: Passed in House with 39 ayes and 18 nays. Moved to the Senate. Not assigned to any committees in the Senate. This money was given to the City of Prescott and the Town of Prescott Valley in the budget; however, Parks will not be the passthrough for this money, the Department of Treasury will be. This bill is dead.

HB 2670: state agencies; veterans' status; inquiry:

Summary: Beginning January 1, 2024, requires all state agencies, boards and commissions to ask all individuals, either at the initial point of service or on an application form, if the individual or a family member has served in the military, and to provide all those that answer in the affirmative with specified information. Includes the U.S. Space Force in the definition of Armed Forces of the United States and appropriates \$50,000 to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) for costs associated with including the U.S. Space Force as an enumerated branch.

Update: Passed out of House with 53 ayes 5 nays. Transmitted to the Senate, assigned to Senate Military Affairs and Appropriations committees. Passed both committees. Still awaiting floor action.

HB 2806: state parks heritage fund; appropriation:

Summary: Appropriates \$10,000,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2024 to the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund and the money can't be used to acquire new property.

Update: Passed House with 43 ayes and 15 nays and transmitted to the Senate. The bill was assigned to Senate Natural Resources committee and Appropriations committee. Passed the Natural Resources committee, but did not get a hearing in Senate Appropriations. This bill was negotiated in the budget and the Heritage Fund will receive 6 million dollars. This bill is dead.



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SB 1224: state parks; lottery; heritage fund:

Summary: Requires \$10,000,000 to be deposited into the Arizona State Parks Heritage Fund annually from the State Lottery Fund after preceding distributions are satisfied.

Update: The bill was voted on the Senate floor 24 ayes and 5 nays. Transmitted to the House. Bill passed out of Land Agriculture and Rural Affairs. Was negotiated in budget and the Heritage Fund will receive 6 million dollars. This bill is dead.

SB 1392: appropriation; state park; Verde River:

Summary: Appropriates \$10 million from the state General Fund in FY 2024 to the Arizona State Parks Board to establish a state park at the headwaters of the Verde River.

Update: Heard in the Senate Natural Resources committee and passed. Was also heard in Appropriations committee with an amendment to appropriate 10 million dollars and passed. Passed on the Senate floor with 23 ayes 5 nays. Assigned to House Appropriations committee. Passed House Appropriations and was amended with a 7-million-dollar price tag instead of 10 million. This bill was negotiated in the budget and Parks will receive 7 million for this new park; 6 million to acquire the property and 1 million for design. This bill is dead.

SB 1694: public monies; ideology training; prohibition:

Summary: Prohibits a public entity from requiring and spending public monies on a diversity, equity and inclusion program and allows an employee who is required to participate in the program to bring action against the public entity. Prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract with a company that participates in a diversity, equity and inclusion program.

Update: Passed Senate 16 ayes 12 nays. This bill was sent to the House. Passed the House Government committee, but the bill failed on the House floor.

SB 1714: appropriation; Arizona trail fund:

Summary: Appropriates \$250,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2024 to the Arizona Trail Fund.

Update: Passed in the Senate 25 ayes 4 nays. Transmitted to the House. Assigned to House Land Agriculture and Rural Affairs committee. Passed the Land committee. This bill was negotiated in budget and 500,000 dollars was given for the Arizona Trail Fund. This bill is dead.