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To: ASPT Employees

From: Brittany Hudson, ASPT Legislative Liaison

Date: December 2023

Re: 2023 Legislative and Budget Summary

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The First Regular Session of the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature adjourned sine die on July 31st, 2023 at 5:15 pm. This memo includes the “Summary of Legislation” which was written and compiled by the Legislative Liaison and identifies bills that have an impact to ASPT. The report includes bill descriptions with hyperlinks which will connect the user to the Chaptered Bills and also to Bill Status Inquiry (BSI). BSI provides the complete history of the bill, including all versions, amendments, the summaries and legislative action in both the House and Senate.

The general effective date for the First Regular Session of the 56<sup>th</sup> Legislature was October 30, 2023. Thank you to those throughout the Department for your responsiveness as issues arose before and during the session. Please feel free to contact me at (602) 448-3187 with any questions or concerns about these bills or other legislative issues.



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<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>
<a href="#">HB 2145 (Chapter 171)</a>	dude ranches; historical markers
<a href="#">HB 2505 (Chapter 98)</a>	outdoor recreation coordinating commission; continuation
<a href="#">HB 2506 (Chapter 99)</a>	Arizona state parks board; continuation
<a href="#">SB 1454 (Chapter 199)</a>	veteran suicide prevention; pilot program
<a href="#">SB 1720 (Chapter 133)</a>	general appropriations act; 2023-2024
<a href="#">SB 1722 (Chapter 135)</a>	capital outlay; appropriations; 2023-2024



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## **GENERAL LEGISLATION:**

### **HB 2145: dude ranches; historical markers:**

**Summary:** Authorizes Permanent Arizona Historical Society Revolving Fund monies to be used to issue historical markers for dude ranches included in the Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Program. Allows the Permanent Arizona Historical Society Revolving Fund to receive gifts, grants, donations and contributions. Directs the Arizona Historical Society, in cooperation with the Arizona State Parks Board and the largest dude ranch or guest ranch association in the state, to issue historical markers within two years of when a dude ranch in the Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Program requests it. Specifies that Class 2 property includes real and personal property and improvements of a guest ranch that meet the definition of guest ranch and for which the owner has recorded a deed restriction with the county recorder, that is not included in Class 4 property and that are valued at full cash value. Classifies real and personal property and improvements of a guest ranch as Class 4 property if it is included in the Arizona Dude Ranch Heritage Trail Program, meets the definition of guest ranch that meet the definition of guest ranch and for which the owner has recorded a deed restriction with the county recorder, that is not included in Class 4 property and that are valued at full cash value.

### **HB 2505: outdoor recreation coordinating commission; continuation:**

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

### **HB 2506: Arizona state parks board; continuation:**

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

### **SB 1454: veteran suicide prevention; pilot program:**

**Summary:** Creates the Arizona Veterans Memorial State Park under the Arizona State Parks Board. Requires the Park site to be located in Maricopa County and within two miles of the Veteran's National Cemetery. Permits the Board to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County for the maintenance and preservation of the park. Appropriates \$10,000,000 from the State Parks Revenue Fund to the Board in FY 2024 for the purpose of purchasing, designing and constructing the Park. Reverts all remaining unexpended and unencumbered monies, on July 1, 2025, back from the Board to the State Parks Revenue Fund.

### **SB 1720: general appropriations act; 2023-2024:**



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**Summary:** Appropriates monies for the operation of the state government in FY 2024. Allows for a one-time deposit of \$6,000,000 from the general fund towards the Heritage Fund. One-time deposit of \$500,000 from the general fund to the Arizona Trail Fund. One-time deposit of \$5,200,000 from the general fund for the State Lake Improvement Fund. Deposit from the State Parks Revenue Fund of \$347,000 for dispatch services agreements and a deposit from the State Parks Revenue Fund of \$261,100 for operations cost increases.

**SB 1722: capital outlay; appropriations; 2023-2024:**

**Summary:** Makes capital appropriations to state agencies in FY 2024. Requires the State Parks Board to establish a state park at the headwaters of the Verde River and appropriates \$7,000,000 from the general fund for the Verde River State Park. Appropriates \$3,034,000 from the general fund for capital improvements.